



# Driftwood

## Island Living Real Estate

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Driftwood photo by Gail Sjuberg

**MURAL MAKER:** Salt Spring Elementary School Grade Six student Rebecca Jestico worked diligently with others on a major class project last Thursday afternoon. Jestico managed to reach her section of a large jungle theme wall mural by standing on a chair as she made her colourful marks. The artistic effort was undertaken by Grade 6 and 7 students, who were successful in completing their painting before the end of April -- also known as Fine Arts Month in the Gulf Islands school district. The theme was honoured with several artistic activities held throughout island schools in April.

## Longtime resident recalls earlier Salt Spring times

Ellen Bennett arrived in 1944

Ellen Bennett thought she "hit the end of the earth" when she arrived on Salt Spring in 1944. But today, the longtime island resident realizes the island has provided everything she needs.

By **BILL WEBSTER**  
*Driftwood Staff Writer*

Bennett landed on Salt Spring as a "scared kid from the boondocks" — Wayne, Alberta. She was working in a Calgary hospital when she met a "personable" young man named John Bennett.

The two married and returned to John Bennett's Duke Road home — where the couple has lived since.

"Over the years," Bennett said, "I've made lots of good friends. I'm an optimist and I believe when you go somewhere you make the best of it."

Change has come to the island over the years.

"The free and easy life is gone," she commented.

Now Bennett watches people from the city move here after discovering the apparent ease of island life.

"Yet they want all the city things to come with them that they tried to escape," she noted.

Back in the 1940s, the biggest argument on the island revolved around which team

would win the softball title. Bennett played for the Fulford team with Molly Akerman as pitcher. They seldom lost, Bennett reported.

"I was what you call a journeyman player."

She could hit well but couldn't run or throw so she played second base a lot. Over the years the Fulford side won the trophy more often than not.

"If we couldn't beat them, we got them arguing among themselves and they'd fall apart," she said, referring to their game strategy.

## ISLAND Profile

Bennett raised six children, now aged 39 to 46. A couple of years after her last child was born, she went to work as a B.C. Tel operator on Salt Spring. Ten years later — in 1965 — she and other island operators lost their jobs when dial service was introduced.

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## Organic gardening tips

*Last in a series of three articles.*

I overheard a short conversation at the farmers market last summer that lingered with me over the winter.

By **RANDY HOOPER**  
*Guest Columnist*

A shopper asked a local gardener selling produce in the market, "Is all your produce organic?" The reply came: "I don't spray if that's what you mean!"

That's not what the shopper meant, but for many, the concept of organic farming is not clear. Just as the notion of not using pesticides, herbicides, insecticides and fun-

gicides is very clear to organic gardeners, one area that is very unclear is fertilizing. Maybe this explanation will help.

Plants don't grow from thin air — they require water and minerals. These minerals and soil nutrients have to be replaced to keep getting that lush growth. Most people think of fertilizer as a bag of 5-10-5. This refers to five per cent nitrogen, 10 per cent phosphorous and five per cent potassium. The other 80 per cent is filler.

Nitrogen promotes rapid growth and dark green leaves. Lettuce and spinach need lots of nitrogen. Phosphorous is im-

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## ISLAND LIVING



Ellen Bennett

## BENNETT

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At that point, Bennett joined Salt Spring Lands and sold real estate for five years. In 1970, she took over the office and part of her job was to issue billing for the water district.

In 1973, the water district office moved to Central and Bennett went with it. This May, she retires as office manager.

"I can't wait for the end of May when I retire," she said. "I'm going to watch my flowers grow, visit Reno to gamble and just relax on my mountain."

Bennett has filled her life with raising children, volunteering for organizations such as the Rod and Gun Club and Fulford Hall committee. In the early years, she helped the Sunshine Guild which raised money to help needy families in the days

before welfare.

She remembers the Cy Peck making two round-trips each winter day between Fulford and Swartz Bay. In the summer months, the ferry ran four round-trips each day.

But, she explained, the big event — "boat day" — occurred three times each week when the *Princess Mary* arrived at Ganges. Bennett first arrived on Salt Spring via the *Princess Mary*.

In 1944, the isolation of Salt Spring made her feel "kind of trapped," but over the years she realizes the island has given her everything she needed.

"The outside world can't offer me anything I can't get on Salt Spring," she said. "I'm a happy islander."

## ORGANIC GARDENING

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portant for root growth of every plant, maximizing strength and water intake to produce better flowers and fruit. Potassium provides the balance and is necessary for new cell growth, especially in root crops like beets and potatoes.

There is one problem with that bag of 5-10-5: up until very recently it was chemically synthesized and water soluble (be it slow release or not). Less than half of that fertilizer, at best, ever reaches the plant, the rest simply washes through the soil into the groundwater.

