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*Barushka Zizka as Viola,
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of Shakespeare's
Twelfth Night.*

Elizabeth Courtney photo



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Trust takes logging stand

By Peggy Abrahams

The Islands Trust Council unanimously approved a resolution supporting sustainable logging, presented by the Gulf Islands Advocates for Land Protection, at a business meeting of the Trust Council on Denman Island, March 3.

The resolution states: "That the Islands Trust Council publicly supports sustainable logging in the Trust Area and that Trust Council broadcast through the usual media distribution its position that Islands Trust Council deprecates log-

ging that has a devastating effect on the natural environment of the Trust Area."

In a follow-up interview, local Trustee David Borrowman said, "What happened is the Trust Council adopted the resolution wholesale, and that has to do with taking a more public stance regarding forestry issues in the Gulf Islands."

He added that in practice, this will mean that the Trust Council will work with the B.C. Ministries of Forests, Environment, and Municipal Affairs to see what can be done to implement such

a policy.

A draft resolution was presented to the Trust Council by Cynthia Millen of the Denman Conservancy Association. The final version of the resolution (as above) will be formally adopted when the minutes of the March meeting are approved in June. Agencies endorsing the resolution included the Denman Conservancy Association, the Salt Spring Conservancy Association, the Denman Conservancy Forest Co-operative, Galiano Conservancy and Sea Capers Society.



ONGOING RESISTANCE—On Monday, March 13, anti-clearcut protestor Alwyn (left) locked to logging equipment while Sandra Hunter (right) offers support.

Forest group skeptical of Texada's offer

By Peggy Abrahams

Representatives of the community forest group say they are skeptical about an offer from Texada Land Corporation regarding a 640-acre area of land on Mt. Maxwell for the community forest initiative. The offer was drafted by Terry Gordon, a local forester under contract to Texada, and sent to Andrew Lewis, representative of the Island's new community forest group.

In Gordon's letter, a copy of which has been obtained by the Barnacle, he said the "current appraised value" of lots 1, 2, 10, 11 and 12 is \$2.1 million plus the net value of the merchantable timber. His letter said the parcels would not

have to be purchased as a single package, and he suggested the group respond directly to Macdonald with a proposal.

"I have had a preliminary conversation about this idea with the principal, Mr. R. MacDonald, and he is interested and willing to provide vendor financing so to enable Salt Spring Island to acquire its own community forest and to expedite the sale of some of Texada's lands," Gordon wrote.

Lewis said he commended Gordon for his efforts to find some middle ground, but that this offer did not achieve that goal.

"We're suspicious of the offer because the figures mentioned in it are way above the

appraised value," he said.

In addition, Lewis said that the offer of financing raised another concern.

"A community forest could not function if it were engaged in logging to pay debt on the land," he said.

Gordon explained that he had taken the initiative to approach Macdonald about vendor financing, and had identified these particular lots himself.

"I got the appraised value for the land on Mt. Maxwell Road as a starting idea, and asked Macdonald if he'd be willing to have a serious discussion with the Community Forest Initiative regarding some of the lots or all 640 acres."

Explaining his choice of

these parcels, Gordon said, "If I was personally looking to buy land for a private client, these pieces would be on the short list."

Lewis noted that all the land is theoretically for sale, therefore the community could identify which parcels might be most suitable for a community forest initiative. "If we wanted to buy community forests that's not where we'd start."

Lewis commented that this particular area raises concerns regarding the impact of logging in the watershed.

"We have concerns about community forests particularly in the watershed area. It would definitely be a difficult issue with the community," he said.

Positive postcards

Alarmed by the Texada Land Corporation's clearcuts and their unsustainable rate of logging on 5,000 acres of south and west Salt Spring Island, Islanders are taking their concerns directly to Manulife Financial Corporation, the holders of a \$16 million mortgage with Texada.

As part of the campaign to save the Texada lands, Islanders are mailing a thousand postcards to Richard Coles, Manulife's Executive Vice-President in charge of investments. Five hundred postcards were passed out at a Town Hall meeting Thursday, March

2. Another 500 are circulating through the community.

"Manulife has a stake in one-tenth of our island; we want them to hear from one-tenth of the islanders," said Murray Reiss, one of the organizers of the postcard campaign.

One side of the postcards shows a Texada clearcut. The other side carries individual messages from islanders to Manulife.

Reiss recently mailed out the postcards collected from the Town Hall meeting.

"The messages were amazingly positive," he said. "People are asking Manulife to work with our

see Postcards p23

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NOTICE TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT

THE ELECTION OF TWO TRUSTEES

Notice is hereby given that at the Annual General Meeting, to be held in April, 2000, two trustees are to be elected to serve for a term of three years each. Nominations of candidates for these positions must be made in writing, duly signed, seconded, with signature of agreement by the nominee, and delivered to the District Office, 761 Upper Ganges Road, at or before 12:00 noon, Thursday the 23rd day of March, 2000.

NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FROM THE FLOOR

To be eligible a nominee must be a Canadian Citizen, 18 years of age or older, an owner, or spouse of owner, of land in the Improvement District, and entitled to be registered as a voter under the Election Act.

Nomination forms are available at the District Office.

Michael Larmour,
Manager



Women feted for community work

by Elizabeth Courtney

ArtSpring was packed for the SVOVA-sponsored concert commemorating International Women's Day and the 96 Salt Spring women nominated by the community for their selfless contribution to others. The 20 who had received the most nominations were invited onto the stage to receive a red rose and certificate from Margaret Fulton. The roof almost came off as a tumult of applause greeted each recipient.

The crescendo of loving appreciation was quite deafening, perhaps most overwhelmingly for Maggie Schubart, Sally Sunshine and Mary Williamson. The smiles of these women could have melted an ice cap and I don't think anyone went home without a renewed appreciation for the value of living in a community where so many do so much for nothing more than the pleasure of contributing their skills wherever they see the need.

House Afire did us proud. Four musicians better known for their solo careers wove their sounds together in an evening which redefined what women can do when they come together, collapsing the limits of the possible.

Rhiannon appears to have reinvented herself from the ground up, doing things with her voice that would make Bobbie McFerrin look timid.

The fearlessness of her lyrics, the wild freedom of her sounds, the humour of her confrontation of such tabooed topics as desirability after grey hair, the beauty of her own poetry and the originality of her treatments of standards such as *Blackbird Singing* or Keith Jarrett's *Flying Song* were literally breathtaking.

Jami Sieber's electric cello contributed an always emotionally resonant, seductively rich sound, ranging from playfully rhythmic to sonorously lyrical. In a poem beginning "I overheard the gods" the two of them slid in and out of each other's music like teacher and priest, using all the potential of the human voice from whisper to chant to re-invite us into "the sacred mysteries."

Michaelle Goerlitz on percussion made magic with her tools like a master chef in her kitchen. A solo piece on what looked like a Greek amphora was delicious. Her instruments were of the folk kind, made of shells, beans, gourds and skins adding to the sense of felicitous play, stroking, laughing, whispering and sometimes plain breathing along with the other musicians.

Last, but by no means least, was Julie Wolf's immaculate and utterly personal jazz accompaniment on piano. The confident clarity and expressiveness of



Judith Boel accepts roses for her contribution to the community.

her playing brought a wonderfully structured texture to the ensemble, drawing applause even where her manifest intent was only to mirror and respond to Rhiannon's magical flights. To *House Afire*, the SVOVA organisers who put on the concert and gallery of women's art that entertained us in the intermission, and to all those wonderful women on the stage and in the audience (plus about 13 men!) a big thank you for a genuine-

ly inspirational evening. In alphabetical order, the twenty recipients are: Linda Adams, Barbara Aust, Judith Boel, Joan Cardigan, Catherine Faulkner, Rev. Rohana Laing, Dr. Jan MacPhail, Debbie Magnusson, Virginia Newman, Trish Nobile, Annika Norget-Lund, Jennifer Rensby, Ann Richardson, Nina Raginsky, Maggie Schubart, Marg Simons, Sally Sunshine, Bev Unger, Mary Williamson, Irene Wright.

Conference to examine climate

Columbia University scientist Wallace Broecker minced no words when he said, "The climate system is an angry beast and we are poking it with sticks."

Examination of that angry beast and how we can stop poking it will be the focus of the Climates of Change Congress next week in Victoria.

More than 40 national and international speakers, including economist Hazel Henderson, U.S. climatologist John Topping, and artist and visionary Robert Bateman, will tackle issues such as climate change and sustainability, clean energy revolution, Canada's forests, including proposed solutions and action plans for communities.

Mapping the Transition to a Sustainable Energy Future is the Congress theme.

Inspiration and music will launch the Congress with an evening event at UVic's University Centre Auditorium, featuring Anne Mortifee and the *Gettin' Higher Choir*. The following three full days of presentations, workshops, and discussions will be held at the Victoria Conference Centre downtown—each day with a focused theme: Climate Science, New Energies and Solutions.

Dr. Howard Conway, from the University of Washington, Howard

Freeland, from the Institute of Ocean Sciences, Peter Bunyard, science editor of *The Ecologist* magazine, and others will provide the latest data on climate change and its anticipated effects.

"As the global climate deteriorates," said conference organizer Bruce Torrie, "investment will move from fossil-fuel dependency to clean, renewable energy—solar, wind, geothermal, fuel cells, tidal power and more. Governments will promote economic reform that encourages sustainability. This Congress will help us think about

these Climates of Change."

The conference is sponsored by the Skies Above Foundation; many Salt Spring Islanders have been involved in establishing the Skies Above Foundation, and subsequent actions to promote safety and awareness regarding ozone depletion, uv effects etc.

For schedules, cost, and information phone 250-391-9223 or 653-2072, email skies@islandnet.com or visit the website at <http://www.climatesofchange.com>.

Bursaries and billeting arrangements can be made.

It's fare hike season again

Extra sailings are scheduled on two major routes during spring break.

Between Tsawwassen and Swartz Bay, in addition to odd-hour sailings from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and extra scheduled weekend departures, there is a noon sailing from Swartz Bay and a 2 p.m. sailing from Tsawwassen March 17 and 24, and noon and 4 p.m. sailings from Tsawwassen and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. sailings from Swartz Bay March 19 and 26.

On the Departure Bay-Horseshoe Bay route on March 17, 19, 24 and 26, there is a sailing at 3:30 p.m. from Departure Bay

and at 5:30 p.m. from Horseshoe Bay.

On Thursday, March 16, shoulder season begins at BC Ferries, three months before the busy summer period. The seasonal increase in service levels is reflected in the traditional adjustment in fares, which increase by \$1 (to \$8.50 from \$7.50) for a passenger travelling from Vancouver Island to the mainland. Vehicle fares are also adjusted, with weekend and midweek pricing scales in effect. Sunshine Coast and northern services also have a seasonal fare shift.

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Resisting the urge on St. Paddy's Day



In the catbird seat ...
with Shelagh Plunkett

Once upon a time there was a beautiful green Island. Set like a gem in the blue sea it became known as the Emerald Isle and was renowned for its mystics, writers and saints.

Among the latter was one known as St. Patrick, who it was said rid the land of snakes (a picturesque way of saying he drove out the pagans which was not entirely true). St. Patrick was such a nice, relatively non-political saint that the people of the land chose him as their patron and celebrated his saint day—March 17—with a national holiday marked by parades, the wearing of green and, sadly these days, often riots.

But, the Emerald Isle had more than one saint and among them was one whose politics were a little more...um...dicey. Oliver Plunkett was Bishop of Armagh during Elizabethan times and, given that the beautiful little Island had by then been largely overtaken by its strong-arming neighbours the Protestant English (masters of the "divide and conquer" school of colonization) he wasn't too popular with the invaders. At that time, you see, Catholicism was not a safe bet (in the moment at least) and Plunkett drew fire as a result. In the end he was hanged, drawn and quartered for his religious and political affiliations. (Hundreds of years later a lateral descendant of Oliver Plunkett, Joseph Plunkett, was also executed by the British for his part in the Easter Rising of 1916—resistance bred in the bone.)

