

Light-up winners named

Best use of lights

1. STS
 2. Coatings by Design
- HM: Thrifty's
HM: Harlan's

Most creative

1. Islands Savings
 2. Harlan's
- HM: Physioworks
HM: Fables Cottage

Best use of materials

1. Harlan's
 2. Island Savings
- HM: Love My Kitchen
HM: Stitches

Best overall:

Island Savings Credit Union

Island dresses for Christmas in annual decorating contest

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By **SUSAN LUNDY**
Staff Writer

Salt Spring's "master of lights" turned his knowing eyes to Salt Spring businesses Friday night, joining a group of veteran judges in the Driftwood's annual Christmas Light-up contest.

ArtSpring lights man Marv Coulthard squinted and murmured and jotted down notes as he scrutinized the decorative delights of 22 competing businesses both in and out of Ganges.

My daughters, Danica and Sierra, and I followed him about, listening closely and hoping some of his wisdom would illuminate our night as well. (Driftwood newspaper owner Tony Richards also dressed as a judge, but spent most of his time whining about my driving and trying to peek at everyone else's rating sheet.)

With Coulthard scheduled to light-up Sid and Arvid's Christmas show that night, we set off just as darkness fell, wandering about Ganges, driving to businesses in outlying areas, and then settling down to choose winners and munch on dinner at Raven Street Café.

This year, competing businesses were invited to add a Scrooge theme to their displays, although references to Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* were not mandatory.

Coulthard was the perfect judge to keep an eye out for Scrooge references: having done the lights for the Newman production at ArtSpring for the last umpteen years, he can quote just about every line in the play and describe all the scenes.

And in the end, picking winners wasn't too hard. Easily named "best overall," the Island Savings Credit Union display took our breath away.

"I see the handiwork of Susannah Devitt," Coulthard wisely noted as he identified Devitt's theatre design skills in the credit union's eight window displays. Each window is a work of art, taking on a different shop theme straight from Dickens' era.

Devitt told the Driftwood Monday that her vision came together with teamwork and the many hands of fellow credit union employees.

Window topics were picked in accordance with the Scrooge theme, everyone was assigned to a window, the groups met, and then "we all went into our attics and retrieved things," Devitt said.

In addition to the window displays, the credit union's interior includes a gleaming old-fashioned Christmas tree and intricate-looking snowflakes made from beer and pop can tabs.



CRAFTY: Among those manning the colourful displays at the annual Beaver Point Hall Christmas Craft Fair were, above, Sarah Dawn with wings for all occasions, and, left, Ardice McCrea and Candace Sikorski of Crowned Jewels.

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Special people's ArtSpring debut set

The Special People drama group takes the step to the big stage Monday when it presents its fourth annual Christmas play — this time at ArtSpring.

The half-hour play written and directed by Devon Metcalfe features islanders with special needs.

Showtime is 1:30 p.m., and admission is free.

Denny Thomas is involved with the group and is enthusiastic about its members being given the opportunity to shine.

"That each person has the chance to realize his or her fullest potential on stage, and to have that potential recognized by the audience,

for them to hear the applause and know their efforts were appreciated, is indeed an exciting experience."

Thomas thanks ArtSpring for giving the Special People drama group access to the stage for rehearsal and performance. Metcalfe is also grateful for being able to work with these islanders.

"I have never had the privilege of working with people who are completely non-judgemental, totally lacking in prejudice, as well as understanding and compassionate of each others' challenges as are the special needs people I have worked with in the Christmas play," she said.



SETTING THE STAGE: Actors from the Special People drama group rehearse for their upcoming performance which takes place Monday at ArtSpring.

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The credit union took first place for "most creative" and second for "best use of materials" before being awarded "best overall."

Topping the "materials" challenge was Harlan's Chocolates' tastebud-teasing "Scrooge town" entry, which also placed second for "most creative" and got an honourable mention for "best use of lights."

Harlan's entire display — which took eight hours to complete — is made from candy and mostly-edible material. (Coulthard was particularly impressed with the way the scene is lit.)

Topping the "best use of lights" category once again was Hal and Donna Keown's STS Christmas extravaganza.

Coulthard, who had never seen the yard-full of lights and Yuletide scenes, sucked in a little gasp as we rounded the corner onto Grantville Street.

"There's really no competition here, is there?" he murmured, appreciating the way the Keowns use depth, width and height to spread out their light show.

Actually, for the first time in recent Light-up history, STS did have a light-show rival with Coatings by Design's Beddis Road display. It also illuminates its neighbourhood with a seasonal glow, and took second place in the category.

Thrifty Foods picked up an honourable mention in the "lights" section for its beautifully-lit balcony out-

side the flower shop, and brightly-twinkling Christmas greenery inside.

In the "most creative" category, honourable mentions went to Salt Spring Physio-works (which used 21 rolls of wrapping paper to decorate its entire space with Christmas presents, and even has theme-accompanying words written on the windows), and to Fables Cottage, which features the Polar Express (Coulthard was pretty happy with the light on the train), and a plywood cut-out that kids can stick their faces in for photos.

Like Harlan's, Love My Kitchen went with a mouth-watering window dressing, picking up a "materials" honourable mention for its Christmas feast display. All

the food and drink used in the window is real and "good enough to eat."

Stitches also used store-relevant material for its display, earning it an honourable mention.

Richards enthused over the fibre optics light display in the Mouat's window (Coulthard even described how it works), but because his rating sheet was completely blank, we suggested he leave the judging to us and concentrate more on paying the dinner bill.

We concluded our evening with a drive home through a Christmas-lit Ganges, wondering how colours dancing in Coulthard's head might affect his lighting of the Sid and Arvid show that night.

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SUPER "MEN": Arvid Chalmers and Sid Filkow don new personas as their Friday night Christmas show introduces characters "Superman" and sex therapist "Dr. Luth." The comedy duo performed to a full house at ArtSpring, drawing lots of laughs from the audience.

Photo by Derrick Lundy



Beautiful harmonies, amazing brass, community soul promised at concert

Community music-making reaches its zenith this weekend when the Salt Spring Singers choir presents The Holly and the Ivy at ArtSpring.

As suggested by the concert's name — a medieval English carol — the Singers' chosen music has connections to Britain.

"It's a very exciting concert of material that isn't often heard," said Singers director Mitch Howard. "I've tried to make everything English or inspired by the English Christmas."

A centrepiece of the December 10-12 concerts is parts of Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols.

"It's always sung in Britain, but not so often here."

For the Ceremony of

Carols, the Singers will be joined by the youth voices of the island's Honour Choir, which Howard also directs.

"There's just beautiful harmonies, and some incredible solos from the kids. It's gorgeous choral music."

Another partnership sees the Island Brass Players perform with the choir on selections such as a Daniel Pinkham piece written especially for brass and choir.

Some younger players are also part of Island Brass Players, matched with more experienced and professional counterparts.

"The sound is just phenomenal. They play so well. It's amazing the brass players we have on Salt Spring."

Also on the program is

Vaughan Williams' Oh Clap Your Hands, a motet for brass and choir, and other seasonal music.

Audience members will even get a chance to croon their way into the Christmas spirit with carols sung by everyone.

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee.

"I hope people come out to see their kids and neighbours play and sing," said Howard.

"That is always the aspect of community music making that is the most exciting . . . They're friends and students and kids I've known since they were five years old, so to see them on stage and see

them sounding beautiful and looking great and trying their hardest to make music happen is, at least for me, more exciting than seeing somebody famous on stage."

"It's our local groups — the people who meet every week in our community halls and churches, that make for a really vibrant community — one that is growing and really fun to live in."

Howard urges islanders to check out not only the Singers at this particular concert, but other groups like Tuned Air choir, Salt Spring Concert Band and Swing Shift.

Tickets for The Holly and the Ivy are \$16 for adults and \$12 for students and children. They're on sale at the ArtSpring ticket centre.

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Julia Lucich Island Life art show will benefit Lady Minto Hospital

By ELLEN YEUNG
Staff Writer

Salt Spring artist Julia Lucich is grateful for many reasons, not the least of which is her family.

She's also grateful for the Salt Spring community, which she and her family — husband Mark, son Gary and daughter Shoshana — moved to from Oregon four years ago.

Aside from a vibrant arts culture and the high school for her two children, Lucich feels fortunate because of Salt Spring's strong sense of community.

"We count our blessings to be part of a fabulous community," she said. "It's still small enough that there's a sense of pulling together. There's interdependence."

As a way to give something back to Salt Spring, Lucich is presenting a benefit art show called *Of the Island/For the Island* from Friday to Sunday at the Landing Party Fine Art Gallery. Half of all sales will be donated to Lady Minto Hospital.

"We're incredibly lucky to have such a facility in our midst," she said.

During the art show, Lucich will present her series of new paintings called *Island Life*, which was assembled in the last year and a half. The series consists of mainly pastel paintings, with some acrylics, and show candid scenes of people going about their lives. They include people looking over flowers at the Saturday Market, a ferry worker at Fulford directing traffic, a woman and some girls on the sidelines watching a soccer match, women on lawn chairs chatting, people at the fall fair, and people just lost in thought.

"They depict slices of island life insofar as the people of the island go. That's what fascinates me," she said.

