



**SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS:** Members of the Salt Spring Singers don Christmas corsages and hold red choir books, adding to the colourful Christmas concert which took place Friday, Saturday and Sunday at ArtSpring.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

## Applause wins at 'English' concert

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Staff Writer

If the Salt Spring Singers' Christmas concert wasn't so pleasant on Sunday, I'd have to charge the long-standing community choir with outright deceit.

The Holly and the Ivy was supposedly fashioned on a British theme, but choir director Mitch Howard was really reaching to make the connection with a few of the pieces performed in three shows at ArtSpring last weekend.

I'm kidding about the outrage, of course, and Howard naturally turned his stretching antics to humorous benefit. Howard put together a seriously rich program that nudged our ears out of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>-century comfort zone, while keeping bodies nestled in Christmas sounds and sentiments.

Alternating between young voices in the Honour Choir and the elder Singers for Britten's Ceremony of Carols was extremely effective, and we were treated to exceptional solos delivered with poise by Sarah Lundy, Arlo Bryn-Thorn and Robyn Millerd.

The Honour Choir also gifted us with the uplifting John Rutter's Angels' Carol, which they had performed last year.

Howard gave both choirs



Mitch Howard directs as Honour Choir members Arlo Bryn Thorn and Robyn Millerd step forward to sing.

a banquet of challenging material to conquer in about 13 weeks of rehearsing.

The Pinkham Christmas Cantata overflowed with texture, and the Singers voices filled up the spaces created by the instrumental framework of the Island Brass Players.

I found Canadian composer Harry Somers' piece Gloria mesmerizing, with the trumpets of Dawn Hage and Brad Cronin at times resembling the peal of modern, urban bells floating through a snowy city night.

Howard introduced the Gloria as "not something you hear every Christmas," and he was right.

Besides Hage and Cronin, other Island Brass Players members were Murray Hunter, Michelle Footz, Richard Moses, Geoff Cronin, Jim Raddysh, Daniel Millerd, Charlotte Mellstrom and Erica Cronin.

Jennifer Howard again brought her professionalism to the stage with her accompaniment on piano and electric keyboard.

A handful of Singers soloists were given the usual chance to shine. This time it was Steve Coopman and Jonathan Yardley in the Somers Gloria, and the well-blended trio of Connie Holmes, Ric Murrell and Al Robertson in the wonderfully uplifting Haydn piece. (Haydn did visit England on occasion, you know.)

The Charles Ives Christmas Carol was simply beautiful. It ended in an unusual fashion, though: with choir and audience laughing at the dead silence that followed the final note.

After being "trained" to not applaud between the movements of the Christmas Cantata or the 10 Britten selections — which made for a most uncomfortable sensation — we must have collectively sensed the Ives had another part waiting around the corner.

Despite the applause faux-pas, Howard doled out mega brownie points for our hearty carol singing; definitely a cut above Saturday's crowd.

He also showered praise on everyone who helped with stage set up and decorating, and lights, as well as concert producer Wendy Hartnett, who had become a grandma on Saturday.

And the audience's appreciation for an afternoon of fabulous, fairly British Christmas-themed music came through loud and clear in bouts of sustained and authorized applause.

# 8 days to Christmas

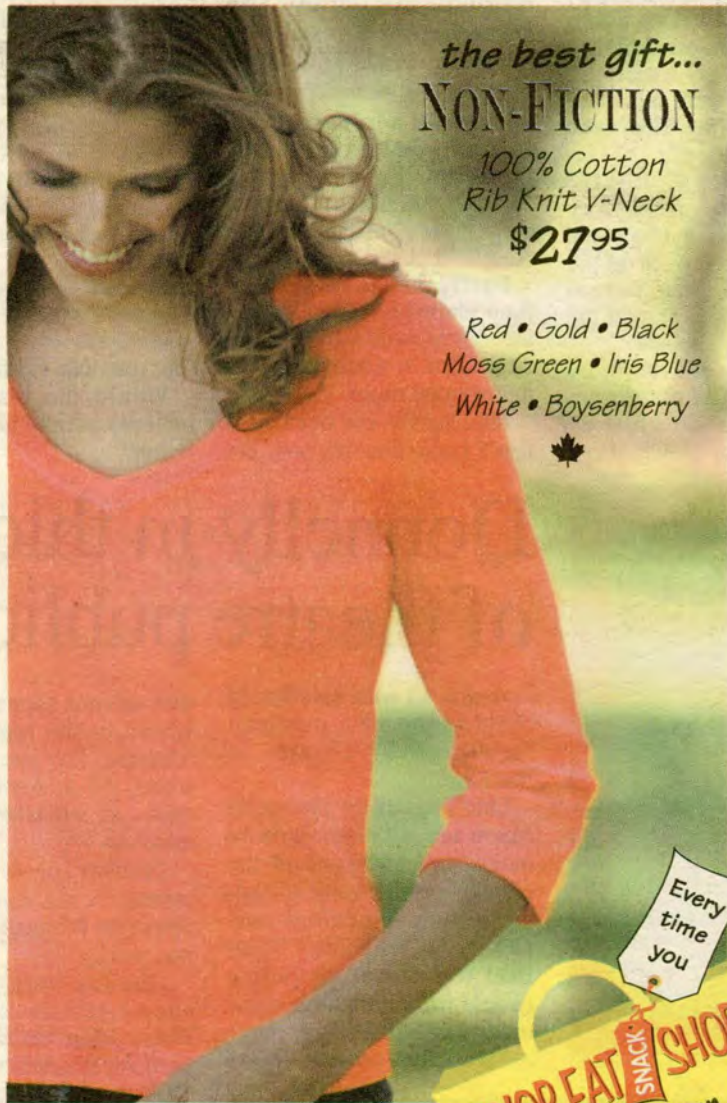
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**HIP HOPPERS:** Young performers in Andrea Rabinovitch's dance class give a hip hop demonstration as part of a Stagecoach Theatre performance at Mahon Hall last week.

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Quiz time, folks. Your job is to suss out what the following folks have in common: Pamela Anderson. Alex Trebek. Neil Young. Mary Pickford. Jim Carrey. Leslie Nielsen. Michael J. Fox. Paul Anka. Conrad Black.

Well, yes, they are all media celebrities. Household names from Tallahassee to Tuktoyaktuk, but they are something else as well. They are all Canadians.

Or at least they used to be. Now, they are all Americans — with the exception of Lord Black, who flipped his Canadian passport over his shoulder in exchange for a British title and now, when nicked, bleeds only deepest Tory blue — except when he's hemorrhaging greenbacks.

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The rest of the aforementioned ex-Canucks chose the Stars and Stripes as their Flag of Convenience — and they have various excuses for their switch. Neil Young was so disgusted with a Canadian audience's luke-warm reception at a concert that he stomped off the stage and straight into a U.S. immigration office. He's been living in California ever since.

Hey, Neil — ever occur to you that maybe you were just — you know — lousy that night?

Alex Trebek came out of Sudbury, Ontario, cut his broadcasting teeth with CBC in Toronto, then packed his bags for Hollywood where he became the long-time host of the TV show *Jeopardy*. He decided to dump his Canadian citizenship and become an American because "my wife is a Yankee and both my kids were born in the States."

Regina-born Leslie Nielsen discovered "way back in the '60s that he could find much more work in the U.S. film and TV industries than he could this side of the border. Adios, Canada.

Jim Carrey is even more enthusiastic. The plasticene-faced comic who grew up in the town of Newmarket,

Ontario, positively gushes about his new found land. "To me, this country (USA) defined me. This country allowed my dreams to come true."

All of the above offer different rationalizations for denouncing the land of their birth, but at bottom, the reason is the same right across the board.

Money. Call it more opportunity, fresh horizons, bigger audiences, more generous contracts — call it what you like. It all boils down to fatter wallets for those who go south.

Which I guess is as good a reason as any to forsake your birthplace. After all, most Canadians are here because at some point in history our forebears in Cracow or Aberdeen or Naples or Düsseldorf decided the Old Country was played out and the grass looked greener in that vaulting, mammoth far-off land called Canada. This country would not exist were it not for brave souls who were willing to trade in their heritage for a fresh start.

So why do I not feel admiration for the Jim Carreys and the Pamela Andersons; the Leslie Niensens and the Alex Trebeks?

Partly because I know they weren't really desperate. They would have done fine here in Canada. They just wanted more.

And partly it's because I don't know how it's possible

to cease to be what you are. How do you stop being a Canadian?

The writer Robertson Davies said it best. "I just am a Canadian," he told a reporter. "It's not a thing you can escape from. It is like having blue eyes."

Some cross-border Canadians obviously don't agree. I have an old pal who makes a tenuous living as a writer in Hollywood. From time to time he phones and updates me on celebrity sightings, backstage gossip and his latest writing coups. Last time he called I sensed something different in his voice.

"You sound funny," I told him. "You got a cold or something?"

"Actually," he said, "I'm taking a language pronunciation course. I'm trying to lose my Canadian accent."

The guy's not an actor. Why would he worry about a Canadian accent?

Besides, a Canadian accent can launch a career. Look what it did for Jeff Douglas, the guy that played 'Joe' in the Molson beer commercial. You know the one — the "I Am Canadian" rant?

Yeah, well. Jeff Douglas doesn't live here any more. He moved to Los Angeles last year. More opportunities, he says. Maybe he's right. The beer he was advertising — Molson Canadian — is now a wholly owned subsidiary of the American giant Coors.

Would the last Canuck to leave please turn out the lights?

## Donnelly in thick of theatre publicity

A woman with Salt Spring roots is the new publicist for The Port Theatre in Nanaimo.

One of Trinity Donnelly MacRae's first goals is to make sure everyone in the area knows about the award-winning performing arts facility on Nanaimo's beautiful waterfront, including people from her native community of Salt Spring.

"We often present shows

that are not happening elsewhere in the region," said MacRae, "so you can catch what's on at ArtSpring and enjoy an off-island experience too."

The Port Theatre's 2004/05 events are highlighted in the Spotlight Magazine released this week.

MacRae says two great shows launch 2005: The Piano Men on January 29 (a musical celebration of the 1970s), and the award-winning play *The Drawer Boy*, which runs from February 9-13.

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# Hetherington seasonal and hymn CD raises cancer research funds

By **DAVE VOLLRATH**  
Special to the Driftwood  
Long before Terry Fox began his great cross-country run, Canadians all across the country have been raising money to help fight cancer.

Mary Lynn Hetherington is no stranger to cancer. In 1999, her husband Orland, at 45 years of age, died of the disease.

In 2002, she also received a diagnosis of "breast carcinoma in-situ."

And, as a nurse for the last 17 years, she has helped thousands of patients fight the disease.

This ongoing battle against cancer has inspired Hetherington, a Salt Spring musician, to record a Christmas instrumental CD called *Come Let Us Adore Him*.

She will perform with musicians at a release celebration at All Saints By-the-Sea on Tuesday, December 21 at 7 p.m.

