

# Painters Guild slates full lineup of fall workshops, activities

The Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild has lined up a series of autumn events to usher in its 15th year as an active local organization.

On Wednesday, September 14, local artist Diana Thompson will stage a drawing session — with pencil, pen or pastels — for anyone interested in participating.

On September 21, a general meeting will be held in Mahon

Hall, along with a flea market for excess and unwanted art supplies put up for sale.

If the weather is good, September 28 will see a session on boats, at the boat basin.

Beginning on October 5 and continuing until October 26, Adrien Town will conduct a workshop in watercolour for beginners. Groups doing advanced watercolours, oils or life drawings will meet in the board room on the same date.

The program for the balance of the season will be announced later. It will include prints and collages.

Newcomers are welcome to attend the first session of the new season, to be held at Mahon Hall on September 14 at 10:30 am. Bring a lunch.



Glenn Sollitt, Fiona Mary Rowell

## Church ceremony unites island couple

Fiona Mary Rowell and Glenn Sollitt were married on May 21, 1988, in a ceremony held at Ganges United Church.

Officiated by Rev. Alistair Skinner, the ceremony saw the bride given in marriage by her father, Dr. Peter Rowell. The bride wore a long white gown featuring two-tiered, elbow-length sleeves, tucked bodice and a full-length train.

The bride's attendants, dressed in pale pink, were her sisters, Mrs. Sheena Kirkham and Mrs. Susan Stepaniuk, and

her best friend, Kari Friele. Flower girls were Jessica and Kara Kirkham.

The groom's party consisted of Craig Sollitt, Peter Stepaniuk and Reg Kirkham. Ring-bearer was Adam Sollitt.

Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held at the Fulford Inn, where the toast to the bride was delivered by John Stepaniuk.

The newlyweds will reside in Vancouver, where the groom is studying at UBC and the bride is continuing her teaching career.

## Local potters to discuss purchase of equipment

Local potters will have the opportunity to discuss purchasing new equipment when the Salt Spring Potters Guild holds its annual general meeting on Wednesday, September 7.

The meeting — to be held at the home of Lee and Bud Sollitt — will discuss the feasibility of buying new equipment. The group already owns a pugmill, electric wheel and gram scale for use by its members.

The agenda also features an election of officers.

Preceding the vote, members will consider a rearrangement of functions undertaken by individual officers.

Among other items on the

agenda is a discussion on appropriate subjects and dates for workshops during the coming season, plus consideration of a dues cut-off date for members participating in the annual pre-Christmas sale.

The Salt Spring Potters Guild includes a broad assortment of people working with clay, from beginners to professionals. New members are welcome.

The September 7 meeting will include a potluck dinner beginning at 6 pm.

Further information can be obtained by contacting guild president Lee Sollitt (537-4173), or secretary-treasurer Maggie Schubar (537-9804).

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## country gourmet

by john edwards



### The Old World Kitchen, by Elisabeth Luard, Bantam, \$27.50.

Some cookbooks are only recipe lists and view style with scorn and regard grammar as old-fashioned. Others, like *The Physiology of Taste*, approach greatness as works of literature but look uneasy when they are spattered and smudged from use by my stove.

Elisabeth Luard's *Old World Kitchen* is neither. Its proper place is that ambiguous area between the kitchen and the study, although after spending \$27.50 (C) I felt compelled to wash my hands before opening it.

*The Old World Kitchen* attempts to fill in some of the connections in European culinary history. Most books in this genre are pompous and academic and therefore a waste of time, or make the mistake of assuming that only the upper classes ate food worth describing after the decline of Classical Roman Cuisine and before the Rise of the Modern Restaurant, and are ridiculous.

It's difficult to obtain a well-hung swan these days (the ones that live down the head of Fulford Harbour taste fishy) and friends look at me with horror when I propose roast suckling pig and a dish of baked lampreys for dinner, even when I'm serious.

