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**WALKING FOR EDUCATION:** An all-ages crowd of islanders marches from the school board office on Rainbow Road toward the centre of Ganges to protest government cuts to education. The protesters met at noon Saturday and marched to Centennial Park for speeches. See story and photo on Page 12. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## HEU workers ride job action roller-coaster

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Island health-care facilities are back in service but workers are still recovering from a feverish week of labour negotiations and job action.

"We are back to business as usual," said Lady Minto Hospital chief of staff Dr. Donald Shea on Tuesday.

Busy with patients, Dr. Shea couldn't give further comment about the job action that pushed the hospital to essential service levels for nine days.

"I think we were the last ones standing," said John Martin-McNab, chair of the Community Services Local within the Hospital Employees' Union (HEU). "I think we were the last ones to take our lines down."

Even after the HEU executive directed members back to work Sunday night, Salt Spring workers remained on protest lines throughout Monday.

"The membership voted 100 per cent to remain off the job protesting the sell-out of our union."

HEU picketers were

joined by union workers from CUPE, BCNU, IBEW, BCFMWU, HSA, BCTF (GITA) and BCGEU.

"We definitely showed the government we had the strength and solidarity to go to a general strike," said Chip Chipman, vice-president of the Gulf Islands School District CUPE local.

"We're not about to put up with anything else from this government. The nurses are next, then the teachers and CUPE."

The 52 workers in the Community Services local were acting in support of

their colleagues in other HEU locals, said Martin-McNab.

"We are fighting for the public. We are not fighting for ourselves on this one. We have a contract," he said.

Martin-McNab described an "emotional roller coaster" that surged through health-care workers on the picket lines over the last week.

"Watching them after Bill 37, crying in tears and totally shattered on the line. Then they called for a general strike and the roar that went through Greenwoods parking lot that day was

incredible, once they heard they were finally going to do something. Going back yesterday, every time they felt like they could stand up on their feet, they were getting batted down again."

HEU members feel like they've been "sold out" by their executive in a deal that will see 15 per cent cuts and 600 more jobs contracted out, said Martin-McNab.

"Right now, our people are really deflated."

HEU chair for the Lady Minto Greenwoods Local

**JOB ACTION A3**

## Lee and Hinds take seats at brisk fire department AGM

By PAT BURKETTE  
Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring Fire Department personnel dealt with stormy weather last Tuesday as strong northeasterlies had firefighters out on hydro incidents, along with fire calls.

But it was the winds of change that swept through Ganges firehall as Ken Lee and Ted Hinds were elected to the fire protection district board of trustees, replacing

incumbent Don Smith and the vacant seat left by retiring chairman Ben Martens.

Results were announced at an unruly annual general meeting, brought to a halt by a hastily applied Jake brake about 45 minutes after the 8 p.m. start time.

A large turnout at the poll run by election consultant Thomas Moore saw Ken Lee lead the pack with 336 votes. Ted Hinds came a close sec-

ond with 328. Doug Mitchell had 189 votes while incumbent Don Smith, with 187 votes, lost his seat on the seven-member board. Ken Akerman finished last with 90 votes.

Chartered accountant Jean Elwell presented her audit of the district's financial statements to the 50 people attending the AGM, followed

**FIRE AGM A2**

## April '04 proves driest on record

April's lack of characteristic showers broke a Salt Spring record, reports Ganges weather observer Robert Aston.

He recorded .31 inches (7.87 millimetres) of precipitation last month, compared to the 20-year April average of 3.16 ins. (80.3 mm).

The next driest April occurred in 1993, at .54 ins (13.7 mm). April of 1999 followed with .80 ins (20.32 mm).

"So we very clearly have a new rainfall record for April," said Aston Monday.

Aston has kept precipitation records on his Douglas Road location for more than 25 years, and did the same on Galiano Island for several years before that.

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**POLITICAL PROTEST:** Salt Spring RCMP were called to control a crowd gathered at the Long Harbour ferry terminal on Monday, as protesters disrupted ferry service to the mainland.  
Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Protest halts Long Harbour ferry

A political protest at Long Harbour caused ferry users to take detours between the mainland and the Gulf Islands Monday.

A group of some 40 islanders, many of them carrying union placards, staged a protest at the Long Harbour ferry terminal and prevented any sailings between 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., said John Martin-McNab.

"A few passengers were upset, however, the majority understood our concerns and choose alternate routes."

Martin-McNab chairs the Community Services Local for the Hospital Employees

Union (HEU) but he attended the protest as a member of the Concerned Citizens Coalition of Salt Spring Island.