Hetherington studied under internationally renowned organist, the late Frank Olsen on the "Mighty Wurlitzer" at the Riviera Theatre in Tonawanda, New York, and the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, Ontario.

She has performed with many of the great Southern Gospel Quartets (Blackwoods, JD Sumner and the Stamps, Bill Gaither, etc.) and gospel rock stars.

She has opened hymn sings at Kleinhans Music Hall in Buffalo, N.Y., Massey Hall in Toronto and the Niagara Falls Convention Centre, Niagara Fall, N.Y.

Come Let Us Adore Him is a selection of 17 traditional Christmas carols and hymns on organ and piano with accompaniment by the Salt Spring Island Legion Pipe Band, Donnie McDougall and Devon Banman on selected tracks.

The project was produced by David Vollrath of Living Water Media.

It is dedicated to "the glory of God and to the memory of my late husband Orland," said Hetherington.

All \$20 CD sale proceeds will go to research and public information programs on cancer.

"When Orland was diagnosed, he was very frustrated by the lack of information on treatment and support for cancer patients," said Hetherington.

He became one of the leading world advocates for cancer, especially for leiomyosarcoma, creating and managing websites and other resources for those struggling with the deadly disease.

"That was his legacy to the world, and this CD is my legacy to him and my daughter Brianne, to help carry on the work he started."

Carols and hymns on the CD were her husband's favourites and include O Holy Night, The Little Drummer Boy, the strains of bagpipes filling the air in Amazing Grace, and an arrangement of How Great Thou Art, as done by Elvis Presley, with whom Hetherington once played.

Proceeds are earmarked for Association of Cancer Online Resources (ACOR), the National Leiomyosarcoma Foundation, and the Orland Hetherington Research fund at Dana Farber Medical Centre, Harvard University.

CDs are available through the website at [www.vollent.ca/mlhetherington](http://www.vollent.ca/mlhetherington), at various stores on Salt Spring, and internationally through American Cancer Online Resources, [www.acor.org](http://www.acor.org) and various music stations in New York, Nashville and Houston.

## Doves and art in flight at Saturday open house

Dovecote Gallery is celebrating the season of peace and goodwill with an open house celebration on Saturday, December 18.

People are invited to enjoy the eclectic collection of art by gallery owners Amarah Gabriel and Timothy Hume,

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# Millerd hits high notes

Salt Spring's Simon Millerd is heading to Florida and California in January, but not for mid-winter holidays.

The renowned 17-year-old trumpet player was chosen to participate in ARTS Week 2005, a January 11-16 National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA) event in Miami.

Only 125 performers were chosen from some 6,500 applicants.

"ARTS Week is a once-in-a-lifetime experience," states a press release. "It is not a competition. ARTS Week is about meeting other incredibly talented and motivated artists from around the coun-



**TOPNOTCH TRUMPET:** Simon Millerd joins in the music-making at Moby's Pub last weekend.

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try. It is about working with professional artists and educators."

Millerd will also be the trumpet player in the ARTS Week Jazz Quintet, with three musicians from the U.S. and one from the Netherlands. The quintet gets a bonus opportunity by being sent to Long Beach, California for the International Association of Jazz Education (IAJE) conference from January 5-9.

According to the IAJE website, it's the largest gathering of the global jazz community, including 7,000 educators, musicians, record executives, exhibitors, media and jazz enthusiasts, with all kinds of clinics and activities offered.

Millerd is a student of Salt Spring trumpet instructor Dawn Hage and a member of the new Gulf Islands School of the Performing Arts at the high school.

# Christmastide carols ring at Simply Organic

By **LOTTIE DEVINDISCH**  
 Driftwood Contributor

While Music Makers of the Anglican Parish launched the organ recital series "Simply Organic" in November of 2002, they had no certain sense of how it would be received.

However, the informal style and skilled playing of organist Barry Valentine together with the intimate and pleasant setting of All Saints' church have proved the event is a winner.

Not only the music, but the opportunity to enjoy a freshly baked muffin and coffee in a convivial atmosphere afterward, has highlighted Wednesday morning for many lovers of the pipe organ.

Much of the music offered follows the church's calendar, with works that take listeners along the sorrowful road of holy week to the joys

of Easter, from saints days and festivals to the present joyful solemnity of Advent.

On Wednesday, December 22, a special recital of Carols for Christmastide is planned, which will feature a choir made up of friends of "Simply Organic" as well as choristers from All Saints' choir and some members of Salt Spring Singers.

Simple in its concept, the program will offer a charming yet powerful hour of music containing some of the loveliest well-known and not-so-well-known carols dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

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# Swing Shift and 'sweetest of sax players' charm

By **ANDREA RABINOVITCH**  
Driftwood Contributor

If you like jazz and especially alto saxophone players, last weekend was spent in nirvana. Those groups who followed PJ Perry from the concert with Swing Shift at Beaver Point Hall to Moby's with the PJ Perry trio were well rewarded.

Swing Shift, the 18-member big band led by Monik Nordine, an impressive sax player herself, was in fine company, as was the sold-out crowd on Saturday night.

An enthusiastic community group of jazz aficionados, the members of Swing Shift love what they're doing. Playing with Perry clearly upped the ante.

With 11 songs and one encore, Swing Shift covered the material they knew well with Perry joining them on most.

The first song they truly grooved on was Ahunk Ahunk by Thad Jones. In 5/4 time, they truly celebrated the joy of playing together in a rollicking beat.

When Sue Newman joined them on The Key of Love and Teach Me Tonight, in the female-vocalist-with-a-big-band tradition, one was taken back to an era long past.

Nordine, band leader for two years, contributed hugely to the community by inviting Perry to Salt Spring. In an effort to further outreach a man of his stature, she also set up an open class. Bravo.

The trio on Sunday night featured Vancouver Island guitar player Pat Coleman and bassist Ken Lister. Great musicians both, it was a total treat.

Nordine joined the group



**SWEET SAX:** Legendary sax player P.J. Perry plays at Moby's Pub alongside Ken Lister on bass, following a performance with Salt Spring's Swing Shift at Beaver Point Hall last weekend.  
*Photo by Derrick Lundy*

with her fluid and technically superb soprano stylings.

Invited to join on a couple of songs, teenager Simon Miller's jeans and sneakers belied a sophistication in jazz playing that only needs life experience to catapult him to becoming one of Canada's top trumpet players.

PJ Perry is considered by critics, colleagues and fans to be the seminal alto player in Canada. Indeed Jazz Report Magazine Critics Award voted him Best Sax

in Canada.

With a Juno under his belt for Best Jazz Recording for his album My Ideal, his playing reflects a career that has seen him play with Dizzy Gillespie, Woody Shaw, Michel LeGrand, Pepper Adams, Kenny Wheeler and more.

Born in 1941 in Calgary, Paul John Perry joined his father's dance band as a baritone player when he was 14, playing gigs at Sylvan Lake. By 1959 he was bebopping

the alto with such bands as Ron Colliers in Toronto before playing in Europe from 1963 to 1966.

Coming to Edmonton in 1975 to play with Tommy Banks and the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, he moved back to Toronto in 1981. Now calling Edmonton his home since 1985, forays into the Vancouver jazz scene have figured prominently as well.

You can take the hepcat out of redneck Alberta, but the faintest blush under his CAT hat remains.

At the Swing Shift concert, Perry showed much

gumption retelling the story of first meeting Nordine — "who was this chick in the alto chair" — and then referring to her anatomy in West-Coast-Reclaiming-the-Goddess country.

As the ardent feminists in the crowd pulled their tongues back off the floor, all was forgiven as soon as the man began to play.

An unbelievably soulful player with impeccable taste, his playing is simply sublime. His natural charisma and charm don't hurt either.

He is the sweetest of sax players and that was all we needed to know.

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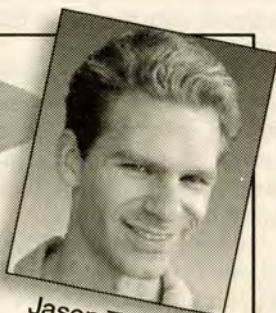
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Collateral is spellbinding but fizzles with standard ending



Jason Tudor

Can Tom Cruise act? It's hard to tell, given his iconic status — any time you see him in a film you automatically say, "Hey, it's Tom Cruise."

At least Tom's characters are varied, if you think of those in films as different as Top Gun, Legend, Born on the Fourth of July, Eyes Wide Shut and The Last Samurai.

In Collateral he plays a cold and calculating hitman named Vincent who essentially hijacks an L.A. cab for a round of midnight assassinations. He's pretty good, sporting grey in both his hair and his five o'clock shadow.

But it's Jamie Foxx who steals the show as the cab driver Max. It's been long held in Hollywood that Foxx is an underrated actor who has simply been biding his time making silly "urban" comedies like the admittedly hilarious Booty Call.

But in Collateral he shows a definite flair for drama, showing an ability to realize when his character needs to move from sympathetic to realistic and back again. For most of the film we get the feeling that Foxx's Max is a real person with frailties and desires.

It's only at the end, and for this I blame the writers and the director Michael Mann, that MIKE and the film in general takes on a more traditionally action-hero personality.

This is too bad, because most of Collateral is spellbinding. Mann is a top-notch stylist, as we all know from the visual flair of his TV show Miami Vice and his best films such as Heat and The Insider.

Considering the film is shot in mostly grimy urban locations, Collateral is always fun to look at. Mann is maybe the best at us-

ing light in the city; he can make poetry out of a light reflecting through a drop of water on a windshield.

His action sequences are also excellent, the best of which is a claustrophobic club shootout that may be as good as the classic bank robbery sequence in Heat. It gets all the more confusing when we find ourselves somewhat charmed by Cruise and we don't know if — given the circumstances — we'd shoot him, either.

So, in the end, it's the end. Understandably, the last act of a good film is always the hardest to create. But Collateral certainly isn't a standard genre thriller — the characters are too deep, the story too psychological. So why, oh why, does everything end in such a standard way?

Maybe Mann is surprising us, with a non-surprise ending.

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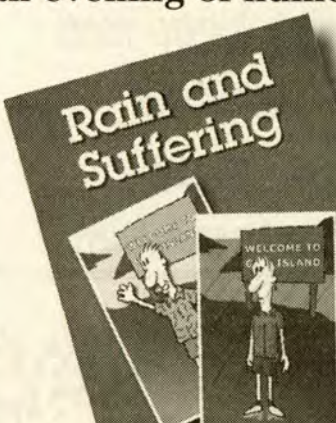
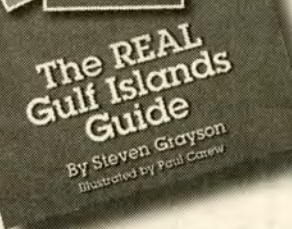
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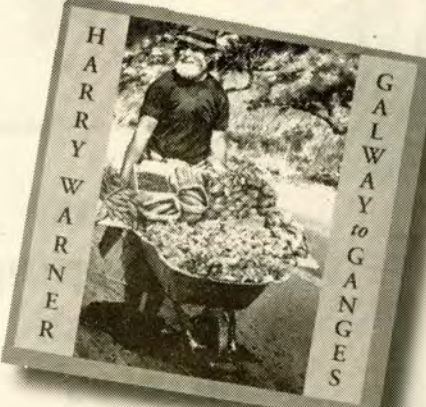
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# Any project 'involving mud' appeals to stone painter Gay

By ELLEN YEUNG  
 Staff Writer

When stone and tile artist Elizabeth Gay returns from her travels, her suitcases are so stuffed with newfound stones that she has to send her clothes home through the mail.