Because nothing is being added to the soil and plants continue to use what was there in the first place, the soil becomes less healthy and more saline each year.

Organic fertilization is a totally different concept, the notion being that if you take care of the soil, the soil will take care of the plants.

These fertilizers are not water soluble and synthesized, but use the real thing. Organic fertilizers can't burn plants, and will release slowly, sometimes over many years. By adding organic fertilizer with each planting, you are constantly upgrading, conditioning and re-mineralizing the soil.

Other ways of adding body, texture, trace elements and minerals to the soil is to mix in peat moss, seaweed, bone meals, compost and manures. Many gardeners add animal manures to their soil, which are really partially or completely composted greens. Most true organic gardeners, instead use green manures that haven't been through an animal's intestines. These include tyfon, annual grasses and clovers, buckwheat, fava beans, winter peas and others. Many are planted in September and October to stabilize the soil and prevent

Many companies riding the green wave have introduced "natural" and organic fertilizers. These have lower ratios in their three number designation, like 2-4-4, for instance. This doesn't mean they are weaker than 10-20-20. It means they won't dissolve immediately in water like their chemical cousins, allowing the plant to use the material over time.

Many components of these natural and organic fertilizers contain products that organic gardeners won't accept, including natural nitrates that are highly soluble (chilean nitrate), cottonseed meal, because of the high amount of pesticides used on cotton, leather meal, urea-form (formulated from natural gas), bone phosphorous (from bones treated with acid), sulphate of potash (also highly soluble), potassium chloride (far too high in salt), etc.

Organic fertilizers shouldn't be broadcast, but located directly under each transplant, or seed row. Over a period of years, your entire garden will be virtually re-mineralized, and in three should have recovered from a life of chemicals.

It is completely possible to make a well-balanced natural fertilizer that uses products accepted by most organic gardening certification programs across the country. All these items are available on Salt Spring.

Here is one recipe: two parts canola seed meal, two parts alfalfa pellets, one part dolomite lime, one part rock phosphate (can be subbed with 1/2 part bonemeal and 1/2 part kelpmeal). Seed meals, and alfalfa pellets give plants lots of nitrogen and plant proteins, as well, alfalfa is also a great potassium source. Use dolomite lime (not slaked or ag lime). Bonemeal and rock phosphate are effective phosphate fer-

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ISLAND LIVING

# Practical treatments for seasonal allergies

Once again, it's that time of year when those who suffer the discomfort of hayfever pray for a magic answer to the seasonal affliction.

It is interesting to see the pollens under a microscope: little balls with spikes all over them, perfectly suited to the function of irritating nasal and oral membranes.

By PETER BENNETT  
Naturopathic Physician

Whether it is a snuffle and stuffy nose or red eyes and itchy ears and throat, the problem of allergies sends us looking for any sort of nostrum that will end the discomfort.

Conventional medical treatment offers the possibility of drug therapy with a diverse array of antihistamines. These are drugs that block the release of histamine, a chemical inside white blood cells which causes the physiological reaction of itching and sneezing. Other treatments include a trip to your local allergist who will inject dilutions of the pollens to which you are allergic, under your skin, in an attempt to stimulate the immune system into a less severe recognition of inhaled pollen.

Inhalant and food allergies are becoming a widely spread phenomenon. Presently our Western culture is being incessantly medicated with drugs, consuming diets high in refined sugar and carbohydrates, exposed to chronic levels of chemical residues that seriously affect the integrity of the immune system and living lifestyles that are extremely stressful.

All of these factors alter immune function, increase levels of stress hormones and encourage the disruption of the body's normal ability to distinguish between "self" and "not self." The immune system is taxed when the body is functioning with a poorly functioning digestion and absorption, repeated exposure to toxic chemical residues, and excessive mental and emotional stress.

## LIVING Well

When considering the nature of any health care problem it is important to determine the interaction of three parameters. We need to consider the area of a patient's genetics, we need to consider the patient's environment and the patient's mental framework. These three factors interdependently function to predispose and maintain disease processes. In the case of a patient with allergies it is important to look at the patient's parent's health history, the patient's environmental stresses (contaminated water and food, hazardous occupational exposure, chemical exposure at home from building materials) and it is important to evaluate the patient's behavioural response to the stresses and strains of every day life.

The following diagram illustrates the interaction these three areas have on individual's health:

Naturopathic medicine believes that disease must find fertile soil for cultivation before it can take root. Medical problems don't just happen out of the blue unless it is from a traumatic or injury related origin. There is always a soil that allows disease to permeate some people's lives and others remain disease free, generation after generation.