"B.C. Ferry management arrived and requested to talk to the picket captain. He began to note union placards and asked which union was responsible for this," said Martin-McNab.

"My response to the manager was, 'This is not a union picket line. We are concerned citizens for B.C. We are here to protest the Liberal government's treatment of the HEU.'"

Members of the B.C. Ferries and Marine Workers' Union honoured the protest lines, he said.

RCMP officers asked protesters to clear the site but remained respectful of the political action, said Martin-McNab.

B.C. Ferries announced that sailings were cancelled from Long Harbour at 7 p.m., said Martin-McNab.

"Customers who were at Long Harbour were re-routed through Swartz Bay," said B.C. Ferries communications officer Stephen Nussbaum.

And since the Queen of Nanaimo did not leave from Long Harbour, alternate arrangements were required to get passengers from the main-

land to Gulf Islands ports.

"We asked customers who arrived at Tsawwassen for the 6:55 p.m. departure to take the Queen of Vancouver at 8 p.m. and we stopped that vessel at Village Bay."

The Queen of Cumberland and the Mayne Queen were able to pick up approximately 15 vehicles and deliver them to their destination ports, Nussbaum said.

The Fulford Harbour ferry waited at Swartz Bay until 10:14 p.m. to meet mainland passengers bound for Salt Spring. The Skeena Queen carried a total of 33 vehicles.

## FIRE AGM: "This issue is not going to go away"

From Page 1

by reports from fire chief Dave Enfield and Jamie Holmes, president of the volunteer firefighters' association.

Elwell discussed revenues and expenditures in the \$1,946,620 budget. The district's long-term debt rose to \$1,107,572 in 2003 over 2002's figure of \$570,810.

A major fire truck purchase in 2003 added \$638,000 to the district's debt load, and will be paid off, through property taxes, in 2018 at an interest rate of 5.5 per cent.

Wages and benefits cost the district \$234,561, down from 2002's \$273,127. Elwell noted that the district benefits significantly from donated services in the form of volunteer time.

Enfield said the department responded to 591 incidents in 2003, up from 521 in 2002, with 153 of those being first response calls.

Seven new recruits completed training, resulting in 39 firefighters on the roster, including five career firefighters.

Projects on the go this year are the wildland urban interface issue and fire planning for the entire island.

Holmes talked about firefighters' fundraising for fire-

works and charities, alongside an average 237 hours for training and emergency calls.

After Holmes thanked retiring board chair Ben Martens for 18 years of service, the floor was opened for questions.

Heckling and comments like "move on" were the order of the evening when questions relating to the 2003 dismissal of fire captains Jeff Outerbridge and Bruce Patterson were repeatedly posed.

Outerbridge said, "I noticed there was a significant action left out of the chief's report. There was an internal disciplinary action. Now, in relation to this action, will the board confirm or deny that they are under investigation by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner?"

"Not to my knowledge," replied Martens.

Outerbridge said a February 2004 letter from the commissioner's office notified the board of a complaint investigation, filed by himself and Patterson, that the fire board "may have violated Section 6 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act" (dealing with duty to assist an applicant).

Martens said, "I got the letter, but I didn't think I was under investigation." He advised that further discussion of this topic at the meeting was not constructive.

"This issue is not going to go away," said newly elected trustee Lee from the floor.

"You only know one side of it," said trustee Don Irwin.

"What is the other side?" asked John Pottinger.

Martens said the dismissals were a closed issue.

Irene Lundy wanted to know the cost of consultant Thomas Moore running the trustee elections, but Martens said he hadn't yet received the bill.

Lee, speaking as president of the South End Property Owners and Residents Association, asked whether the Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) report will be made public, as had been previously promised on the fire department website.

Enfield clarified that water district information, which details water availability for fire fighting, will be kept private and fire department information will be released to the public.

Pottinger asked about participation by Enfield when volunteer firefighter Dale Lundy was hired as the fifth

career firefighter in March. Martens noted that Enfield offered to leave the interview, identifying himself as Lundy's friend.

"As chief, he was asked to remain and give his input re: the applicant's personnel record," said Martens.

Trustee-elect Hinds queried the duties and responsibility of the fire chief in the suspension or discharge of any personnel.

"Did chief Enfield abdicate his responsibility or did the board abdicate it in the suspension of captains Outerbridge and Patterson?"

"The board has the authority. The chief has the authority to do it also," answered Martens.