On the other hand, Luard's book is concerned with the tried and enduring recipes of the countryside, the fruits of the peasant kitchen, from which, she correctly says, "all European cookery springs — whether it be bourgeoisie or haute cuisine, fast food or high-fiber diets." At first glance most of the 500 recipes she has selected from the culinary traditions of 25 countries are not unusual. They already exist in comprehensive national cookbooks: roast lamb with mint sauce from England, fava beans with ham from Spain, chicken stuffed with pine nuts from Greece, grilled eel from France, ryebread rings from Sweden, fettucine with basil sauce from Italy, Irish stew, etc. But there are some intriguing surprises. I did not know, in spite of my Welsh surname, that pumpkin soup enjoyed a vogue in Gower, or that the Japanese learned tempura cooking from the Sixteenth Century Portugese traders, although I should have guessed. That is the kind of thing that attracts me to *The Old World Kitchen*.

To business. The language of the recipes is uncomplicated and admonitory: "You will need a very large shallow pan with a lid." One gets the impression she really cares that we get it right first time and nothing, other than basic culinary literacy, is assumed. Quantities are given in terms appropriate to the foodstuffs. Herbs come in bouquets, bunches, sprigs or teaspoons. It's a relief to read "I lettuce heart per person" instead of some metric refinement, and a wineglassfull of water or olive oil may offend the fastidious but, to me, a good cookbook allows even the ignorant the chance to experiment, and to make the dish their own.

Wisely, her book is organized around its ingredients, rather than the customary divisions of, say, *The Joy of Cooking* or the traditions of the individual countries concerned, since 2,000 years of intermittent warfare and migration have both blurred and enriched national cuisines. Fortunately the full index quickly lets you find such classics as *Old Clothes With Hot Sauce*, in either English or Portugese.

My criticisms are only those of what has been omitted; but, at 538 pages, maybe the publishers, whose interest is not our palates but their pocketbooks, had become nervous. For a book which is subtitled *The Rich Tradition of European Peasant Cooking*, I had expected more from the introduction than the obligatory thumbnail sketch of a typical peasant kitchen and larder, a nod in the direction of the Muslims and the Turks, and a mention of the arrival of New World ingredients. The author doesn't pay much attention to, or perhaps doesn't know, that the dominant influence on the cookery of Europe remains that of the Romans. Her text is largely unrelieved by illustrations, although Luard's own line drawings, when they appear, are splendid, and there are no photographs.

But these are quibbles. In general Elisabeth Luard lets the excellence of the recipes speak for itself. I expect the chief difficulty she faced in writing her book was deciding what to choose from the thousands of recipes which people have perfected through practise over the centuries.

Oh yes. I've already baptised it with a few drops of the fish soup with aioli. To hell with the money. Buy it.

#### Old Clothes With Hot Sauce

- 1 pound filleted fresh fish (or cooked)
- 2 pounds (six medium-sized) potatoes (cooked, if the fish is already cooked)
- 1 large onion
- 2 garlic cloves
- 6 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons vinegar

Skin the fish and remove the bones. Peel the potatoes and slice them. Peel the onion and the garlic, and slice them too.

Heat the olive oil in a heavy saucepan, and put in a layer of onion and garlic. Fry gently for a moment. Add a layer of the sliced potatoes and the bay leaves, and cover with water. Sprinkle on the salt and the vinegar. Cover the pan and allow the 'old clothes' to stew steadily for 15 minutes, when the potatoes should be nearly done. (If the potatoes are already cooked, five minutes will be enough to warm them through). Lay the fish on top of the potatoes and put the lid back on. Stew gently for another five to ten minutes, until the fish is done. Take the lid off, and turn the heat up to evaporate any extra liquid and allow the base to brown.

Serve warm with a crisp salad of cos lettuce, dressed with lemon juice and salt and a shake of pipiriri.

# Island golfers top host Victoria team

By ANN LOUISE McALLISTER

On August 23, members of the 18-hole division played their round with irons only. Winner was Marjorie Russel at net 72, followed by Marj Cade. The putt pot was shared by Jean Hopkins and Billy Zacharias.