Back to March 17. Even though history may remember Patrick in a fairly non-confrontational manner, present times do not always let his memory sit in that comfortable position. These days in Ireland St. Patrick's Day is often one of fear and bloodshed.

Catholic versus Protestant is not a new battle nor one confined to a single Island. However, and getting back to the colonizers, it's an existing division expanded, heightened and made much more violent there by the manipulations of the invaders—divide and conquer again. Stirring the pot to keep the people focussed on each other is an easy way to ensure they have too little energy to face the real enemy. Existing points of friction or animosity make for excellent weapons in the hands of outside forces. On the Island of mystics, writers and saints that has meant centuries of war and cultural devastation among the resident population and ongoing rule by an outside force.

On St. Paddy's Day I would wish for all those on all green Islands to bury their differences, take a long look at each other and then stand shoulder to shoulder, united against the true enemy. Let's all resist the urge to be manipulated by those who would invade our land.



I have a dream

If I had 5,000 acres (or less) of Texada land, I would build a community, the village of the 21st century. Call it "Sunshine Village," self-sustaining, independent, ecologic. I would construct low-cost housing, clay houses, with its own sewage treatment system, fully biological, producing its own food in an organic garden. Our energy needs we take care of with sun and wind energy.

Sunshine Village would have also the missing link in renewable energies: the storage of power! This has always been the problem. We feed the power of solar energy into a silicate bed. In the winter when we need it, we pull it out almost without loss!

We only use ecologic building materials, it's all there right now. This would create jobs in the Village; all of the features of modern environmental technologies are built in our village, and are for sale. Not to forget the community baking house, the rainwater collecting system (for toilet, washing machine, garden), and non-toxic insulation materials.

Healthy land, healthy people. Sunshine Village would preserve the land, have eco-forest and become a Mecca for ecotourism.

In summary, instead logging, protection, productivity, business, low cost housing.

Maybe only a dream, or could we make it happen?

DIETER MUSTER

Time is not on our side

What's the matter with clear-cutting? Let's just give six or eight loggers three or four crosscut saws and let them go at it.

Maybe—just maybe—that would give us time to change the laws for huge land parcels with the potential for massive ecological damage.

Perhaps six or eight axes would be better—and slower!

AMY NEWMAN

Rink needed

I think that our Island needs an ice skating rink.

Our Island just isn't very exciting for 13-year-olds, and if we got something like a skating rink, or another fun, public place to go, our island would be a lot more fun. There is hardly anything to do here except for going to movies and parties.

If we were to get a skating rink, or recreation center, I think fewer people would waste money on the ferry to go swimming or skating, and there could be fewer expensive field trips for kids in the

elementary schools.

Just one more point: whoever was the head of a good recreation center would make quite a bit of money, and it would open up more job opportunities for highschoolers and people who could use a part-time second job.

PAUL MAGNUSSON

Community spirit

The response to my letter in the Barnacle last week was overwhelming, and I thank all who called.

Two bank accounts have been opened, one at Island Savings and the other at the Bank of Montreal, under the name "Darrin Craig Trust." so, if you wish to contribute you may do so at either of these two banks. The object of these trust accounts is to have funds on hand should a medical emergency arise. The cost of an MRI alone is between \$800 and \$1,000.

There are a couple of fundraisers coming up which will be fun for all, and a chance to meet Darrin in person if you do not know him already.

Darrin met with Gary Lunn, our MP, and a formal letter has been sent to him. Mr. Lunn has promised his assistance and will do what he can.

CHEK TV is coming to the Island this week and hopefully will do a story. The

Times Colonist has also been informed and may take up the cause.

Darrin has also found an immigration lawyer who will give him a free 45-minute consultation.

All this is encouraging, but now the good news! Darrin's neurosurgeon called him this week to say he had studied the latest CT Scan and discovered the radiation treatment has been 50% more successful than he had hoped for; the tumor was shrinking. So the MRI scheduled for this week was postponed to a later date. Not out of the woods yet, but I know Darrin can beat this.

GEOFF SWIFT

Even "gays"...

A Yoga Newsletter I wrote touched off slanderous accusations and name calling from reader's letters when "homosexuality" was brought to the forefront in the Barnacle. Gays blew it out of proportion, verbally (and inaccurately) attacking me when they could not best my arguments my pen put forth (not supporting homosexuality).

It is impossible to respond to 18 readers' letters and criticisms associated with this topic in 200 words or less, so I've sent a personal and lengthy response (which

see Gays p5

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the Barnacle wouldn't publish) in the mail to such people. Private responses combined with this letter, ends this issue for me. To view my response, write me or ask somebody you know who wrote in (and received it).

The Rainbow is not the International Symbol for homosexuals anymore than the Swastika belonged to Adolf Hitler (who stole it from ancient India). But like Adolf Hitler, the gays have polluted it! The Rainbow represents children's dreams and has been used since the 60s to represent "the Rainbow Family" (a tribe of people everywhere) which hosts healing "World Peace Gatherings" every year in a pristine place in nature.

Even gays are invited.

PAUL BECKMAN
(Palu Rainbow Song)

Buy it back, Your Highness

To: Her Highness Princess
Gloria von Thurn und Taxis
c/o Fax: 011-49-941-5048-111
Your Highness,

As former visitors and now residents of Salt Spring Island for the past few years, my wife and I have come to appreciate the beauty of our island even more now we live here.

From watching a documentary about yourselves and your late husband, we came away with the impression that both of you appreciate beautiful surroundings, too. Your own land holdings, buildings and surroundings are gorgeous. We also learned at the time that your husband owned a large portion of Salt Spring Island to the tune of almost 10 per cent of our Island land mass.

As you are aware, these land holdings were recently sold to private parties of land speculators who have only one intention namely the complete logging of all the lands and try to make them into residential lots and sell those off in the near future. Their argument is that they have to do the clear-cut logging as that is their only source of income to pay for the mortgage on the land held by yourself to the tune of about \$30 million Cdn.

Our island population is in an uproar as this clear-cut logging goes straight against the grain of the majority of residents. We all came here for the peace and beauty of our little island. There appears to be little we can do because protest marches, legal injunctions and blockades will only postpone the inevitable.

As you are the former owner of these lands, we would ask you urgently to have your legal advisers look into the fine print of the contract to see if there is any chance to stop this massacre of trees and mountains. We were even hoping that because of yours and your late husband's love of nature, you could be persuaded to buy back the land from the present owners and preserve it for future generations as it appears that this was the intention of your late husband.

If such a large portion of the island will be clear-cut, it will do permanent damage to our economy as we are heavily dependent on tourism, but if the island starts to look like a nuclear war zone, those visitors will not come back and our local economy will be the poorer for it.

We beg your Highness to give

this matter your urgent attention as we are hopelessly deadlocked. There is at present a "Save our Island" group that is strictly set up for fund raising to buy back the land. So far they have collected around \$200,000 which, of course, is a laughable amount compared to the total value of all the land. Our only real hope is your personal understanding, a possible intervention and a possible buy back of these beautiful lands as it is apparent that your late husband bought the land not for personal gain but for preservation.

We thank you in advance for your favorable consideration.

ROBERT AND ANN
VAN OEVEREN

On Monday morning at 9:45 a.m. I was sitting in my car in the parking lot next to the post office waiting for friends who were renewing their car insurance. You drove up, got out of your car, and let your midsize tan coloured dog out of the back door. It walked a couple of spaces over, squatted, and defecated. You then leashed your dog and walked away leaving a pile of feces behind. This behaviour gives all dog owners a bad name and we don't appreciate it. In the future, please clean up after your dog. Thank you.

CATHIE NEWMAN

Hint, hint...

I am hoping discussions between the Islands Trust, Texada, and the community see Hint, hint p6

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NEW

Gulf Islands Schedules Effective February 28th

Vancouver Harbour to/from Gulf Islands

This schedule will service only Ganges Harbour-Salt Spring Island and Maple Bay, near Duncan on Vancouver Island.

Flight #	Departs Vancouver	Arrives Islands	Frequency	Flight #	Departs Islands	Arrives Vancouver	Frequency
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This schedule will service: Ganges Harbour-Salt Spring Island, Montague Harbour-Galiano Island, Bedwell Harbour-South Pender Island, Telegraph Harbour-Thetis Island, Miner's Bay-Mayne Island, Lyall Harbour-Saturna Island

Flight #	Departs Airport	Arrives Islands	Frequency	Flight #	Departs Islands	Arrives Airport	Frequency
801	0740	0805-0835	Mon-Fri	802	0810	0840-0910	Mon-Fri
803*	1215	1240	Mon-Fri	804*	1245	1315	Mon-Fri
805	1630	1655-1730	Daily	806	1700	1730-1800	Daily
8015	0900	0925-0955	Sat-Sun	8025	0930	1000-1030	Sat-Sun

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Hint, hint... cont'd from p5
can finally be held in earnest, now that the Trust have said publicly (via Dave Borrowman's response to Colin Byron's letter) that "the door is not closed." Glad to hear it! 'Bout time. As for Texada "hinting" that a trade-off could be considered, let us look back to the Feb. 2 issue of *The Driftwood* for the complete picture.

In the double page ad by Texada two key points attracted my attention; perhaps they bear repeating. On the second page, last column, first two statements under Land Ownership Plan it says,

"Our intention is to locate home sites on our existing titles, UNLESS discussions with the community and the Islands Trust provides alternatives that meet mutually acceptable goals.

"Texada has no intention, and does not plan, to do any rezoning or land development on Salt Spring Island UNLESS such discussions are encouraged and desired by the Islands Trust." (Emphasis mine.)

Those are pretty straightforward hints, Dave. Time is of the essence. Texada is not waiting. I look forward to reading in next week's papers that the Trust has called an immediate public meeting at the high school that they may better judge the public's support for a

densities for forest land swap for the community. Texada put the ball in our court with those two qualifying "unless" parts.

We must now respond and direct the Trust as to our wishes. P.D.Q.

It might take all night in meeting for us to prod the Trust into agreement but it'd be worth it because Texada isn't waiting and we aren't getting anything out of it but a stump farm for sale. The

see *Hint, hint* p23

Immigration woes

The Department of Immigration blocks new arrivals at the gate (another debate) but they are ridiculous in blocking a person they have allowed to live in our community for years.

If you're going to keep someone out, then do it from the start. Don't tantalize them for years, letting them build a place in the community, and then say no. I've seen Darrin Craig work and I've seen Darrin volunteer. He puts a tremendous amount of energy into our community.

Thanks to Geoff Swift for his inspiring letter—I will chip in to Darrin's medical/legal fund.

ROBB ZUK

Yes, but they're our SOBs

"He may be a son of a bitch, but at least he's our son of a bitch."

-U.S. President Roosevelt, in a 1937 reference to Anastasio Somoza, the Nicaraguan dictator.

The above, one of the few cynical remarks attributed to the great humanitarian, shows that even he was willing to sacrifice morality to what was considered national interest. It didn't work: Nicaragua, a minor example of the failure of such policies, remains an economic and political basket case, like most of the countries south of the Rio Grande. The situation in the African nations, and in many parts of the Middle East and the Far East is even more dismal and bloody, and part of the reason is that the great powers continue to support sons of bitches, just as they have been doing with disastrous results, for centuries.

Resident SOBs Rios Montt in Guatemala, Galtieri and Videla in Argentina and Pinochet in Chile were enthusiastically supported by America during their Dirty Wars. Why? Should it not have been obvious that such monsters would destabilize their own countries? How about Marcos in the Philippines, or, more recently, Suharto in Indonesia, whose western-supported crimes are causing his empire to disintegrate? Was there the slightest possibility of American success in winning

Vietnamese hearts and minds with such stooges as Diem or Thieu or Ky on them?

African countries like the Republic of Congo, Sudan, Nigeria and Angola, should be prosperous, but have been given the a modern version of the Heart of Darkness treatment meted out a century ago by Belgium's King Leopold, this time by western companies with their corporate mercenaries, their co-operating governments and SOBs such as Abacha, Mobutu and Kabila. (Notably absent among the Western entrepreneurs are the drug companies, which, except for trying to patent natural remedies, are uninterested in so profitless a field as native health).