"Are you trying to destroy the fire department?" interjected trustee Irwin, looking towards Hinds.

Defeated incumbent Smith abruptly made a motion to adjourn, which was quickly seconded by several trustees simultaneously, while firefighters began stacking chairs.

Martens hastily declared the meeting ended.

Michael Schubart replaces Martens as fire board chair, and the next regular monthly meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 10, in the Ganges firehall.

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# Parents blast four-day plan

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Irate islanders grilled school trustees and administrators over a four-day-calender plan during a consultation meeting at Gulf Islands Secondary School Monday night.

"What you are hearing is the 'outrage factor.' We're outraged and you're not," said one islander.

Speakers repeatedly requested that the Gulf Islands School Board submit a deficit or needs-based budget rather than move to a four-day week or embrace other cost-saving measures to address a projected \$1.1-million shortfall over the next two years.

"We need you to make hard decisions," said local Trust committee trustee and District Parent Advisory Council chair Kimberly Lineger.

She argued that the district will still be forced to make drastic cuts even if they do move to a four-day week.

"The end result is the same. We lose for our kids and we lose for public education," Lineger said.

"We are looking at you to represent us, we have no one else."

She made an impassioned plea that other districts would follow the Gulf Islands if they led a revolt against underfunding of education.

"Where we go, others will follow. Now is the time to act," Lineger said.

"Kids are an easy thing to fight for because we all have them."

School trustee Charles Hingston responded that submitting a deficit budget is illegal and that, as a consequence, the board would be replaced by a government appointee who would simply cut jobs and programs to create a balanced budget.

"I've been elected to do the best I can with the money we're given from the provincial government," Hingston said.

He asked islanders for help with the board's quandary.

"If the board was to defeat the notice of motion to alter the local school calendar, what should they do to gain an additional \$400,000 to balance the budget and create a surplus?"

He also wanted to know what the board should do if they lost a fight for funding against the province, if they took that route.

"Do you think I should be cutting teachers and programs?"

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) principal Nancy Macdonald painted a grim picture of cuts to the high school alone under a staff-reduction option.

Among three full-time teaching positions cut at the school, GISS could lose three choirs, a band, Calculus 12, Physics 12, library support, counselling time, the leadership program and possibly the cafeteria program, she said.

Bolstered by community support for recent union actions in the province, local CUPE vice-president Chip Chipman encouraged the board to take a stand against education underfunding.

"I think this table should stop looking at numbers and start looking at the courage in this community."

Islanders would not stand for the government to replace the trustees, Chipman said.

"I will not let a government walk in and take control of our elected officials."

Educator Jacqueline Thomas expressed lack of faith in the board's consultation process.

"Consultation without accommodation is not con-

sultation. I've seen no sign from the board or senior administration to accommodate protests to the four-day week."

Arguing against the four-day plan, she said it's already difficult to get children to focus on school work Monday mornings and Friday afternoons.

"Now there will be only two solid days in between."

GISS teacher David Collombin argued that the four-day week will simply add to the problems of declining enrolment.

"I think you've added up the pros . . . but you left out the cons," Collombin said.

"You don't want to be back here in a couple of years saying, 'We're really sorry but we're going to have to do another round of cuts.'"

The community should initiate a non-confidence petition against the board if they don't resist underfunding, said parent Mona Fertig.

"Remember: 'The community elects the board to represent them.' They do not have the right to dictate to us."

She questioned the board about the impact of the four-day week on the international program.

"Does the board have a plan to leave the school open for international students on the fifth day?"

The district would be opening the door for a "two-tiered education system" if schools remained open on the fifth day for paying students, she said.

"If you care about public education, stand up. We need a school board who will resist government bullying," Fertig said.

Other parents argued that if cuts must be made, perhaps principals should be cut, salaries should be reduced or the middle school closed.

Board chair May McKenzie, secretary treasurer Rod Scotvold and superintendent Wendy Herbert wearily explained why each suggestion would not work.

"We've been pushing this around for 10 or 11 years," said McKenzie.

The board has lobbied for more money and changes to funding formulas with only modest successes, she said.

"We've been on it and on it. The people in the ministry are saying the same things we are saying to you. And we told them loud and clear, 'It isn't fair.'"

Jack Rosen suggested that islanders could fundraise to support public education.

"It's not a lot of money in the grand scheme of things."

Marilyn Marshall read a public statement from CUPE workers in Coast Mountain School District who adopted a four-day week last year.

"One year later, everyone knows the four-day week hasn't delivered. The money saved was minimal," she read.