The Salt Spring Island ladies' team won its return match at Glen Meadows, edging the host team by 152.5 points to 137.5.

In the nine-hole division, 26 played on August 24. Low gross honours were shared by Norah Ray and Alice Brown. The hidden hole prize was shared by Flo McLeod and Mary Woods. The longest putt of the day was sunk on the ninth hole by Gerry Layard, and the putt pot was split among Vi Huska, Vivian Storr and Gerry Layard.

Steve Marleau won the Schwenger Cup in a playoff, defeating Nester Wilkie after the two had tied for top spot in tournament play on August 11.

The men played the 11th round of ringer and best ball on August 25. Stu Hopkins scored a net 65 to lead the field. He was followed by John Sarginson, Aage Villadsen and Steve Marleau at 67, Mac Mouat at 68, and Jock Dosco, Walt Turnbull and Tony Rayner at 69. M.U. Mouat and Bob MacKay posted scores of 70, and Fred Broadbent carded a 71.

Play for the Butt Trophy and the Brown Trophy, for men aged 55 years and over, will take place on September 8.

The junior golfers had their match on August 21. They were accompanied by Connie Hardy, Gloria Lloyd, Nick Birks, Keith Lavender, Mac Mouat and Hal Stone. Some of the juniors received a lesson from Gordon

Fergusson prior to their round.

The junior executive — David and Chris Collette, Stewart Fergusson and Jeff Nielson — have arranged for the junior tournament to be played on Friday, September 2, at 9:30 am. A luncheon will be served, and trophies and prizes presented. Anyone interested in entering the tournament and attending the luncheon should sign the sheet on the junior bulletin board by today (August 31).

Tapes from Ganges Village Market are still being sought. Save them for deposit in the junior box.

Twilight Delight play saw Fred Broadbent and Connie Broadbent finish closest to the pin on the second hole. Low net winners were Ralph Vibe, Bill Woods, Jackie Vibe, Ann Louise McAllister and Mary Woods. Low gross honours went to Fred Broadbent, Bob MacKay, Connie Broadbent and Marj Cade.

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# Ancient post-holes provide evidence of island history

An archaeological team from Simon Fraser University believes it has found evidence of a permanent structure erected over 3,500 years ago on Salt Spring Island.

Team leader Dave Johnstone says five linear post holes found at the Beachside Road archaeological site indicate some sort of wall. The group was unable to determine whether the wall was part of a permanent residence, or a solitary wall.

Johnstone said excavation work this summer also uncovered three large steaming pits, a hearth and close to 400 artifacts.

Johnstone, whose report on the Salt Spring dig will form the basis for his Master's thesis, explored the same area last summer. The work this year, he said, will conclude the project. The area was scheduled to be refilled August 25.

Because of the placement of the post holes, the dig would have to unearth several more sections before the existence of a permanent structure could be established. There was too little time left in the schedule to undertake that work, however.

Johnstone noted that architecture is difficult to distinguish archaeologically, because walls were made from perishable items.

Johnstone said the dig uncovered two time components: the lower layer, composed of dark soil, dates back between 3,500 and 3,900 years. The upper, or later, component is shelly and dates back between 2,200 and 1,000 years.

Johnstone believe several indicators found in the older component suggest the site was used on a more long-term basis during its earlier occupation. The post holes found in the older level suggest permanent posts were left year to year — a temporary structure would use reed material and be erected in one day.

The hearth and steaming pits were also found in the bottom component, along with artifacts such as scrapers, harpoon bits and a "cache of boiling stone."

The boiling stones, hearth and steaming pits were all used for cooking purposes. A box of approximately 45 boiling stones were placed in the fire until they became red hot. From here they were taken out with tongs and dropped in a pot of soup or other liquid. The stones quickly brought the liquid to a boil.