In the Middle East, the West's reliance on local SOBs has had predictable results. Reza Shah Pahlavi, of Iran, on his Peacock Throne, was the golden boy for decades, and with his oil revenues bought gratifying amounts of military toys, with which he played Cyrus the Great until he was thrown out and his country became an anti-western theocracy. To counter this disaffection, another SOB, Saddam Hussein of Iraq, was given the green light for the Iran-Iraq war, an inconclusive conflict that killed hundreds of thousands. When it petered out, Saddam converted himself into a demon by attacking feudal Kuwait without permission, and was suckered into the most one-sided war

in history. Although his country has been ruined by an embargo that has cost the lives of half a generation of children, he and his regime have been allowed to survive, and he may in time become once again one of our SOBs.

We in Canada are fortunate that we are not subject to the delusions of grandeur that afflict the major powers, but the pressure to be on the team is intense. We managed, to our credit, to resist becoming involved in Vietnam, and we have maintained our own policy about Cuba, but in the Gulf and in Serbia-Kosovo we were content to salute and cluster-bomb with the big boys. Nor have we gained any humanitarian kudos from our actions in Indonesia, where, until Suharto's corrupt dynasty collapsed, we were happy to conceal our complicity in repression under the fig leaf of "constructive engagement."

Once upon a time nations could ignore morality in dealing with each other, and still survive the consequent disasters: Germany survived the lunacies of Hitler, as did France those of Napoleon. But now mankind's power to destroy has so outstripped its power to build that care for the welfare of all of the world's people is our only chance for survival. Making deals with SOBs was always stupid. In this new millennium, it would be fatal.

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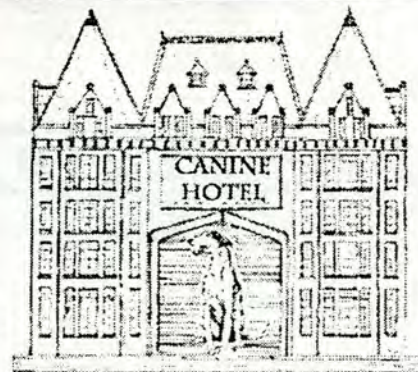
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Technical Director eases pressure

With a very successful year under their belts, which resulted in a small revenue surplus, the ArtSpring board of directors has taken the next step and hired a Technical Director.

Island resident Greg Watson, who has been designing Salt Spring homes for 13 years, has been hired on a part-time basis to help care for the ArtSpring building and grounds.

While routine building maintenance—heating, ventilation, electrical and other “nuts and bolts”—will be part of his duties, Watson’s primary function will be to help and educate groups using the facility.

“I’m here to answer questions about how to use the building,” he explained. “For example, the Centre School are coming in to do a play and I’ll be here to assist with where to put the sets up and how to put the sets up.”

Watson brings a background in amateur theatre

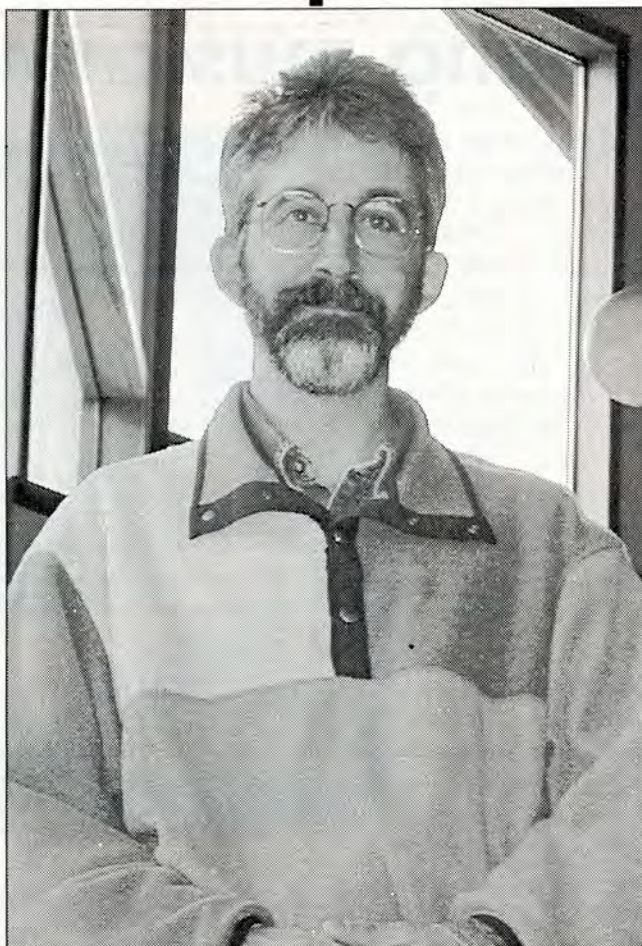
production from his university days and almost 20 years of house design and construction to his new position.

He said his decision to apply for the position came from a desire to get more involved with the community as well as wanting to get back into theatre work.

ArtSpring’s Executive Director Jane Forner said having a technical director will take a lot of pressure off herself, her assistant Paul Gravett, and the volunteers—like Lawrie Neish and Reg Taylor—who have “put in unbelievable hours” taking care of the maintenance duties up until now.

“When we started out a year ago no one could foresee the needs,” she said. “It’s taken us a year to figure out what we would need in terms of staff and facilities.”

Having come out of the first year with a revenue surplus, she said, the board was able to turn its attention to how the building itself functions.



Greg Watson.

Anniversary offers carnival delights

Salt Spring Elementary School is going to be 60 years old on April 1. To celebrate, the school and the Parents Advisory Committee, with a little help from the School Board, will be hosting a community carnival and dance.

The festivities are set for the 1st of April – no joke! An afternoon carnival is planned with tents for games, a dunk tank, and food. A fund raising auction will be held and Principal Vine will auction off his beard.

That evening a community dinner and dance will be held at the school. The chili/hot dog dinner will be followed by dessert and refreshments. Music of the last 60 years is the theme for the dance, and the Island-famous *Swing Shift* will start the festivities. The dance will finish with a DJ. A silent auction will take place in the community room during the dance.

Also in the works is the creation of a “museum room” in

the school. The school is looking to collect artifacts, clothing, and furniture from the 1940s to put on display and is asking for donations from the community.

Other community inclu-

sive events are also being considered and anyone who attended Salt Spring Elementary School is invited to contact the school to share memories or artifacts from the 1940s.

Fine garlic at festival

Salt Spring Island is hosting its first annual garlic festival. This will be held August 5 and 6, Saturday and Sunday, at the Islands Farmers Institute, the same

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see Festival p23

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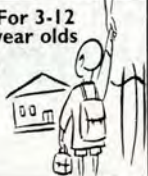
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Beethoven to Shania Twain: young musicians cover it all

By Bev Stewart

ArtSpring was the scene of the Salt Spring Music Guilds Third Annual Concert of Young Musicians Sunday afternoon.

The theatre filled with enthusiastic teachers, family members and friends to witness the performances of no less than 38 young pianists. Some were so young they needed a footstool to raise the floor to their feet; many others were in high school.

Material was drawn from classical, traditional, spiritual, folk, and modern repertoires, with composers from Beethoven, Bach, and Schumann to Bartok and Shania Twain.

While the young players were

delightful, there were some outstanding performances by the older students.

The next concert to be sponsored by the Salt Spring Music Guild will feature tenor Don

Fisher, violinist Jean Knight, and pianist Chris Kodaly at ArtSpring at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 8th and 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 9th. Tickets are \$16. for adults and \$12. for students.



Arlo Bryn-Thorn at the piano.

Bev Stewart photo



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For the counter petition to be sufficient, 5% of the electorate of the district must sign.

At present there would be approximately \$3.00 per household per year levied for 15 years. Currently there are two other vehicles being levied, one of which is paid off July 1, 2001 and the second December 31, 2001. When these vehicles are paid for this levy will be reduced.



With a revived music program, the high school's band instruments are out of storage and back in the hands of aspiring musicians.

A music teacher with vision... and a busy calendar

By Peggy Abrahams

When Bruce Smith joined the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) staff two years ago to revive the school's music programme, he found the music room empty, except for a telephone and some chairs.

"There were no instruments. I got on the phone with the superintendent and found out he'd bought a tuba. That wouldn't do me. I had to sell it," Smith. He explained that he realized he would want a tuba eventually, but other instruments were a higher priority. In addition, he knew he would need a sound system to record the students' music.

Finally, Smith learned that during the time the music programme had been inactive

before his arrival, the instruments had all been borrowed.

"I had to go out drinking with a bunch of guys to find out where the instruments were. It turned out that I found them in a basement," Smith said.

As if spinning straw into gold, from the empty room Smith has orchestrated a thriving music programme.

"Last year, I started out with one jazz band, one concert band and one choir. This year, I have two concert bands, one jazz band, a choir and a jazz choir." He added that next year he hopes to add a junior jazz choir, and the following year, a junior choir.

Barely off the ground last Summer, the jazz band won

an award at a Seattle jazz festival. One look at Smith's calendar for the next few months and it's clear the GISS music programme is going places. On April 12 through 14, the choir performs with the Salt Spring Singers. April 13 through 14, the jazz band travels to Nanaimo for a Western regional competition to qualify for a national jazz competition in Toronto in May. "To qualify, we need at least a bronze," said Smith. To top off the Spring calendar, 41 music students are scheduled to participate in the Vancouver Heritage Festival, May 25 to 27.

And then there are the fundraising events to make these competitions possible: On April 5, music students

participate in a fashion show at the school. Proceeds from admission will help fund travel plans. The swing dance fundraiser on April 29 will feature both the new swing group and jazz choir. Smith explained the jazz choir is now limited to eight singers because there are only eight microphones, but he hopes it will grow to 12 singers.

The students are also selling smoked salmon to raise funds, and gift certificates from Thrifty's, a percentage of which goes to help individual students as well as the music programme.

Smith, who refers to himself as Bruce A. Smith, to distinguish himself from two other Bruce Smiths on the island, comes to GISS with

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Shakespeare alive and well on Salt Spring

Twelfth Night offers explorations in politics, racism, love and gender

Story and photos by Elizabeth Courtney

A small group of young people between twelve and fourteen sit around a table, laughing frequently in an animated discussion of their love of Shakespeare. Yes, Shakespeare. Unbelievably, they are not referring to some cool new computer game based on sixteenth century adventuring, but to the pleasures reaped from learning up to three hundred lines of Shakespearean text apiece and making them come alive on the stage.



Mischa Linser

How does this unlikely scenario come about? At Salt Spring Centre School, the performing arts are an integral part of the school culture. The play currently under production is *Twelfth Night* and like the plays which have preceded it, it not only gives every kid in the senior class (grades 6-9) a chance to use their singing, dancing, acting or fencing skills, but provides an opportunity to experience the co-operation, support and respect that theatre, as a microcosm of social life, demands, as well as illuminating their other studies—the history of racism, the politics of class, explorations of love and gender.

Mamata Kreisle & Metta McLeod, 14 years old, and Barushka Zizka & Mischa Linser, 12, are lucky and they know it. The older girls already have numerous performances including several

Shakespeare plays under their belts, while Barushka and Mischa have significant roles as Viola, the shipwrecked heroine and Feste the Fool. They have had their scripts since before Christmas (an edited version which keeps the beauty of the language while reducing the text to a manageable one and a half hours) and don't seem the least bit fazed.

Mark Classen, their teacher and director, has been assisted this year by Yiana Belkalopoulos, an actor from Toronto with a background in clowning and pantomime. She has worked intensively with the cast (which is the whole senior class) on exercises in which actors use their own language to convey the sense of the text, or use their bodies to animate its meaning. As a result, unlike most of us, including Classen himself, who remembers hating Shakespeare in school, these performers actually love what they are doing. They love the language, the humour, the action, and the drunks (there are two of them), the

deception, and the romance. In this play, they particularly like the gender confusion, and the opportunity to "cross-dress" as they put it; to play with the ambiguities around a woman dressed as a man falling in love with a man, and having to woo a woman on his behalf. Or being a girl acting a "criminal guy" and getting to use a sword properly.