One youth made a very simple appeal regarding the impact of the four-day week on extracurricular activities.

"For me as a student, and every student I've talked to, all this does is mess things up for us."

Parent Pat Peterson tried to think of benefits to the four-day plan but came up stumped.

"If we do this, are we only saving our schools for a couple of years anyway?"

Only Mary Koroscil spoke in favour of the four-day plan. She assists international students through the homestay program and noted that they could use the extra time to catch up on studies.

"I don't understand why people think it would be such a terrible thing if these children had a day off."

The board will make its final decision on May 19.

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## JOB ACTION

From Page A1

Claire Heffernan was bitter about the final deal signed by her union executive.

"Last week we were overpaid toilet cleaners and this week we are so essential to the health-care system they had to legislate us back to work with a 15 per cent pay cut."

The limit to contracting out workers offered as part of the recent deal doesn't sit well with Heffernan.

"Contracting out is a really big issue with us. It's our job security."

And since 80 per cent of HEU workers are only employed part time, 600 full-time jobs will mean over 1,000 layoffs, she said.

"This was a short-term protest to try and bring attention to the privatization of our health-care system."

The relationship with local management has actually improved though the job action, she said.

Greenwoods business manger Bill Curtin doesn't think anyone will forget the job action before the next election.

"I don't think there was an

agreement reached. I think there was an agreement imposed. It wasn't fair, it wasn't mutual and it wasn't collective," Curtin said.

He would like to see consistency in labour negotiations.

"I don't think there were any arbitrary settlements or rollbacks when the health ministry dealt with doctors."

Curtin noted that nurses received some arbitrary decisions but no significant rollbacks.

"Doctors and nurses can't function and do their job and look after the community without the help of the support workers."



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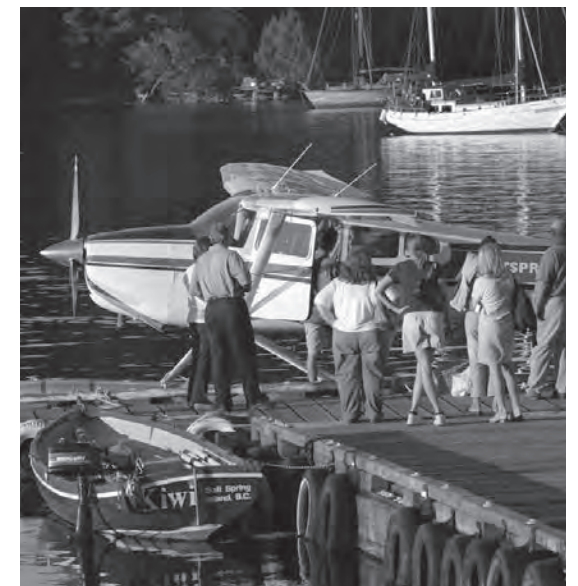
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# Daycares and coaches question impact of four-day school week

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Island parents might well wonder how they will provide daycare or take children to extracurricular programs if the Gulf Islands School Board moves to a four-day school week next year.

"It's going to put a lot of parents on the spot," said Hilltop Family Daycare operator Jenny Walsh.

"I would not have space. I would not be able to accommodate them."

Except for independent schools, Walsh might operate the only licensed daycare on the island for school-aged children. And her facility is full.

"My licence enables me to have two school-aged children, the rest have to be preschoolers."

Different types of daycare licences would allow operators to take more children, she noted. But there are currently no other licensed daycare facilities for school-aged children.

"It would make sense for the schools to put some daycare together, maybe in the school system. So far, I haven't had any calls, so the parents don't seem to be too worried yet."

Both Salt Spring Daycare and Treefrog Daycare only provide care for children under age six. Two other

licensed daycares on the island are preschools and the sixth is attached to an independent school.

"If we don't do it, somebody's going to have to take on school-aged kids," said Treefrog Daycare coordinator Lisa Bleskie.

Treefrog has discussed offering a program at Fulford Elementary, but nothing has been finalized, Bleskie said.

"It's something we're looking at. It's different ratios. It's a different program and physically we wouldn't be able to do it where we are because we have newborn to age six, that's what we are equipped for."

She wonders if a one-day program for school-aged children could support itself.

"With the nature of daycare, you can't afford to take on another program that could potentially lose money," Bleskie said.

Existing daycares could even lose money from a move to a four-day week if others provide school-age services, she noted.

"Our numbers could go down as a result of it. You're not going to take a child to daycare if you have to have someone else come into your home to look after an older child. It has pretty far-reaching implications."

