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## Driftwood

### Self-guided tour visits craftspeople *Participants look behind the scenes*

For people wanting to get behind the scenes of Salt Spring arts and crafts they might purchase here, an "open studio" self-guided tour is underway this summer.

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff Writer

Spearheaded by a core group of the island's bed and breakfast association, the network includes 29 unique working spaces of craftspeople who responded to advertising last winter and decided to open their doors to the public on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Two tour participants are Theresa Mackey — a.k.a. "the closet artist" — who makes one-of-a-kind cushions, quilts and bolsters from often-rare and always beautiful fabrics, and Marcia Jeanne who runs Everlasting Summer, best known for its dried flower creations but venturing along new paths this year.

Jeanne and Mackey are both tucked away at the end of quiet roads, while some of the studios are on more well-worn tracks.

Essential for proper touring is a "Salt Spring Island Open Studio Guide" available by request from the Chamber of Commerce office and bed and breakfast accommodations. The guide includes a detailed island map and exact locations of participating artisans, along with a brief description of each one's offerings.

A photo album with examples of each person's work will soon be on display at the Chamber of Commerce.

A few of the participants have dealt with the public from their home on a regular basis in the past. For others, like Mackey, the Sunday openings are a new form of self-promotion.

"Artists are adding an interesting dimension to the tourist industry," says Mackey, and "they're all interested in seeing this get off the ground."

"We all do it because we have a sense of pride and accomplishment in our work and there's something we get personally by sharing. It's not just monetary, it's personal satisfaction in sharing," Mackey says she enjoys talking with visitors, showing them her work from the place it was created and explaining its history. Since she often works with antique or unusual imported fabrics, most of her pieces have a lively story behind them.

While she is lately exploring use of velvet, she especially enjoys "mirrored fabrics" like those comprising East Indian girls' wedding outfits. Pieces of mirror in their blouses are believed to repel evil spirits.

However, says Mackey, "I'm really still searching for the handwork" — fabrics and clothing embroidered by people of all cultures.

"I bought the shirt right off a little boy's back at Hallowe'en last year," she says. It was a good example of Swiss embroidery that could not be passed up.

People now bring Mackey old clothes and fabrics they think she may like. She also does commission work by transforming one's unused but cherished piece of clothing into a cushion so it can be functional and appreciated again.

"People don't wear these things anymore, so it's kind of breathing new life into these pieces."

The term "closet artist" came from Mackey listing the materials she needed for her work — "brocades, embroidery, old prints, batiks, beads" — items one might find buried in a closet. She even created a closet-like space to display her work at ArtCraft this year.

Mackey lives and works at 120 Hillview Place off Creekside Drive.

Jeanne is used to having people visit her premises at the end of Mc-

STUDIO TOUR B2



Driftwood photo by Gail Sjuberg

**IN A COUNTRY GARDEN:** Everlasting Summer's Marcia Jeanne takes a rainy day walk in her herb garden, hoping for sunnier skies during this Sunday's official opening of a "garden gallery" and nursery on the McLennan Drive farm. Everlasting Summer is also one of the participants in Salt Spring's new "open studio" network which welcomes Sunday visitors.



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# STUDIO TOUR

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Lennan Drive although she began by selling dried flower art at craft fairs and to wholesalers.

Then, "people just found their way here. I don't know how. So I thought I guess it's time to have a little shop."

A retail area was set up on the "flower farm," a large herb garden with 12 distinct beds is ever-evolving and this year she has set up a nursery and a "garden gallery."

The official opening of the nursery and gallery takes place this Sunday during regular hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

From noon to 2 p.m., Jeanne has special guests lined up to share their artistic talents.

A counter in the garden gallery will be painted with a thematic design by Vancouver's Nancy Holland who excels at transforming furniture into art pieces.

Artist B. Neville will demonstrate the infinite possibilities of painting flower pots and Veronica Wiper from Victoria will be creating watercolour works on site.

Jeanne also plans a "clear-out" of last year's flowers to make room for this year's harvest which is "coming in fast," she says.

Fresh herbal teas from the garden will also be offered for people to sample.

In addition to selling herbs, fancy lettuces and other plants in the new nursery, Everlasting Summer is specializing in 30 clematis varieties, and 80 different "old" roses.

The studios will be open Sundays through September, although some participants welcome the public on other days as well. An advance phone call can determine exact available hours.

Islanders and neighbours are of course welcome to take advantage of the open studio network.