A major feature of all the school's productions are the costumes. Sharada Filkow is the genius behind the sumptuous richness and accurate historical detail of the wardrobe. Her house is draped in velvets and lace, foam and glue being turned into hats, slippers being covered in brocades, period costume notebooks

and drawings lying on the table. Barushka appears for her fitting. With a few brush

strokes to her hair, a white concertina collar tied round her neck, the velvet dress smoothed close to her body, the twelve year old schoolgirl is transformed into a

poised young Italian lady.

Sharada is also responsible for casting and Classen has remarked that she seems to have a gift for knowing which child has the hidden potential to encounter the issues and challenges of each role. With experienced older girls available, she has nevertheless given a leading role to a younger girl, and seeing Viola metamorphose out of Barushka's pants and t-shirt, one can appreciate the wisdom of her decision.

This will be the first year the school has mounted a production at ArtSpring. There will be a matinee performance on Thursday, March 16th, at 11 a.m., to which all the other schools are invited free of charge. Seniors tickets are \$5. The main performance for the public

will be on Friday March 17th at 7 p.m.

If the young actors have any complaint, it is that having put so much work into the play, and believing

that it has so much to offer both the adults and kids they hope come to see it, they only have one night to share their efforts. My own feeling is that whatever your previous experience of Shakespeare, or even of theatre, you owe it to yourself to come and see what



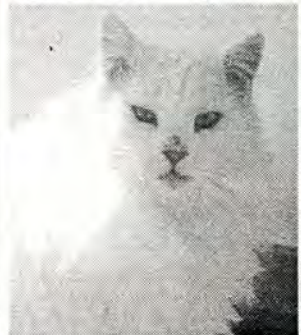
Barushka Zizka

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Grab this chance to see *Her Big Chance*

by Elizabeth Courtney

It's amazing what you can do when you have to. With an enormous amount of help from director Margaret Jardine's husband, David, the stage at Mahon Hall was transformed into a mysterious theatre within a theatre, perfectly suited to Friday night's performance of Alan Bennett's monologue, *Her Big Chance*.

This is a particularly poignant Bennett play which uses humour to expose the excruciatingly painful way in which English society is conditioned to respect appearances at the expense of any genuine curiosity about individual subjective experience—a situation which I fled myself in the sixties.

Susheela plays a beautiful young woman of very average intelligence who has presumably suffered such ridicule on account of her stupidity that she has poured her entire identity into her career as an actress, without the slightest hint of awareness that she is being abused at every step. Dressed in a pink satin dressing gown with a fake fur collar which reveals her most significant attribute, she conveys the vulnerable foolishness and willfully innocent charm of Lesley Mudd, an actress who is still clinging to her sense of professionalism when her speaking part has been reduced to one word. As she falls into one predictable trap after another,

the laughter becomes tinged with the wincing realisation that we, as the laughing

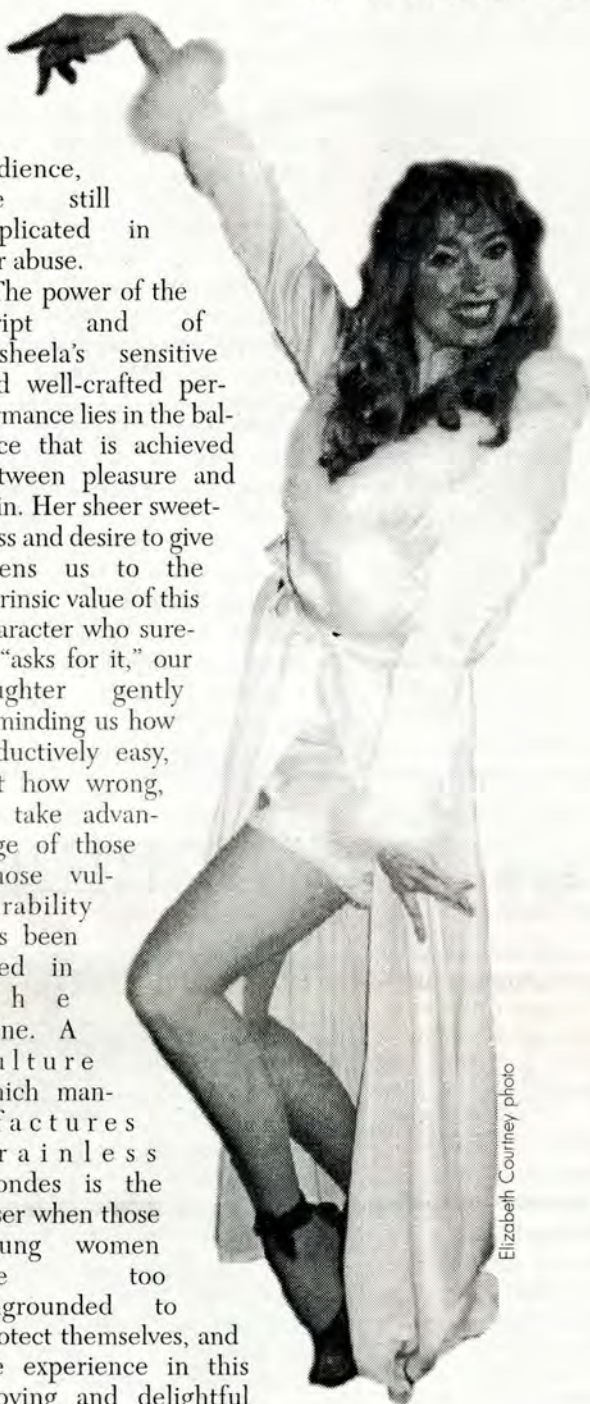
performance just how much generosity of heart goes to waste as a result.

Building on the reputation SASSI (Studio Actors

of SSI) achieved with their last play, *Her Big Chance* is already sold out and will be held over from Thursday to Saturday, March 19 to 21, at Mahon Hall. Tickets are available at et cetera.

audience, are still implicated in her abuse.

The power of the script and of Susheela's sensitive and well-crafted performance lies in the balance that is achieved between pleasure and pain. Her sheer sweetness and desire to give opens us to the intrinsic value of this character who surely "asks for it," our laughter gently reminding us how seductively easy, yet how wrong, to take advantage of those whose vulnerability has been bred in the bone. A culture which manufactures brainless blondes is the loser when those young women are too ungrounded to protect themselves, and we experience in this moving and delightful



Elizabeth Courtney photo

A stompin' good time

By Peggy Abrahams

Winter must be almost over, and spring must be on its way, because the Gumboot Gala was the Salt Spring Folk Club's season finale, and it ended on a resounding high note. A sell-out audience of more than 265 folk music enthusiasts, many dressed in gumboots, packed Fulford Hall last Monday for a fabulous night of folk music.

The gumboot theme permeated the air. Tables were decorated with flower arrangements in baby sized gumboots. Setting the stage, the Folk Club's backdrop of the Fulford Valley now has something new added to the landscape—sheep—and not just ordinary sheep. These are Salt Spring sheep with gumboots on.

To get things going, the Wrangellian Gumboot Ensemble literally kicked off the show, with a stomping gumboot dance. Sexily clad in jeans, black T-shirts and gumboots, this homegrown troupe shouted and strutted their fast-paced choreography with breathtaking energy.

Valdy took over the stage, joined by Bill Henderson for the first song, "Island Girl." Then, Valdy sang about lost opportunities in a touching song about missing out on his relationship with his daughter. The set was brought to a satisfying close with *Stewball the Horse*, and the first of many train songs of the evening, this one involving an eager audience in the chorus, "I can't pull this train over the mountain without you."

John and Michelle Law, with their distinctive country sound, sang a polished set, flavoured by skillful guitar and pure harmonies. It's clear from their impeccable timing and smooth performance that they've been together for many years.

Several of their songs were about trains, like the memorable *Hobo Serenade*. At the end of the set, Jordy Sharp joined them on stage for a satisfying bluegrass number featuring John Law on banjo.

As promised, the musicians intermingled. Valdy, Bill Henderson, the Laws and Charlie Erck together performed a Dean Parks' bluegrass ensemble, with Erck competently handling the steel guitar.

see *Stompin'* p23

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MARCH 14-26

Desert Island Choices

Reading, music and a visitor—what would you pick if you were stranded on a desert island?

This week's castaway is 12 year old **Mischa Linser**. He left Indonesia (where his father was an agricultural advisor) when he was four and a half, and after a year at Fulford Elementary, transferred to Salt Spring Centre School. He will be playing Feste in Twelfth Night this week. He returned to Indonesia for a visit 3 years ago and was saddened by the discovery that he could no longer speak the language. He still thinks Indonesian food is the best—his favourite is Indonesian chicken curry.

The Book: "Shogun, by James Clavell. It's really long and never gets boring, which would really be important on a desert island."

The Disc: "Pharcyde. I've only had a CD player for about a month, so I haven't bought any CDs yet. This one is on loan from a friend—it's rap, quite funny and I like it. Better than my father's Merle Haggard tapes anyway!"

Visitor: "Probably my best friend Elan. We've known each other for three or four years and do lots of things together, like sports, computer games and homework. Don't say anything about him in the paper, he wouldn't like it"

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TUESDAY MARCH 14

- Kindergym Parc Portable. 9am
- Toy Library**
Beaver Point Hall. 9-10am
- Storytime with Jean Voaden**
Library. 10am
- Soup's On** Free soup and sandwich. All Saints'. 11:30-1pm
- Tom Koppel**
Coastal Search for the First Peoples in the Americas. SS Historical Soc. Central Hall. 2pm
- Our Forest Ecology**
Why so important? Lions' Hall. 7pm
- Fulford Community Hall Assoc.**
AGM. Fulford Hall. 7:30pm
- Genetically Engineered Foods & Bulk Water Exports**
Action meeting. GISS room 206. 7:30pm
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- Flexible Strength**
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- Boot Camp** All Saints. 5-6pm
- Volleyball** (co-ed) Fulford & GISS Gym. 7:30-9:30pm
- Snow Day** 7pm
- All About My Mother** 9pm

WEDNESDAY MARCH 15

- Argentinian Tango**
Practice. Lions' Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- Living Language Sacred Dance Co.**
Dance Class. Beaver Point Hall. 2-3pm
- Centering Prayer**
Contemplative Centre. 7:30am.
- S. End Centering Prayer**
St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
- Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Step into Shape**
All Saints. 9-10am
- Soccer Co-ed Drop-in**
Portlock. 2pm
- Circuit Challenge**
Fulford Gym. 6:30-7:30pm

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MONDAY MARCH 20

- ☆ **Heritage Celebration**
Spring Break Historical Tours. Daily to March 24. Info 653-2006
- 🎵 **Storytime**
West of the Moon. 10am
- 🎵 **Midnight Café**
Acoustic Jam. Rose's Cafe. 7pm
- 👁️ **Kabir Helminski Study Group**
Contemplative Centre. 10am. Info: 537-1657
- 🔧 **Life Drawing**
All levels, no instruction. United Church. 1pm-3pm
- 🏃 **Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Step into Shape**
All Saints. 9-10am
- Yoga** Salt Spring Centre. 9-10:30am
- Circuit Challenge**
Fulford Gym. 6:30-7:30pm
- 🎬 **Toy Story 2** 6:30pm
- 🎬 **Pitch Black** 9:00pm

TUESDAY MARCH 21

- ☆ **Heritage Celebration**
Spring Break Historical Tours. Daily to March 24. Info 653-2006
- 👶 **Kindergym** Parc Portable. 9-10:30am
- Toy Library**
Beaver Point Hall. 9-10am
- Storytime with Jean Voaden**
Library. 10am
- 🖼️ **Lithographic Exhibit**
Salt Spring Roasting Co. to March 31
- Christine Crombie**
Art at Moby's Pub to March 31
- 👁️ **Soup's On** Free soup and sandwich. All Saints'. 11:30-1pm
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- 🏃 **Flexible Strength**
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- Volleyball**
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- 🎬 **Toy Story 2** 6:30pm
- 🎬 **Pitch Black** 9:00pm