"I just love rocks and stones," she said.

This passion has flourished into a full-time business for Gay, whose most recent project was a large stone mosaic at the entrance to Calypso Interiors store.

The mosaic, which she describes as a "stone painting," is called A New Day and was formed using different coloured slates. It depicts a rising sun overlooking West Coast mountains and a river.

"The title is about new beginnings," Gay explained. "You should approach every day as a new day and not take any struggles with you to work."

Gay got her start with stones at age 18, working with Andrew Currie and Derrick Lundy, and she even learned how to quarry.

She went on to travel and work in other countries, but in between those periods, she returned to Salt Spring and worked with stonemason Richard Dakin. She also worked in a glass foundry in Victoria.

Then about six years ago when her second daughter was born, Gay moved back to Salt Spring.

For four years she has run her Myriad Designs business, designing and building stone paintings, fireplaces, pillars, courtyards and tile mosaics.

Although stonework is an uncommon trade for women on the island, Gay said she finds it challenging and rewarding.

"There's no question I'm happiest when I'm creating and working physically with my hands," she said.

Gay also enjoys the challenge of finding the perfect stone, interpreting her cli-

ents' visions, being creative and building beautiful work that could last for many years.

"It's very gratifying to be able to stand back and see what I've created in a day. I see tangible results," she said.

Gay recently discovered that her great-grandfather from Scotland was a master mason who built the first courthouse in New Brunswick and the first and possibly the only freestanding spiral staircase in the world. So, perhaps her love and knack for stones is in the blood, she mused.

Slate is her favourite material for creating tile paintings.

"It's easy to work with. It comes in every shade you can imagine," she said.

Gay is also fond of sandstone for its variety of colours, and river rock, which are found on Salt Spring in many sizes so they don't need to be cut to fit.

Gay often collaborates with island artist Sav Boro, who provides technical advice on lighting and perspective, and paints.

They recently worked on a stone painting in a south-end home where the homeowner supplied specific stones but gave Gay free artistic licence on an entire interior wall.

Gay ended up cutting the stones — three varieties of slate, Pennsylvania blue-stone, and tile — to create an image of a windswept tree against a backdrop of gargoyles and castle ruins.

Called The Guardians, the stone painting also literally included a painting of another tree as seen through a fake window made of stone.

Gay also likes to incorporate her knowledge of glass casting into her work, as she did on a tile mosaic in a client's washroom on Twinflower Lane.

"If it involves mud, I'll do it," said Gay, in terms of adding tile, glass, and paint to her stonework.

The greatest challenge



**WINDOW LOOK:** Elizabeth Gay shows off a wash-room tile mosaic she created for a client on Twinflower Lane as Gay's elder daughter Jade pokes in through a window.  
 Photos by Ellen Yeung



**ENTRANCE LOOK:** Elizabeth Gay created the stone painting A New Day to revitalize the entrance of Calypso Interiors.

Gay finds is juggling work with raising her two daughters.

"But I'm blessed with people who support me and fill me up with the energy that I need," she said.

Gay said she would like to see more islanders embrace the use of river rocks instead


of adhering to the more traditional and blocky look of sandstone for fireplaces and such.

"It's more natural, more artistic, arts and crafts style," she said.

Gay also intends to expand her stone painting business beyond Salt Spring Island.

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# THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Salt Spring Driftwood: Main Movie Breakout for Dec 15, 2004 to Dec 21, 2004

- WEDNESDAY, DEC 15**
- 6:00 PM  
**14 Croon (2003, Romance)** Love blooms between a woman in her mid-sixties and a man ten years her junior. *Alexandra Stewart, John Kapelos* (1h45)
- 7:00 PM  
**3 ★★ Christmas Carol: The Movie (2001, Animated)** Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future. *Voices of Nicolas Cage, Kate Winslet* (1h30)
- 7:30 PM  
**10 La Mystérieuse Mademoiselle C. (2002, Conte)** Mademoiselle C., suppléante à l'imagination sans bornes et aux techniques originales. *Marie-Chantal Perron, Gildor Roy* (2h30)
- 8:00 PM  
**24 ★★ The Woman in Red (1984, Comedy)** A reserved man spies a woman in a garage and considers risking everything for an affair. *Gene Wilder, Charles Grodin* (2h)
- 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)
- 4 ★★ Dinner at Fred's (1997, Comedy)** A rising corporate star is stranded with an unusual family after his car breaks down. *Gil Bellows, Parker Posey* (2h)
- 13 ★★ Bring It On (2000, Comedy)** Two rival cheerleading squads will do whatever it takes to make it to the top. *Kirsten Dunst, Jesse Bradford* (2h)
- 19 ★★ Beautiful Girl (2003, Comedy)** A girl who does not fit society's vision of perfection decides to enter a beauty contest. *Marissa Jaret Winokur, Mark Consuelos* (1h30)
- 10:00 PM  
**14 ★★ Tanguy (2001, Comedy)** A couple is driven to serious measures when their adult son refuses to move out. *Sabine Azema, André Dussollier* (2h15)
- 3 ★★ Iron Jawed Angels (2003, Drama)** Defiant activists put their lives at risk to help women win the right to vote. *Vera Farmiga, Anjelica Huston* (2h15)
- 11:30 PM  
**2 ★★ Me, You, Them (2000, Romance)** A Brazilian woman shares her home with three husbands who satisfy her different desires. *Regina Case, Lima Duarte* (2h)

- THURSDAY, DEC 16**
- 7:00 PM  
**3 ★★★★★ The Station Agent (2003, Drama)** A man who was born with dwarfism finds his solitude interrupted by a vendor and a woman. *Peter Dinklage, Paul Benjamin* (1h30)
- 8:00 PM  
**6 ★★ I'll Be Seeing You (1944, Romance)** A female convict home on parole meets a disturbed soldier and soon falls in love. *Ginger Rogers, Joseph Cotten* (2h)
- 24 ★★ The Gauntlet (1977, Crime Story)** A slow-witted cop and the witness he is escorting to Phoenix are stalked by assassins. *Clint Eastwood, Sondra Locke* (2h)
- 8:30 PM  
**3 ★★ The Banger Sisters (2002, Comedy)** Two former groupies reconnect after 20 years, despite their different paths through life. *Goldie Hawn, Susan Sarandon* (1h45)
- 9:00 PM  
**18 Too Cool for Christmas (2004, Comedy)** A fashion enthusiast joins Santa on his rounds and learns the true meaning of Christmas. *Ryan McDonnell, Adrienne Carter* (2h)
- 19 ★★ My Life (1993, Drama)** A man diagnosed with terminal cancer creates a videotaped message for his unborn child. *Michael Keaton, Nicole Kidman* (2h)
- 10:00 PM  
**11 ★★ The Name of the Rose (1986, Mystery)** A Franciscan monk-cum-detective is asked to investigate murders at the Dominican Abbey. *Sean Connery, Christian Slater* (2h30)
- 10:15 PM  
**3 ★ Absolon (2003, Sci-Fi)** A detective investigates the death of a doctor who may have found a cure for a plague. *Lou Diamond Phillips, Ron Perlman* (1h45)
- 11:30 PM  
**2 ★★★★★ Le Coeur au poing (1998, Drama)** An eccentric woman takes to the streets and allows strangers an hour of her life. *Pascale Montpetit, Anne-Marie Cadieux* (2h)



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FRIDAY, DEC 17
7:00 PM
20 Karroll's Christmas (2004, Comedy) When the ghosts end up at the wrong house...
3 My Baby's Daddy (2004, Comedy) Three young men grow up quickly when their girlfriends become pregnant at the same time...
19 Snow (2004, Family) A young man with a toy delivery business sets out to rescue his reindeer before Christmas...
5 Secret Santa (2003, Family) A journalist lands in a small town to uncover the identity of a mysterious philanthropist...
6 Laserhawk (1997, Sci-Fi) Two unpopular teenagers join forces with a comic-book artist to battle invading aliens...
24 Pery Mason: Case of the Skin Deep Scandal (1992, Mystery) A cosmetic company founder is murdered as she is about to unveil a revolutionary product...
3 The Life and Death of Peter Sellers (2004, Biography) A portrayal of the personal and professional life of British actor Peter Sellers...
7 Borrowed Hearts (1997, Romance) A struggling single mother agrees to pose as her boss' wife to secure a business deal...
19 Arthur (1981, Comedy) A loveable millionaire risks it all when he falls in love with an irascible waitress...
14 White Cargo (1973, Comedy) A civil servant stumbles onto a plan to sell strippers to an Arab sheik for his harem...
3 All Or Nothing (2002, Comedy/Drama) A couple rediscover their love for each other when a tragedy throws them together...
19 It Could Happen to You (1994, Romance) An honorable policeman shares his winning lottery ticket with an unlucky waitress...
20 Karroll's Christmas (2004, Comedy) When the ghosts end up at the wrong house...
2 Thelma and Louise (1991, Drama) Two women who are fed up with men, leave their responsibilities behind to go on a trip...
19 A Pornographic Affair (1999, Drama) A couple who meet through a personal ad try to have a strictly sexual relationship...
SATURDAY, DEC 18
6:00 PM
15 The Man From Snowy River (1982, Western) A young man goes to work for a powerful cattle baron and falls in love with his daughter...
2 Jingle All the Way (1996, Comedy) A father frantically searches for a last-minute Christmas gift for his son...
3 Torque (2004, Action) A biker tries to clear his name after a rival gang leader frames him for murder...
8:00 PM
5 National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989, Comedy) A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays...
21 Manhunter (1986, Thriller) A troubled former FBI agent is called back to service to help track down a serial killer...
23 Remember the Titans (2000, True) The story of a newly appointed African-American football coach and his high school team...
3 Club Dread (2004, Comedy) A serial killer interrupts the fun at an unusual island resort for swingers...
8:45 PM
13 Night Falls on Manhattan (1996, Drama) A rookie lawyer uncovers a web of police corruption that may include his own father...
9:00 PM
2 The Royal Tenenbaums (2001, Comedy/Drama) A dysfunctional family is reunited when the patriarch announces he has six weeks to live...
15 The Man From Snowy River (1982, Western) A young man goes to work for a powerful cattle baron and falls in love with his daughter...
19 Mixed Nuts (1994, Comedy) A suicide hotline tries to muddle through Christmas Eve and make money for their building...
10:15 PM
3 Scary Movie 3 (2003, Comedy) A girl investigates crop circles and video tapes while preventing an alien invasion...
19 Gremlins (1984, Comedy) An unusual pet spawns a legion of vicious monsters who cause unstoppable chaos...
10:45 PM
14 The Disappearance of Garcia Lorca (1997, Drama) A man attempts to dispel the mystery surrounding the murder of a Spanish poet...
11:45 PM
2 Get Shorty (1995, Comedy) A small-time Miami mobster becomes intrigued by the movie business in Los Angeles...
3 Tears of the Sun (2003, Action) A career soldier is forced to choose between following orders and saving lives...