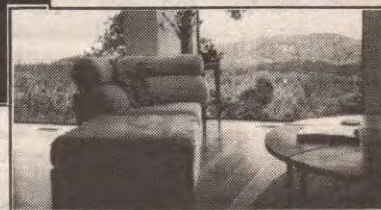


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**CLOSET ARTIST AT WORK:** Theresa Mackey works on another unique cushion using coveted "mirrored fabric" -- containing tiny pieces of mirror -- formerly the top of a wedding outfit for an East Indian girl. Mackey enjoys sharing her artistic experience with interested people on "open studio" Sundays.



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# Parking spaces will get fresh coat of paint

Repainting of handicapped parking spaces on Salt Spring can now get underway after a \$525 donation from Hanna's Air Saltspring.

Funds were raised July 1 when the airline collected an "at-cost" fee giving joy rides around the Gulf Islands. Proceeds were given to the Gulf Islands Association for People

with Disabilities to help spruce up the designated parking stalls.

Bev Wertman, one of the association's directors and a user of

the spaces, is glad some funds have come through. A recent foot operation will "keep me half-mobile," she says, but having clearly defined places to park near stores and services is essential for her.

of spaces has since risen to more than 30.

Bev jokes that her and Ron's relationship is "symbiotic. He paints the signs so I can get into the stores and spend the money."

GIAPD coordinator Bill Best said Monday painting could commence Tuesday morning if the weather was good.

Her husband Ron was one of the people painting the first three spaces a few years ago. The number



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Bev and Ron Wertman are glad funds came through



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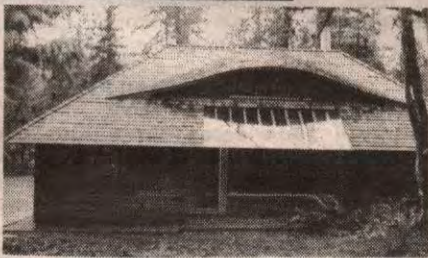
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# Imperial conversions -- were they "good old days?"

The world of Canada is divided as never before. While the constitution holds the attention of many, the nation lies yet more torn apart over the standards of measurement.

Pounds and ounces wage a constant war with kilos and grams. In one corner sits the gallon, ably seconded by his worthy supporters, the quart and the pint, while in the opposite corner we find the litre and the millilitre itching to fight. But where lies the split?

I grew up with the old measurements as did so many older Canadians. But my grandchildren can't distinguish an inch from a foot and 16 ounces could weigh two kilos for all they know of those fine, (old) easy calculations.

While I struggle through with figuring 10 times 200 to calculate how many centimetres in a decimeter, my grandchildren's minds boggle at such simple calculations as converting feet to inches or miles to furlongs.

Flo Fraser was battling with units of 100 grams in a Ganges store the other day and looking back in nostalgia over the grand old days of ounces. We could both remember them. I went home and idly picked up a 1924 Heaton's *Commercial Handbook of Canada*.

All kinds of important data in that book relate to Canada in the good old days. Like 60 minims to one dram and eight drams to the ounce, with 20 ounces to a pint. Then on to eight pints to a gallon and two gallons to a peck and four pecks to a bushel, with strikes, sacks, coombs, chalrons and weys.

It was so easy to calculate weights in those good old days. Like 14 pounds to a stone except that a butcher's stone was only eight pounds and 25 pounds to a Canadian quarter and 28 to an

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English quarter. There were 2,000 pounds to a Canadian ton and 2,240 to the Imperial ton. I mean, it was so easy you couldn't go wrong.

And compare all those ready measures to the chore of multiplying anything and everything by 10. Where does the decimal point go?

And how many of us have learned that three barleycorns make an inch? Or that there were 12 lines to an inch and 2 1/4 inches to a nail? All these important, fine old measurements all cast aside in favour of tens and tens and tens! And all those kids denied the calculations of long ago.

There were three inches to a palm and four inches to a hand and nine inches made a span. It's all in the book.

And if you were from old Ireland, very old Ireland, you didn't walk nearly as far as an ancient Scot. An Irish mile was 2,240 yards, while the antediluvian Scottish mile was only 1,973 yards. Canadian mile was, and still is the British mile of 1,760 yards. The book says so.

And one final look at the traditional, pre-metric Canadian table of weights and measures: Do you quaff large quantities of beer? Or wine? You could buy it in litres these days, but not so in 1924. You bought it in firkins or kilderkins or barrels. Those were nine, 18 and 36 gallons.