WEDNESDAY MARCH 22

- ☆ **Heritage Celebration**
Spring Break Historical Tours. Daily to March 24. Info 653-2006
- 🎵 **Wednesday Night Live**
Open Stage. Moby's Pub. 9pm
- 🎭 **Argentinian Tango**
Practice. Lions' Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- 👁️ **Centering Prayer**
Contemplative Centre. 7:30am.
- S. End Centering Prayer**
St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
- 🏃 **Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Step into Shape**
All Saints. 9-10am
- Soccer Co-ed Drop-in**
Portlock. 2pm
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Community Calendar

THURSDAY MARCH 16

- Mom & Me Music**
Tots 1-3yrs. Parc Portable. 9:30-10:30am
- Shakespeare's Twelfth Night**
Salt Spring Centre School. ArtSpring. 11am
- Sing Along Group**
Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- Salty Wheels Square Dancing**
Central Hall. 7-9pm
- Men's Breakfast** United Church. 8-10am
- Dhikr** Christian chant. The Contemplative Centre. 10am Info: 537-1657
- Community Meditation**
Spirituality in Photography with Ron Hawkins. United Church. 11:30-12:30pm
- Christianity in Crisis**
Rev. Bob Wild. United Church. 6:30-8:30pm
- Spinners and Weavers**
Guild room. ArtSpring. 10:30am-12noon
- SS Hours Potluck** Lions' Hall. 6pm
- Bingo** Meaden Hall. 7pm. Early Bird 6:30pm.
- French Conversation**
Croftonbrook. 10:15am-12noon
- Flexible Strength** All Saints. 8:30-9:30am
- Yoga** Salt Spring Centre 4-5:30pm
- Volleyball** Fulford Gym. 7-9pm
- Badminton Club** GISS gym. 8-10pm

FRIDAY MARCH 17

- Shakespeare's Twelfth Night**
Salt Spring Centre School. ArtSpring. 7pm
- Open Stage**
Rose's Cafe. Fulford Harbour. 7pm
- Triskele Celtic Band**
St. Patrick's Day. Moby's Pub. 9pm-12midnight
- Wisdom Circle**
Ritual Approach to Environmental Issues. United Church. 7:30-9:30pm
- Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Step into Shape**
All Saints. 9-10am
- Boot Camp**
All Saints. 5-6pm
- Rollerblading to Music**
Fulford Hall. 7:30-10pm
- Toy Story 2** 6:30pm
Pitch Black 9:00pm

SATURDAY MARCH 18

- Library Book Sale**
Library. 10am-1pm
- Brent Streeper**
Harbour House Lounge. 8pm
- Living Language School of Becoming**
Gateway Ceremony—Moving With Inner Vision. Pan Ea Maat Light Centre. 9-4:30pm
- Flexible Strength**
All Saints. 8:30-9:30am
- Toy Story 2** 4 & 6:30pm
Pitch Black 9:00pm

SUNDAY MARCH 19

- Heritage Celebration**
Spring Break Historical Tours. Daily to March 24. Info 653-2006
- Brian (Buck) McDonald & Dave Roland**
Fulford Inn. 4pm
- Dinner Jazz**
Moby's Pub. 7pm
- Long Dance**
Drumming to Deepen our Connections. Beaver Point Hall. 7pm-7am
- GLOSSI**
Monthly meeting. SS Seniors' Centre. 2pm
- Badminton Club**
GISS gym. 8-10pm
- Toy Story 2** 4 & 6:30pm
Pitch Black 9:00pm

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- Sing Along Group**
Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- Salty Wheels Square Dancing**
Central Hall. 7-9pm
- Dhikr**
Christian chant. The Contemplative Centre. 10am Info: 537-1657
- Spinners and Weavers**
Guild room. ArtSpring. 10:30am-12noon
- French Conversation**
Croftonbrook. 10:15am-12noon
- Flexible Strength**
All Saints. 8:30-9:30am
- Yoga**
Salt Spring Centre 4-5:30pm
- Fly tying**
Newman's Great Outdoors. 5-9pm
- Volleyball**
Fulford Gym. 7-9pm
- Badminton Club**
GISS gym. 8-10pm

FRIDAY MARCH 24

- Heritage Celebration**
Spring Break Historical Tours. Daily to March 24. Info 653-2006
- Open Stage**
Rose's Cafe. Fulford Harbour. 7pm
- Valdy & Fjellgard**
ArtSpring. 8pm
- Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Step into Shape**
All Saints. 9-10am
- Boot Camp**
All Saints. 5-6pm
- Rollerblading to Music**
Fulford Hall. 7:30-10pm

SATURDAY MARCH 25

- Library Book Sale**
Library. 10am-1pm
- Brent Streeper**
Harbour House Lounge. 8pm
- Flexible Strength**
All Saints. 8:30-9:30am
- Yoga**
Salt Spring Centre. 9:30-11am

SUNDAY MARCH 26

- Brian (Buck) McDonald & Dave Roland**
Fulford Inn. 4pm
- Dinner Jazz**
Moby's Pub. 7pm
- Badminton Club**
GISS gym. 8-10pm

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Is Salt Spring one of the Gulf Islands?



Isle Say! ...
with John Pottinger

According to BC Ferries, it depends: Sometimes it is and sometimes it isn't.

A couple of weeks ago I was on the 1 p.m. sailing from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay. When we arrived I drove off the ferry, deked through the little opening, and got into the line for Salt Spring.

The time is about 2:43 and there are five booths open. Four of them say "Vancouver;" the other says "Salt Spring." There are 11 or 12 vehicles in the Salt Spring line and no lineups at any of the four "Vancouver" booths. I think to myself, Good Old BC Ferries: Our ferry leaves in ten minutes and there's one booth open.

So I keep watching to see if the closest "Vancouver" booth might switch signs. Sure enough, the sign suddenly changes from "Vancouver" to "Gulf Islands." I'm the closest vehicle still able to switch

lanes, so I drive up to the "Gulf Islands" booth.

A smiling young woman greets me as I hand her my throughfare ticket. "Where are you going today?" she asks. "Fulford Harbour" says me. "Oh no," says she, "You can't use this lane. This is for the Gulf Islands."

Now, I'll admit that geography wasn't my strong point in high school and I've only lived on this Island for a couple of years. But I was pretty sure—until that afternoon—that Salt Spring was a Gulf Island. When I point this out to her she says, "No. Salt Spring people can only use lanes marked 'Salt Spring,' not lanes marked 'Gulf Islands.'" This scene is getting a little goofy. "Okay," says me, "I don't understand your funny little rule, and obviously neither do the other six or eight cars that have pulled into this lane behind me, but I promise I'll try to remember it in future. So can I go now?"

She calls up to the Terminal Manager and I hear her say "Well that was a brilliant idea. All these people in my line are going to Salt Spring. Now what do you want me to do?" Over the speakerphone I hear him answer, "They all have to leave the terminal and go to the end of the Salt Spring lane."

I don't know if my next move was smart or not, but I'd had enough of that arrogant, pompous attitude from BC Ferries management. I put my car in park, got out and told the attendant I wasn't going anywhere. (Hey, I'm from Salt Spring; I know how to blockade a road!)

Within a minute or two, the manager drove up and ordered me to move my car or he would have it moved. Then he told me I wasn't going to get on this sailing anyway because it was already overloaded. So I abandoned my blockade (it wasn't going to achieve much at this point), drove out of the terminal and then rejoined the (now much longer) Salt Spring line.

I finally got through the booth, drove down lane 32, and they were still loading

cars onto the Bowen Queen! I didn't make it on, but I clearly would have—if I hadn't been so stupid to assume that Salt Spring was a Gulf Island.

I wandered around the Island the next day and conducted a random survey of 30 people. In answer to my question "Is Salt Spring a Gulf Island?" I got 29 yes's. (One guy said that Salt Spring wasn't an island but the remains of a planet that collided with the earth 60 million years ago. Which explains why Salt Spring has a more advanced civilization.)

So, BC Ferries, I have a couple of suggestions for you. If—no matter what people tell you—you really don't believe that Salt Spring is one of the Gulf Islands, then change the covers of all those millions of schedules to read: "Southern Gulf Islands and Salt Spring". And change the overhead signs at Swartz Bay to read: "Gulf Islands: NOT Salt Spring".

Maybe it would be easier—and clearer to your customers—if you just changed your name to "The BC Ferry and Senseless Arbitrary Decisions Corporation."

The secret identities of plants revealed



Magic in herbs ...
with Barbara Rikwerda

A re we still playing

the mind game? How would we survive if we were among the first humans on earth? It would be quite obvious that we would have to rely on the countless plants that grow everywhere under all conditions for food, wouldn't it?

Healthy as such a diet appears to be, it is possible that someone could develop a "dis-ease." Need we panic?

In our last column, we discussed the ancient "doctrine of signatures." It dates back to at least the 1500s, and it is interesting to learn that the American Indians used this same philosophy before they were ever exposed to the white settlers.

The swampy area the plant chooses to grow in is a signature just as its colour is, but there are many more ways to "read" the values of plants. If there were a problem with nerves or the blood system, it would probably have seemed wise to go to the vines (vines=veins). Hops could be the best to purify blood and calm nerves. Vine growing grapes are good to nourish the blood system.

Downy leaves of mullein and woundwort (where did its name come from?) were used long ago

for dressing wounds. Plants with sharp thorns or prickles signify their use in cases of pain. Remember the nettle taped on gout has been said to work.

Heal-all blossoms look like open mouths in which we can see the throat. This herb is said to be very good for healing a sore throat. Eyebright is a specific for eyes. Its flower looks like an eye. Liverwort has leaves that look like liver. It has been used as a cleanser for that organ since long ago. Lungwort resembles a lung and is used for that organ's problems.

The hollow green stems of onion and garlic resemble the bronchial tube. What is a better bronchial cough remedy?

The amazing number of health problems that yarrow is said to have been used for throughout history spurred me into choosing the Doctrine of Signature for this column's subject. The flat top of this "weed" is made up of numerous tiny flowerets. The leaf segments are so finely cut that

the leaves appear feathery. The ancients believed that each leaf offered a thousand subdivisions, and therefore equal to a thousand uses, thus the synonym, millefolium. This is the doctrine of signature of the yarrow plant that our earliest ancestors "read."

Modern cultivation, the treatment of soil and plants, has changed the appearance and nutritional value of so many plants that we can not always go by this doctrine anymore, but it is a very interesting project to play with. There is a surprising number of researchers who all admit that the more they learn, the more fascinating a walk in the wilds becomes yet today.

Let's end with aroma as another signature. The active principles of most aromatic herbs are antiseptic and antibiotic. These would include fennel and sage. Pleasant smelling plants such as thyme and rosemary are still used as disinfectants and deodorizers.

Ancients believed strong-smelling plants like cinnamon and cloves would drive away evil spirits. It's comforting to know that we have them in our kitchen cupboards, eh?

Come, set awhile



Let's eat ...
with Linda Koroscil

Dodging the potholes along Stewart Road the other morning brought to mind how the Island has changed over the years.

My mother tells me that quite often families would have their Sunday picnic in the middle of the road. Traffic, of course, was almost nil, so grass grew between the wagon tracks and it was a nice, soft, open spot to lay one's tablecloth. You could hear a horse and wagon coming quite far off in the distance. The driver would come to a halt in front of the "road picnic" and he would be invited to join them so down he would climb to "set awhile." I wonder if anyone had ulcers or mental stress; I somehow doubt it!

Life for my mother and her sisters was peaceful when she was growing up. Her father sang to them and her mother read them

stories. A party was a big event. My mother and her sisters would set off walking to Beaver Point early in the day and then would dance by the light of the moon. Then home again, walking.

If Mr. Henry Bullock threw a dinner party, invitations would be sent well in advance, along with ball gowns, long gloves, and exquisite dangle earrings. My mother still has a pair.

On the day of the ball, Mr. Bullock's trap and driver would come around to collect everyone. Upon arriving he would quip, "I hope all the ladies are well-laced!" And the festivities would begin. Many courses were served and my mother recalls that he would always instruct his guests to "taste a little of each and fall to on what you like best!"