# Ebenezer, Belle and ghosts ready for this week's Scrooge opening

*Christmas With Scrooge* opens Friday night at ArtSpring, with a new "cast of thousands" ready to sing, dance and act their way into the audiences' hearts. Dates for the Newman Family Productions show are December 17, 18, 22 and 23 at 7 p.m., with a Sunday, December 19 matinee at 2 p.m.

By VIRGINIA NEWMAN  
Special to the Driftwood

In the early Scrooge shows, Sue Newman "danced" Belle, then picked up the scene where she breaks off her engagement to Scrooge.

Five years later, Sue's sister Amy played Belle and she wanted to sing instead of dance the part. So Ray wrote the loveliest song in the whole show — Not So long Ago I Loved You — and all the Belles that followed had to be singers as well as actors.

And they have been: Krista McKeachie (2003), Lauren Bowler (1990s), Amy Newman (late 1970s and mid-1990s), to name a few.

Alf Howell was Ebenezer Scrooge from the first show in 1971 until the year before he died in 1984. A horticulturist by profession, he and his wife Margaret had acted and sung in community productions all their lives.

Alf used to take his teeth out in order to gum his cold gruel before going to bed on the fateful night of his transformation by the ghosts.

Producers Ray and Virginia let the play lie dormant for a few years, then revisited it at the United Church, Mahon Hall and, in 1999, at ArtSpring.



**CAST:** Above left, Scrooge, played by Eric Booth, talks to Santa at last week's Light-up events, while above right, cast members include (from left): Virginia Newman, Sue Newman, Zoe and Lillith Bentley, Patrice Bowler, Samuel Bentley and Gordon Keel.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

## CHRISTMAS WITH SCROOGE

Eric Booth and Patrick Cassidy have been alternating performances of Scrooge in more recent years.

Then there's Marley and the three Christmas Ghosts, with Reid Collins playing the first Marley ghost for many years.

Other Christmas Ghosts have been Rusty Marshall, Susheela Meyers, Morgan Donnelly, Rachel Jacobson, Mike Krayenhoff, Charlotte Curtis and Sarah Penhale, among others.

Vaughn Fulford will repeat the role this year with greyish green make-up bathed in an unearthly blue-green light.

Marley is the first spirit to appear, and is a truly frightening vision.

When I greet the audi-



ence as the curtain goes up, I always warn the little kids out front that the ghosts in this show are more fear-

some than sights they may have seen on TV or video, because they are real people up here on the stage.

One year Sue heard a child speak to his parent sitting beside him: "Don't be scared . . . It's just one of your neighbours or friends up there!"

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# Students meet Stoppard challenge

By **ANDREA RABINOVITCH**  
Driftwood Contributor

What a peculiar sensation! I'm sitting in the audience writing notes as a critic while I'm watching two critics writing notes about a play.

Like a photographer taking a picture of someone taking a picture of him, it's definitely a snake-eating-its-own-tale scenario.

Tom Stoppard's *The Real Inspector Hound*, written in 1968 and performed by the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) drama department last Monday and Tuesday at ArtSpring, was a surreal and a highly entertaining experience.

Known for his verbal facility, clever action and dexter-



**ON STAGE:** Members of the Gulf Islands Secondary School drama department successfully present the "surreal and highly entertaining" *The Real Inspector Hound* by Tom Stoppard. johncameron.ca

ous structure, Brit Tom Stoppard is a fine dramatist whose plays like *Arcadia* make one marvel at the facility of the human brain. Stoppard truly is brilliant.

What an excellent but ambitious choice for Jason Donaldson, the brand spanking new drama teacher at GISS, to challenge his young charges.

And they pulled it off. This absurd comedy about a play that happens on stage at the same time as the critics are critiquing it is difficult.

One critic is Birdboot (Alex Blanes), a lascivious romantic with a demanding wife, and the other is Moon (Mike Elliott), a pretentious pedagogue.

The play's actors are in *The Mystery of Muldoon Manor*, where a man is on the loose and dangerous.

The country house belongs to the lovely Cynthia Muldoon (Caitlin Cunningham) and is run by the formidable Mrs. Drudge (Emily Little). Enter Simon Gascoyne (Kevin Parr) who is in love with Cynthia but has dallied with the hot-to-trot Felicity Cunningham (Sarah Penhale).

Magnus (Jordan Roper), the Canadian half brother of Cynthia's deceased husband Albert, careening about in his wheelchair, and the highly eccentric Inspector Hound (Dejan Loyola) round out the cast.

Oh and don't forget the dead guy Higgs (Jordan Robinson) whose job is to be limp for an hour.

The other integral part of the play, as Donaldson saw it, was the band of excellent young jazz players: Daniel Millerd (trombone), Gwen Temmel (keyboard), Zoe

Guigueno (stand-up bass) and Luke Giefing (drums). Their function was to fill in the spaces and underscore the action not unlike a movie.

All of the characters took a full 45 minutes to acknowledge the dead man on the carpet. Everyone entered through the window. Ladies in ball gowns wielded tennis rackets. People entered with lines like, "I came as soon as I could. Where should I put my foghorn and swamp boots?" and exited with lines like "I think I'll go oil my gun."

The most absurd moment, however, was when Birdboot entered the fourth wall of the play to answer the phone that we all knew was not plugged in. The play repeated itself with the two critics inside and two characters that had exited entered as two new critics. Therein lies the snake chowing down on its own posterior that challenged our concept of reality and identity.

Clearly intelligent, talented and attractive young people well cast by a knowledgeable director, their weakest link was voice work.

The Canadian keep-your-mouth-closed-so-you-don't-let-the-cold-in diction does not serve the actor's job of interpreting the text. If the audience can't hear because there is no projection or can't comprehend because the words are spoken too fast or inarticulately, the actor has not served the words.

Comedy requires razor sharp timing, the ability to be in the moment and to realize that moment fully with energy and intention. The pay-off is the laugh. Most of the actors most of the time

did just that but sometimes a self-consciousness crept in with a playing to the audience that said, "Look how funny I am. Laugh at me." It's a subtle difference, but worth working on.

Little got the audience howling with her gesturing to the stage manager in the booth to call the ringing-phone cue.

Penhale was always completely clean in her motivation for each action, showing maturity for one so young.

Blanes is hugely talented with a natural instinct and a marketable look. He truly listened on stage and consequently his responses to the other actors were always fresh. With a play this difficult that is no mean feat.

Well-rehearsed comic shtick, physical comedy pratfalls and a story well told point to an able director. Teens successfully tackling such a complex play and clearly having a blast suggest a true educator.

The evening opened with eight monologues by the Gulf Islands Secondary Performing Arts crew. They were short but sweet and showed real promise with Donaldson picking appropriate monologues for all the actors and coaching them through the emotional subtext.

Before the show started, we were treated to the jazz quartet and when Donaldson entered with his guitar to introduce the evening, his reference to his dopey picture in last week's Driftwood pointed to a guy who could laugh at himself. More importantly, he can create theatre with young adults and make us laugh.

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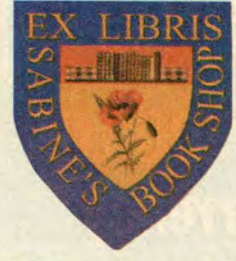
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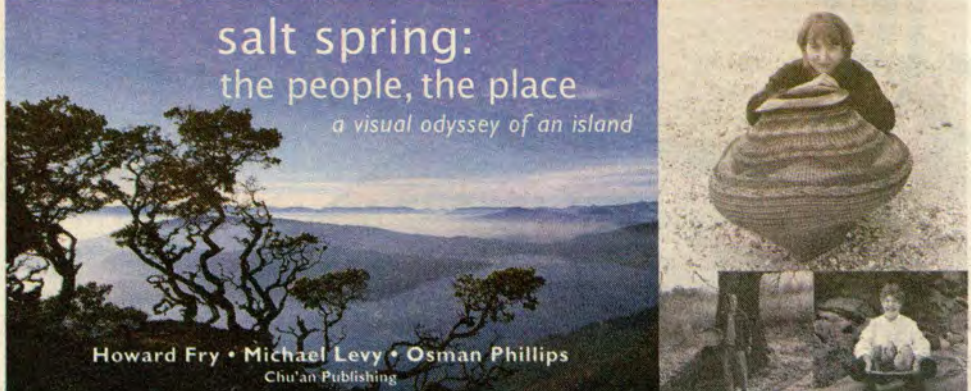
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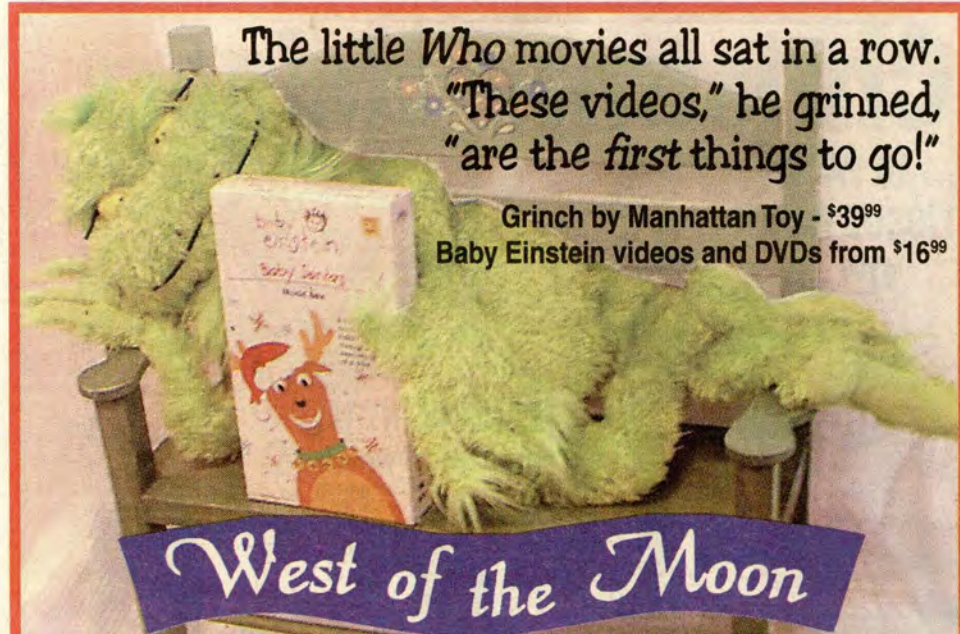
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# Nomination offers education funding question to be asked

Local trustees used an award nomination as an opportunity to request more funding from the Minister of Education during a meeting of the B.C. School Trustees Association (BCSTA) in Vancouver on December 3.