The problem of allergies is a case in point; when the body's homeostasis is upset by one or more factors, the immune system will have a harder time distinguishing the differences between what is okay to allow in the body and what is not okay to allow in the body. The immune system scans our body to check that all the tissues are recognized as Self, all the proteins in our cellular building blocks are part of our self and are not foreign substances and all the food or substances that are allowed into

the blood stream throughout the lungs and digestive tract are substances that the immune system recognizes as safe to be there.

The immune system scans the diet we consume, the air we breath and the environment in which we live.

The natural factors involved with a healthy immune system are synonymous with a natural balance of health. Low sugar intake, moderate stress or good stress coping skills, restricted use of corticosteroids, antibiotics and immunosuppressant medications, exercise, rest and good dietary fibre are all part of a preventative program that naturally keeps the immune system in a healthy balance.

When treating a patient, a rational physician must ask himself why does this patient get hayfever, immune disorders and allergies when other patients do not? Is it from family genetic weakness? Is it from some shock to the system?

### Treatment

Vitamin A and beta carotene are important factors in preserving the integrity of mucosal tissue and assist in stimulating the immune system. Scientific studies have demonstrated a strong protective effect from vitamin A and carotene intake and cancers involving epithelial tissue. Beta

carotene has been shown to potentiate interferon's stimulatory action on the immune system and to inhibit interferon's suppressor effect on T lymphocytes.

Vitamin A is involved in maintaining the epithelial surfaces and the integrity of the secretions that enhance immune function. Excessive amounts of vitamin A have been shown to stimulate this process in situations where there is not a deficiency state. Several of my patients were cured of allergies just by taking extra vitamin A.

Safe levels of supplementation have been found to be about 10,000 I.U. of vitamin A and 50,000 I.U. of beta carotene or mixed carotenoids. Vitamin A does have a toxic side effect so it should be used with professional help.

Other treatments that I use for hayfever and allergies are vitamin C which is a great natural antihistamine, pantothenic acid has helped a few of my patients if used in high doses, homeopathic dilutions of the pollens that you are allergic to has also been effective for those patients who don't like the allergy shot route, and freeze dried nettle plant was found in one scientific study to help with the symptomatic relief of hayfever symptoms.

Certain special diets can be very beneficial during allergy season, and of course acupuncture and constitutional homeopathy has helped some patients become cured of ever having the hayfever again. Don't despair there are lots of ways to cure or help the symptoms of seasonal allergies.

## Local SCF raises \$720

Salt Spring coordinator of the B.C. branch Save the Children Fund said its recent garage, plant and bake sale was a definite success.

The annual fund-raising event held at Jean Knight's Mobrae Road home raised \$720.74 (including cash donations) for the SCF. Knight expressed thanks to all those who supported and donated to the sale.

The provincial SCF is supporting the Nicaragua Miskito Indians project along with Plenty Canada on a 50/50 basis. It is also assisting the "crisis in Iraq."

The Miskito Indians live on the east coast of Nicaragua and are suffering great hardships through the "Contr" war and natural disasters, according to SCF material.

"It is a desperate situation for them."

SCF B.C. is raising funds to help the Miskito Indians regain homes and improve living conditions.

The provincial SCF is also sending food, tents, sheeting, blankets and clothing to help Kurdish and other cross border refugees. Supplies have already been dropped from planes over the border area.

A four-member team is currently in Iran, working to get supplies to southern Iraq while another team of three is coordinating relief efforts in Turkey.

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# SPORTS SECTION

## Kicks, Canadians bring home winners plaques

Salt Spring Youth Soccer invaded Duncan on Saturday and Sunday as over 120 players on eight teams took part in the annual Cowichan Valley Soccer Tournament.

Successes, big and small, were shared by all as two local teams, the Kicks and the Canadians, brought home winners plaques.

### YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE Driftwood Contributor

Nick Pawlowski and Hans Hazenboom's Division 5 Girls (12-13 years) team started off the tournament with two exhibition games, both ending in 1-1 ties. This team was formed in just two weeks and its success is an encouraging sign for the future of girls' soccer on Salt Spring.

The Gunners, coached by Sue Spencer and Nick Pawlowski, in Division 8 (10 years) came home with two victories under their belts but were denied the plaque by way of a shootout after a 3-3 draw in regulation time.

Division 7 (11 years) Selects led by Jack Langdon and Bill Wilkinson also came

home with two wins. Their only loss came at the hands of the eventual winners and District Cup champs from Sooke.

The Gunners and Selects should be especially commended on their quick adaptation to the big fields and eleven-a-side games after playing mini-soccer in our house leagues.

Roy Kinnear's Division 6 Falcons (12 years) were joined by four Pender Island players. The boys had a win and a loss before coming up against the class of their division — a big, fast Nanaimo team. The Salt Spring-Pender lads waged a classic David and Goliath battle staying even with the Hub City boys until two late goals handed them a 4-2 loss.