Here's a recipe I like best, and would do quite nicely at a picnic but forget about setting it up in the middle of the road!

Sun-Dried Tomato Slather

This is a sinfully delicious party food. The spread will keep up to 3 days.

- 1-1/2 oz. dried tomatoes
- 1 C. olive oil
- 2 large garlic cloves
- 2 parsley sprigs
- 5 basil leaves or
- 1 tsp. dried leaf basil
- 1/4 tsp. red (cayenne) pepper
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- Pinch of sugar
- 1 green onion, coarsely chopped
- 2 (4 oz.) goat cheese rounds
- cayenne toasts

To rehydrate dried tomatoes, place them on a steamer rack over simmering water until tomatoes are completely soft and have no hard spots, about 45 minutes. Check water level often to keep bottom of steamer rack from drying out. Place steamed tomatoes in a 2 cup container with a tight-fitting lid. Add all remaining ingredients except goat cheese and toast. Cover container and shake to blend ingredients. Refrigerate for two days to blend flavors.

To serve: in food processor fitted with steel blade, process contents of container until almost smooth, leaving some texture. Place goat cheese on 1 or 2 serving dishes; pour tomato spread over cheese. Use small knives to spread on cayenne toast. Makes 8 to 10 servings.



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Salt Spring Sizzles

... with Gail Prior

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- 4 ripe Bosc pears
- 1 cup maple syrup
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1/2 pt. whipping cream

Peel and halve pears. Place in shallow baking dish. Dot with butter. Pour maple syrup over top of pears. Bake 40 mins. at 325 F. Serve warm with whipped cream. Serves 4-8.

Philatelic delights come to Island



Seniors Scene ...

with Alan Fairlie

They bring us joy, sadness, happiness and pain, or even just the latest blurb from your local store. They are STAMPS, and they have a long and exciting history!

Two local philatelists who know a great deal about their hobby, collecting stamps, are Bryan Dawson and Ian Chisholm, who will be illustrating this fascinating subject at Seniors Services on Wednesday, March 29th at 2 p.m.

Their presentation, entitled

"Philatelic Curiosities," will trace the history of mail delivery in Britain (where it all started) since 1840, to Canada 1920-30.

We asked them what some of the most valuable stamps of all time are: "One would be the British Guiana, four pence, black on purple, listed in the catalogue at \$60,000 (U.S.)," says Bryan. "Also a 12 pence Canadian (1851) listed at \$77,500 (U.S.)," Ian added.

Another most valuable stamp is the triangular British (carmine) four pence Cape of

Good Hope, with a colour error! "I'd be very happy with any stamp, if it was 100 years old," says Bryan!

The pair emigrated from Britain and have been on Salt Spring eight to nine years. Their common interest in stamps goes back to the 1940s. They are both retired physicians who met in Saskatoon.

Bryan was a general practitioner and Ian an eye specialist. He is also guest speaker at Seniors on CNIB Day, March 22 at 2 p.m.

During World War II, the government raised money by selling Victory Bonds and War Savings Stamps. Their

slogan was a catchy one: "Buy War Stamps and help lick the other side!"

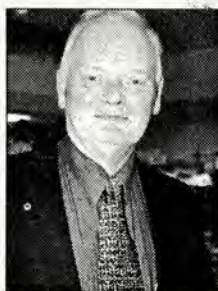
Up and Coming

The Screening Mammography Program of B.C. is coming to the Old Court House on March 14-24. Women aged 40 and over who meet eligibility criteria can arrange an appointment by calling 1-(800)-663-9203. This is a free service of breast examination for early detection of cancer.

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Despite the tale, no reason to beware the Ides

Curiosities of Culture ... with Peggy Abrahams

When a soothsayer warned Julius Caesar to beware the Ides of March, Caesar didn't pay much attention. Think about it. If you started off the day reading your horoscope and it warned you should stay close to home, would you take off work? Granted,

Caesar was a world leader with much more to risk than ordinary citizens like us.

As it turned out, Caesar should have listened. He was

assassinated on that day, in 44 B.C. Now, because of his heedlessness, March 15 with always be tainted with bad omens.

As you may remember from grade 9 Latin, the fact is that the Ides of March did not have any special significance. Personally, I remember very little from my grade 9 Latin class. What remains most vivid in my mind is a poem scrawled by an older brother in a Latin textbook: "Latin is a language, as dead as dead can be. It killed the ancient Romans, and now it's killing me."

Assuming you don't remember much Latin either, here's a little review. The term Ides comes from the earliest Roman calendar, reputedly devised by Romulus, the mythical founder of Rome. The Roman calendar was arranged around three days, which functioned as reference points for counting all the other days.

Ides comes from the Latin, verb *idare*, meaning to divide. In the days when the Romans used a ten-month calendar, the Ides fell in the middle of the month, meant to coincide with the full moon.

The length of the month determined when the Ides fell. In months with 30 days, the Ides fell on the 15th, and in months with 26 days, it fell on the 13th. After that, it gets even more complicated. So complicated, you have to be a mathematician to understand it.

The first day of the month was the Kalendae (from which the word calendar was derived). Rather than counting forward from day one, the following days were numbered by counting backward from Nonae, the ninth day before the Ides. In other words, the days between Kalendae and Nonae were tracked as so many days before Nonae.

Between Nonae and the Ides, days were counted as so many before the Ides. For example, March 3 would be V Nones, or five days before the Nones. (The Roman calendar counted Nones as one of the days.) The Nones were the seventh day in March, May, July and October and the fifth day in other months.

This complex calendar presented an added challenge for the ancient Romans, because it kept getting out of sync with the equinoxes, that pivotal time when the Sun crosses the equator. But what's important to keep in mind today, is that the Ides of March is one of a dozen Ides that occur each month of the year. It's just an every day calendar date. So go about your business and don't beware.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee
Proposed Bylaws No. 359, 360 and 362

Notice is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a Public Hearing on proposed Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 359, and proposed Salt Spring Island Zoning Bylaws No. 360 and No. 362, for the purposes of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed Bylaws, at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2000, in the Hart Bradley Memorial Hall (Lions Club), 103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC. A Public Information Session will be held prior to the Public Hearing, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

At the Public Hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed Bylaws will be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard, or to present written submissions respecting matters contained therein.

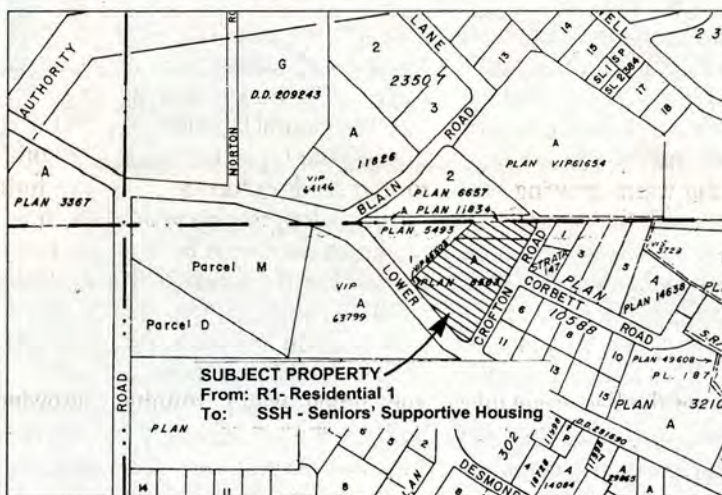
1. Proposed Bylaw No. 359, cited as "Official Community Plan Bylaw, Salt Spring Island, 1998, Amendment No. 1, 1999".

In general terms, the purpose of the proposed Bylaw is to amend the policy in the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan that describes the maximum residential density that could be permitted by rezoning in island villages. The policy would be amended so that, in the case of special needs housing or an affordable seniors' supportive housing complex only, the density of development could exceed 37 units per ha, provided it did not exceed a floor space ratio of 0.6 and a site coverage of 33 percent. Further, the proposed Bylaw would amend Development Permit Area 1 (Island Villages) by adding specific design guidelines for those multi-family developments that are designed to provide special needs housing and affordable seniors' housing.

2. Proposed Bylaw No. 360, cited as "Zoning Bylaw, Salt Spring Island, 1985, Amendment No. 3, 1999".

In general terms, the purpose of the proposed Bylaw is to:

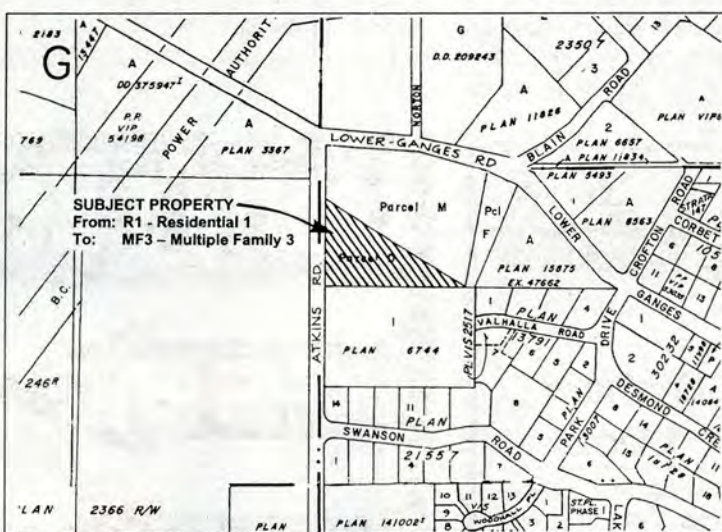
1. Create a new zone entitled Seniors' Supportive Housing Zone (SSH).
2. By changing the zoning classification of a lot on the northwest corner of the intersection of Lower Ganges and Crofton Roads, known legally as Lot A, Section 3, Range 3 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 8563 except Part in Plan VIP65503, from Residential 1 (R1) to Seniors' Supportive Housing (SSH) as shown on the following plan.
3. Place specific zoning conditions on the use of the property to manage matters such as parking, screening, water use and impacts on neighbouring properties.



3. Proposed Bylaw No. 362, cited as "Zoning Bylaw, Salt Spring Island, 1985, Amendment No. 4, 1999".

In general terms, the purpose of the proposed Bylaw is to:

1. Create a new zone entitled Multiple Family 3 Zone (MF3).
2. Change the zoning classification of 121 Atkins Road, known legally as Parcel D (DD 410101), Section 3, Range 3 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, from Residential 1 (R1) to Multiple Family 3 Zone (MF3) as shown on the following plan.
3. Place specific conditions on the property to manage matters such as parking, screening, water use and impacts on neighbouring properties.



Enquiries concerning the proposed Bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust, located at 1206-115 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2T9. Copies of the proposed Bylaws, and any reports that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee in respect to the proposed Bylaws, are available for inspection at the above-noted address during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, commencing Tuesday, March 07, 2000, and continuing up to and including Tuesday, March 21, 2000. The proposed Bylaws may also be accessed via the internet at: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca>

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the *Municipal Act*, copies of the proposed Bylaws may be inspected at the Victoria Office of the Islands Trust, #200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, commencing Tuesday, March 07, 2000, and continuing up to and including Tuesday, March 21, 2000.

NO REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Pauline Brazier
Deputy Secretary

All over almonds



*Life in the garden ...
with Joe Clemente*

A couple of local gardeners approached me not too long ago, and asked me about Almond trees. They were told by a certain someone that almonds would not grow in our climate. Well of course my response to that is, "What a bunch of complete nonsense!" There are some good-sized almond trees right here on Salt Spring, and they produce an abundance of nuts each year.

There is no trick to growing almonds in our climatic zone. Why should there be? They are nearly as cold-tolerant as peach trees. A neighbour not too far away from me has a beautiful almond tree that flowers and

gets fruit yearly.

There are many different varieties of almond trees to choose from, so you must find the one best suited for our temperate climate. Unfortunately almond trees aren't always available at the garden centres; I haven't seen any come in to our nursery in a few years now.

So if you are out and about keep your eyes open for Hall or Hall's Hardy. This is a later flowering variety that flourishes in our growing area. It will bear heavy crops of medium sized, sweet flavored nuts with very hard shells. Hall is partially self fertile, but bears heavier crops with a pollinator, such as Texas, or sometimes

called Mission.