"We didn't win," said board chair May McKenzie.

The Gulf Islands School District was nominated for a Minister's Award for School Board Innovation in response to its Developing Healthy and Respectful Relationships Workshop project, which is provided in partnership with SVOVA (Saltspring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse).

"The nice thing is that [education minister Tom Christensen] said the district has done some very creative things in times when resources aren't quite where they should be."

The nomination also let local trustees pose questions to the minister, she said.

Pender trustee Russ Searle asked Christensen if he would request a \$400-million infusion into education

in view of the billions in surplus.

"Of course Russ received a round of applause from all of the trustees and the minister said he would continue to ask for more money at every opportunity."

SVOVA programs coordinator Lynda Laushway and Grade 12 student Tammy Dean also made a 10-minute presentation about the project that aims for violence prevention through education.

"We were absolutely thrilled to be nominated out of 50 school districts," said Laushway.

"It says great things about the school district and the program and our partnership."

Kamloops-Thompson School District won the Minister's Innovation Award for its video conferencing project. Peace River North was nominated for a wireless writing project and Qualicum was nominated for its Building Learning Together project.



**ACHIEVING:** Gulf Islands School Board chair May McKenzie receives the Minister's Award for School Board Innovation for its SVOVA-partnered Healthy Relationships project from education minister Tom Christensen.

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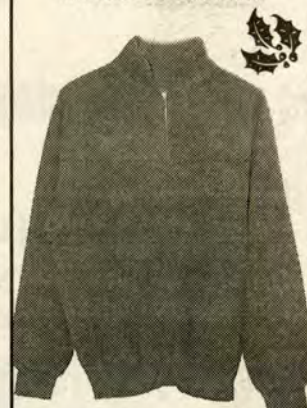
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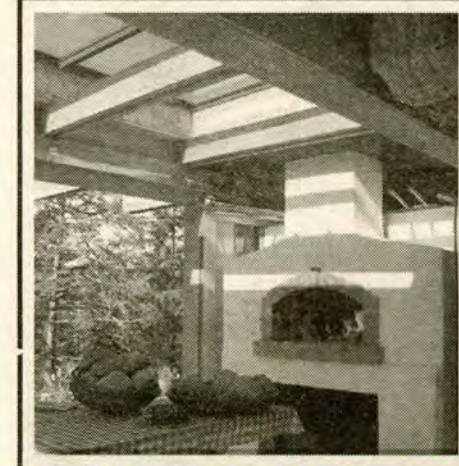
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## Mettle tested at fire camp

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Island youths will fight fires, perform rope rescues and practise life-saving first aid as part of the Gulf Islands Fire Rescue Youth Camp set to run in March.

"It's an opportunity to test your mettle," said Michael Dine, assistant chief of Pender Island Fire Rescue.

"It's also an opportunity to show what fire departments do. There's a lot of challenges involved, both physically and mentally."

The program aims to encourage island youths to volunteer with local departments, or to even pursue a career in the fire service, Dine said.

"They say, 'It takes a community to raise a child;' it also takes a community to run a fire department."

Similar cadet programs are held across North America but island departments are particularly challenged to find young recruits since demographics are shifting to an older population, he said.

"We need to get more than our share of youth interested in fire protection and medical assistance."

While residents must be at least 19 years old to join

the Pender or Salt Spring departments, the youth camp might give recruits a leg up, he said.

"If we can get them involved in the camp, our training will be almost complete by the time they come of age."

Fire fighters from both departments are cooperating with Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) to offer the work experience program for applicants aged 15-20.

"The guys on Salt Spring have been just tremendous. They will be coming to help us do training on the island as well."

Most youth camp students will likely come from Salt Spring, said Salt Spring Fire Department captain Jamie Holmes.

"Basically it's a group effort," he said.

Since Pender has a large new firehall with plenty of amenities, Pender had a natural location to host the camp this year, Holmes said.

"Our long-term goal is to alternate the location of the camp between Salt Spring and Pender."

Students can also benefit from learning different procedures used in the two departments, he said.

"Every department does things a little differently."

Participants will train and sleep in a Pender Island fire hall for five days.

"Every evening there will be some kind of event, whether it be a rescue or a fire or something, where they get woken up just like we do," Dine said.

At the end of the week, students will show their stuff by extinguishing an actual house fire and will then participate in a firefighter combat challenge timed event. Pre-training on Salt Spring will see students learn first aid, CPR and essential fire-fighting skills in two week-end sessions.

Students will also learn skills in auto-extrication, low-embankment rescue, helicopter safety, and search and rescue.

Successful program completion will also give participants 100 hours of work experience and four credits toward high-school graduation requirements.

Dine already held a meeting about the camp for 15 GISS students back in November.

For more information contact Mike at (250) 629-3400.

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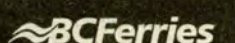
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600	621	MC	Movie	Blue Crush	Kate Bosworth	:15 Daredevil	(2003) Ben Affleck			The Lone Ranger		Pirates of The Caribbean	(2003) Johnny Depp						
4		NewVI	Careers	PwrBoat	Sportfish	Nice Fish	Exposed	ScanMov	Richter Ink	World Vision		CityLine		Earth: Final Conflict	BeastMaster				
330	379	KING	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	N. Marcus Parade	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Adventure Sports	Starskates: Kurt Browning									
262	358	CH	Ernest Angley	VanImpe	Listen Up	Football NFL Teams	TBA			Driving	BobMarg	Nikita			TechKO	Diva			
261	321	CTVBC	7:00 Morning Canada	Eagle Communic.		Eagle C.	ChildFind	Eagle C.	Question Period	The Fifties					Magician's House (aka Secret Gavern)				
258	336	GBLBC	Sunday Morning News			Driving	Pet Guys	The Hour of Power	News	Football NFL Teams	TBA								
450	383	KCTS	Dragon T.	Piggley...	Arthur	Serious \$	WallSt	Carlson	Mcl'ghlin Journal	Presidential.. 1/3	L.A. Holiday			Mystery of 3 Kings		This Is a Game			
102	702	SRC	Poko	Sagwa	Roi	Moville	Le Jour du Seigneur	Mon ange		Journal	La Semaine verte	Regard		37 5		Médaille	AdrénaIn		
452	354	KNOW	KoalaBro	55 George	Shrinks	Zoboo..	Madeline	:35 Bear Ill	Worksh'p	Sportfish	Tech	Undersea	C.Wild	WGarden	Odysseys	ReachTp	Kratts' C	Arthur	
260	359	CITY	CityLine		Cooks	ArtsMinds	Negareish Television			Music	Ethnosonic	Story Of...		Listed		INSIDE	Fashion		
460	523	BRAVO	Movie	:45BNews	Swashbuckler	(1976) Robert Shaw				The Prisoner of Zenda	Peter Sellers			Antiques Ghost	Inside Actors Studio	The Definitive Elvis			
441	506	HIST	7:00 The Train (1965)	Burt Lancaster		Tactical to Practical				Catch-22 (1970) Alan Arkin				Hist. Bite	Battlefleet	Unlocking the Past			
442	560	TLC	While You Were Out	Trading Space		Clean Sweep				Ultimate Ten	Rides	Overhaul'n			Mostly True Stories	Trading Spaces			
483	541	FAM	:15Roscoe	Amanda	:15All That	:40 Raven	:10Steven	:40BoyMW		:05 Jack Frost		Ernest Saves Christmas			Once Upon a Christmas	SmartG.	:50 Raven		
459	520	A&E	Biography		Biography of the Year					Karroll's Christmas	Tom Everett Scott	House	All Year	House	House	Find & Design			
400	400	TSN	NFL Countdown			Bowling PBA				CIS F'ball		Basketball NBA New Jersey vs Toronto			Cheer'd.	Sportscentre			
407	419	RSP	Sportsnet News	Rally	Fish TV	Miller TV	Skiing World Alpine			Skiing	Snapshot	Canucks	Skateb'rd	Crank.	Boxing Tann/Gavern	Sportsnet News			
23		KSTW	Life	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Columbia	Home..		Santa Claus: The Movie			A Different Kind of Christmas				
24		KVOS	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Hour of Power	Day Disc.	Paid Program			Mehak		Diagnosis Murder	I Spy		Ripley's	Paid Prog			
333	382	KCPQ	FOX News Sunday	NFL Sunday		Football NFL Seattle Seahawks vs New York Jets				NFL	Q It Up				Celebration of Gold	Advent.			
511	390	NEWS	CBC News: Today	OneOn1	CountryC	CBC News: Today	Antiques Roadshow	CBC News: Today	Antiques Roadshow	CBC News: Today	Antiques Roadshow	CBC News: Today	Antiques Roadshow	News	I. Media				
332	381	KIRO	7:30 Sunday Morning	The NFL Today		Football NFL Denver Broncos vs Kansas City Chiefs				:15 Football NFL Jacksonville Jaguars vs Green Bay Packers									
331	380	KOMO	6:00 KOMO 4 News	This Week		Animal R.	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Golf Wendy's Three Tour Challenge			NBA Ins	Paid Prog			
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SUNDAY, DEC 19

14	★ ★ ★	Cliffhanger (1993, Thriller)	A climber meets his greatest challenge when he encounters a criminal in the Rockies. Sylvester Stallone, Janine Turner (2h30)
15	★ ★ ★ ★	Amadeus (1984, Musical)	A biography of composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, as told from the eyes of a rival. F. Murray Abraham, Tom Hulce (3h30)
2	★ ★ ★	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (2001, Fantasy)	Upon learning that he has magical powers, a boy enrolls in a boarding school for wizards. Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson (3h)
24	★	The Bonfire of the Vanities (1990, Comedy)	A man's life falls apart when he and his mistress are involved in a hit-and-run car crash. Melanie Griffith, Tom Hanks (2h30)
14	★	An Alan Smithee Film: Burn Hollywood Burn (1997, Comedy)	A director decides to disown his movie and direct it under a pseudonym. Ryan O'Neal, Sylvester Stallone (1h45)
18	★ ★ ★	Meet the Parents (2000, Comedy)	A male nurse encounters his worst nightmare when he meets his girlfriend's parents. Ben Stiller, Robert De Niro (2h)
19	★ ★	All I Want for Christmas (1991, Comedy)	A divorced couple's two children scheme to get them back together for Christmas. Jamey Sheridan, Harley Jane Kozak (1h30)
20	★ ★ ★	No Way Out (1987, Drama)	Kevin Costner, Gene Hackman (2h30)
27	★ ★ ★	Fallen Angel (2003, Drama)	A big-city lawyer returns to his small hometown and reconnects with a childhood friend. Gary Sinise, Joely Richardson (2h)
15	★ ★ ★ ★	Amadeus (1984, Musical)	A biography of composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, as told from the eyes of a rival. F. Murray Abraham, Tom Hulce (3h30)
3	★ ★ ★ ★	Monster (2003, Drama)	The life of Aileen Carol Wuornos, who was executed for killing seven men during the 1980s. Charlize Theron, Christina Ricci (2h)
14	★ ★	Guilty by Suspicion (1991, Suspense)	The career of a young movie director is ruined after he is accused of being a Communist. Robert De Niro, Annette Bening (2h)
19	★ ★	Dragonslayer (1981, Fantasy)	A sorcerer's apprentice must save the kingdom from the grips of a terrifying dragon. Ralph Richardson, Peter MacNicol (1h50)