"It's the people of the island that I love to express, and the mood of the island," said Lucich, who started dabbling in portraiture 25 years ago and became a full-



OF ISLAND, FOR ISLAND: Lady Minto Hospital Foundation president Wendy Shea, left, and artist Julia Lucich display some of the paintings that will be on sale at Landing Party Fine Art Gallery with half the proceeds of sales going to the local hospital.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

time artist 10 years ago.

The figures in the series are often viewed unobtrusively from behind.

"You don't have to see their faces to know something about them. You know a lot about people from how they hold themselves," she said. "And the play of light is creating a beautiful moment."

Lucich points to the *Just Another Day* painting in which a man leans against the ferry deck railing gazing at the Gulf Islands scenery.

"He's utterly transfixed by nature and the beauty around him," she said.

By contrast, *Studies On Board* shows a girl who likely grew up on the Gulf Islands, sitting on the ferry engrossed in her reading.

"There may be orcas going by but she probably doesn't care," Lucich said.

Most of the paintings start out as charcoal sketches. Then, Lucich creates an acrylic underpainting before painting with the soft pastels. Glimpses of the underpainting, done in complementary colours to the top pastel layers, are evident.

"It adds life to the final

colour that you see," she said. "I love colour. Colour evokes emotion and everything, and I enjoy that."

Lucich prefers pastels because of their amazing versatility and spontaneity. And it's very hard to replicate the intensity of colour using oils or acrylics, she said. As well, because pastels are pigments in dry form, the artworks' colours won't change over the years.

Lucich will also sell other paintings and limited-edition prints, including some from the *Party Animal* series she is best known for in Canadian and American art galleries. They show animals in their natural environments but Lucich washes the animals in bold, unnatural colours like green and purple.

Another series is *Garden Twists*, which plays with composition. At first glance, the paintings look like ordinary still lifes, though juxtaposed against vibrant backgrounds. But from the paintings' titles, one soon realizes the subjects stand in for people and that tongue-in-cheek humour is at work. For example, Lucich's favourite

painting in the series, called *Playing the Field*, shows a pear among a trio of green apples.

"Paintings are the world in which I play," Lucich wrote in a 2001 Art Trends magazine. "I choose for it to be bright and varied. I prefer vivid rather than drab, joy rather than anguish. I choose the intimacy of the individual to the anonymity of the crowd, and prefer decency to dialectic."

Mark Lucich will also display his collection of brightly coloured resin and bronze animal sculptures.

The art show is on Friday, December 10 from 4 to 8 p.m., Saturday, December 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 12 from 11 to 4.

The Landing Party Fine Art Gallery is located at 2191 North End Road. For more information, call 537-8447 or check out www.landingpartygallery.com. Salt Spring musician Chris Auld's newest CD *Atmost-fear II* will be introduced at the show and half of the proceeds will benefit Lady Minto Hospital.

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Bundle up in thick socks and a warm coat and take the following walking and driving tour to see the 22 businesses entered in the Driftwood's annual Light-up contest.

Park near the Ganges Post Office and cross Fulford-Ganges Road to peer in the windows at 8 Branches Holistic Health Centre before heading to Hereford Avenue and taking in Salt Spring Phys-ioworks.

Walk along Hereford, stop at Fables Cottage — be sure to go right up to the front door — and then move on to Stitches Quilt Shop.

Cut through the United Church meadow to the back of Island Savings Credit Union and then turn right on McPhillips Avenue to check out Sports Traders.

Cross the road to Island Savings and be prepared to spend some time taking in each of the credit union's windows. Be sure to go look into the lobby as well.

Next, scoot through the parking lot between Creekside and Locks Stock and Barber to the Transitions Thrift Shop. Then, take a detour over to Calypso Interiors, before crossing back to Fulford-Ganges Road (through the walkway beside Island Star Video) to view Flowers and Wine.

Heading back towards the center of town on the same side of the road, take a minute to feast on the feast in the Love My Kitchen window and beside it, Harlan's Chocolates.

Rounding the corner towards McPhillips again, peek in the Pharmasave window, then take a quick jaunt to the left to check out WearEvery Wear Clothing, before heading over to Thrifty Foods on Purvis Lane.

Enjoy the lights on the balcony outside Thrifty's flower shop and then, if it's prior to closing time, step inside to enjoy the decorations above the grocery store's fruit and vegetable section.

From Thrifty's, walk to Mouat's Home Hardware, taking in windows on both sides of the building; then cross Fulford-Ganges Road to Grace Point Square, where Sharon's Country Home and Sunfire Creations have also dressed for the season.

On the way back to your car, check out West of the Moon's creative entry.

Once in your vehicle, crank the heat and maybe some Christmas tunes and take a trip towards the water on Beddis Road. Don't worry, you can't miss the Coatings by Design light display.

Back in Ganges, head up the hill and stop in at the Lady Minto Thrift Shop, followed by Ganges Village Market (again, you might want to go inside the grocery store to see the decorations).

For the grand finale, drive towards Walker's Hook to 125 Grantville Street for STS's annual light fest, remembering to drop off something there for the Salt Spring Food Bank.

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THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Salt Spring Driftwood: Main Movie Breakout for Dec 8, 2004 to Dec 14, 2004

- WEDNESDAY, DEC 8**
- 6:00 PM
12 ★ A Girl At the Window (La jeune fille à la fenêtre) (2000, Drama) A young woman moves to the big city to experience the excitement of the roaring 20s. *Hughes Frenette, Diane Dufresne (1h45)*
- 7:00 PM
3 ★★ Clover Bend (2001, Thriller) A criminal's brother seeks revenge on a grieving officer after a fatal hostage situation. *Robert Ulrich, David Keith (1h35)*
- 8:00 PM
24 ★★ Dunston Checks In (1996, Comedy) An orangutan escapes from his malicious owner and wreaks havoc in a posh majestic hotel. *Jason Alexander, Rupert Everett (2h)*
- 9:00 PM

- 9:00 PM
3 ★★★★★ Angels in America (2003, Drama) A group of Americans confront different aspects of AIDS during the Reagan era. *Al Pacino, Meryl Streep (1h)*
- 10:00 PM
18 ★★ Ocean's Eleven (2001, Crime Story) A thief devises a plan to rob an underground vault that serves three Las Vegas casinos. *George Clooney, Julia Roberts (2h30)*
- 10:00 PM
19 ★★ Pretty in Pink (1986, Romance) A girl from the wrong side of town becomes involved with a popular, wealthy young man. *Molly Ringwald, Andrew McCarthy (1h30)*
- 10:00 PM
14 ★★ Au coeur du mensonge (1999, Drama) A teacher is increasingly unsettled by a town's suspicions during a murder investigation. *Sandrine Bonnaire, Jacques Gamblin (2h15)*
- 11:45 PM
3 ★★ Just Another Story (2003, Comedy/Drama) A diverse group of 20-somethings deal with love, parents and friends in New York. *G.Q. Jaclyn DeSantis (1h35)*

THURSDAY, DEC 9

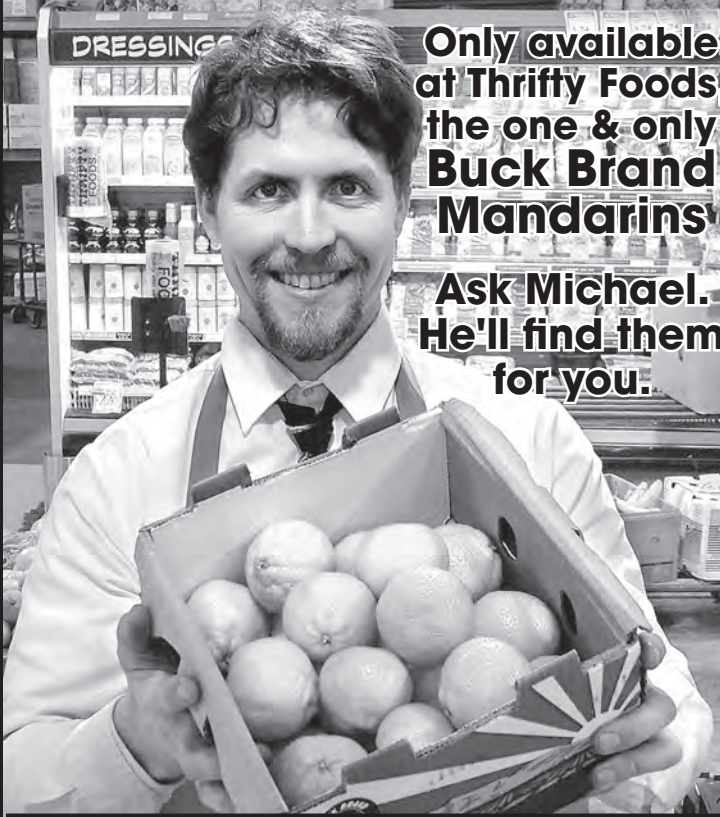
- 7:00 PM
3 ★★ Daredevil (2003, Fantasy) A blind man, whose other senses are enhanced, becomes an acrobatic superhero. *Ben Affleck, Jennifer Garner (1h45)*
- 8:00 PM
13 ★★★★★ Ocean's Eleven (2001, Crime Story) A thief devises a plan to rob an underground vault that serves three Las Vegas casinos. *George Clooney, Julia Roberts (2h30)*
- 8:45 PM
3 ★ Love Don't Cost A Thing (2003, Comedy) A high school outcast pays a cheerleader to pose as his girlfriend in order to look cool. *Nick Cannon, Christina Milian (1h45)*
- 9:00 PM
19 ★★★★★ A Christmas Story (1983, Family) Chronicles a little boy's efforts to receive an air rifle for Christmas in the 1940s. *Peter Billingsley, Darren McGavin (1h30)*
- 9:00 PM
29 ★★★★★ The Ghost of Greville Lodge (2000, Mystery) A teen visits his great uncle's mansion and finds himself involved in a mystery. *George Cole, Prunella Scales (2h)*