Hall's Hardy will still provide you with enough nuts with only one tree. Texas is also a later flowering almond, but produces smaller nuts with a sweet almond flavor. Jordanolo is another one that, will pollinate with Halls if you want maximum yields.

Mature almond trees can reach 20 to 30 feet with an equal spread. Young trees will start to bear fruit in four or five years, and their productive lifespan is about 50 years. Almond trees are a lot more drought tolerant than most fruit trees, especially older established specimens. They do require deep, rich, well-drained soil for best

results. Since our Island summers can be quite dry, my advice is to water deeply, but not too often; this way your tree will be much happier in the dry months. The sunniest area of your garden would be the best location for these guys—pretty much the same area you might grow a peach or fig tree.

Good luck on your search. Even if you're not much in to eating the nuts, almond flowers are a very showy pink, and can be used as an ornamental as well.



Starting a garden on Salt Spring

In February most of Canada is still under snow and gardening activities consist mainly of studying magazines and catalogues. But on Salt Spring Island, we are already out digging in the garden. And knowing when to start digging and how to handle our unique growing conditions is the subject of a free workshop at the Islands Farmers' Institute, March 23.

Many Islanders are gardening on bedrock which, if there is any depth of soil at all, tends to leach out nutrients every year in the rainy season. Building the soil, through composting, is a

major requirement and raised beds offer benefits.

The frost-free period on Salt Spring Island is longer than most of the country, but the warm growing season is still short, and the nights tend to be cool. Fortunately, local seed companies offer vegetable varieties that are adapted to this climate. For example, some of the best vegetables for SSI are those that will over-winter and supply a harvest in the early spring.

Most national seed companies advise us to start our seeds so many weeks before or after the start of the

frost-free period. On SSI, "frost-free" could be as early as February. But in fact, the natural light at that time of year is just too weak to start seeds outdoors.

Does Salt Spring lie in the rainforest, or does it lie in a desert? For the gardener, it is all too evident that the answer has to be both of the above. In winter, there is too much water running through the garden, and in July and August, there is almost no rain at all. To have a garden on Salt Spring entails mastering ways to mitigate those extremes.

SSI is the home to hun-

dreds of varieties of heritage apple trees, a testimony to the past importance of SSI as a supplier of fruit to Victoria and beyond. If you are fortunate to have some of these, then you will want to learn more about them, and how to care for them.

These and other topics for the gardener who wants to learn about the unique growing conditions of our region will be covered during the workshop to be held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Institute, on Rainbow Road. To register, call Len Wallbank at 537-4398. Everyone is welcome.

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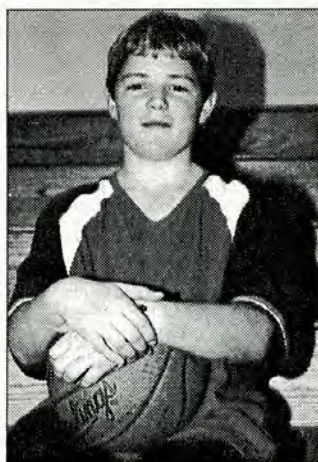
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Molly Akerman

Women's fastball makes a comeback

by Bev Stewart

Women's fastball on Salt Spring goes so far back no one is sure anymore just when it started.

One estimate of the sports beginning is "sometime between '60 and '70"—that from Isabelle Moulton, one of the early players. The one person who might be able to tell us is Molly Akerman, but, unfortunately, she's not with us anymore.

Reminiscences go back as far as the '60s, but "the roots go back even before that," said Carol Kaye, another one of the women who was involved.

Molly Akerman's husband, Bob, thinks it all began

around 1960, and "by housewives," he explained.

One elderly woman remarked, "I can't remember when I even started, but I played before the kids were born."

Though its origins may be shrouded in the mists of time, women's fastball on the island has a long and glorious history.

In the early days, there were two ladies' teams on the island—the Ganges ladies and the Fulford ladies.

"The cut off point was Kitchen Road," said Lil Irwin, another long time player.

"The Ganges ladies' team was around first, before the Fulford team," explained Moulton.

There were certain restrictions about who could join. In order to play, "you had to be a married woman," commented Ellen Bennett. "The one exception was Gwen Ruckle," who was allowed to join in spite of being single.

"I started playing when my kids were small," said Bennett. Carol Kaye remembered, "I had just moved to the island and I was asked to play."

For some reason, the Fulford team included older women than the Ganges team.

"Our youngest player was older than the Ganges teams oldest player," said Bennett. "Molly was probably the oldest lady who played," she continued, and she didn't quit until she was 73.

Some other names that were mentioned in connection with the game were

Doris Bradley, Natalie Horel, Kellie Booth, Sue Byron, Kim O'Neill, Connie Hardy, Karen Davies, Loretta Roland, Marguerite Kitchen, and Irene Wright. Though the list is long, there was one whose name cropped up repeatedly and that was Molly Akerman. "Molly was the mover and shaker," said Bennett.

Why did they play? Lil Irwin explained: "It's a game that really gets into your blood and there wasn't too much else around here." Ellen Bennett commented: "All I know is we had lots of fun."

The Fulford field, located behind Bob and Molly Akerman's place, "was just sheep pasture and old cars until the early '70s," said Linda Woodley, another long-term player.

At that point, Glen Woodley got a federal grant and cleaned it up, making it suitable for ball playing.

In Ganges, the women used to play on what was called the hydro field, close to Windsor Plywood.

Bennett explained that the teams played once a week and practiced in between. Though the play was "strictly for fun", there seems to have been lots of competition.

Every year "Bob and Molly put up a trophy for the winning team," explained Bennett. To this day, there is an annual Bob and Molly Akerman Tournament.

Eventually, the teams from Salt Spring played in the B.C. Recreational Ladies

Tournament. Bob remembers the year when the Fulford ladies played four games in one day to finally beat a team from Prince George and win the tournament.

"Molly pitched all four games that day," he said.

Bob still has Molly's trophies in his living room. She won for best pitcher, too.

"The Fulford ladies were often chosen to win the trophy for most sportsmanlike team," he continued.

Donna McWhirter remembers that "the big fight was over who had the best pitcher. If you didn't have a good pitcher, you didn't have a good team."

"Then we got together an all-star team," she continued. "We used to win our share of the games, too."

In the '70s, there were more teams on the island. There were the Dagwood ladies, for instance. Alice Richards played for them. There were also the Harbour House ladies, and the Driftwood ladies.

McWhirter remembers the time she was coaching young boys from 13 to 14 years of age.

"We let them play with us so that we could have four teams. They weren't quite big enough to play against men, so we let them play as long as they didn't swear or hurt anybody."

Another variation in the women's game came once a year when they played the grandfathers.

"That was just for one game," said Linda Woodley.

see Fastball p23

Sports Pool...with Terry Stringer

DAGWOOD'S POOL Next meeting: Wed., Apr. 12th, 7pm sharp at DAGWOOD'S.

	Total Points	This Week
1 Philadelphia.....	552	22
2 Ottawa.....	548	17
3 Edmonton.....	533	23
4 Vancouver.....	533	10
5 Dallas.....	527	28
6 Montreal.....	526	20
7 St. Louis.....	516	16
8 Pittsburgh.....	506	22
9 Boston.....	505	20

Includes games of Saturday, March 11, 2000

GOLF COURSE POOL Next meeting: Thur., Apr. 13th, 5pm sharp.

	Total Points	This Week
1 Ice Dogs.....	571	18
2 Ane-jo.....	552	22
3 Edmonton.....	547	19
4 Dallas.....	535	31
5 Toronto.....	532	24
6 Marx Bro #1....	530	13
7 Dagwoods.....	526	20
8 Greenwoods....	518	15



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FC in, Old Boys out



Sidelines ... with Alan Webb

Salt Spring Old Boys 1 (3) Sooke 1 (5)

Eric Jorgensen split the Peninsula defense with a clever ball into the path of Jesse Fisher who picked the far right corner of the net to send Salt Spring FC into the third round of the Challenge Cup.

The winner came late in a fairly indifferent second half for FC. The visitors carried much of the play, scored once, and created some nervous moments for the home side and their supporters.

A thunderous Jonathan McDonald goal kick sailed over the Peninsula defense nearly springing Harrison Jason who was beaten to the ball by the keeper. His clearance fell at Corbin Scott's left foot and Scott gratefully sent the ball into the vacated net from thirty yards.

Peninsula barely got a sniff of the ball in FC's half of the field as Salt Spring attacked continuously. Desperate clearances found FC heads time and again and sent Salt Spring away.

A one goal deficit at the half was something of a reprieve for Peninsula and they played the second half with a verve consistent with one who has unexpectedly survived a great trial. Their new-found life produced an equalizer and stretched FC's defense for much of the final 45 minutes.

But in the end Fisher ran into space, Jorgensen supplied him with the ball and FC is deservedly on to the third round.

Salt Spring Old Boys squandered enough chances to see them safely through the Tony Grover Cup competition and probably through the May Day Challenge Cup as well. Rarely has so much been done by so many to so little effect.

Sooke shocked the Old Boys with an early goal and then retreated to absorb constant Salt Spring pressure.

Only Rainer Funk with a superb dipping volley was able to score for the Old Boys through the regulation 90 minutes and 30 minutes of extra-time. But for two hours the Reds showered the Sooke penalty area with crosses and shots which all came achingly close to seeing the Old Boys through to the third round.

Eventually the game had to be decided on penalties. Four Sooke players converted theirs while only Arnie Hengstler and Webb could score for the Old Boys.

A disappointing end to a very successful season. The Old Boys finished second in the league, scoring far more goals than any other side, and hadn't lost a game since the second week of November.

Still, they must be wondering, "Where did all the goals go when we needed them?"

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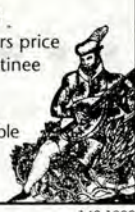
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Birthday?

Send a special birthday greeting in the Barnacle

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190 • BUSINESS NOTICES

DUE TO overwhelming support from islanders and customers, Island Books Plus is staying open and will continue to offer 7 am to 7 pm a week service and assistance with deep discounts on every book.

190 • BUSINESS NOTICES

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324 Lower Ganges Rd
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220 • LOST & FOUND

LOST A trumpet in case at GI Soccer field, Tuesday night. 537-9678.

FOUND A set of keys in a residential driveway on Mansell Road. Tag says Ford. 537-0058. 1100

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230 • TRAVEL

THOMAS MERTON in France. May 16 - 25 in Prades (Merton's birthplace) near the French Pyrenees. Lectures, art sessions & conviviality with new and long-time lovers of Thomas Merton, 20th century writer and Trappist monk. Offered by the Pilgrimage Program at Simon Fraser University. For info and brochure call tour leader Don Grayston at SFU (604) 290-5516, or email donald_grayston@sfu.ca 1100

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MARCH 21st
issue
of the Barnacle is:
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March 17th
at
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SPRING CLEANING is going on at 2255 North End Road on Sunday, March 19th from 9 am to Noon. Lots of "Stuff".

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390 • MISCELLANEOUS

NEWSPRINT ROLL ends now for sale at The Barnacle Office. 324 Lower Ganges Road. 537-4040. ttn

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DO YOU like animals? Do you like people? The Salt Spring Island branch of the SPCA is looking for an on-call Relief Agent for weekends and Statutory Holidays. The position pays \$40 per diem. Interested applicants are asked to submit their resumes by March 18th to Box 522, Ganges P.O., V8K 2W2. 1100

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5 Gripé
9 Domain of 22 Across, abbr.
12 Sensors?
13 Crucifix inscription
14 Scottish river
15 Invitation to scratch
16 Christmas
17 Metal source
18 Imperial weight measure
20 Premier of 50 Across
22 Premier of 9 Across
25 Cousin, for short
26 Ordinary
27 Domain of 8 Down, abbr.
28 Humbug
31 _____ Astor
32 Gratuity
33 Uncommon
34 Imitate
35 Office necessity
36 Premier of 46 Across
37 Bigwig, for short
38 Bedouin transports
39 Premier of 44 Across
42 Arm bone
43 Consume
44 Domain of 39 Across, abbr.
46 Domain of 36 Across, abbr.