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257	308	CBC	Be the Creature	The Muppet Christmas Carol				Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone	Daniel Radcliffe			CBC News: Sunday	M. Walsh	Reflect.				
600	621	MC	You Got Served	Omarion	:45 Love Actually	(2003) Emma Thompson				ReGenesis		The Wire		Monster (2003) Charlize Theron				
4		NewVI	Black Scorpion	Relic Hunter	Close-Up	Idea City	Home Videos	Miss World Canada		Miss World 2004				Uncover	Skiing			
330	379	KING	Matthews Upfront	KING 5 News	News	News	Dateline NBC			Law & Order: C.I.	Crossing Jordan	News	:35 Sports					
262	358	CH	Myst.Ink	BodyHlth	CH Weekend News	Ins.Ent.	Go! Mag.	CaitlinW	Homes	Extreme Makeover	Raymond	Half Men	Boston Legal	Spr'tPage	Ins.Ent.			
261	321	CTVBC	Borrowed Hearts (1997)	Roma Downey		News		Law & Order: C.I.	Cold Case	Housewives	The Sopranos	:10 News	:40 News					
258	336	GBLBC	Football	MoneyW.	Simpsons	Sunday	News	KingHill	Malcolm	Simpsons	Arrested	Big Obnoxious Boss	Crossing Jordan	News	Savages			
450	383	KCTS	3:00 This Is a Game	Pioneer Quest 1/9	O.House	HomeT.	Antiques Rd. 1/3	Nature		Exxonmobil Masterpiece Theatre				Mystery! Pt. 1 of 4				
102	702	SRC	3:30 Adrenaline	5 sur 5	Journal	Découverte	Lafaque	Le Show du refuge		Journal	Cyberjack			Cinéma				
452	354	KNOW	ArtAttack	CG Kids	:05 Babar	P Rabbit	Heartbeat	National Geographic	The Royal	Our Favourite Toys	Industry	Science	Billy Miner					
260	359	CITY	World Poker Tour			News	ColourTV	Movie TV	Star TV	The Collector				Sex TV	Fashion			
460	523	BRAVO	ArtsMinds	Muse	Jourdain		Cliffhanger (1993)	Sylvester Stallone		An Alan Smithee Film: Bur...	:15 Guilty by Suspicion	Robert De Niro						
441	506	HIST	Antiques Roadshow	Royal Deaths		Amadeus (1984) F. Murray Abraham				Amadeus (1984) F. Murray Abraham								
442	560	TLC	Trading Spaces	Extreme Surgery		Extreme Surgery				Trading Spaces	Extreme Surgery	Extreme Surgery	Extreme Surgery	Extreme Surgery				
483	541	FAM	20 Lilo&S.	:45Proudf	Fillmore	Possible	:05 Dave..	Mentors	Roscoe	:50 Knock	:15 Dark?	@Movies	All I Want for Christmas	Dragonslayer				
459	520	A&E	Airline		No Way Out (1987)	Kevin Costner				Bounty	CSI: Miami		No Way Out (1987)	Kevin Costner	Bounty			
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23		KSTW	Mysteries	Taxi	Frasier	Queens	Queens	70s	70s	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	News	Taxi	Walker, TR				
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4		NewVI	Relic Hunter	VI Land News					B.Date	Million?	7th Heaven	Everwood		Adventures in Rock	News	:35 J.Leno		
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262	358	CH	Days of Our Lives	CH News			Go! Mag.	CaitlinW.	Strange	The Swan (SF)				Malcolm	Malcolm	Spr'tPage	CH News	
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258	336	GBLBC	Oprah Winfrey	News	National	News		ET	G.Taste	Fear Factor	Las Vegas	Zoe Busiek: Wild..		News				
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wed. december 15	thurs. december 16	fri. december 17	sat. december 18	sun. december 19	mon. december 20	tues. december 21
<b>live entertainment</b> <b>Children's Choir Singing.</b> ISCU, Fernwood at 1 pm; SSE at 2 pm <b>Wednesday Night Live!</b> Open stage at Moby's, 9 pm <b>Swing Shift.</b> Anise, 9 pm <b>other activities</b> <b>Christmas Party.</b> At SS Seniors, 2 pm <b>Argentine Tango Lessons.</b> Wednesdays at Lions Hall, 7:30-8:30 pm. Info: Frank, 537-2524. <b>Gays and Lesbians of SSI.</b> Meets the third Wed. of the month for card games & snacks at SS Seniors, 7 p.m.	<b>live entertainment</b> <b>SS Elementary Carol Singing.</b> In front of Mouat's, 1 pm <b>Jam Open Mike.</b> Fulford Inn. <b>other activities</b> <b>Blue Christmas Service.</b> United Church, 2 pm <b>Consistent Nightmare.</b> Dona Bernadette Vigil talk at ArtSpring gallery, 7-9 pm <b>Core Inn Youth Project Society.</b> AGM at 7 pm. Info: 537-4167. <b>Bingo.</b> At Meaden Hall, 7 p.m. Early bird games 6:30 pm	<b>live entertainment</b> <b>Christmas With Scrooge.</b> ArtSpring, 7 pm <b>Sundogs.</b> Will Ellis-Sean Burke benefit at Fulford Inn. <b>Harry Warner, Terry Warbey &amp; Jo Lundstrom.</b> CD Release at Barb's Buns, 6:30 pm <b>other activities</b> <b>Visit With Santa.</b> At GVM, 10am-noon; 1-3 pm <b>Steve Grayson Book Signing.</b> Barb's Buns, 6:30 pm <b>Rollerblading to Music.</b> Fridays at Fulford Hall, 7:30-9 pm	<b>live entertainment</b> <b>Christmas With Scrooge.</b> ArtSpring, 7 pm <b>Christmas Music Faire.</b> Hosted by the Barley Bros. at Moby's, 6 pm to 1 am <b>Greenlaw.</b> Anise, 9 pm <b>Reality Bites.</b> DJ Music Masquerade Ball at Mahon Hal, 9pm <b>other activities</b> <b>Yule-tide Feast.</b> And Father Yule event at Beaver Pt. Hall. 4 pm on. <b>Christmas Market in the Park.</b> Centennial Park, 10-2.	<b>live entertainment</b> <b>Christmas With Scrooge.</b> ArtSpring, 2 pm <b>Sue Newman's Christmas Jazz.</b> Moby's, 7 pm <b>Jam-Open Mike.</b> Anise, 2 pm <b>other activities</b> <b>Breakfast With Santa.</b> Fulford Hall, 9 am <b>Live Nativity.</b> Community Gospel event at Centennial Park, 7 pm <b>Solstice Ritual.</b> With Marion Pape. Fulford Hall OAPO Rm., 11 am <b>Advent IV Worship Service.</b> United Church, 10 am <b>Peace Works! Potluck.</b> Lions Hall, 1-4 pm <b>Christmas Bird Count.</b> Call Marion for info: 653-2043.	<b>other activities</b> <b>The Clinic.</b> Planned Parenthood services at #102-340 Lower Ganges Rd. on Mondays, 4:30-6:30 pm	<b>live entertainment</b> <b>Mary Lynn Hetherington.</b> Come Let Us Adore Him CD launch concert at All Saints, 7 pm <b>other activities</b> <b>Christmas Community Sing-along.</b> ArtSpring, 7 pm

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**Christmas with the Kranks** — Tim Allen and Jamie Lee Curtis play a Christmas-mad couple who decide to have a low-key holiday for once, to the chagrin of their neighbours.


**cable TV**  
**SSTV Cable Channel 12** runs continuously for 24 hours beginning at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21. Note that during the month of December, programs will air on Tuesdays!

Featured this week is **The Holly and the Ivy** concert with Salt Spring Singers, Honour Choir and Island Brass Players.  
Plus **Hockey Night Fulford.** The checking is fierce as locals have fun playing floor hockey at Fulford Hall Monday nights.  
**Artwork at ArtSpring.** The current display of artwork by island artists and a show of antique Teal furniture from Java and Bali.

**exhibitions**

- Salt Spring Painters Guild show portrait works and more in the lobby at ArtSpring.
- Dovecote Gallery open house at 270A Beddis Rd. Sat., Dec. 18, 10-5.
- Michael Hames has monotypes and miniatures on display at Thunderbird Gallery through Dec. 23.
- 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. 16-19.
- Copperwood Gallery is open for the Christmas season. 111 Morningside in Fulford.
- Martinus Gallery is now open in Ganges. 145 Seaview Ave.
- Karen Reiss, sculptor in clay, is the featured artist at Waterfront Gallery.
- Nature Photography by Theresa Mackey is at Moby's Pub through January 15.

**Santa's Breakfast**  
A south-end tradition at Fulford Hall  
Sun., Dec. 19, 9 a.m.



Ganges Mouat's Centre 7:30am - 9 pm 7 days a week  
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\$9.25 Additional words 30¢ each

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In person at our office at 328 Lower Ganges Road, Ganges

By telephone, 250-537-9933, or fax, 250-537-2613

By email to classified@gulfislands.net (no attachments please)

By post to Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3.

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Notices

5 BIRTHS



"Another 'Great Dane'"

Seth William Krogh Forgie arrived Dec. 4th. at 12:36pm weighing in at 11lbs.14oz. and measuring 22 1/2 inches. Proud parents are Jayna and Scott Forgie of Victoria, grandparents Bill and Joan Forgie of Qualicum Beach, Per and Jenny Svendsen of Salt Spring Island and great grandma (Nana) Jytte Svendsen of Brentwood Bay.

Many thanks to Dr. Van der Linden for all the help and kind care.

See a great photo in the Driftwood?

Call today to order your reprint!

537-9933

6 DEATHS

HAYWARD'S FUNERAL SERVICE GANGES



PATRICK BEATTIE Funeral Director

Box 315, Ganges P.O. SSI, V8K 2V9 Tel: (250) 537-1022 Fax: (250) 537-2012

20 COMING EVENTS

FOR A complete calendar of coming events check the Driftwood Community Calendar, in our office in the Upper Ganges Centre, 328 Lower Ganges Road, or on our website at http://www.gulfislands.net. Use the calendar for event planning, to make sure your date doesn't conflict with someone else's.

SEAFOOD RECIPE calendars, made on Salt Spring. Drawings by Bly Kaye. Easy to mail, \$15, at GVM, SS Books, RR Trading, Vol. II Books, Love My Kitchen.

NUDGE SANTA - new session of painting classes (water colour or acrylics) starting in Jan. Beginners & intermediates welcome. Gift certificates available. Call Val Konig 537-9531.