FRIDAY, DEC 10

- 6:00 PM
14 ★★ Funeral in Berlin (1966, Mystery) A British secret agent is assigned to help a Russian defector stage his own funeral. *Michael Caine, Eva Renzi (2h)*
- 7:00 PM
3 ★ You Got Served (2004, Drama) Two friends must win their city's dance contest in order to open a recording studio. *Omarion, Marques Houston (1h45)*
- 7:30 PM
19 The Ultimate Christmas Present (2000, Comedy) Two 12-year-old girls stumble upon a mysterious device that changes the weather. *Peter Scolar, Bill Fagerbakke (1h30)*

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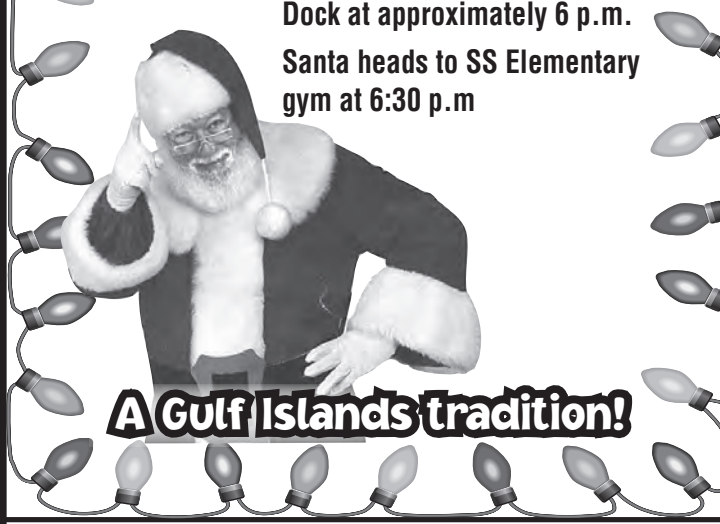
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SEASONAL SOUND: Judy Sims sings out as part of the Christmas Carol Festival held Sunday afternoon at Central Hall. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Jaime RT reaches out with new CD

Salt Spring's Jaime Rokeby-Thomas — known on stage as Jaime RT — is releasing her new CD called *Reach* on Friday night, and is inviting her fans to join her for the celebration.

"Reach is a combination of sounds, a merging of the classical with a folk soul that takes listeners on a journey of melodic pathways," states a press release.

"Imaginative, joyous but with depth and richness of stylistic mergings, this album establishes Jaime RT as an innovative artist willing to bring fiddle music to new palates."

The release runs at the Tree House South on December 10 beginning at 6 p.m.

A contemporary folk album, *Reach* blends new and old music, Celtic and jazz, classic and Acadian to create a uniquely West-Coast inspired world approach to the fiddle.

Rokeby-Thomas' viola and violin cuts are woven with the

support of mandolin, guitar, accordion, bass, cello and tabla, with renowned artists such as Oliver Schroer on violin, John Reischman on mandolin along with Juno-nominated musicians Glen Manders and Adrian Dolan of The Bills.

The CD was produced by Jordy Sharp and is being released by Dog My Cat Records and distributed by Fusion III.

CDs can be purchased on Friday night, at outlets on Salt Spring and through the jaimert.com website. Rokeby-Thomas is well known on the island and beyond for her teaching and performances.

Her Salt Spring Fiddle Workshop draws fiddle lovers from all over the globe, and one of her passions is teaching in Canada's Arctic and northern communities with Andrea Hanson and Strings Across the Sky, an organization committed to restoring the historic fiddle legacy among youth.

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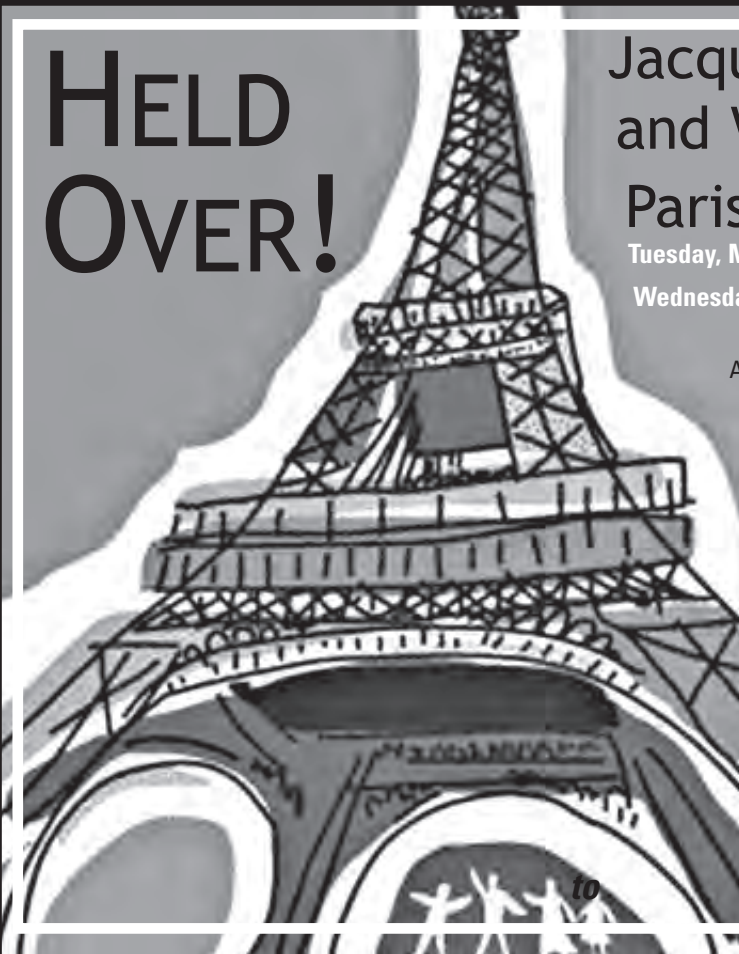
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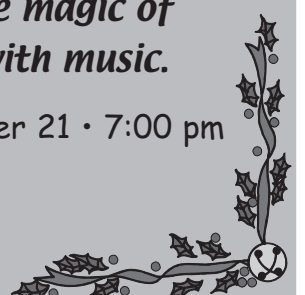
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FEATURE PAGE OF THE GULF ISLANDS DRIFTWOOD

TRAVEL TIPS: Colour abounds in Nova Scotia

• **Travel light!**
Can everything fit in two carry-on bags?

• **Make sure prescriptions are filled before you go.**

• **Remember lots of film or take an extra digi card for your camera.**

• **Buy road maps before you go.**
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By **PETER MCCULLY**
Driftwood Sales Manager

Colourful monikers, colourful personalities, colourful place names and colourful scenery await you in Nova Scotia.

In October my wife Barbara and I returned to the province of our birth to visit family, renew acquaintances and enjoy the "colours" of the fall season.

We started the visit in Halifax-Dartmouth, historic cities built on the east coast sea trade with New England.

No visit to Halifax would be complete without a visit to the historic Halifax Citadel. The citadel cannon still fires at noon each day as it stands watch over the harbour from high atop the downtown core. It's an easy walk to the historic waterfront shopping area, the Maritime Museum and the world famous schooner Bluenose. The Citadel features a museum of its own, so the visitor gets a feel of life as a soldier from over 200 years ago.

A dozen blocks away, a visit to McCully House on Barrington Street, (built for Father of Confederation Jonathan McCully) shows glimpses into the past of 150 years ago.

Today, the cities are hustle and bustle, with half of the province's population living within a 45-minute drive of the metro area.

In the city there are still lots of spots to enjoy the fall colours, including Point Pleasant Park, although it was hit hard by hurricane Juan a few years ago.

We travelled east to the Celtic haven of Antigonish, a town we know well, having lived there for 17 years. The campus of St. F.X. University, best known for graduates former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and former Deputy Prime Minister Allan J. McEachern, is sprawling. The past few years have seen the addition of a number of student residences, a multiplex and science centre, all constructed to complement the 150-year-old façade of the original buildings.

Here's where we meet the colourful monikers. As you can imagine, there would be a number of Ronald MacDonalds in a Scottish town. To keep them straight they were given monikers. Take for instance the former Mayor Ronnie "Elbows" MacDonald. As a young hockey defenceman he was known for his corner work — hence the "Elbows." My late mother-in-law, whose father was Robert MacDonald of St. Peter's on Cape Breton Island, was known as



Peter McCully reads the Driftwood in front of St. FX University in Antigonish.



The colour of autumn leaves is worth enjoying.



Barney River train bed.



Pictou Harbour from Mount Thom.

"Mae-Bob," instant recognition of her family ties.

No trip to Nova Scotia would be complete without a trip around the world-famous Cabot Trail. If driven in late September or early October the "colours" are amazing! Leaves of every description.

I recommend a few days to enjoy the trail. You can begin your trip in around the Margarees or, as I prefer, up the coast enjoying the scenery as you pass through the towns of Glenora, Judique, Port Hood and Inverness. Glenora is home to North America's only single malt scotch distillery, and features a restaurant and B&B.