Steaming pits were used in a slightly different fashion. Holes were dug in the earth, fires lit in the bottom and covered with stones. As the rocks and earth became hot, red kelp was placed over them. Food formed the next layer, covered again by kelp and dirt. Water poured over the entire pit created steam, which cooked the food.

Johnstone said a number of food types were being processed in the pits: he and the student archeologists found evidence of clams, herring, and mammals such as deer and sea lion. More mammal bones — including the mandible of a dog — were found in the lower component than in the upper.



Archaeological team leader Dave Johnstone indicates path of ancient wall. Steam pit is located at the far left.

Hearths were used for light, heat and roasting purposes.

In the upper component, Johnstone said, fewer trade goods were found, indicating it was occupied less frequently.

Among the other discoveries made was beach gravel at the bottom layer. What this indicates, Johnstone said, is that the area was once part of the beach. He said the site is part of an ancient spit.

Johnstone had a total of 15 students, four volunteers and four staff members working at the site this summer. He said his final report will be completed in approximately one year. For every month spent on site, he said, it takes more than two months in the lab to study the artifacts and results from a dig.

Artifacts taken from the dig will be held in trust at Simon Fraser University until a museum or equivalent is created here. At this time, the artifacts would be brought back to Salt Spring.

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# 'Granny' arrested at range

Immediate media attention came last week to a Salt Spring Island woman who has written countless letters to politicians and newspapers with little response.

Virginia Newman — self-described as a third generation "peace-nik" — received two telephone calls from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) and appeared on television after she was one of six grandmothers arrested by military police at the Maritime Experimental Test Range in Nanoose last Tuesday.

Newman and five other members of the anti-nuclear group the Raging Grannies will appear in Provincial Court in Parksville on September 29. The six women are charged under the Defence Act with trespassing on Department of National Defence property.

The arrest took place after the women sailed into Nanoose Bay aboard the Greenpeace vessel *Vega* and climbed onto the dock at Winchelsea Island, which is off-limits to the public.

Winchelsea Island holds the main computer complex and tracking system for the Nanoose weapons test range. It is a common site of protests over the presence of U.S. warships and submarine testing in Nanoose Bay.

The women arrived on the island at approximately 9 am last Tuesday to sing songs and hand out submarine sandwiches. Their visit to the test range was a combined Raging Grannies, Greenpeace and Nanoose Conversion Campaign project.

Newman said the women expected to be arrested: "It's certainly one way to bring light on the subject."

The Raging Grannies speak out about a number of issues, all of which can be encompassed by the slogan *Save our Planet*, Newman said. The Nanoose test range is particularly threatening, she noted, as it is "in our back yard." About 80 per cent of U.S. warships are nuclear-equipped, she added.

"We're caught in a ridiculous situation, where if we use them (nuclear weapons), we'll turn the earth into an uninhabitable place to live," she said.

The Grannies were briefed on non-violent civil disobedience tactics on the night before the visit to Winchelsea Island. The military did not try to block them — "they knew what it was about."

Arrested along with Newman were Doran Doyle and Lois Marcoux of Victoria, Jean McLaren and Marion Lightly of Gabriola Island, and Sunshine Goldstream of Coombs.

The women were released at approximately 10 am, and sailed away on the *Vega*.

Newman said her September court appearance would also become an "event," with Grannies from at least five Vancouver Island and area groups set to visit Parksville for the court date.

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### Final day

Park interpreter Diana Tompson (centre) shows starfish to participants in guided beach walks at Ruckle Park last Saturday. Summer long program of talks and walks, sponsored by the provincial ministry of environment and parks, has since ended for the season.

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## Two island residents interviewed for series

Two Salt Spring Island residents were interviewed earlier this week for profiles to be aired on the national CBC-TV series, *On The Road Again*.

Host Wayne Rostad and a crew of three technicians spent Monday and Tuesday on Salt Spring to film sessions with Lawrie Neish and Peter Holmes.