The Canadians of Division 6 (12 years), coached by Brian Little and Des Smith, defeated Port Alberni (5-1) and Gordon Head of Victoria (5-0) in their early games to send them into the winner-take-all final against host Cowichan.

The boys came out flying and soon led 2-0. The long weekend of soccer began to show as they fell into a positional defensive game. Two quick Cowichan goals midway

through the second half sparked the Canadians back into their usual attacking style of play to produce the winning goal with minutes to play.

Division 5 (13 years) Jets led by Rick Dakin and Woody Ensminger found themselves in tough competition against the "A" teams from Courtenay, Nanaimo and Cowichan. Three straight losses may be hard for the boys to swallow but their took their licking and came back ticking.

Don Morrison's Kicks of Division 4 (14 years) beat Nanaimo (3-0) then lost to their arch-rivals from Cowichan (4-2) on Saturday. Sunday morning brought another victory (3-0) over Nanaimo setting up the afternoon showdown with Cowichan for the winners' plaque.

The two teams clashed in what was the tightest game of the tournament. The defenders on both teams were determined

as they turned back attack after attack. ... was not until late in the second half that Salt Spring sprung loose for the lone goal of the game and brought home their third plaque in as many years.

Division 2 (16 years) Islanders led by Ken Byron, plagued by injuries and conflicts with work schedules, lost all three of their games. With busy school, work and social schedules, it's good to see the boys can still come out and enjoy a game of soccer in spite of the results.

If in the next couple of weeks you pass Portlock Park and see a lone soul pacing back and forth, making wild gestures and strange sounds, fear not.

Sometimes it takes several weeks for a youth soccer coach to accept the fact that the season really is over. See you in four weeks at the Men's Invitational Tournament.

## Easton name omitted

A very important name was excluded from Salt Spring Canadian Soccer players listed in last week's issue of Driftwood.

A story and photograph in last week's edition lauded the youngsters for

bringing home the 6B division soccer trophy.

All but one player was included in the list of names accompanying the photograph. Tyson Easton, seated in the far right of the front row, should also have been named.

## DOWN the GUTTER

The Golden Age Bowling Club finished for the season last week.

By PAULA BEDFORD  
Driftwood Contributor

Remember my promotion of signing a new bowler for the fall season. Many thanks to Margaret Baker for taking over from Helen Hopper as coordinator. She and I will work together to bring some tournaments aimed at Golden Agers only.

The alleys will be available for open bowling any time after May. It's a good idea to phone ahead for reservations so you won't be disappointed.

Last week's top scores were:

**MONDAY GOLDEN AGERS:** Goody, 217,224; Deke Noonan, 229.

**TUES. A.M. GOLDEN AGERS:** Dick Illingsworth, 276; Jack Godwin, 227; Helmut Losch, 206,211; Betty Homcastle, 235,219/628; Audrey Illingsworth, 220,207/606; Madaline Jory, 213; Flora Robinson, 205. The winning team is the "Curves." Congratulations.

**TUES. AFT. LADIES:** Sharon Sykes, 244,236,200/680 and 227; Josie Bergsma, 210/603 and 326,281/766; Deanna Marleau, 249,247,204/700 and 292,254/718;

Irene Mostad, 236; Margot Casper, 223.

**TUES. PM GOLDEN AGERS:** Conrad Flebbe, 244,219/644; Murray Anderson, 201; Ed Allen, 222.

**CIRCUS:** Paul Tanner, 219,262/627; Connie Hardy, 262,213/625; Jordan Smith, 223; Shirley Smith, 205; Peggy Stock, 207; Val Hughes, 205,240/638; Gordon Thorn, 230,211,"305"/746; Ruby Webster, 243,268/685; Gardy Webster, 210; Dan Fraser, 231,209.

**WED. NIGHT:** Maddy Cooper, "230"/618; Dora Reynolds, 218; Leo Toutant, 234,235,210/679; Henry Schwagly, 200; Linda Schwagly, 206; Jim Pasuta, 207/602; Melodie Mitchell, 207; Deanna Marleau, 257,244/699; Val Hughes, 208,200/602; Dianne Little, 234; Steve Marleau, 278/620.

**YBC:** Their last day of bowling was on Saturday, with their wind up party planned for May 4.

**BANTAMS:** Chrissy Letkeman, 104; Jennifer Keating, 73; Joshua Marshall, 130; Robert Bergsma, 126; Jonah Marshall, 123.

**PEE WEES:**

Lesley Carson, 101; Jesse Weinert, 104; Ethan Becklake, 102; Ryan Little, 101.