Port Hood is known for its warm sandy beaches.

Cheticamp is rich in the Acadian culture. This seafaring town known for its crab and lobster faces the North Atlantic, and is the gateway to the Cape Breton Highlands National Park.

After a three- to four-hour drive you will exit the park at Baddeck. Situated on the shores of the Bras Dor Lakes, Baddeck is home to the Alexander Graham Bell Museum, a day visit by itself.

Nearby in St Anne's, drop by the Historic Gaelic College, which is over 150 years old. It offers week-long summer music (fiddle and bagpipe) and Gaelic language courses.

If time allows, set aside at least one full day to travel to the historic fortress of Louisbourg. It is truly impressive in its restoration.

Is Nova Scotia colorful? See for yourself!

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ON THE MOVE: Artist Richard Jacksties wrapped up an ArtSpring exhibition last week. From December 15, his work can be seen at Long Harbour Gallery on Little Mountain Road.

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Younger and older get Hylands benefit in acting courses

Scott Hylands is arguably Salt Spring's most "adventurous" thespian.

His island-centred projects include a solo Shakespeare show last year; and directing and performing in complex plays such as Under Milk Wood and End Game.

In 2002 he worked with 17 kids to create the hilarious How to Eat Like a Child; last year he helped middle school students create Alice.

And he just finished knocking the socks off Victoria Belfry Theatre audiences as 82-year-old former U.S. Attorney General Francis Biddle in Joanna McClelland Glass's Trying.

This time he's raising the curtain on two workshops set to run in January, under an Acoustic Planet Music banner.

Both will culminate in public performances.

Hylands will work with grades 6-8 students who have acting and musical interests to create a performance piece where their instruments will do some of the talking.

"Participants have to be clever with an instrument, that is they must have played piano, trumpet, clarinet, whatever, for a time and must like the idea of acting, the spoken word," he

explains. "These two ways of communicating — dialogue and music — will be woven together to make something unique and memorable."

The group will meet two times per week, with the days and times to be determined.

Hylands' second endeavour is a scene study class for anyone over the age of 16.

Actors will choose and work on a scene or two from a modern play, meeting for two hours per week beginning in early January.

Analyzing text and tapping into the playwright's vision will be a big part of the work.

"The whole emphasis is not on how to act, it's on how to understand a script," he said.

"Relaxation techniques and how to source your inner angels and demons to serve the play may be referred to in passing, but will not be the focus."

Meetings for those interested are set for this Friday (December 10) at Acoustic's music studio. The kids project will be discussed at 3 p.m., and the scene study talk at 4 p.m.

For more information, call Hylands at 537-4650 or send an e-mail to scott@saltspring.com, or check with Acoustic Planet (537-9668).



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Capturing a woodworking renaissance

With the lumber industry being intrinsic to the B.C. economy, you'd think the province would be inundated with fine woodwork galleries. Surprisingly there is only one.

Celebrate the fact that we have it on Salt Spring Island.

Salt Spring Woodworks, run by Celia Duthie and Nick Hunt of Vancouver's Duthie Books fame, has two commercial buildings on their property at 125 Churchill Road. The cabin houses their rustic pieces and the larger structure features exquisite furniture and fine art.

I remained skeptical that woodworking was "fine art" when I entered the building, but Duthie's articulate and passionate sales pitch turned me into a believer praying at the altar of stunning design and gorgeous wood.

Featuring pieces by two dozen woodworkers from Salt Spring, the Outer Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island, the gallery opened only this summer. Duthie has since been busy "beating the bushes" and has sourced "a rich vein."

According to Duthie, the Camosun Fine Furniture Department in Victoria has raised the quality ante.

"There is a renaissance and emergence of fine woodworkers. It's a new phenomenon."

Two of those are Sandra Carr and Joseph Gelinas (Shawnigan Lake), who met in the program and whose bed is showcased in the gallery. Made of bubinga and boxwood, meticulous cabinet making using an arts and crafts and Asian aesthetic creates a highly coveted piece.

Jesse Fisher's walnut and ebony chair is lovingly



Local artist Stefanie Denz's paintings on wood — such as Islands above — can be found at the gallery.

designed to hug the curves of the body with lumbar support and leg grooves. Blind dovetail joints create a seamless piece that is as gorgeous to sit in as it is to look at.

These are woodworkers who usually do custom work but offer these choice pieces for speculation, a rare occurrence for artisans at this level.

Master woodworker Ilyd Perkins also designs a line of occasional bookcases with visible joinery in natural colours. They are handcrafted by Sadler Fine Furniture of Duncan, B.C. in solid native woods: red alder, Douglas fir, western yew and big leaf maple.

Well-known Salt Spring artist Stefanie Denz is a welcome addition to the gallery as her paintings on found wood pieces are riveting.

Intrigued by architecture, children and women's place in society, Denz's work pulsates with rich emotion using positive and negative space simply and masterfully.

The point at which change happens permeates the work in a profound way.

"I look at things in a physically spatial way," explained Denz. "A place where things could happen."

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red, intense yellow, and a deeper yellow plastic delineating the negative space like a separate presence

places filled with people and potential.

"I see buildings as an extension of self. There are parallels between people and architectural construct."

With a talented eye nourished by a Masters in Fine Art, she sees shapes like ovals, rectangles and squares that make up buildings present in the human form.

She enjoys children because of their innate sensuality and, having three of her own, she has ready models that never cease to inspire awe.

Denz's large mixed-media piece on wood entitled Islands places two children outlined in blue oil paint with fire engine

equal to the two figures.

To us they look like abstract shapes, but to Denz, they represent her presence as a support and structure to the children's beauty. Look at it longer, and you will see what she means.

She has used both figurative and architectural elements to create a feeling with few lines and few colours.

"I love trying to restrain myself," said the busy Denz. "How can I portray this as expediently as possible?"

A series of her new work opens with a December 9 reception from 5-7 p.m. and will run till December 12 at Salt Spring Woodworks.

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Event benefits Grooms

Salt Spring musicians are joining forces Thursday night, putting on a benefit for a member of their community.

The musical night for Gene Grooms, organized by Dave Roland and friends, takes place at Moby's Pub beginning at about 8 p.m.

Grooms is known on Salt Spring, the West Coast and Ontario for his distinctive blues style. Since returning to the island from Ontario two years ago, Grooms has performed solo, with his Old Dog New Tricks band and other musicians.

The benefit is being held since Grooms has been unable to work due to a physical illness. Besides a night of great music, some choice items will be raffled off.

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Boel poem chosen as preface to book

A poem written years ago by Salt Spring counsellor and school trustee Judith Boel has just been published as part of a women's history text.

Boel's 1979 poem titled *Rose Budding* — a short monologue on the feminine aspect of power — is the opening page of *Unfolding Power — Documents in 20th Century Canadian Women's History*.

Published by Green Dragon Press, and the Ontario Women's History Network, it will be used as high school and university course curriculum.

When Boel was involved in a B.C. Teachers' Federation social justice group, she wrote:

"This force that unfolds/a rose bud/is more potent than/nuclear brutality,/more dramatic/than your resistance to change --/or mine.

This raw, soft passion/wastes nothing,/wants nothing, is never/defeated.

This power unfolding/is not to inspire guilt,/but justice."

Boel was extremely pleased with the use of her words and the book's comprehensive content, and hopes to acquire a copy for school district use.



CHRISTMAS CHAT: Iminah Amal-Hill, left, and Farrell West hang out at the annual Fulford Hall Christmas Craft Fair, enjoying some Christmas conversations.

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Koke checks chess trophy

After a 56-year hiatus, it shouldn't be a surprise to see a year-long tournament to award the Salt Spring Chess Club trophy.

"The cup is back in play," announced tourney organizer and victor Conrad Koke.

It was a long, meandering struggle to renew an old island tradition, but in the end, Koke won the club trophy that was last awarded to H. Martyn-Jenkins in 1948.

"It's nice to win and it's nice to have the tourney going again," said Koke.

Originally scheduled to run with nine players for 16 weeks starting in February, the tournament lingered on with delays until the last game was finally resolved on November 30.

"Until it dragged on in the fall, it was a very pleasant way to play chess," Koke said.

But the history of the cup seems linked to a leisurely timetable. It disappeared after 1948 until it was rediscovered and refurbished by Ivan Mouat last year.

The trophy discovery prompted creation of a new tournament where players met every competitor twice in a self-scheduling round-robin format of one-hour-per-player games.

"It went on way way too long," said Koke.

But he won the final match against Ted Baldwinson, who was leading the standings by half a point before the game.

"For me to win the tournament, I had to win against Ted. He would have won with a draw."

Koke (11.5 points) beat Baldwinson (11 points) with white by utilizing the vaunted Smith-Morra Gambit Declined opening, he said.

"He spent a lot of time trying to avoid it and got into time trouble," said Koke.

But the real story of the tournament was the performance of nine-year-old chess prodigy Farley Cannon who placed third with 10 points.

"Both Ted and I got the benefit of forfeit matches and he played all of his games," Koke said.

Cannon also beat Koke in both tourney encounters and split wins with Baldwinson. Only fourth-place finisher Mitchell Sherrin (nine points) scored two wins against Cannon to spoil his streak.

"I was exceptionally lucky," said Sherrin. "It's unlikely I'll ever beat Farley in a tournament again."