*On The Road Again*, formerly known as *Out Your Way with Wayne Rostad*, will air 22 programs this year focusing on "stories about the people who live along the backroads and in the small towns and villages of rural Canada."

The program is televised on the CBC national network on Thursdays at 7 pm. Its season begins October 6.

The interview with Neish, filmed Monday, will explore his skill as a harp-maker. Neish, who arrived in Canada from Scotland in 1967, constructs about eight Celtic harps a year and has a five-year waiting list of people interested in acquiring an instrument from him, a CBC spokesman said.

Holmes, a Fulford-area resident interviewed Tuesday, is known on Salt Spring as "Tex." He and his back-pack are a common sight in downtown Ganges. A bottle collector who moved to Salt Spring 24 years ago from Saskatchewan, Holmes "has a lot of tales to tell about his days on the road and his work with rodeos," the CBC said.

## Trail and Nature Club resumes fall activities

The Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club resumes activities in September following its summer break. The itinerary is as follows:

#### SEPTEMBER 6

- Hike, Ruckle Park, with Jean King. Meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 am.
- Regular Walk, Cranberry area, with Doreen Braggins.
- Canoe trip, Cusheon Lake, with Andy Gibson.

#### SEPTEMBER 13

- Hike, Sansum Narrows, with Bob Ball.
- Regular walk, Stafford Trail (Burgoyne Bay), with Fiona Flook.
- Easy walk, Beaver Point, with Kay Meredith. Meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 am.

#### SEPTEMBER 20

- Hike, Cusheon Creek, with Paul Kynaston.
- Regular walk, leader's choice, with Jean Holmes.
- Interest trip to historical sites in Victoria, with Toni Luton. Catch 9:30 am Fulford ferry; arrange own car pool.

#### SEPTEMBER 27

- Hike, Siskin Trail, with Nina Wicham. Meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 am.
- Regular walk, leader's choice, with Jack Foster.
- Easy walk, leader's choice, with Margaret Kauffman.

The club notes that its regular meeting place will be in Centennial Park at 10 am on Tuesdays. Members are requested to avoid parking in front of businesses or stores.

## ANNUAL MEETINGS

### Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Society

AND

### Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society

#### AGENDAS

1. Acceptance of previous minutes
2. Receiving of annual reports
3. Receiving of financial report for year ending March 31, 1988
4. Nominating committee report and elections to Board of Trustees
5. Appointment of the auditor
6. Any other business that may arise

#### HOSPITAL

7:30 pm

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#### GREENWOODS

8:00 pm

September 12, 1988

### Island Health Services Society Formation Meeting

8:30 pm, September 12, 1988

#### AGENDA

1. Formation of society
2. Adoption of bylaws

Information packages are available at the Hospital & Greenwoods

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**ZONE MEMBERS:** Persons who own land situated in the Gulf Islands — namely Salt Spring, North Pender, South Pender, Prevost, Saturna, Samuel, Mayne and Galiano — and pay taxes thereon, who have made written application for membership in the Society. (Applications will be available at the door.)

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### Mopping up

Volunteer firefighter Dave Bartle hoses down any smouldering remains at Stark Road grass fire site. Firefighters, called to the scene last Thursday, had flames under control within five minutes of arriving.

## down the years

### Twenty-five years ago

- A second ferry connecting the Gulf Islands with the Lower Mainland would be constructed, the Honorable Earl Westwood announced. The new car-passenger ferry would join the *Queen of the Islands*, which inaugurated the Tsawwassen-Gulf Islands run on July 4 of the same year.

- The Rod and Gun Club's annual salmon hunt was held in bright sunshine and on calm seas.

Don Jenkins' 17-pound, three-ounce fish took first prize. In the ladies' event, Mrs. Ronnie Lee captured the first-place prize with a six-pound, six-ounce fish.

- The first hole-in-one at the Salt Spring Island Golf Club was scored by Vancouver golfer Robert Raguin, who played the third hole with Roy King.

St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, located at Fulford Harbour, was once again opening its doors to Sunday congregations.