## GOLF News

Ladies in the 18-hole division competed for the Brooks Cup this week. Based on net scores, the winner and runner-up were Jerry Alexander (69) and Marj Cade (71) respectively. Marj Cade's 26 putts also secured her the coveted Putt Pot prize.

By JOSEPH COCKER  
Driftwood Contributor

April 24 was a Wednesday and therefore reserved for ladies in the 9-hole division. All together 31 players competed. Becky Armstrong and Jean Williams tied for low-gross. Jean Haines won the low-net laurels. Four players with 15 putts each divided the putt pot.

ter (68-his score, not age, folks). Second place with 69 was R. Winstone and runners-up were F. Broadbent (70), R. Dickson (70), J. Dosco (71), A. Badesso (71), B. Marshall (72), J. Godwin (72), J. Burford (72), A. Black (73), M. Mouat (74) and H. Stone (74).

Winners of the gross flight were B. Hansen (83), B. Kirwin (88), K. Lavender (88) and M. Young (88).

The same Thursday a first ever inter-club match was played between Fairwinds Golf Club and a team from Salt Spring. The event was organized by the captains of the two clubs.

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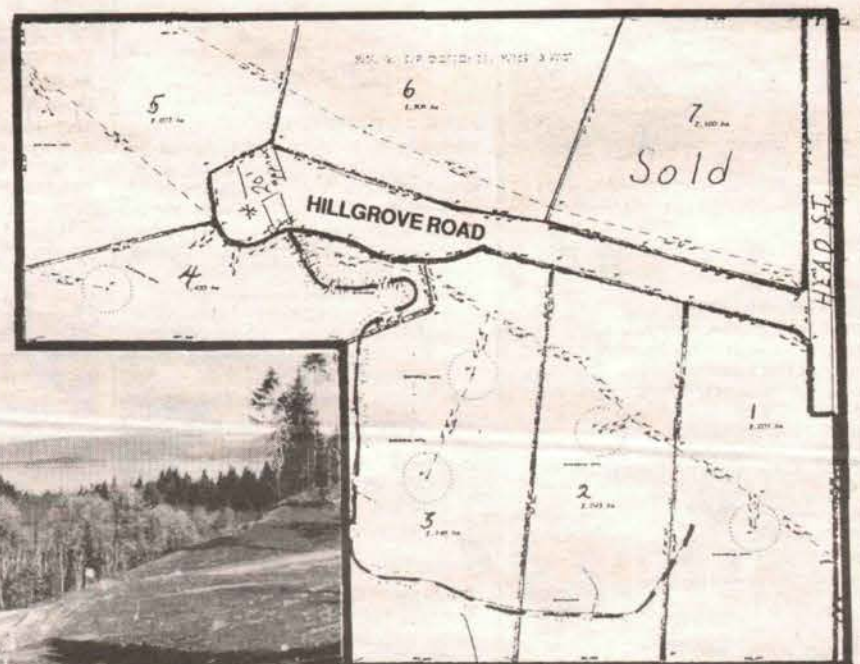
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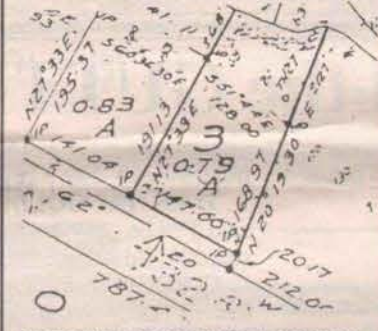
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# Prevention methods for unwanted tenants

With the coming of spring, many Vancouver Island and Gulf Islands residents find themselves dealing with unwanted tenants in the form of raccoons or river otters.

According to the provincial environment ministry, homeowners can take positive steps to prevent habitation of these animals in or the home.

Both raccoons and river otters have become common inhabitants of the cities and towns of south Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, the ministry says. They have adapted extremely well to living in or near human habitations, taking advantage of food and shelter provided by people, but remaining wild and uncontrolled.

Springtime brings a large number of complaints from homeowners who suddenly find themselves with unexpected guests, as pregnant otters and raccoons seek denning sites. Members of both species have discovered that older houses often provide ideal nests in air vents, crawl spaces, attics or under porches.

These animals are dextrous, strong and determined, and will often tear off flimsy boards or wire coverings to get into vents. Sometimes they will shred insulation material to use in the nests, and can dig extensively to expand the sites. All in all, raccoons and river otters can do substantial damage to buildings.

In addition to the property damage they can inflict, raccoon and otter females and their young can be nuisances in other ways. They can be noisy, especially in attics and air vents, and in the case of river otters, the den sites usually give off a very unpleasant smell; a mixture of otter gland scent and rotten fish.

To minimize the risk of some determined furry female deciding your home looks like an ideal nursery, the ministry ad-

vises homeowners check around the house, prior to the denning period, for possible access points to air vents, crawl spaces, basements, attics or porches and "den-proof" them by reinforcing the openings with heavy duty wire or boards.