Now that the tourney tradition has been renewed, Koke's name will be added to the collection of small silver plaques adorning the cup base that began with William M. Mouat in 1931.

"And Farley will be the odds-on favourite to win next year at the rate he is improving," Koke said.

Chess players are invited to visit the local club from 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays at the Salt Spring Seniors centre.

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Fascinating yarns inspire sailing club to save historic Wallace Island cabin

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
 Staff Writer

Tall tales of gold diggers, wife swapping and a possible visit by Marilyn Monroe helped inspire a Salt Spring Island Sailing Club donation to repair a piece of history at neighbouring Wallace Island Provincial Marine Park.

Located 1.6 kilometres north west of Fernwood Dock in the middle of Trincomali Channel, the narrow 200-acre (80 hectare) blade



of Wallace Island holds a somewhat mysterious and sensational history for such an out-of-the-way place.

When talking about Wallace pioneer Jeremiah Chivers, park operator Ellen den Holder emphasizes his early days as prospector in the Cariboo gold rush of the 1860s.

"The fun part of it is that he paid for everything on Salt Spring with gold nuggets," she grinned conspiratorially during a meeting at the sailing club on November 26.

"When he died in 1927, the naughty people on Salt Spring asked, 'Where is the gold?' and they left holes all over the island."

Stories about Chivers are part of an enchanting Tall Tales talk den Holder has hosted many times for visitors to Wallace.

"People can escape the hectic city life and get serenity there."

Another one of Wallace's prominent figures, writer-photographer David Conover, also fell in love with the island's peaceful tranquility, she said.

"He lost his heart on Wallace Island as a California kid."

Originally from Los Angeles, Conover answered an ad to work as a youth counselor at an exclusive camp on Wallace.

"Sons of wealthy Hollywood types came to Wallace Island . . . It was a bit of 'glam' stuck on the West Coast."

Conover's path veered away from the island when he served as a photographer in the First Motion Picture Unit during WWII.

"Ronald Reagan, his commanding officer, sent him to take photos of women at work," grinned den Holder.

And Conover "discov-

ered" Marilyn Monroe (then a 19-year-old named Norma Jean Baker).

"He took extra photos of Norma Jean that helped launch her career."

When the war ended, Conover returned to Wallace with his new bride, Jeanne, for their honeymoon and they acted on his dream to buy the island.

"He did a 'back to the land' number."

Unlucky with Jeanne, who didn't embrace the secluded pioneer lifestyle, Conover placed ads in the Vancouver Sun and married three other women in his quest for a permanent mate.

"People think it must have been idyllic to live there, but what he really needed was an island wife," laughed den Holder.

Conover's third partner actually left him for the caretaker of Jackscrew Island. But then Conover married Barbara, who had been the caretaker's wife, den Holder said.

Among numerous autobiographical books he wrote later in life, Finding Marilyn recounted his connection to the starlet (and hints that she might've visited him at Wallace) and Once Upon an Island was one of the most popular books published by Reader's Digest, den Holder said.

Conover ran a four-cabin resort until the late 1960s when he sold off large portions of the island except 11 acres at Princess Cove. He died in 1983.

Some 72 hectares of Wallace became a B.C. provincial marine park in 1990 after the Islands Trust quashed a proposal for a 50-unit strata-title development on the island.

"At the 11th hour on the third reading, it dawned on them that there weren't great water and septic possibili-

ties."

The park operator doesn't share her well-researched yarns about Chivers and Conover as part of her job, but out of a pure love for the island, she said.

"I grew up near here and it was everything I liked as a child — like little bays and coves to discover — it feels like you are far away in the wilderness."

Consequently, her stories captivated local sailing club members who contributed another \$500 (now their third donation) to aid restoration of the cabin where the characters once lived.

"It's history for me," said sailing club member Rob Denny.

"The history that Ellen has talked about, Jeremiah Chivers, the boys camp, the Conovers, I went there as a boy and I knew the Conovers."

Den Holder raised over \$14,000 in donations from park visitors in the last five years, which is enough money to restore the cabin roof, she said.

"The interior is in desperate need of care. It's been lived in by otters."

She still hopes to raise another \$30,000 to save the rest of the cabin.

"Jonathan Yardley made an initial assessment [to restore the whole cabin] four years ago and it's really gone downhill since then."

Sailing club member Lorne Shantz is glad the club will be able to help show some signs of progress with the cabin's restoration.

"We love the serenity and peacefulness of Wallace Island. I love to walk the trails and smell the smells of the place. I can smell it right now . . . the sweet smell of arbutus and fir, sort of like when my mother used to make bread."

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Flick Pick
 Maria Full of Grace doesn't know what it wants to be

 Jason Tudor

It's the classic expression of muted disappointment after seeing a highly touted but not fully satisfying film: "enh."

Maria Full of Grace, an HBO production and the latest indie success story, provided me with a whole bucketful of enhs. Not just at the end, either.

The film begins in Colombia, where 17-year-old Maria has had it with the limited opportunities presented to her. One day, just after she has quit her job stripping thorns off roses in a factory, a cute young guy hits her up with a job as a "mule."

The beast of burden connotation isn't far off: as a mule you swallow up to 100 little packets of heroin and smuggle it into some rich faraway country. In this case, Maria is off to New York.

It doesn't take long before everything appears to fall apart. One girl is caught, and the other becomes sick upon arrival in New Jersey. After a particularly violent moment, Maria and her friend split with the heroin, and are immediately faced with the prospect of hiding from gangsters in a foreign land.

The major hitch with Maria Full of Grace is that it tries to straddle the fence between being realistic and following a standard Hollywood plot structure. For about half the film everything seems quite real, a recreation of what the stress, degradation and pain is like for Colombian women who are living cargo holds.

However, the drug deal going bad signifies that the filmmakers wanted to punch some

more drama into the storyline. Big mistake. What up to that point had been an informative, almost documentary-esque film now becomes a straight-up drama.

There isn't anything intrinsically wrong with drama. But the style of Maria Full of Grace is so plain that it's hard to derive any kind of meaning or significance to the events on screen.

I could be way off — surely the film's title and its protagonist's name indicate some sort of religious allusion? If so, it's a pretty lazy one at best.

Maria Full of Grace would have been much better as either a) a hard-hitting, fly-on-the-wall type documentary or b) a lost episode from Steven Soderbergh's excellent 2000 film Traffic.

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15 *** Casino (1995, Crime Story) A gambling ace runs a casino for the mob while his wife has an affair with his friend. Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone (2h)
21 * Revolution (1985, Docu-Drama) A man becomes an unwilling participant in the American Revolution when his son is drafted. Al Pacino, Nastassja Kinski (2h30)
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14 *** Entrapment (1999, Suspense) A high class burglar and an insurance agent team up for the biggest heist of their lives. Sean Connery, Catherine Zeta-Jones (2h)
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4 *** Atlantic City (1981, Crime Story) An aging, minor-league gangster falls for the much younger widow of a casino crozier. Burt Lancaster, Susan Sarandon (2h)
19 *** Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986, Comedy) A high school student decides to take the day off school and enjoy it with his friends. Matthew Broderick, Alan Ruck (1h30)
20 ** Indecent Proposal (1993, Romance) A wealthy financier offers an architect one million dollars for a night with his wife. Demi Moore, Woody Harrelson (2h30)
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3 *** Club Dread (2004, Comedy) A serial killer interrupts the fun at an unusual island resort for swingers. Elena Lyons, Dan Montgomery Jr. (1h45)
10:15 PM
14 *** Disclosure (1994, Psycho-Drama) A businessman is sexually harassed by his female boss, but she blames him for the crime. Demi Moore, Michael Douglas (2h15)
10:30 PM
19 ** The Kid Who Loved Christmas (1990, Drama) A young orphan must fight against social workers in order to remain with his dad. Trent Cameron, Gregory Sporleder (1h35)
11:45 PM
3 ***** Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003, Fantasy) As the battle for Middle Earth begins, Frodo and Sam arrive at Mt. Doom with the ring. Viggo Mortensen, Elijah Wood (3h30)
10 Coups de feu sur Broadway (1994, Comédie) Un jeune dramaturge produit sa première pièce de théâtre grâce à un mafioso. John Cusack, Dianne Wiest (1h30)
MONDAY, DEC 13
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3 *** The Last Casino (2003, Drama) To free himself of debt, a math professor instructs students in the art of counting cards. Katharine Isabelle, Albert Chung (1h30)
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20 Karroll's Christmas (2004, Comedy) When the ghosts end up at the wrong house, Allen Karroll is taken on a ride through time. Tom Everett Scott, Verne Troyer (2h)
8:00 PM
4 ** The Family Man (2001, Drama) A fast-lane money broker wakes up to find out how life could have been as a family man. Nicolas Cage, Tea Leoni (3h)
24 ** The Fourth Protocol (1987, Spy) A Russian agent is ordered to frame the Americans and stage a nuclear accident in England. Michael Caine, Pierce Brosnan (2h30)
9:00 PM
13 * Gone in 60 Seconds (2000, Action) A retired car thief re-enters the business to steal 50 cars with his crew in one night. Nicolas Cage, Angelina Jolie (2h30)
19 ***** Jack (1996, Comedy) A 10-year-old has a genetic disease that causes him to age four times faster than normal. Robin Williams, Bill Cosby (2h)
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11:00 PM
3 ** A Man Apart (2003, Action) A government agent seeks revenge upon the new leader of a powerful drug cartel. Vin Diesel, Juan Fernandez (2h)
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11:30 PM
2 ***** The Lion in Winter (1968, History) A king tries to maintain his power by planning a reunion with his exiled wife and sons. Peter O'Toole, Katharine Hepburn (2h)