Those measures went on to tierce, hogshead, puncheons and butt. Any fool in the catering business knew that a hogshead was 54 gallons. But that was a hogshead of beer. A hogshead of wine from France holds 43 to 46 gallons. I'll take the 46 hog. If it should be a hogshead of brandy, things were different. That was 60 gallons. The hogshead of sugar was another matter altogether. That was 13 to 16 hundredweight.

Were they the good old days? Really?

There's only a blockage in my own mind. For years, for all my life, I have calculated gas consumption in miles per gallon. I still cannot relate the metric equivalent of kilometres per 100 litres. Thirteen makes about 25, but what kind of mathematics is that?

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## Wit and Whimsy ARTHUR BLACK



In 1989, the Tories bulldozed the Free Trade Agreement through Parliament. I knew that the agreement was tantamount to popping Canada's natural resources into a shopping cart and pushing it across the 49th parallel, but I said nothing.

In 1990, the Tories stacked the Senate with bumboys and yes-men to insure passage of the Gouge and Screw Tax. I knew the tax was no more than a calculated snatch and grab, a plot to plunge government's jammy fingers even deeper into the Canadian taxpayer's pocket. Yet I stood idly by.

I uttered scarcely a peep when Mulroney's minions gutted the Armed Forces, destroyed passenger train service, and treated Canada's Medicare system to that fine old Chinese surgical tradition, the Death of a Thousand Cuts.

Still, my lips were sealed.

But this time, by thunder, they've gone too far.

The Tories have closed Lulu's.

Well, not *personally*, I suppose. I don't imagine John Crosby and Joe Clark and Mike Wilson showed up with a flying wedge of bailiffs to nail the "For Rent" signs across Lulu's front door — but hey! It is the dreadful palsied hand of the Tories that's been on our economic tiller for the past (Lord, has it only been) eight years.

Hard times closed Lulu's. And who are you gonna blame for hard times?

### Could handle 2,500 thirsty patrons

Beg pardon, madame? Who is Lulu, you ask? Not who — what. Lulu's is (or was) Lulu's Roadhouse, of Kitchener, Ontario. It just happened to be the biggest damn bar in the entire world. It's true. You can look it up in the *Guinness Book of World Records*. Lulu's boasted a stand-up bar that stretched for 340 feet, which is about the length of a football field, or, if you prefer, one Greyhound bus longer than the Statue of Liberty, from torchflame to tippytoe.

But to tell you the truth, Lulu's had many facets more captivating than that overachieving beer counter. The place was cavernous — as big as an aircraft hanger. It could handle 25 hundred thirsty patrons at a time.

### Checking real estate in Pago Pago

And what brought them all to Lulu's? The part I haven't mentioned yet. The certified best reason to enter the mad world of Lulu's.

The entertainment. Lulu's was a pop time warp. They brought in acts you hadn't heard of in 25 years.

And lots that you had. Chuck Berry. Fats Domino. The Everly Brothers. Buddy Rich. James Brown. They all played Lulu's.

The Drifters and Little Richard were slated to play there this summer, but that won't happen now. The World's Biggest Nightclub is, as they say, in receivership.

Which means that on any given night from here on in, 2,500 would-be-patrons with a thirst for strange drinks and wonderful entertainment will have nowhere to go.

Twenty-five hundred edgy people every night.

If I was a Tory politician, I'd be checking real estate in Pago Pago.

## ISLANDERS

A member of one of Salt Spring's pioneering families, Jessie (Mouat) Toynbee, seen here at the 85th birthday celebration of Mouat's Trading Company, celebrated her 96th birthday on July 4.