If these precautions aren't taken, visitations could become an annual event. Don't encourage these animals to frequent your property by feeding them or leaving garbage out where they can reach it.

If you are unlucky enough to find yourself sharing your home with these, or other unwelcome guests, and decide you can't live with them, the ministry recommends calling your local B.C. environment office (Nanaimo — 758-3951).

It is illegal to shoot or trap wildlife without proper authorization from the ministry, and even if permits are issued to do so, this is only a temporary answer. In situations where the young have already been born, very little can be done since it is inhumane to remove the female and leave the young to starve. Most homeowners agree to grin and bear it until the young are old enough to venture out.



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# GALIANO ISLAND *Scene*

Four new Galiano mothers and their offspring were recent guests of Saint Margaret's Needle Guild at the North Galiano Hall.

By ALISTAIR ROSS  
*Driftwood Correspondent*

The babies were each presented with a handmade quilt, the work of guild members. Each quilt was different in theme and colour and all were completed by the 12-member group over the past six months.

Preceded by a luncheon, the presentations were made by church warden Flo Dodwell on behalf of the church and guild. On display in the hall were other quilts made by the ladies, and nearby on a large quilt frame, several members worked on a queen-sized quilt in blues, pinks and whites, using the traditional "spools" design.

The quilters have met in North Galiano twice recently where more space is available for working on current projects.

Receiving quilts on Wednesday were Kat and mother Sue Minette, Melissa and mother Gail Lopton, Nicola and mother Patti Sloan and Hayden and mother Pam Welch. Also receiving quilts but not able to be present were Stevie Robinson and mother Vera and Cecilia Poders and mother Johanna.

The needle guild, over the past few months, has done much more than just make quilts. A note in a recent church bulletin credits the needle guild with a contribution of \$1770 to the building fund — money raised through the sale of quilts and sewn crafts.

The needle guild meets every Wednesday morning and would be glad of assistance with their projects. Phone Wendy Roberts 539-5365 or Dorothy Ross 539-2294 for further information.

## In North Galiano

Work parties to clean up fallen trees at the community hall have been held recent Friday mornings. Also recently, another group moved soil and rocks behind the hall to prepare the site for the planned storage addition. Wally Duncan has the storage room plans well under way at this time.

Meanwhile at the Retreat Cove firehall, neighbour Geoff Howard is currently installing cabinets and a counter. Studies for the placement of a water storage tank are also being carried out at this time.

## Garden Club sale

The Galiano Garden Club's spring sale of bedding plants, house plants, annuals and perennials will be combined with a pot

and vase sale this year. The usual excellent bake sale will also be featured at the event, which will be held in the North Hall from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 4.

## New residents

Raccoons, deer, squirrels and mink are often seen by motorists on Porlier Pass Drive. A special surprise for islanders recently has been a flock of chickens (mostly roosters) foraging beside the road in the area between the Montague power lines and Gustin Hill.

This isolated hilltop area has been home for the chickens since they mysteriously appeared there several weeks ago. Their numbers appear to be fewer of late, perhaps Galiano's other natives (the raccoons and mink) have had a variation in their usual diet. At any rate, attempts by humans to entice the fowl into captivity has met with little success we are told.

## Buying a mountain

Friday afternoon, a BCTV crew was on Galiano interviewing Galiano Club members on their fund-raising campaign for the purchase of Mount Galiano.

The phone rang in the kitchen. It was Gary Kadatz of MacMillan Bloedel on the line.

A beaming Bill Calaway returned to the hall from the telephone. A few words from Calaway and a cheer went up from all within hearing. The company reduced the asking price from \$330,000 to \$250,000.

"We have the money, the mountain is ours! We probably have enough to pay the G.S.T. as well!"

B.C. Telephone's switchboard must have literally lit up at this time as word quickly spread around the island. In moments the word was out and the excitement grew.

Director Susan Friend was one of the last to know. She was off to Victoria buying supplies for the pancake breakfast, an event planned for Sunday morning. A last appeal for support and funds.

A hasty gathering of club members and supporters developed on Friday night.

"How much more do we need? How much more may still be in the mail? Can we also save Mount Galiano's sister mountain, Mount Sutil, and what about beautiful Bodega Ridge? Will the CBC still air the program they taped here on Wednesday?"

The excitement intensified. It was an evening to remember. The exhaustion of a three and a half week campaign was momentarily forgotten.



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ISLAND LIVING

# Island policing service discussed at meeting

Community representatives and Capital Regional District director Jacques Campbell met last Friday with the RCMP Inspector responsible for this area. The meeting also included local RCMP officers who police Saturna but are posted on Pender Island.