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live entertainment Swing Shift. Performs at Anise, 9 pm	live entertainment Gene Grooms Benefit. Music at Moby's, 8 p.m.	live entertainment Jaime RT CD Release. Tree House South, 6 pm	special events Lions Santa Ship. Ganges Coast Guard dock approx. 6 pm.	live entertainment PJ Perry Trio. Sunday Dinner Jazz at Moby's Pub, 7 pm	live entertainment Christmas Lost & Found. Special People Drama Group. ArtSpring, 1:30 pm	other activities Circle Dance Group. 7-8:30 p.m. Info: 538-0316
Simply Organic. Barry Valentine organ recital, followed by muffin and coffee, at All Saints, 10:10 a.m.	Jam Open Mike. Fulford Inn.	SS Singers. ArtSpring, 8 pm	live entertainment DJ Matt J. Moby's Pub.	Jam - Open Mike. At Anise, 2 pm	other activities The Clinic. Planned Parenthood services at #102-340 Lower Ganges Rd. on Mondays, 4:30-6:30 pm	
other activities Bessie Dane Foundation & Hospice. Annual Christmas Gathering. SS Seniors, 7:30 pm	other activities Business Breakfast Club. At Oystercatcher, 8 am	other activities Painting Daisies. Moby's, 9 p.m.	live entertainment Stephanie Rhodes & Allison Dunn. Shipstones, 7:30 pm	SS Singers. Christmas concert at ArtSpring, 2 pm	Women's Drop-in Basketball. At SIMS gym Monday nights, 7-8:30 pm. Info: Morgan, 537-5995.	
IODE Christmas Auction & Bake Sale. SS United Church, lower hall, 2 pm.		Interchill Records DJs At Shipstones, 7 pm	SS Singers. ArtSpring, 8 pm	Under the Sun. Featuring Sarah Morris and Anna Calligari at Barb's Buns, 11-2.		
Argentine Tango Lessons. Wednesdays at Lions Hall, 7:30-8:30 pm. Info: Frank, 537-2524.		other activities Kids With Horns. Scott Hylands workshop meeting. Acoustic Planet, 3 pm	PJ Perry and Swing Shift. Beaver Pt. Hall, 8:30 pm	other activities Restorative Restshops. Yoga class at Ganges Yoga Studio. 9:30-11:30 am		
		Scene Study. Scott Hylands 16+-age acting workshop meeting. Acoustic Planet, 4 pm	IBO Kingdread. At Anise, 9 pm	other activities Food bank drive GVM parking lot, 10-4.		
		SSI Abbeyfield Housing Society. AGM at 150 Hilltop Road, 6:30 pm	other activities Environmental Farm Planning. Farmers Institute, 10 am			

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- **Last Minute Christmas Craft Fair** runs at Mahon Hall Dec. 10-12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Landing Party Fine Art Gallery** holds a benefit art show with half proceeds to Lady Minto Hospital. 2191 North End Rd., Dec. 10, 4-8 p.m.; Dec. 11, 10-5; Dec. 12, 11-4.
- **Michael Hames** has monotypes and miniatures on display at Thunderbird Gallery through Dec. 23.
- Eight Salt Spring artists present the **Cre8ivity '04** exhibit at Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney until Dec. 14.
- Woodturner **Morgain Cuddy** holds a Christmas Show & Sale in his new studio at 886 Isabella Pt. Road. Dec. 10-13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Teak antiques and Kilim Carpet Exhibition and Sale** at ArtSpring daily until Dec. 18, noon until closing.
- **Salt Spring Woodworks** features Stefanie Denz paintings and fine woodwork by several artists. 125 Churchill Rd., Dec. 9-12.
- **Copperwood Gallery** is open for the Christmas season. 111 Morningside in Fulford.
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Lions' Santa Ship motors out for annual Gulf Islands voyage

By ELLEN YEUNG
Staff Writer

Santa can apparently travel in all modes of transportation. Sometimes it's on a sleigh, other times by float-plane. This Saturday at 6 p.m., Santa will arrive at the Ganges Coast Guard dock on a whale-watching ship.

The public is invited to greet Santa and have hot chocolate in the tent on the wharf. Santa will distribute gifts to children at the Salt Spring Elementary School gym at 6:30 p.m. He'll also visit residents at Greenwood Intermediate Care Facility and patients at Lady Minto Hospital.

The Bellingham and Salt Spring Lions Clubs sponsor the Lions Santa Ship, which carries Santa and a contingent of elves, clowns, the Port Washington Pipe Band and Santa's other helpers from Bellingham, leaving at 6 a.m. on Saturday. The ship stops at Saturna, Pender, Mayne and Galiano islands for visits before arriving at Salt Spring under a Ganges Coast Guard escort.

Each island has its unique way to welcome the Santa Ship, said Don Cunningham, chair of the Santa Ship program for the Lions on Salt Spring.

On Mayne Island, for example, local firefighters dress up as reindeer, pulling Santa and his sleigh to and from the school.



COLLECTION: Salt Spring Lions Club member Don Cunningham displays some of the Santa Ship pins he has collected over the years.

Photo by Ellen Yeung

The Pender Legion Pipe Band will jump onboard the Santa Ship to entertain folks on Salt Spring.

A Santa ship laden with

gifts started arriving at the Gulf Islands from Bellingham 51 years ago, Cunningham said. The Bellingham Junior Chamber of Com-

merce sponsored the ship and, until 10 years ago, the Salt Spring Fire Department hosted Santa and the gang when they arrived on Salt Spring. But when the JCs wanted to drop the tradition, the Bellingham Lions Club took over and asked their Gulf Islands counterparts to co-host.

"The event has blossomed so big and is so well-received that we've had to use a larger ship," Cunningham said.

A 75-foot ship brought the people and gifts across the border, but now, a 110-foot whale-watching ship from Bellingham does the job.

Lions Clubs receive thousands of dollars in gifts from corporate sponsors in the Bellingham area. The local clubs also help offset expenses and put visiting Lions up at the Harbour House Hotel for the night before they sail off to the San Juan Islands on Sunday. Royal Canadian Legion members will billet the Pender Legion Pipe Band.

The Lions Santa Ship has been an exciting event for Lions Club members who socialize after the gift giving, Cunningham said. Each year, those helping out receive commemorative trading pins.

"I have 15 pounds of pins," Cunningham said.

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CANINE SMILE: Elf Jena Peori of the Salt Spring SPCA gives Santa a hand with pet Christmas photos at Foxglove. The annual event is an SPCA fundraiser.
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Food drive at GVM

The 60-plus members of the Ganges Village Market Employees Association (GVMEA) are holding their first organized community service event with a December 11 Salt Spring Food Bank drive.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., employees will collect non-perishable food items and cash donations at the fire truck in the GVM parking lot.

"Early in November, the GVMEA decided they wanted the association as a whole to become more active in the community," explains a press release. "Recognizing their good fortune as employees of a strong, stable island business, the GVMEA moved to act to share the good fortune of all employees with the greater community."

The GVMEA hopes to organize and coordinate future activities it deems beneficial to the community. The association welcomes public suggestions as to areas of community need.

"One goal is to identify more of those in genuine need -- short-term or long-term -- and help them become comfortable with using this vital community service."

Food bank Christmas hamper coordinator Melanie Morris advises that the following items are most in need right now: cereals, oatmeal, tinned tuna and salmon, tuna helper, pancake mix, syrup, jams/jellies, dog and cat food, coffee, hot chocolate, specialty teas. Also, Christmas puddings and festive cakes are much appreciated this time of year.

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Covenant protects creek lands

When Janice and Brian Finnemore decided to place a conservation covenant on their beautiful 1.5-hectare property on the north side of Fulford Creek, they knew they had a lot to protect.

In addition to the Garry oak meadows, which cover two-thirds of the property, the lands have many mature fir trees, as the property has only been selectively logged since the 1930s.

The Finnemore property also includes part of the Fulford Creek estuary. Here, salt and fresh water mix, resulting in abundant species diversity. In addition, the creek supports 50-100 juvenile salmon every year. The Finnemore property and

the Fulford Inn on the opposite side of the creek are the first properties spawning salmon pass as they make their way upstream.

The Finnemores worked on the covenant with Ann Richardson of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy (SSIC).

Registered in June of this year, the covenant is designed to protect the ecological values of the land in perpetuity. To ensure that future landowners abide by the covenant's terms, the SSIC and the Land Conservancy of British Columbia (TLC) jointly hold the covenant and monitor the property annually.

A conservation covenant

includes a baseline report that clearly describes the property at the time of registration. In the case of the Finnemore property, the baseline study listed trees, including bigleaf maple, red alder, bitter cherry, grand fir, arbutus and red cedar; shrubs, including Oregon grape, sword fern, ocean spray, Himalayan and trailing blackberry, salal, Nootka rose, bracken fern, Scotch broom, and holly; plume moss, gold short-capsuled moss and cattail moss; and antlered perfume lichen.

Since the Finnemores have removed the Scotch broom, indigenous plants such as lilies (white fawn and chocolate), honeysuckle, trailing blackberry and Oregon grape have already begun to grow again. They are watching and hoping for some camas to show up as they know it used to grow on the property before the Scotch broom moved in.