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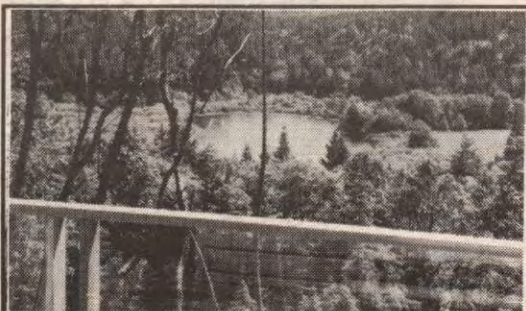
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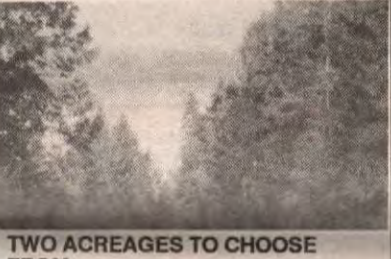
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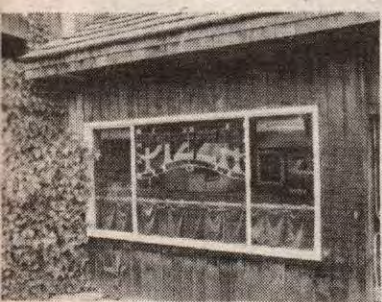
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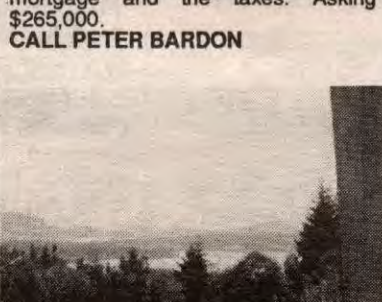
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## ISLAND LIVING



Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

**A SIGN OF THE SEASON:** Flowers open to the sun as spring moves into summer. A potentially dry summer may result in the need for careful watering practices. Derek Duffy provides some hints in "Green Thumb."

June did not break any weather records, they say, but the extremes of these conditions do not occur regularly enough for most people to hone or develop techniques to deal with them.

By DEREK DUFFY  
Driftwood Columnist

I have been observing, during my working weeks, people using many and varied methods for ensuring ample irrigation to their prized gardens, and it occurred to me that watering is a generally misunderstood science that can be both beneficial and detrimental to the environment.

Many people are concerned about water wastage and commendably so, though they may not know many water saving gardening techniques. So here are some guidelines:

- water at a time when water retention is at its optimum in the soil, i.e., before dawn, night-time, or after the sunshine leaves a particular area;
- use all possible organic matter for mulching around base of plants;
- water less often but more thoroughly;

## GREEN Thumb

- mow lawns slightly longer — three inches is recommended;
- till soil as little as possible during hot periods;
- early (winter) soil preparation, digging in organic matter, manure, compost, leaf mold;
- foliate all areas of soil to provide shade;
- plant deciduous trees in lawns (dappled shade in summer, light in winter);
- use hose nozzle with on/off trigger;
- keep hose washers regularly changed;
- collect rainwater;
- Reuse soapy water for insect control (no bleaches or phosphates).

A friend commented last week that he had conflicting advice on night watering, one saying it is harmful to plants and makes them susceptible to rot because there is

no uptake at night among other things, the other saying that the soil retains more and there is less evaporation during the night.

In fact, both schools of thought are correct except that the former one is too general a rule. During the hot, dry period, night watering is an excellent technique and can cause no harm to the plants if they are healthy and established.

There is still water uptake by capillary action during the night, although it is much slower, as is the transpiration loss through the leaves. This only means that you will have to apply less water than in daytime. If the soil is moist below the first inch of soil, then established plants should not be watered.

I personally always check the soil before watering because often it can look bone dry but be moist below.

Seedlings should be watered in the morning as night watering can lead to damping off. So Paul, I hope this clarifies the issue for you.

In the same week, another person asked for advice as to why her sweet corn fell over just along one row. After asking some questions about where, when and how much irrigation they were receiving, it became evident that too much water retention had caused root rot.

Hybrid corn is renowned for this behaviour unless exact watering necessities are met. The row of corn was the first of several rows in a raised bed but for one reason or another, it was getting and holding on to too much water for it to use.

The root rot occurred because hybrid corns are often designed to have a very small root area and a high yielding top. Top weight puts stress upon root anchorage and fungal disease begins.

Rather than stop me on the street to ask, why not write in your queries and I will have more time to publish a detailed reply. Write Derek Duffy, Gardening, c/o Driftwood, Box 250, Ganges.

Thanks for asking, happy gardening.



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ISLAND LIVING

# Saturna fire department looks to the future

Canada Day is the celebration that puts Saturna Island on the map. Many people from the mainland or Victoria area have no other reference for our island except as the host of the annual Canada Day Saturna Lamb Barbecue.

He also anticipated the need for more emergency pages to cover all areas of the island. Incentives for volunteers were suggested.

tional recreation area for the community but the build up of local residences has reduced access to the beaches for fishing, swimming,

presented to Andrew Fryer by Community Club president Pam Lind.