Built in 1880, the island church had been idle for several years.

much to get away elsewhere.

- Plans were in progress for the first general meeting of the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council. The meeting would provide an understanding of the board's intention for council work.

- Two fishermen from the Lower Mainland came near tragedy when they attempted to enter Ganges Harbour without reference to a chart.

The fish boat was trying to get to Ganges to acquire a chart of the harbour when it struck a rock on the reef at Goat Island. The fishboat was towed into the harbour.

### Fifteen years ago

- The Capital Regional District (CRD) approved six of seven recommendations for land reserve legislation made by Salt Spring Islanders.

The recommendations were made by a committee of islanders who canvassed various groups for ideas. The submissions would be passed on to the provincial government to help determine what is agricultural land and what is not.

- Art and Bob Simons reported on their bicycle trip across Canada, noting that wind and mosquitoes were plaguing them on the Prairies. They had left Salt Spring Island two weeks previous and, due to the bugs, decided to ride during the evenings.

- Low gross honours at the Salt Spring Open Golf tournament were taken by Ian Shopland. Low net ended in a tie requiring a playoff between Chuck Harrison and Pat Doherty. Betty Harrison won the women's low gross, and Bev Menzies took the women's low net.

### Ten years ago

- An electrical storm swept Salt Spring Island. Lightning struck a

## with driftwood

100-foot tree near Stowell Lake, which burst into flames and required the attention of Salt Spring volunteer fire-fighters.

- The Horse Show for the Salt Spring Island Riding Club ended two weeks of activity for island members. Riders participated in clinics and lessons on the finer points of riding, and competed for various prizes during the wind-up show of the two-week event.

- The vote on a public water system for Saturna Island was postponed indefinitely, when the minister of municipal affairs objected to the proposed cost-sharing formula.

The Capital Regional District (CRD) would take the proposal back for fine-tuning before seeking permission from the minister to present it to the public again.

- Circulating in Ganges was a petition which affirmed national unity by urging the people of Quebec to remain part of the country.

### Five years ago

- The future of the Vesuvius-Crofton ferry link remained uncertain following a statement made by Highways Minister Alex Fraser.

The minister said the Vesuvius dock, which was damaged when the ferry rammed it three weeks previous, would cost close to half a million dollars to repair. He also said the government had not decided whether to repair the facility.

- Stuart Margolin of Salt Spring Island and Los Angeles would produce and direct a film to be shot in Victoria.

*Glitter Dome*, a feature film adapted from Joseph Wambaugh's best-selling novel, would star James Garner. Shooting was scheduled to begin October 1.

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**Residents cite pollution fear**

**Bid for Mayne Inn rezoning turned down by Islands Trust**

By CASEY O'CONNOR

MAYNE ISLAND — Island Trustees meeting in special session on Mayne Island last Saturday turned down a request by owners of the Mayne Inn for a zoning that would have allowed the Inn to use its Bennett Bay dock for guests arriving by boat.

After rejecting the rezoning bid in the face of public opposition centred on fears of pollution, the Trust invited the applicant to re-submit a scaled-down development proposal, preferably without a dock.

Before that decision was made, over 200 islanders and weekend residents crowded into the Mayne Island School gymnasium for a public hearing called to discuss the proposed rezoning.

The meeting was convened by Trust chairman Nick Gilbert. Also attending on behalf of the Trust were vice-chairman Steve Wright of South Pender, Mayne Trustees Marie Elliott and Louis Vallee, and Trust planner Dave Morris.

The first 90 minutes of the session saw trustees read aloud the letters received for and against the proposed rezoning. Sentiments expressed in those letters were split roughly 50-50.

Gilbert, noting there were 70 letters on file with the Trust prior to the Saturday session, postponed the reading of 30 additional letters until after the public hearing — bringing a sigh of relief from the audience gathered in the mid-day heat.