Land owners interested in protecting their lands in this way should contact the conservancy's covenant committee chaired by Maureen Milburn (653-9417) or call the conservancy office at 538-0318.

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BUSINESS BREAKFAST Club, Thursday, Dec. 9th, 8 a.m. Oystercatcher. Discussing successes of the past year and challenges of the next. Call 537-4223 for more info.

ARGENTINE TANGO Lessons for Beginners, Starting today, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Lions Hall, Bonnet Avenue. Cost: \$5. More info: Frank at 537-2524 or e-mail: tangof33@telus.net.

SALT SPRING Centre School presents Winterfest, Sat. Dec. 11, 11:30 - 4 pm at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga, 355 Blackburn Rd. Winter crafts, story telling, vegetarian cafe & entertainment. Fun for the whole family!

CORE INN Youth Project Society Annual General Meeting, Thurs. Dec. 16, 7 pm. at Family Place, behind Salt Spring Community Services. Info 537-4167.

ANIMAL HEALTH, Monday, Dec. 13, 7 pm at the Farmers Institute. Veterinarian Dr. Dave MacDonald will give a talk on farm animal husbandry and health care. Members and non-members of the Institute are welcome to attend.

SALTSPRING ISLAND birdwatchers are getting ready for the annual Christmas Bird Count on December 19. Anyone new to the island and eager to join the fun please call Marian Porter at 653-2043.

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Community Gospel Chapel
147 Vesuvius Bay Rd.
Presents
Sunday, Dec. 12 6:30 pm
Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec. 19 7:00 pm
Live Nativity at Centennial Park

Friday, Dec. 24 7:00 pm
Christmas Eve Service
Information
Call 537-2622 or info@communitygospelchapel.com

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Solo Competition 2005
An opportunity to perform as a soloist with the Band. Winner receives a \$100 award and a certificate. Information and application forms available at Acoustic Planet. All students of music (except previous winners) welcomed and encouraged to participate.
Important Dates:
Master Class - Tips for Auditions December 16 at SIMS, 4:30
Deadline for Registration for Competition January 6, 2005
Solo Competition January 9, 2005
SS Concert Band Performance February 12 at ArtSpring

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OPEN HOUSE
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The offices of The Islands Trust, Salt Spring Island will be closed **Wednesday, December 15, 2004**.

Regular office hours will resume at 10am, Thursday, December 16, 2004.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

40 PERSONALS

LOVING, SENSITIVE male, 61, in last year of life from cancer, seeks intimate mutual massage with gentle, attractive, shapely woman. Before I die, I would like to touch and be touched once more. Remuneration negotiable. Letter and photo to Driftwood, Dept. B, c/o The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V3.

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335 FURNITURE

MOVING SALE. Open house. Furniture, beds, Murphy beds, small appliances, cabinets, bookshelves, office furniture, TV/VCR combo's, patio furniture, barbecues, rowboat, cargo trailer, fencing, siding, tools. 214 Welbury Dr. 537-9510, Wed. to Sat. CHESTERFIELD & LOVE seat in pastel shades. Like new. Reduced to \$400 obo. 537-9583.

CANADIAN OAK teacher's desk, 3 drawers, 42 X 30, \$150 obo. 537-4767.

LARGE BUFFET, 6 ft. long, 3 large drawers, 2 sliding doors, 2 sliding glass doors in hutch. \$200. Duncan Fyfe table, 5 ft. long with 2 leaves, 34" without, 38" wide. 6 upholstered chairs, \$250. 537-9413.

SOLID OAK dining table \$500. 4 or 6 matching chairs \$100 ea. 537-4808.

340 GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE, Sunday, Dec. 12 only, noon. Small appliances, household items, dishes, furniture, TVs, garden tools, lumber. 215 Welbury Dr.

MOVING - GARAGE Sale, Dec. 11, 9 am, 315 Fernwood Road.

INDOOR GARAGE-Christmas sale. Sat. Dec. 11 and 12. 11-3. Across from Embe Bakery. New and Good-Used items. Christmas gifts items. Christmas gifts Certificates. Hot apple cider and cookies.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, Dec. 11/12, 9-3 p.m. Entire house & cottage contents including sofas, beds, computer, plus all household items. Phone for viewing at other times. 537-2141. 114 Margaret Ave., Vesuvius. Many items by donation.

LIONS GARAGE Sale, closed for holidays, Dec. 17th - Jan. 6th. We will reopen on January 7th, 10 a.m. Thank you for your support. Happy Holidays to you all! Salt Spring Lions Club.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 - 235 Park Place, Unit 3. 9 a.m. Xmas tree, artificial flowers, brass, pottery, etc.

LIONS GARAGE Sale: Friday & Saturday's only 10-12. Many household items. Note: We no longer offer pickups. We do not accept appliances. Drop offs accepted only on Friday & Sat morning. Please no garbage!! 103 Bonnet Ave.

350 MISC. FOR SALE

EXPERT WATCH repairs by certified watchmaker. Located between Crofton and Duncan. Serving the Cowichan Valley over 25 years. Call L.D. Frank Jeweller and Watchmaker 250-748-6058 (Duncan). Saturday pickup & delivery on Salt Spring.

NIGHTGOWNS BY Gillian. Cozy flannelette, soft cotton, Granny gowns and night shirts. Call 653-9475.

NATURALLY RAISED young beef (17 months). Fed on pasture, organic produce, grain. No antibiotics, hormones or animal byproducts. Happy hand raised cows. Sides \$3.25/lb., front 1/4 \$3.25, hind 1/2 \$3.75, incl. cut & wrap to your specs and delivery. Darren/Wendy Montana 250-748-1967 (Duncan). Ready approx. Dec 15.

USED HOUSEPARTS - 6" sq. white ceramic wall tile, 250 sq. ft., 75¢/ft.; 6" duct parts; doors: 3-white aluminum storm \$60 ea., 1 solid core mahogany \$60, 2 old glass & panel \$10 ea.; light fixtures - fluorescent - \$10, dining room \$25, bath room \$10; baseboard heat - 220V, 1@6', 1@7' - \$25 ea.; garage door hardware; kitchen sinks -1 stainless \$40, 1 cast iron \$75; 2 gas space heaters \$10 ea.; canopy for import p/u truck \$325. 537-4278.

VACUUMS! VACUUMS! Repairs, bags & belts, used vacuum bargains. Satisfaction guaranteed! Salt Spring Linen & Drycleaners, 116 Hereford Avenue, Ganges. 537-2241.

STORAGE TANKS: water, septic, sewage-holding (polyethylene). Ecological Systems: sewage-treatment plants, effluent filters. Visa, Mastercard, American Express accepted. GIS Sales & Rentals 653-4013.

SALT SPRING Vacuum - Large selection of bags and belts. On-island service work. New and used vacuums for sale. Also, sales & installation of built-in vacuums 537-0066.

1 used hot tub, round 4 seater, cedar skirted, rebuilt spa pack, good cond. 1 year warranty, \$2100. 537-5147.

REFLECTIVE ADDRESS posts made on Salt Spring to CRD standards. Call Dawn at et cetera 537-5115.

350 MISC. FOR SALE

HOT TUB for sale, brand new, still wrapped, never used, Pacific, 4-6 seater, digital controls, free standing, portable, light weight, incl. new cover, warranty & delivery. \$3400. 537-5147.

REFLECTIVE DRIVEWAY Numbers. Any style, easy to read reflective numbers made to fit your existing carved wood or painted house sign. Reasonably priced & ideal for multi-property driveways. Also new driveway markers with large 4" letters. Call 537-1833.

42" DIA. GLASS top, cane table and 4 upholstered, tilt, swivel chairs. V.G. \$350. 36" dia. 16" high solid oak coffee table, heavy pedestal base, V.G. condition \$225. 5' x 3' 40's era Oak pedestal desk, 6 drws. Good \$220. 537-9178.

MERIT FURNITURE: Sofas \$499.99 up, matt. & box \$199.99 up. Leather chair with ottoman \$199.99 up. Table & 4 chairs \$199.99 up. www.meritfurniture.com 1-250-746-5527.

H.P. 670 INKJET PRINTER, w/ext. colour cartridge \$70 obo. Raven, 21 pin Dot Matrix printer, H.P. Legal size scanner & H.P. 4x6 photo scanner, \$30 obo ea. Panasonic microwave oven & Electrolux canister vacuum \$40 obo ea. 537-5197.

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STOCK UP your freezer for Christmas. Home made pies: meat pies (tortiere), turkey pies and fruit pies. Call Annette at 537-2208.

SLATE TILE, 12", china multi, \$4.75 ea., compare & save, lots available. 537-8560.

KENMORE EXTRA capacity dryer, \$100. 4 BF Goodridge tires P195 65 R115, \$100 all. 4 aluminum awnings \$50 ea. obo, 537-0061.

THERMATIC FLOTATION X3J, two piece, worn once, small, orange. \$35. 537-9172.

OSBORNWOODBURNING stove unit, excellent cond., includes 20' steel chimney, heats 1200 sq. ft., located on Salt Spring. \$650 obo. 604-916-1073 cell.

25% OFF on all chain saw chains. For all makes. Free installation 'til December 24. Ross the Boss Equipment, 248 Upper Ganges Rd. 537-9908.

GIFTS? STANDING electric 36 key organ - works well. Xmas decorations, new & collectible jewelry, linens. 537-1129.