Andrew Money won the Mrs. F.A. Gerrard Improvement Award for his social development and hospitality displayed throughout the year.

The Lions Sports Awards were presented to two top athletes, Chelsea Curtis and Brent Sohler, by Lions Club president Don Piper.

Carol Money presented attendance awards to the two students in both intermediate and primary classes who had the most regular attendance throughout the year. The intermediate winners were Cory John Nelson and Andrew Fryer. Katie Jones and Carlos Manzano won the primary awards.

Teacher Ian Middleditch presented all the students with prizes for participating in the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. Jesse Guy and Miranda Middleditch collected the greatest amount of money for this charity.

## Lions Auctions

Every two years the Saturna Lions Club holds an auction. This year on August 1 at 1 p.m. at the Community Hall, Al Sewell will chair this year's auction.

Donations are always appreciated for this cause. It is time to clean out the attic or basement. Of course this serves a double purpose: it not only provides things for others to buy. It also makes room for purchases and bargains from someone else's attic.

Al has released this set of seven guidelines for the auction.

All revenue generated by the auction will go to worthy causes.

Services as well as merchandise are being accepted for donation. Donors should contact Al Sewell for pick-up service.

The club will take consignment items for a \$10 non-refundable booking fee and will get a 20 per cent commission on consignment sales.

Master Card and Visa will be accepted on purchases over \$20.

Refreshments will be sold; soft drinks, hot dogs, beer and wine for adults.

Viewing will be done from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Auction starting-time will be 1 p.m.

## SATURNA Scene

By GAIL TRAFFORD  
Driftwood Correspondent

About 700 people attended this year's festivities.

### Fire department

July 4, the Saturna Volunteer Fire Department held a public meeting to discuss its future direction. Acting fire chief Alfred Reynolds chaired the meeting.

Close to 100 people were present.

Several problems were identified. Firefighting equipment needs upgrading and volunteers need training. East Point residents requested a neighbourhood fire hall be established in their area. The workload of administrating the fire department has become too unwieldy to expect volunteer management.

The demographic mix of residents to non-resident landowners has changed, leaving a smaller volunteer pool. At the same time property values are increasing.

In the past, the fire department has run on monies raised from semi-annual pig barbecues, grants from local clubs, private donations, and equipment loans from Provincial Forestry Department. However, more money is needed.

The choice was to find new ways to raise money locally or to put the fire department on the tax roles.

Chief Reynolds requested that three committees be established: firefighters, fundraisers, and clerical workers. An administrative fire chief needs to be appointed to oversee the department.

Jacquest Campbell, CRD representative, informed the meeting that there are 470 taxable properties on Saturna. Islands Trust representative John Money said the maximum projected population of Saturna could reach 1,500 residents.

Resident Marilyn Bolton explained how money invested in the fire department would in turn lower the cost of fire insurance.

An immediate need for funding was recognized. A motion was passed to begin a mail campaign to solicit donations to support the fire department.

The meeting concluded with an investigative committee being formed to research options for the fire department. Al Sewell is heading up this committee with representatives from each of the Saturna neighbourhoods.

### Community Club

An extra meeting of the Saturna Community Club is scheduled for Saturday July 11, at the Community Hall to discuss the acquisition of a community park.

The East Point Light Station land lease is going to be reduced to 1.1 acres within the next year. The land surrounding the actual lighthouse and keeper's quarters will be returned to the provincial government and all buildings and improvements will be destroyed to return the land to its normal state unless the community intervenes.

The Community Club proposes to request that the land be slated for a community park. This is a tradi-

and exploring.

Two buildings are already on the site, one of which would be suitable for a firehall for the East Point area. The other might be used for housing a caretaker, or a park house and museum. Both have cisterns which would hold water for domestic and firefighting purposes.

A helicopter pad is already in place on the proposed park land. This is a much needed emergency landing facility for air ambulance services.

A proposal has been drafted by a committee of volunteers working with the Community Club executive. Community Club members will be able to voice their opinions on Saturday. If the community agrees the proposal will be presented to the Coast Guard by the middle of July.

### Achievement

Saturna Elementary students put aside June 23 to celebrate growth and achievement throughout the year. Each student was presented with a book to acknowledge his or her progress in at least one area of endeavour.