ARE YOU a last minute shopper? Ideal Christmas gifts! Unique pottery by Meredith Fawcett. Very large vases, bowls. Bowls bows! Lots of small items too. View by appt. 537-2060.

7 IN MEMORIAM

Al Grey 1955-2001



We loved you, son and brother, We love you still.

Your crooked smile, that sudden laugh, The mocking face that hid a tender heart.

Such love of people, young and old, The friends you cherished.

The joy that mountains brought, the bright sea.

You are in our thoughts forever.

20 COMING EVENTS

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

BOB MCKAY Woodturner: Studio/Gallery Open Thurs-Sunday 11-5 and by appointment. Phone 537-9862.

NAIKAI GALLERY opening for the month of December only. Great Christmas gifts. Free Xmas ornament for purchase of \$25 & over. D. Campbell print with purchase of \$100 & over. Carol Haigh print with purchase of \$250 & over. Come see Don and Paint at the old growing circle co-op location in Gasoline alley. 537-6984.

VIPASSANA BUDDHIST Meditation Dec. 27, 2004 - Jan. 1, 2005 at the Salt Spring Center. Room left only for commuters with retreat experience. Information: 653-4945.

THE ANNUAL Santa's Breakfast returns on Sunday Dec 19th - Fulford Hall - 9 - 10:30 a.m. (Santa arrives at 11). \$3.00. It's for the kids - young and old.

FUNK HATS. Handmade felt, all weather hats - at the "Christmas Market-in-the-Park", Saturday, December 18th, or call 537-2925.

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8 CARD OF THANKS



The Canadian Federation of University Woman SSI wishes to thank donors for their generous contributions to our Christmas auction.

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Proceeds will enable girls of potential who would not otherwise complete secondary education in developing countries.

20 COMING EVENTS

OUR LADY OF GRACE Roman Catholic Church

135 Drake Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2K8 PARISH PRIEST: Father Jules Goulet O.M.I. Phone: 250-537-2150

Welcomes you to Christmas & New Year Masses

CHRISTMAS EVE: Friday, Dec. 24th: Christmas Vigil Mass, 7pm

CHRISTMAS DAY Saturday, Dec. 25th: Mass at 10am (No 5pm mass) (No mass at St. Paul's)

Sunday, Dec. 26th: Mass at 10am 8am at St. Paul's

NEW YEAR'S DAY: Saturday, Jan. 1st: Mass at 10am & 5pm (No mass at St. Paul's)

Sunday, Jan. 2nd: Mass at 10am 8am at St. Paul's

Everyone Welcome!

20 COMING EVENTS

FEAST LIKE VIKINGS FOR WINTER SOLSTICE! Bring the kids to meet the original Santa

Father Yule at Beaver Point Hall for the Heathen Freehold Society's

Yule-tide Feast

- 4pm Doors Open, First Rite 5pm Wreath Making, Decorating 6pm Heathen Carol Sing-Along 6:30 Old Maypole made into Yule logs 7pm Sacred Potluck Feast 8pm Father-Yule gifts the Kids Alvismal, Icelandic Poetry (in English) 9pm New-Year's Well Wishing, Toasting, Boasting & Storytelling 9:30 Folk Music Open-Stage

Since ancient times, the people of Europe have celebrated winter solstice. The Freehold invites you and yours to enjoy our famous Nordic hospitality. Enjoy a night of yule-tide cheer, music and song, and sacred observance of Yule, the most important holy day of our ancestors.

Beaver Point Hall - Saturday, December 18 Info: www.bc-freehold.org or 653-9575 Admission by donation

20 COMING EVENTS

Blue Christmas

COPING WITH A STRESSFUL SEASON

Message, Prayers, Music, Candle-lighting and Refreshments

Thursday, December 16 2:00 - 3:00 pm AT THE UNITED CHURCH

CLASSIFIED HOTLINE 537-9933

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20 COMING EVENTS

New Year's Eve Celebration

Friday December 31

at the Legion Bar open at 7:30 pm

Swing Shift Band

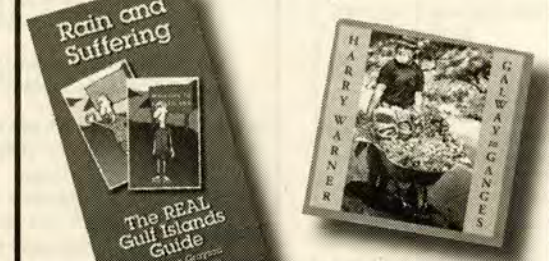
plays 8:30 pm

Tickets only \$25 each

includes nibbles & bubbly on sale in Legion Lounge

Salt Spring Books

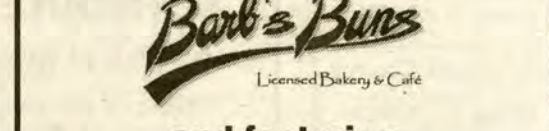
an evening of humour and music



CD release -live music with

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Friday, December 17, 6:30 pm at



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"Come Let Us Adore Him" CD Release

A selection of beloved Christmas Carols & Hymns on the organ & piano by Mary Lynn Hetherington

Tuesday December 21, 7pm All Saints Anglican Church

Bring the kids to see Santa! Special acc. by the Salt Spring Legion Pipe Band

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CD also available at www.vollent.ca/mlhetherington A Living Water, Media Production

6 DEATHS

Elaine Marchbank



Elaine Marchbank passed away peacefully Dec 12, 2004 at her home with her family at her side. She is survived by her husband Mel Marchbank; 3 daughters Beverly (Alec) Lumley (Sask), Vicki Miller and Brenda Marchbank of SSI; grandchildren Melaine (Kelly) Cheater, Steven Lumley, Michelle Lumley, Candice (Shawn) Spain, Kevin Miller and great grandchildren Chase Cheater and Larissa Spain; several nieces and nephews including her chosen son, Randy Hanson and his family.

Elaine was born in Eastend, Saskatchewan on January 14, 1933. She prided herself in working hard with Mel. Some of their businesses were a hardware store, plumbing, a pool hall, raising chickens, pigs, Arabian horses, cows, sheep, farming, fishing, a sawmill and a bronze foundry. Her greatest joy on Salt Spring was being a vendor at the market (selling afghans, baby clothes and slippers) for 28 years, meeting all the visitors and making some wonderful friends she will never forget. She always had an extra chair or two for guests and a wad of bills for change for anyone. In 2002, she retired for health reasons and to enjoy her videos, Denzel, Harrison, Richard, Julia all visited her living room daily. She had worked very hard all her life and enjoyed doing what she wanted finally.

She wanted to give a special thanks to friends who supported her in times of need. You know who you are-especially the people who unloaded and loaded her car, John and Tim who made life so much more fun, her fabulous homemaker nurses, Greenwood's and all who give to Meals on Wheels with time or money. She loved you all and will be ready to welcome you. She knew her dearly missed father, who died when she was six would greet her. She looked forward to seeing her mother, her stepfather and his second wife, Mary (her special mom) who died in 2004.

She has requested no service. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Lady Minto Hospital or your favourite charity. She wanted to remind you to share a hug, lend an ear to friends and be kind to children.

To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me; let me go. I have so many things to see and do. You must not tie yourself to me with tears; Be happy that we had so many years. I gave you my love - you can only guess How much you gave me in happiness. I thank you for the love you each have shown; But now it's time I travelled on alone. So, grieve a while for me if grieve you must, Then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only a while that we must part, So bless the memories with your heart. I won't be far away for life goes on; So, if you need me, call, and I will come. Though you can't see or touch me I'll be near, And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear All of my love around you soft and dear. And then, when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and wave, "WELCOME HOME"

**20 COMING EVENTS**

**PEACE WORKS POT LUCK & GIFTING**  
**Sunday Dec. 19**  
 Lions @ Hall  
 1-4 pm  
 FOOD - FUN - SINGING  
**PEACE CIRCLE**

**MOBY'S**

**CHRISTMAS HOURS**  
 CHRISTMAS EVE DEC 24TH  
 CLOSED @ 4PM  
 CHRISTMAS DAY DEC 25TH  
 CLOSED  
 BOXING DAY DEC 26TH  
 CLOSED  
 NEW YEAR'S EVE DEC 31ST  
 11AM-3AM  
 NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH  
 11AM-3PM  
 NEW YEAR'S DAY  
 11AM-12AM

HAVE FUN! DRIVE CAREFULLY!

**Community Gospel Chapel**  
 147 Vesuvius Bay Rd.

Presents  
**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

**6th Annual Salt Spring Concert Band**

**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  
 Solo Competition January 9  
 SS Concert Band Performance February 12 at ArtSpring

**SSI United Church**  
 (111 Hereford Ave.) invites you to their

**Christmas Events**

**THURSDAY, DEC. 16**  
 Blue Christmas Service 2:00PM

**SUNDAY, DEC. 19**  
 Advent IV Worship Service 10:00AM

**FRIDAY, DEC. 24**  
 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols 7:00PM

**SATURDAY, DEC. 25**  
 Community Turkey Dinner at Meaden Hall 11:30AM

Phone 537-5812 for more info

**"Consistent Nightmare"**  
 See what it's telling you. A talk by **Dona Bernadette Vigil**, Thursday Dec. 16 Bateman Gallery, ArtSpring, 7-9 pm \$15

**20 COMING EVENTS**

**BINGO**  
 MEADEN HALL  
 Royal Canadian Legion  
**THURSDAY**  
 December 16, 7 pm  
 Early Birds, 6:30 pm  
 Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary  
 Royal Canadian Legion Br. 92.  
 All proceeds to bursaries for Salt Spring Island students.

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**34 NOTICES**

**parc** parks & recreation

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**Rainbow Road Recreation Centre**

Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) invites interested and qualified companies to submit written proposals for the delivery of either or both the:

- Design/Build Services for Construction of Pool Tank and Pool Mechanical/Electrical Components
- Design/Build Services for Construction of Pool Service Building and Pool Chamber

Documents, for either RFP, are available at the PARC Administration Office  
 145 Vesuvius Bay Road  
 Monday to Wednesday, 10am-2pm  
 Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm (closed 1-2pm)  
 Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Deadline for receipt of proposals is Wednesday, January 19, 2005 at 12 noon.

For more information contact the PARC Administration Office at 250-537-4448, fax 250-537-4456, email parc@saltspring.com

PLEASE NOTE OUR **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CHANGE**

FOR THE ISSUE OF WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29, 2004

DISPLAY ADVERTISING DEADLINE:  
 Noon, Thursday, December 23

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING DEADLINE  
 4pm, Thursday, December 23

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY DEADLINE  
 Noon, Tuesday, December 28

Please note our office will be closed Friday, Dec. 24 and Monday Dec. 27

**Driftwood** PHONE: 537-9933 FAX: 537-2613

**Congratulations to: Vicki Miller**  
 Winner of The Driftwood's **SCROOGE** TICKET CONTEST  
 Bah! Humbug!

The correct guess to the contest question was 5 for Dec. 1 & 5 for Dec. 8. Thanks to all who entered.