DOWN
1 Domain of 5 Down, abbr.
2 Tell on
3 Tolkien monster
4 Place to butt out?
5 Premier of 1 Down
6 Tummy settling salt
7 Before, poetic
8 Premier of 27 Across
9 Aroma
10 Filippo _____, Saint
11 13-19
19 Hydrocarbon
21 Wizard's domain
22 A kind of hoop
23 Soonest, for short
24 Uncouth
25 Limit
27 Shuffle

28 Movie title
29 Plant part
30 Egg providers
32 Draw upon
33 Premier of 54 Across
35 Some exams
36 Soak up sun
37 Roman 6
38 Premier of BC
39 Vegas action
40 A kind of tennis

41 Cigar or flannel follower
42 Plains Indians
45 Greensward
47 Day of the week, abbr.
48 Cohen, to some
49 Ms Deer

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Fastball *cont'd. from p18*

"From 1980 to '85, there were a lot of teams," she explained.

But gradually, the number of women playing fastball on Salt Spring dwindled to a trickle. Some moved on to other things, some quit because of age.

Another reason the numbers decreased was competition from another type of baseball.

"Fastball faded with the advent of slow pitch," commented Val Aloian, a Fulford area woman who plays today. "A lot of skilled players got picked up by mixed slowpitch."

There hasn't been a league now for 8 to 10 years and some enthusiastic women players are trying to remedy that situation. They're putting the word out about wom-

ens fastball in the hope of attracting enough women to get three teams going. Since there is a teenage women's team, an additional three would round the number to a nice, even four.

The only requirement is that you be female and over 19. If you are interested, application forms are available at the Portlock Park Parks and Recreation office. The fee is \$25 per person, which would include payment for an umpire. Christine Macdonald, who is helping to organize the new league, hopes interested women will be able to play one night a week, starting some time in May.

Postcards *cont'd. from p2*

community, not against us. We're inviting them to invest in sustainable community forestry instead of clearcuts."

Many of the postcards urge Manulife to live up to their own stated commitment to "the highest levels of honesty and fairness" and "the highest ethical standards" in all their dealings.

One thirteen year-old boy's message to Mr. Coles stated:

"please save our home. I just moved here and I love it." Others invite Mr. Coles to be their guest and see the clearcuts for himself.

"We need Manulife's help," Reiss stressed. "Sending these postcards is our way of inviting Manulife to divest from Texada clearcuts and invest in a green, sustainable future for Salt Spring Island."

Hint, hint... *cont'd. from p6*

alternative is to trade land for densities and then put ourselves on the map as the island that saved its forests and created employment at the same time. I expect to read the time and date of the public meeting next week in Dave's response!

Oh yeah, Dave, call Texada and invite them, will you?

DREW CLARKE

The pen is mightier than the sword

To: Capital Assessment Area, Ministries of Forestry and Tourism and the Premier's office

At a public meeting recently in Ganges, many property owners agreed to write our government about the threat to property values from the Texada Logging Co.'s appallingly destructive operation on the south end of this small island. Clearcutting

almost 11% of the land mass of Salt Spring Island is unacceptable forestry, absolutely against the sustainable logging rules laid down in our community plan of 1996.

We understand that legislation governing Forest Land Reserves allows this kind of ecological disaster to one-third to one-quarter of the Fulford Valley, home to the majority of orchards, small fruits and vegetable farms, and sheep-raising on SSL. If this magnitude of clearcutting is, in fact, legal, then the laws must be changed.

Not only south-end agriculture will be affected; tourism will be threatened as well as the value of all private homes and small businesses. Civil disobedience is escalating, but instead of dividing the community, it seems to be unifying us against the destruction.

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Garlic Festival *cont'd. from p7*

finest garlic available. Dan Jason (Salt Spring Seeds) is planning a garlic taste test. He grows 50 varieties of garlic, so come with an appetite.

To date we have vendors coming from Saskatchewan, Gabriola Island, Campbell River and Rossland B.C. and interests from everywhere in between.

There are opportunities for individuals and groups to be involved in the festival. Food vendors, musicians and entertainers, and volun-

teers are all needed. Non-profit groups and charity organizations may find this a good time to raise awareness and funds, since it is one of the busiest weekends of the year on the Island.

We are also looking for people that would like to create a fun time for kids of all ages. The sky is the limit! If you have some creative ideas and would like to participate, please contact Kristie Straarup at 537-1210 or fax 537-1245.

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Intermission was a treat as well, with tasty soups, savories and decadent desserts catered by Interlude.

Back on stage, the gumboot dancers sang an African song, and then burst into another boot slapping dance. Lisa and Charlie Erck followed with a set of charming folk songs. When the audience was invited by Erck to get up and dance to a love song, one lone couple moved quietly into a corner. The audience was greatly enthused when Charlie Erck demonstrated his skill at vocalizing like a kazoo.

On the lovely harmonious "Somebody said they saw me," Henderson masterfully accompanied the Ercks on conga drums, adding a new dimension to the sound. Two more songs showcased inspired combinations of the evening's talent for a rollicking bluegrass tune, with the refrain, *So round, so firm, so fully padded, she'd my girl, and, When I sing.*

One minute the stage was

packed with musicians and their combined talents. The next minute, Bill Henderson stood there alone with his guitar. Captivating the audience with his lusty powerful sound, Henderson performed the moving *Boiling River*, followed by *Golan Boys*, combining rock with Middle Eastern melodies. Other highlights from Henderson, *Lonesome Blues* and *Flight Night*, filled the Hall with Henderson's trademark sound.

Accompanied by Henderson again on congas, the gumboot dancers performed one more number from their growing repertoire, and then all the performers came together on stage for the finale, a moving rendition of *One in the Spirit*.

Such a satisfying send-off to the folk club season can only make you look forward to more in the Fall. The event, such a Salt Spring classic, inspired me to write my own folk song:

At the Gumboot Gala

*I was about to get ready for Monday night
Gumboots, short skirt and a pair of black tights.
Gail called to say she was coming along
If you're going to the Gala, get your gumboots on.
I was going with Gail to the Gumboot Gala
We parked beside a pick-up and a rusty Impala.
Banjos, folk songs and a steel guitar
A touch of bluegrass, and you're dancing in your chair.
Winter must be over, Spring must be here
The Gumboot Gala will be back next year.*

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an impressive background. An alumnus of University of Alberta, Smith did his undergraduate degree there as well as a graduate diploma in music curriculum and administration and a master's degree in curriculum design and music. Academic theory was enriched by summers immersed in the practice of music.

"I did my summers at the Banff Schools of Fine Arts. That's where I learned most of everything, working with people like the former principal of the Boston Symphony. I played with the Calgary Philharmonic."

He taught for two years at Edmonton's Bonnie Doon High School and then moved to Jasper, Alberta.

"I went to Valemount Secondary, in the middle of nowhere, a ski resort near Jasper. It was wonderful. The kids had no pretense about anything. I remember the first time I took them to the coast. None of them had been on a ferry before. It's not just the music, it's the new experiences, it's the travel."

Smith then spent five years teaching in Ucluelet, where, he recalled, the children had had little exposure to music.

"I took this band of ragamuffins. I was the harbinger of culture there. On the last year I took them to San Francisco and it blew their minds."

Smith reiterated that the music programme is a learning experience not just because of exposure to music, but also because of travelling to festivals.

"Travel is so important because you pick up stuff, whether it's a language or making a connection."

He decided to move on because of the weather.

"I was tired of getting wet so I applied for a job in Banff and for the job here - I got both."

Smith added that he decided to take the position in Salt Spring because he preferred to be on an island rather than surrounded by mountains. In addition, he said, "I knew there'd be a similar cultural orientation here as in Banff."

In addition to teaching,

Smith also was recently made director of the Salt Spring Singers. A trumpet player himself, he also keeps busy playing in local groups like Swing Shift. When he has spare time, he spends it with his wife Jill, eight-year-old son Julian, and daughter Amala (named after a Greek wine... don't ask) who Smith said is six going on 13.

Many future high hopes are dancing in Smith's head.

"My goal for next year for the jazz band, if Toronto works, is to go to the Cuba Youth Jazz festival in February 2001. It's nice to compete. I put up a thing for the kids to see - about some kids in Nanaimo who went - so they could see it's possible," he said.

Next year, the school drama and music programmes are planning to co-produce *West Side Story*. In a couple of years, Smith said he hopes to take the kids to Europe.

"I think the students believe in me. Having the parents believe in me would help. My main deal about the teaching is connecting with the kids."

He explained that it takes about three years to develop a high school music programme. And Smith would know: because of his credentials in curriculum development, he spent the first week of March consulting with the Ministry of Education on curriculum design.

Of the progress made so far at CISS, Smith commented, "The department is growing quite nicely." Then he emphasized, "None of the things I've done would have been possible without the support of a few people. (CISS principal) Nancy MacDonald, a leader who believes in me, and my friends in the community, Murray Hunter, Dawn Hage, Mitch Howard, Deb Toole, Derrick and Wendy Milton and my supportive parents, plus, of course, the great and talented youth of Salt Spring."

**Ganges
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Building a Youth-Positive Community

Public Forum for Youth and Adults
Wednesday, March 29, 7-9pm
Meaden Hall-The Legion

Getting to know local pinnipedia

Think "seal" and chances are the image of a fat, curious water loving creature with big eyes comes to mind. Here on the West Coast the kind of seal we see most often—Harbour Seals "hauled out" on rocky shores—fits that description. And, at the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre, Harbour Seals are the most common summer guest with 42 last year alone being brought back from emaciation to rotund health.

But the Order Pinnipedia includes some creatures that differ quite radically from the portly pup in the picture. Sputnik is a Harbour Seal rehabilitated and released two summers ago at the Island Wildlife Centre. He belongs to the family of phocids, also known as "earless" or true seals. Fir, however, (in the other picture) is a Northern Fur Seal and she belongs to the family of otarids or "eared" seals.

Fir was brought to the Centre on February 8. She weighed only 15 pounds, half the weight she would have been when weaned six weeks prior to being found starving. Today she's up to 28 pounds, is gaining at a rate of about a pound a day and is probably within a couple of weeks of being sent back out into the wild.

Watching her navigate the 16 foot pool which now serves as her temporary home and having seen her clamber agilely about the Centre's intensive care ward a few weeks ago, the differences between her and a Harbour Seal are very apparent.

Otarids—which include Sea Lions as well as Northern Fur Seals—move very differently from phocids. Otariids can turn their pelvises under, raise their bodies up on their front

flippers and, essentially, walk on all fours. In the water they propel themselves by using their long front flippers like oars while their rear flippers offer a bit of stability and maybe some direction. Harbour Seals and other phocids, however, use their powerfully muscled rear ends to push through the water, swimming more like a fish while their stubby front flippers are used for navigation. On land they cannot turn their tails under their bodies or raise themselves into a sitting position so they hump along the land like clumsy worms.

Harbour Seals have a thick layer of blubber to maintain body heat and this gives them a torpedo-shaped body with no apparent neck. Northern Fur Seals, however, keep warm through a combination of blubber and thick fur. They look sleeker and, with powerful shoulders providing a visual separation, show long, flexible necks. Although both will be about 1.5 metres from nose to tail when fully grown, a female Harbour Seal will weigh 60 to 140 kilos while Fir will only weigh 40 to 50 kilos.

The differences extend to personality too, as Jeff Lederman, Director of the Wildlife Centre and Linda Well, Rehabilitator have found. Harbour Seals are quite docile, for the most part only giving the occasional nip when being weighed or caught for transport. But, as Wells put it, "We only approach Fir if we have a fish in hand." Charging, biting, snarling and spitting describe the behaviour of the charming-to-look-at Northern Fur Seal. "She's fast on land and with that long, powerful neck can reach around behind and bite," said Lederman.



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Jeff Lederman photos

Northern fur seal "Fir", above, and Harbour seal "Sputnik", top right.

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