WORKING COLOUR TV and VCR (no remote) \$50 for both. Mountain bike, good condition with front suspension, \$150 inc. helmet lock and lights. Downhill mountain bike, full suspension, only 6 months old, \$250 inc. helmet, gel-seat and cargo rack Lv. Msg. 537-1264, Nate or Dawn

50'S STYLE arborite folding table, four chrome chairs \$100, leather regular motorcycle helmets \$100/\$50, 6.5 kw kerosene heater, new \$75, 7 ft. hide-a-bed couch \$50, 5 drawer white dresser \$50, 120 volt green-house heater \$25, 10X12 pond liner \$25, 3/8 plywood \$15, 300 ft. 6 mil. poly \$10, 5 ft. snowshoes \$10. 537-8555 or 537-5662.

EXPERT CLOCK repair and restoration - antiques my specialty. Free estimates, reasonable rates. Free house calls for shut-ins and heavy clocks. Mark's Clockworks, 537-5061.

48" ROUND DINING room table, copper top with glass overlay and 4 chairs. 537-2732.

THREE FOLDING tables, \$20. TV stand on casters, \$10. 40" round table with folding sides, \$35. 537-9413.

HOLLY \$2.00 a bag. Phone 537-4336.

CAMERA - CANON Rebel SLR, 28-80 mm. zoom lens, auto & manual focusing plus 11 programmed modes. \$600 new - asking \$200. Lexmark colour jet printer \$30. Both excellent condition. 537-5029.

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TEST KILN, small cone 6-10 wanted to buy, rent or borrow. 537-5130, Lari or Diana.

USED TREADMILL and air hockey game, good condition. Also 3 dozen used or new red bricks. Call 537-5205.

ATTENTION ARTISTS. The Old Island Stamp Co. is seeking local Pen & Ink art for our rubber art stamp line. Call 653-9091 for an information packet.

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EIGHT ROMNEY Sheep for sale. Good mothers. Good starter flock. 653-4444.

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TWO BEARDED Dragon lizards for sale, with tank and accessories. Call 537-9501.

FREE: CHICKENS & roosters available. 653-9565.

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Greenhouse glass, various pieces, windows and a door. 537-1635.

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500 APT/SUITES FOR RENT

VIEW APARTMENT for Dec. 1, 3 rooms, own entry, F/S, W/D. \$600/month, utilities included. Dave, 538-1985.

LARGE BRIGHT 1 bdrm. ground floor apt. near Ganges, own entry, pastoral view, w/d, ADSL, \$800/mo. 537-5912.

2 OR 3 BEDROOM suite, furnished, avail for rent immed. N/S, N/P, oceanview. \$900/mo. 537-4111.

GROUND FLOOR suite bordering Ruckle Park. Suit, quiet single person, N/S. Long term. \$500 incl. hydro/dish t.v. 653-2322.

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Chlopan fills Duck baskets

Salt Spring disc golfers beat par performers at the Campbell River Duck Golf tournament on Saturday.

Local high-school student Joah Chlopan won the amateur men's division with an 88 (20 under par 108) after 36 holes.

Chlopan's score was actually tied for fourth best overall, said Salt Spring disc-golf advocate Gordon Murphy.

"He would have tied for third in the open men's division."

Also in the amateur men's division, Eric Vanderwekken tied with three other players for second place with a 94 and Mike Boughton placed fifth with a 95.

Ted Hickford won the grand masters division (for players over 49) with a 95 and Fritz Arnold placed fourth with a 98.

Tanya Van Ginkel tied for second in the amateur women's division, Scott Chapman (102) competed in the open men's division and Murphy placed second in the advanced master's division (for players over 39) with a 93.

Murphy also scored one of seven aces in the tourney when he hit hole number eight.

Though islanders scored among the upper echelon, Murphy believes Salt Spring players would benefit if they could practise on standard baskets instead of the suspended tonal pins at Mouat's Park.

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This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

Well, she finally did it once again. Venus has proven that she is of swifter foot than brave Mars. Our fair maiden, Aphrodite to the ancient Greeks, has caught up with her man Mars and in hot and sexy Scorpio! That Mercury is currently retrograde means that almost anything can happen. 'Expect the unexpected', says the messenger of the gods. Mercury will re-connect with powerful Pluto on Dec.8 then with Great Helios, our solar lord the Sun, on Dec. 10 as he/she (Mercury is androgynous not to mention amoral!) retraces steps until Dec.20. Meanwhile, this trio in Sagittarius are 'disposited' (energy re-directed) by jolly Jupiter in Libra, the most obvious candidate for Santa Claus among our planetary line-up who is, in turn, dispossited by Venus in Scorpio who is dispossited by Mars. Thus, the energy anchors in Mars as he at the zenith of his own traditional sign of Scorpio. This indicates a significant degree of ambition, tension and passion seeking expression. The Moon will trigger the whole affair on Dec. 9 when she aligns with Mars just before the New Moon in Sagittarius on Dec. 11. Then the Sun will conjoin Pluto on Dec. 13. How will you respond to this passionate celestial dance? Read on...

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 21)
 Big changes continue to rumble close to home. Hopefully, you have both hands on the wheel and are steering your course. You are in the mood to flirt with a variety of inspiring possibilities. In order to proceed, you must be willing to let go of what you think and believe is possible. This includes breaking free of limiting self concepts. Intend to be patient with the process. Embrace the moment and your love and dance to the tune of change.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 21)
 Your ability to pay attention to the tiny details of the big picture is needed now. You feel expansive and ambitious these days. Are you pushing harder than is necessary or is the opposite the case? Deciphering who you are and where and how you can best express your talents in the market place is the key. Make a clear outline of your dreams and ideals over the short and the long term so that this vision can manifest in smooth and satisfying ways.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)
 The pulse and passion of this time is running hot through your veins. You are forging ahead independently as though providence is guiding, and it is! Exploring a variety of prospects will require some intelligent time management. After all, you do best to entertain one prospect at a time. Ideally, you are in the mood to make good of this time and be the one to take the initiative. Move with the changes and make your dreams reality!

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)
 While you are taking some very real strides externally, dreams of true love and passion are dancing in your mind. To realize your dreams in reality, you must be willing to make diligent efforts and break through limiting inherited patterns of perception. Summoning all the unconditional love you can muster is the call now. If significant others are unresponsive, you may seek more fertile ground before the New Year!

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)
 Visions of truth and justice continue to linger in your mind. On the other hand, you yearn for some righteous love. To realize your ambitions, you may have to take certain situations by storm. You are in a revolutionary mood and you realize that winning the case and/or love you seek may require cataclysmic action. This is where consulting friends with power and influence according to your situation may be necessary. Commit to change!

Aquarius (Jan 20- Feb 19)
 Connecting and merging with others of like mind continues. You feel hot about the needs of the day. A passionate desire to push for justice for all is running through your veins. Certain situations have become intolerable and destiny is pushing you to do something meaningful. This is where aligning your visions and efforts with others come to the fore. You have been patient, waiting for the right moment and you are on the verge of making some big moves!

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)
 A deep passion and determination to be free of debts, burdens and limitations of any kind finds you hot on the trail. You want to experience more freedom and this implies professional as well as romantic relationships. Inheritances of one kind or another may be in the stars for you, yet may take up to a year to manifest. In the meantime, push for freedom in every direction that you feel blocks. Recognize that outer realities reflect inner patterns and beliefs.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
 The conjunction of Venus and Mars is sure to light your fires! Your mind is flooded with beauty and your blood is hot. Despite lingering fears, you are in the mood to do it anyway. You are eager to expand your horizons and/or take a plunge or two into the Scorpio depths. With Mercury retrograde, proceed with both eyes open at least until the pace or passion closes them tight. Expect a transformation of consciousness within 10 days!

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)
 The mystery and passion of Scorpio is very alive in you now. With Venus and Mars influencing your relationships and Sun, Pluto and Mercury in the house of Scorpio you are virtually one with the molten flow. That you are feeling independent and free adds excitement to this sassy recipe. As bold as this initial eruption will be, the really big flow will begin when Venus enters Sagittarius on Dec 16. Which way will you go, wild thing?

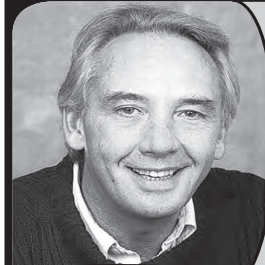
Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)
 Big changes on relationship fronts, some expected some a surprise, are shaking things up! You yearn for communion and true friendship with your mate and you realize that it is going to take some effort. You are ready to give of yourself fully, yet you must be careful not to give away your power. Intend to see others as they are, without initial judgment or reaction. Acceptance is the first step to negotiating a fair deal. Limit the pace, not the love.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)
 Increasing the quality of your daily life includes having more love and romance to enjoy. You have reason to feel confident that you can have it, yet you may not feel sure what or who you want. If only you could sample the goods before you buy. This may be possible, but will require some fancy talking. Retrograding Mercury wants to remind you to think twice before you commit your thoughts and feelings to spoken words. Wax poetically!

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)
 A creative and exuberant mood vies with a feisty urge for deep change. In order to express your many feelings and inspirations flowing through your heart and mind these days, you must awaken to denials and break through blocks. Wow, this project requires a full measure of your creative potential. Affirm that there is always another way to be and do and be willing to play with the possibilities. Before you break down doors, create a plan!

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