Newman Family Productions 2004

**26 LEGALS**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS**

RE: THE ESTATE OF MARY ROCKETT WHELAN, aka Mary R. Whelan or M.R. Whelan, Deceased, formerly of 2032-135 Brinkworthy Rd., Salt Spring Island, in the province of British Columbia. Creditors and others having claims against the estate of MARY ROCKETT WHELAN, are hereby notified under section 38 of the Trustee Act that particulars of their claims should be sent to the Executor at 2082-135 Brinkworthy Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 1S3 on or before December 31, 2004, after which the Executor will distribute the estate among the parties entitled to it, having regard to the claims of which the Executor then has notice.

**N. Nyte**  
 Executor for the Estate of **MARY ROCKETT WHELAN**

**CLASSIFIED HOTLINE**  
**537-9933**

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LOST GOLF umbrella. White with navy blue stripes, Augusta logo. Left to drip outside some store probably. Please call 537-5248.

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**Community Services will be closed:**  
 December 27, 28 (Monday & Tuesday)  
 January 3 (Monday)

**parc** parks & recreation

The PARC office will be closed from **Dec. 20/04 to Jan. 3/05** inclusive.

Please leave messages at **537-4448**, or email **parc@saltspring.com**, during this period.

**FAMILY PLACE**

Merry Christmas to all, and thank you to this caring community, looking out for the children and families that need a little extra help throughout the year.

Please note Family place will be closed Dec. 18 to Jan. 3.

Rugg Huggers will now be on **Mondays from 11am-1pm**, starting Jan. 3, 2005

**Happy New Year,**  
 Ragnhild Flakstad, Family Place Coordinator 537-9176  
 Salt Spring Community Services

**SWOVA's Respectful Relationship Program**

sends Seasons Greetings and warm wishes for a peaceful new year to all staff, administration, students and parents in School District 64 as well as community advisory members.

**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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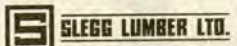
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MOVING/ GARAGE Sale. Antique standing lamp, vintage kitchen chairs and bookcase, radiant oil heater, organic pillows, futon, any other items. Dec. 18, 10 - 2, no dealers. 653-9631, 135 Twinflower.

9 A.M. SATURDAY, Dec. 18th. 235 Park Drive, Unit 3. Brass, porcelain, glass, some Christmas, etc.

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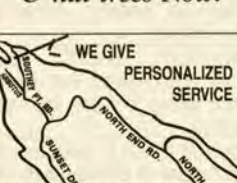
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# Christmas complaints miss the point

It started over a month ago — even before Halloween. The television commercials, the flyers in the mail, the decorations in the mall. Christmas is now a two-month event — one long blowout sale.

## SCIENCE MATTERS

BY DAVID SUZUKI



But there's also no shortage of people decrying the commercialization of the holidays. The criticism itself is nothing new. People have been complaining about it for decades. Every year, the Christmas season gets a little longer and every year people complain about it a little more.

It's certainly a valid criticism, one that I can't help but make myself. As the holiday hype escalates, so too does our accumulated waste. The roads become packed with anxious shoppers, driving from mall to mall in search of the right gifts. The malls become stuffed with Christmas goods and trinkets, all vying to catch the shopper's eye. And the shoppers themselves become stuffed with holiday sweets and extra-large gingerbread lattes. The whole enterprise is a monument to excess.

For some, this excess typifies everything that is wrong with the developed world. We consume far more than our share of the world's resources. We create huge amounts of waste. We obsess with fads and fancy while species die out, pollutants seep into the food chain and the climate changes.

Christmas is the pinnacle of our hyper-consumptive lifestyles, so it's easy to point a finger and condemn the whole stressful, chaotic, overindulgent experience.

But the real question is why? Why do people put themselves through all the stress and pressure? Why do they go into debt so they can give gifts that the receiver probably doesn't even need? Why do they complain about the excesses of Christmas and then fall for it again every year?

I believe they are trying to fill a void. With fewer and fewer people taking part in the religious aspects of the holidays, many are looking for other rituals to take their place. Humans have an innate need to connect to their families, their communities and to the rhythms and cycles of nature. Throughout human history, we've done that with celebrations and rituals to reflect the changing seasons, the lunar cycles and important stages in our lives.

But today's world is very different, very new and in many ways runs against millennia of the human experience. This new world runs 24/7. This world is built on consistency and uniformity, rather than reflecting natural rhythms, local cultural or geographic differences.

This world has few rituals to reflect the stages of our lives, the changing of the seasons and the passage of time. It doesn't matter if it's dark outside. We just turn on a light. It doesn't matter if it's cold outside. We just turn up the heat.

The seasons may change, but our work schedules stay the same. Fresh vegetables and fruits are available year-round regardless of whether or not they are in season or grown anywhere nearby. A Big Mac is a Big Mac, here or in Turkey.

This world we've created is hard on the planet and it's hard on ourselves. We've tried to isolate the human experience from the rest of nature, but it's an impossible task. Humans are a part of nature. Whether we like it or not, our bodies respond to changes in the natural world. The more we try to deny who we are, the less connected we will feel and the more damage we will do to the planet.

In the absence of God or spirituality, in the absence of a capacity to respond to seasonal patterns and natural rhythms, and in the absence of meaningful social rituals, people are grasping onto whatever they can to help ground them in their communities. If that means spending days at a time in a crowded mall, then that's what we do. That becomes

the ritual. That becomes Christmas.

I think people are hungry for change, but feel trapped. We are yearning for meaning, but accepting baubles and trinkets instead. Until we stop denying our biological roots and embrace our humanity, we will never find the meaning we seek.

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by Michael O'Connor

This is the date that the elves start packing Santa's sleds each year. With Mercury retrograde until tomorrow, December 20, there could be a few delays and miscommunications to settle. This late hour countdown aside, Tuesday December 21 marks the annual Winter Solstice. This is the day that the Sun seems to 'stand still' (solstice). On this day, the decreasing hours and minutes of daylight begin their 6 month return to maximum hours of sunlight culminating at Summer Solstice. Great Helios giver of light and life, we sing your praise. Is it coincidence that the celebrated birth of Jesus the Christ is just four days after solstice? Just four days - one for each element: Fire, Earth, Air and Water! Star light, star bright, O sacred star that guided Astrologer Kings to Bethlehem one night! Giving and receiving gifts is a fun way to celebrate the truth, the light and the way and give thanks for the giver of light and life, our holy Sun. Starlight, star bright, praise and glory to the Sun's light, praise and glory to the light, O Holy Light!

**Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 21)**  
 How does that song go again, ch, ch, ch, changes! How could you see it coming, with all the snow and the fog? Surprise! You never know where you might go. Abundance and dreams are the theme of the song so sing along. Que sera, sera serenades amidst your list of gifts and intentions. Ah the mystery and the reverie of yet another twist in the tale. Your quest for power, opportunity and wealth will continue beyond this fortnight so relax and remember your essence is light.

**Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 21)**  
 Exploring new horizons, beliefs, perceptions and options finds you making a list and checking it twice. Above all else, you want a clear sense of identity and direction to guide you through to more abundant, happy and creative times. Prepare for a ride with some bumpy corners and twists over the next several weeks. Intend to keep both eyes open, hold on with both hands and laugh a lot. If you enter any tunnels, just remember that at the end there is always a light.

**Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)**  
 What do you believe and who do you love. These and other such questions are falling like snow flakes into your mind. The riddle that the Victorians did not understand is that in order to truly love others we must learn to truly love our self. This includes acceptance of all the wild and strange parts too. The other riddle to realize that is that blame of any kind is the sure way to give away personal power. Think from your heart and you will see in this light.

**Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)**  
 Like Dancer and Prancer and Rudolph too, you sure have been pulling your weight these days. Tackling obstacles and facing fears may be tiring, yet is making you stronger and more aware. Breaking through limiting security anchors is setting you free. Unexpected surprises on the home front are helping you to imagine a more beautiful dream. Expand your potential, you have the right, determine your star and air for that light.

**Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)**  
 In the workshop of your mind you have been scheming and dreaming. You seek goodness, justice and truth. You realize that revolutionary action is sometimes required. Hopefully you realize that the best approach is art, beauty and love. What goes around comes around and this law transcends time and space. Trust in the higher powers - the keepers of the timeless laws. Turn away from the darkness of anger, worry and spite, turn away and see the light.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)**  
 The excitement of the season with its many twinkling lights is a delight to your senses. Gatherings with family, friends and the one you love are keeping you busy and happy now. A process of letting go of control to go with the flow will require imagination and effort. As the Moon enters the first quarter, you are decisive and determined to share your truth with zeal yet also grace and friendship. Breathe deeply, laugh and sing to see the bigger picture in color with lights.

**Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)**  
 This favourite time of year for so many families finds you in a festive mood. Spirits are up and spiking the eggnog as well. Bells jingling and a ringa linging remind you of Santa's sled and reindeer and the Salvation Army. Some tensions may brew and reactions fly, as can happen when families reunite. Keep judgments aside and avoid any fights. Choose to be happy these days and these nights. This time is precious; this time of bright lights.

**Aquarius (Jan 20- Feb 19)**  
 Aquarius, your age has dawned! Intuitive genius, enlightened vision and revolutions for humanitarian dreams are some of the brighter ornaments on your tree. And the time is at hand to make such dreams a reality. Also, take time out for a while, as you feel the pull to go within. Meanwhile, sharing quality time with the one's you love will see you through the night. Be at peace amidst the hustle and bustle and the fight. Remember that above all else this time is a celebration of the divine light.

**Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)**  
 Yours is the brightest star in the sky, as bright as the clear light of day. Our Sun is a great son of even greater Suns, Parent of a family of planets. One of which hosts many species of families. Yet, one among them feels compelled to control all the others. And this is even often so within every human species family. This one they say is the sign of the Sun. Do you know any such one? This is the hour to surrender the power to the solar lord of lights.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)**  
 Breaking through barriers in body and mind is liberating your soul. You now realize the authority of the higher powers that be; before you were blind and now you can see. Clearing the way for the truth to unfold means practising gratitude, just as we were told. In your heart was a spark that has now burst into flame, how could things ever be the same? Feel the power, see with clear sight, and wherever there is darkness bring forth your light.

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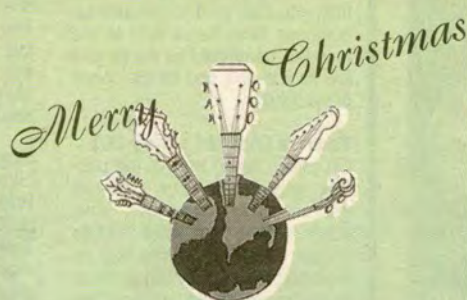
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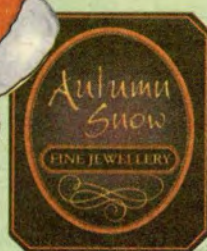
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