Mayne Inn owner Bonnie Whalen was then given the floor and opened the session by outlining plans for restoring the Inn. They include turning the facility into a 13-room English-style lodge with restaurant and library-lounge. The proposed guest dock, she said, was to be accessible only to guests.

Architect Rand Iredale, who lives on Mayne Island and has been in charge of drawing up plans for the Mayne Inn restoration, spoke next. Responding to what he termed rumours, Iredale said his clients "are Americans but they are not land developers, nor do they plan to build a base for nuclear submarines at Bennett Bay."

Concerns about the proposed rezoning, which would accommodate a 150-foot guest dock, were centered around the question of pollution as it relates to docks and marinas.

Eric Nordquist, a Bennett Bay resident, quoted the *B.C. Sports Fishing Guide* as saying that "the area within 125 metres of any dock is considered contaminated for purposes of shellfishing."

John Monday, a former Mayne Island School principal and former Islands Trustee, answered Nordquist by quoting a 10-year-old fishing study of the five largest marinas in the Gulf Islands. The study, according to Monday, showed no adverse effects or high coliform counts around such facilities.

Hugh Stansfield, a Mayne Island resident, made a formal presentation to the Trust on behalf of 31 Bennett Bay property owners who oppose the proposed guest dock. Stansfield cited Trust bylaws which set up the Bennett Bay shoreline as a water conservation zone. He said his group feels it would be inconsistent to have commercial development



**Rand Iredale**



**Nick Gilbert**

"The province has accepted our application," Whalen said, "but the the awarding of the funding for the project is contingent on our getting approval for the dock facility."

Bennett Bay resident George Martin replied that he did not feel a destination resort was suitable for the neighbourhood.

Architect Iredale, apparently troubled by what he saw as negative sentiment, again took the floor. "We all come together as friends and community, but something is wrong with the process. The method ends up in confrontation," he said. "People such as the Whalens, with money and energy and love for the island, come in but we lose them."

Horton Bay Road resident Sandy Forest replied: "Most of us would like to see development of the inn but without the sacrifice of our Bennett Bay beach. We need the service but the price is too high if we have to sell our beach to get it."

Following Saturday's hearing, Whalen met with friends on Mayne Island then flew back to Seattle to complete her planned move to Mayne.

Mayne tourism head Gerry Daignault, contacted following the meeting said: "Bonnie (Whalen) has three options now: one, fold her tent and sell the Mayne Inn property; two, locate private financing for her planned renovations without the dock facility; or three, move to Mayne and live on the property without running it as an inn."

He continued: "The entire objection to the by law change was based on the supposition that pollution would take place if the dock was used for guests of the inn. I feel the Trust should work at cleaning up those areas where pollution is presently a problem and not concentrate on stopping people like Bonnie Whalen who have an interest in keeping the beach clean."

"My greatest fear," he said, "is that someone with no concern for our community will come in with big bucks and begin building something we don't want along the shore where the zoning is already commercial."

next to a conservation area in a bay as shallow as Bennett Bay.

Toward the end of the third hour of Saturday's session, with testimony running heavily against the proposed dock, Bonnie Whalen again addressed the audience. She noted that renovation of the Inn would be funded in part by a provincial tourism grant consisting of a low-interest 2.5 per cent loan. Such loans are designed to create so-called "destination resorts" across the province.


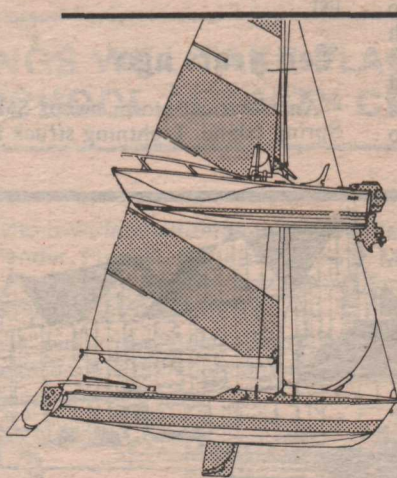
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