The Arthur Ralph Award for excellence in the areas of academics, social, and citizenship, was

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# PROVINCIAL ROUND-UP

by Hubert Beyer

## Strange bedfellows

The recent U.S. trade commission ruling to slap a 6.51 per cent duty on B.C. lumber imported into the U.S. forged an unusual alliance.

The council of Forest Industries, the IWA, the B.C. Federation of labour and government officials lined up last week to condemn the decision, calling it a victory for U.S. protectionism.

Forest Minister Dan Miller predicted the ruling would cost B.C. lumber producers \$150 million a year. Economic Development Minister Dave Zirnelt said the duty would translate into higher prices for U.S. consumers as well as lost markets and lost jobs for British Columbia.

## School Meal program expanded

British Columbia's school meal program will reach 152 schools, serving more than 40,000 children, in the coming school year, Education Minister Anita Hagen said last week.

Funding for the program will be expanded to \$11.6 million to ensure a healthy learning environment for school children, the minister said.

## Voting age lowered to 18

The B.C. government introduced legislation last week that will lower the voting age in B.C. to 18 from 19. Attorney General Colin Gabelmann said the move was in keeping with the NDP's long-standing commitment to bring the province's voting age in line with the federal standard.

The legislation also brings back polling place registration, allowing eligible voters to register in their

electoral districts on polling day or at an advanced or special poll.

Gabelmann said both changes will be in place before the next election and, in the event of a national unity referendum, this fall.

## Independent review of MLA salaries

Vancouver industrial relations consultant Chuck Connaghan was appointed by the government last week to work out a mechanism for allowing independent decisions about MLA salaries and expenses.

Government Services Minister Lois Boone said taxpayers are right in saying it's unfair for MLAs to set their own pay levels.

Connaghan will assess current salaries and expenses, and look at

both a fixed formula to adjust these salaries, and the appointment of an independent body to make decisions about pay and allowances.

Connaghan will submit his recommendations to the Speaker of the Legislature within 14 days of the beginning of the next session.

The original version of a video on AIDS prevention for young men and women, banned by the Socred government, will be shown in movie theatres in B.C. this summer.

Starting July 31, the one-minute video will be shown over a four week period in 14 Cineplex Odeon theatres throughout B.C. in conjunction with PG, Mature, and R-rated movies. The video will not be shown with films intended for younger audiences.

Health Minister Elizabeth Cull

said the video's message is intended to draw attention to each individual's responsibility to protect themselves and others.

Former premier Bill Vander Zalm put the lid on the video, claiming that it encouraged sex without offering abstinence as a viable alternative. The video's message, according to Vander Zalm, was "I want to have sex, but I don't want to die."

## Manufacturing shipments up

The value of manufacturing shipments in British Columbia reached \$2 billion in April, 3.8 per cent higher than during the same month in 1991. Shipments for the

first four months of this year are up 3.4 per cent. Exports of B.C. products to other domestic and foreign markets in March were valued at \$1.4 billion, up 15.4 per cent from last year.

## Better days for fruit industry

The B.C. fruit industry's 1991 apple crop is getting the best financial returns in more than a decade, Agriculture Minister Bill Barlee said last week.

"Apple exports to the United Kingdom are at an all time high. Exports in 1991 were nearly \$7 million, 56 per cent higher than the average for the previous three years," Barlee said.

# GALIANO

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## APC members elected

An election for three of the five-member Galiano Advisory Planning Commission was held on Saturday, June 27 in South Galiano. Those elected were incumbents Fred King, Louis Gautier and Carolyn Canfield. Marina operator Shirley Coulter was the fourth aspirant for office. The other two members of the APC are Bob Knowles and John Scoones, both are in the second year of the mandates.

## Gulf Island's Poetry Festival

The third annual Gulf Island's Poetry Festival begins this Friday, July 10 at the North Galiano Hall at

7:30 p.m. Featured writers that evening will be North Galiano's Audrey Thomas, and also Michael Gadd, Stephen Scobbie, Erika Ritter, Gerry Hopson and Dave Bouvier.

On Saturday, July 11, the festival will continue on the grounds of La Berengerie Restaurant, and speakers will include Susan Musgrave of Saanich, Bill Deverell of Pender Island and Cathy Ford of Mayne. A poet's pot luck will follow in the South Hall at 6 p.m. Debbie Holmes and Annie Caruthers are organizing the meal.

At 7:30 at the same location there will be a Poet's Jam Session where creativity will run rampant.