By LYNNE PIPER  
Driftwood Correspondent

The meeting considered the level of policing service Saturna is presently receiving and the needs of the community in that regard.

The community at present is satisfied with local police service but some areas concern everyone: drinking and driving, driving without insurance and off-island hunters hunting on the island with high power rifles.

## SATURNA ISLAND NEWS

In the immediate future there are no plans to have an officer posted on Saturna although the possibility of an auxiliary police officer on the island was discussed. The RCMP will continue programs in the schools which educate young people regarding drinking and driving, insurance requirements and the wearing of seatbelts. Spot road checks are a strong possibility.

### Lions anniversary

April 26 the Saturna Lions Club celebrated its 17th anniversary of becoming a chartered club with Lions International.

Saturna Lions and their wives joined fellow Lions members from Mayne and Pender islands in an evening of fellowship, marking the special occasion.

Following a roast beef meal — prepared by Laura Coombs and Kay Close and served by Lions Harvey Ackerman, Pat Ropars, Em Coombs and Bill Harrower — President Lion Bob Rodway unveiled the original, recently-framed Charter, inscribed with the names of original Charter members.

The framed Charter was presented to Lions Jack Vincent, Emerson Coombs and Les Crosby, three of the original chartered members. Lion Bob Hindmarch was also a founding member of the Saturna Lions but he was unable to be present Friday.

Lion Don McLellan hosted a Chinese auction during which an album holding 100 Lions Trading Pins was auctioned. The auction became a little confusing — but was filled with fun, laughter and a need to add quickly — as people called out their bids and then paid the difference between the last bid and their bid.

After a set time period, the auction ended and the person who made the last bid became owner of the album. In this case, the lucky last bidder and proud winner was Lion Em Coombs.

Proceeds of the auction will be donated to the Lions Hearing Foundation and will benefit someone who is hearing impaired.

Reverend George Taylor, Secretary of Pender Island Lions Club, followed the lightheartedness of the auction by presenting a talk on the meaning of "Lionism;" a serious turn to the events of the evening but nevertheless a spellbinding and informative reminder of the motto of all Lions Clubs: We Serve.

Mother's Day draws near — May 12 — and the Saturna Lions will be holding their annual Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast at the Community Hall.

### Spanish ships talk

Mark your calendar with this date: May 4. This is the date that Marine Historian John Crosse will present a talk on the first visits of Spanish ships to this area.

The talk will take place at the Community Hall at 7:30 p.m. and will include a question and answer period.

Come for an informative evening on local history as well as an opportunity to present your views.

For further information contact Bakshish Gill at 539-3339.

### Theatre production

The second annual production by Saturna's Theatre On The Rock, *Seven Stories* by Morris Panych, will be presented at the Community Hall May 10 and 11 — another opportunity to witness the immense and varied talent we have on Saturna.

### Upcoming events

- Saturna Island Fire Department's annual May long weekend Pig Barbecue will be held on May 18.
- Rummage Sale takes place May 20, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Hall (start cleaning out closets and cupboards).

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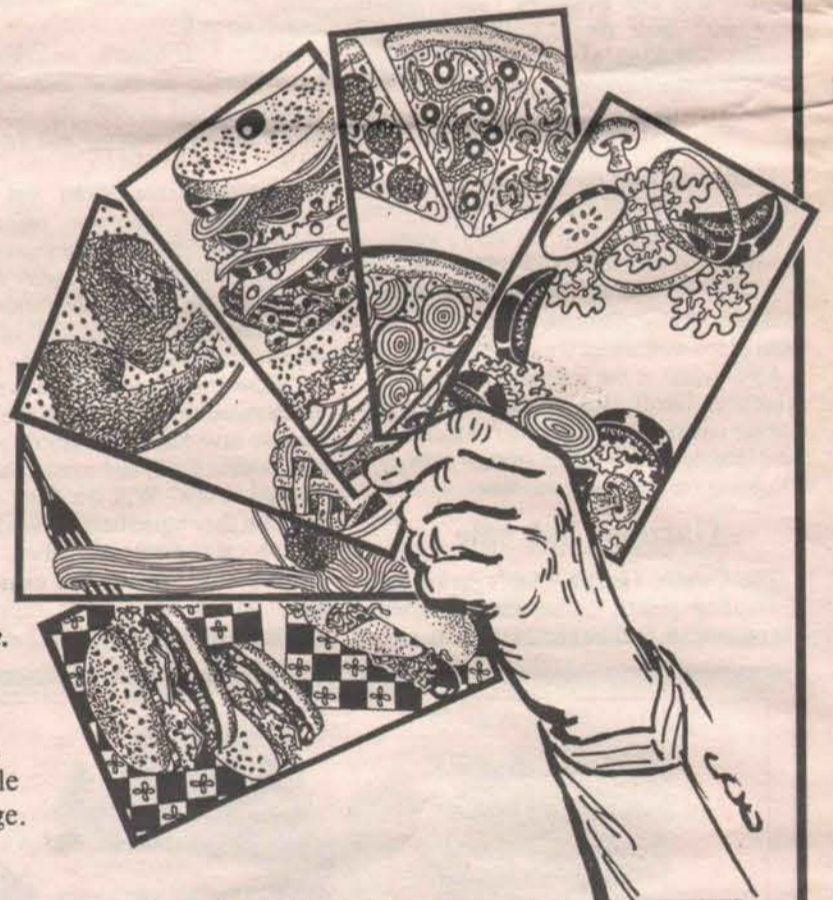
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# DOWN THE YEARS