On Sunday, the festival will move to "Waterlea" on Pender Is-

land where Christa Grace Warrick will have things organized and running. Brian Brett of Salt Spring will be one of the featured speakers there. A pot luck supper and a (w)rap party will conclude the weekend's activities.

## Artists' show

The annual Summer Invitational Show of the Galiano Artists' Guild will be held in the South Hall on July 17, 18 and 19. Island artists interested in showing their work should contact Betty Steward (539-2405) or Win Stephen (539-2586).

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## ISLAND LIVING

# July 1 celebrated with 12th North Galiano Jamboree

North Galiano's July 1 celebration was held as planned on Wednesday at the hall and in the grounds.

By ALISTAIR ROSS  
Driftwood Correspondent

Despite continuing predictions of rain, grey skies and a heavy downpour shortly before the great day, the weather held on Wednesday and conditions were cool and pleasant. Before things concluded at 3 p.m., the sun broke through.

Surprise participants in the Jamboree parade were members of the second Sardis Scout Troop, on Galiano for a five day camping outing at Montague and Dionisio Point parks. Leaders Chuck McKenzie and Ernie Camerson were encouraged by the boys to bid heavily during the cake auction, where auctioneer Woody Coward disposed of the creations of 14 would-be-chefs (all male) to a lot of happy folk with a sweet tooth.

## GALIANO ISLAND

The afternoon's program opened with a stirring rendition of *O' Canada* sung by Ann Duncan. While she sang, the flag was raised and RCMP Constable Mark Stewart took the salute. Master of Ceremonies Nick Francis then introduced Association President Alistair Ross who, dressed in the costume of a Spanish bullfighter, read the Prime Minister's message.

He then made a presentation to school principal Ken Trotman of a framed certificate of merit, awarded by the Federal Government's Canada 125 Committee to a citizen or group who have uniquely contributed to the community as a whole.

Winners of this framed certificate were the youngsters of the Galiano School for their recent studies of the island's history, its wildlife, its people and its ecology.

Piper Ken MacCrimmon of Vancouver gave a short solo performance after the opening ceremonies. MC Francis, in dedicating North Galiano's 12th July 1 Jamboree to Norm and Doris Russell, spoke of the couple's dedication and work for the association.

For the convenience of the kitchen help, the food sales area was moved from one end of the grounds to the other this year. The move was a popular one — convenient for Trish Coperthwaite and her kitchen helpers and popular too with the customers, who, thanks to the new arrangement, had a quiet place to dine away from the noise and hubbub of the fair grounds.

A highlight of the afternoon was the treasure hunt, where loonies were the prize.

The assembly of Geoff Bonser's wooden boats was a popular pastime for any youngsters with Kiyoshi and Annie Okuda there to offer assistance. The North Galiano Volunteer Fire Department's portable tank, filled with water and placed nearby, offered a place for neophyte boat builders to try out their ability as shipwrights.

The tank also was the venue for several very popular rubber duckie pond race operated by Marilyn Thorsteinsson and Bill Stafford. Walter Roots, with his electric fan, assured the duckies passage across the pond.

"Sunny the Clown" entertained the youngsters and Steve Oscko's ponies, evicted from their former locale by the moving of the food, were located above the hall this year, on land newly cleared of fallen trees.

Youthful pianists and students of Barbara Landmark, Stephanie King, Sarah Quist and Niyonu Shonuset took part in the program from the stage during the afternoon, as did songstress Carolyn Bell — much to the delight of all.

A highlight of the program, however, was a play by "The Chorus of Fools," a group of actors from Vancouver. With Director Kim Seary, the group wrote and performed a play about our island and how it got its name.

Also on the grounds were Dorothy Ross's four games of chance, with the prize table manned by Monica Roots and Connie Gray.

The Galiano Conservancy, the Galiano Island Forest Trust and commercial enterprises set up booths for the occasion.

Loren Wilkinson should be commended for the trouble taken to get his model of Captain Vancouver's launch out of the water, and by trailer to the site for display. Also to be thanked is Andrew Loverage who loaned his photographs and written material on Dionisio Alcalá Galiano, all of

which was displayed in the hall.

Winners in the Jamboree raffle were: first, Phyllis Stafford; second, Joan Dawson; third, Bonnie Roszell; fourth, Monica Roots.

Winner of the candy guess was Putu Okuda, with a guess of 244, one off the total in the bottle. The beautiful queen sized quilt made by the ladies of Saint Margaret's

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