## Thirty Years Ago

• A special school board meeting was called to register a formal protest of the provincial government's reduction of district funding. Chairman George Heinekey said the government would provide funding for only 26.1 per cent of the budget in the coming year, while claiming it pays a full 50 per cent of the cost of education. Heinekey said government's share of funding education had steadily decreased in the previous three years.

• Salt Spring Island Sea Scouts received new uniforms — consisting of bell-bottomed pants instead of shorts.

## Twenty-Five Years Ago

• Local Lions saw the culmination of much hard work and their dream come closer to reality with the start of construction of Pioneer Village in Ganges. The project consisting of 18 single and four double units was scheduled for completion within six months.

• The Pappenberger estate at Beaver Point changed ownership for the first time in 75 years when Mr. J.E. Broughton and Mr. J. Brown of Vancouver brought the property. The old land title — dated October, 1891, — transferred the property from the late Thomas Pappenberger to his brother John for \$1,800. The farm contained 160 acres and about a mile of waterfront.

## Twenty Years Ago

• Two resolutions restricting use of Salt Spring Island lakes were on the agenda of a Salt Spring Planning Association meeting.

Restrictions on hunting from and around lakes and limiting power boats to five horsepower engines were proposed.

• Results of a random survey conducted by the Salt Spring Island Ratepayers' Association indicated an overwhelming preference for using "Ganges" as a mailing destination rather than "Salt Spring Island," which ran a distant second in the poll.

• The mill rate for Gulf Island property owners was set at .88 mills based on a total assessment value on Salt Spring of \$11.916 million and \$13.43 million for the Outer Islands.

## Fifteen Years Ago

• Water taxi service from Mayne Island ceased as costs skyrocketed. Phillips Marine Transport announced plans to withdraw from the water transport business due to inflationary costs on fuel, labour and materials.

• CBC Television's Jack Wasserman asked Salt Spring Islanders how they felt about proposed ferry fare increases. Their responses were later shown on the network's *Hourglass* program.

## Ten Years Ago

• Ganges Centre — the new mall in Mouat's complex — was set for opening the following week. It would house the post office, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and other stores and offices.

• The Salt Spring Island Trust Committee ran into a wall of opposition from resort owners over its plans to introduce new zoning for lakeshore resorts. More than half of the 11 resort owners located within

watersheds of the four lakes affected by the zoning bylaw brought their objections to an emotional public meeting at Ganges United Church.

The bylaw proposed limiting lakeshore resorts to three units per acre in addition to other anti-development restrictions.

• The Salt Spring Island recreation commission was stepping up its campaign to gain control over 30 acres of land on the south shore of Cusheon Lake, a portion of which it hoped to use as an improved swimming area. Commission chairman Glenn Woodley received assurance from the local Trust committee that it would assist the commission in completing an environmental impact study of Cusheon Lake.

## Five Years Ago

• Salt Spring's noise control bylaw was sent back to its source by the Capital Regional District which said it would not support the legislation until the gun club exemption issue was resolved. In voting to send the bylaw back to Salt Spring for further discussion, the board said sections dealing with the discharge of firearms needed amendment.

• A Salt Spring Island physician's fight to gain hospital privileges was heading for the courts. After an arbitration board told Dr. Trevor Beyers the island was "overdoctored," he said he was considering going to the Supreme Court to challenge the hospital's privilege policy on the grounds that it violated the Charter of Rights and the Combines Act.

• Three Salt Spring women initiated a campaign to encourage support for socially

responsible companies. Virginia Newman, Marg Simons and Bis Whitby designed a "good earthkeeping" seal of approval to be attached to products made by companies not connected to weapons production and with clean records on human rights and environmental issues.

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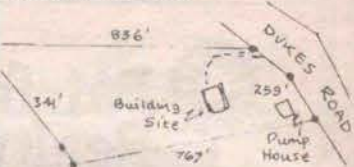
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