Coaches and music teach-

ers are also wondering about the effects of a four-day week and longer school days (an extra hour daily) on extra-curricular programs.

"I don't see people being able to do things after school. It's just going to be crazy," said Salt Spring Gymnastics supporter Beth Drummond.

Currently, the gymnastics group runs a number of after-school classes three days a week for children of different ages and abilities at Fulford Hall.

"It's going to just be awful if it goes through," Drummond said.

"There will be a lot of groups competing for that same Friday time slot."

She thinks the four-day week would negatively impact after-school options for children.

"A lot of girls in our recreational program are also doing Girl Guides and they're also doing soccer. I think it's going to be, 'Choose your one activity.' Even music lessons are going to be an issue."

The gymnastics group is waiting to make plans for next year until the school board makes their final vote for the four-day plan on May 19.

"I'm hoping maybe it was a 'red herring' and there will be enough protest that they will come up with something that is equally unpalatable but better than a four-day

week." Salt Spring Youth Soccer technical director Sue Spencer likes the idea of a three-day weekend for training but balks at the thought of a later start time for practices during the week.

"It would be a hardship up until October. After that it's impossible," said Spencer.

Currently, soccer teams have only been able to access one gym for indoor training during the dark days of winter.

"If they create that scenario, when the time changes, we'd be in dire straits."

Acoustic Planet Music studio owner Greg Esposito is uncertain about how a four-day school week would affect music lessons on the island.

"I think it might be okay for us," Esposito said. "Friday is usually a slow day for us teaching and it could turn into one of our busy days because I would imagine parents would be looking for activities for their kids."

Classes are normally full during the week after school, he said.

"It could shift us around a bit, which is okay. That's no problem with us."

The Gulf Islands School District will receive community feedback about the four-day school week proposal through their website ([www.sd64.bc.ca](http://www.sd64.bc.ca)) until May 18.

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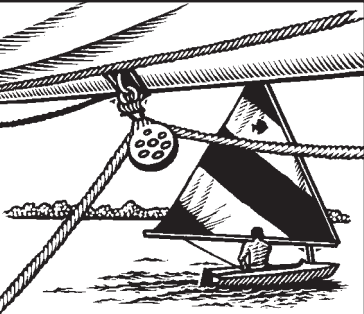


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## Doors open to assisted-living funds

Future accommodation options for seniors expanded last Thursday with announcement of government funding to build 30 new assisted living units on Salt Spring.

The complex, which was envisioned for quite some time by the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) to meet Salt Spring's needs, will be constructed on Blain Road and operated by the Gulf Islands Intermediate Care Society (GIICS), which runs the adjacent Greenwoods.

"It's in the planning stages now,"

said Don Hartwig, president of GIICS. "Architects are working on design plans and a consulting firm has been dealing with the details of the projects and the relationship with B.C. Housing, who are the drivers in this whole project."

Greenwoods has been asked to undertake the project on behalf of VIHA, he said. But the new residential complex does not represent an extension of Greenwoods.

"The future of Greenwoods will be in connection with people who are reach-

ing the 'complex care' level of requirements, but that will remain separate. This is an independent living accommodation that will be separate from the people who are in Greenwoods now."

The Salt Spring project was among 363 new assisted living units in 13 Vancouver Island communities announced by the province in Nanaimo on April 29.

Hartwig said the provincial government aimed to create 3,500 new assisted living units province-wide and is now at the 1,900 mark.

## RCMP nab suspected thief

Recovery of a stolen Zodiac on Third Sister Island Saturday afternoon led to theft charges for a Salt Spring male, and not only for the vessel incident.

Salt Spring RCMP said they responded to a complaint of the Zodiac being

**RCMP REPORT**

stolen from the Ganges government dock while the boat's owner was running errands in town.

"The boat was observed being operated in Ganges Harbour, and was soon spotted by Ganges Coast Guard and Outer Gulf Islands RCMP off of Third Sister Island," states a press release from the detachment.

"Three males were observed on the Third Sister Island and were subsequently arrested by Outer Gulf Islands RCMP with Ganges Coast Guard assisting."

One of the men was remanded to court in Victoria on Monday, May 3 for a charge of theft over \$5,000 and probation-related charges.

He is also charged with three counts of possession of property obtained by crime stemming from recent vehicle thefts on Salt Spring.

The other two men involved in the Zodiac theft were released and will appear in Ganges court on June 8.

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**NETWORKING:** Dan Mokoena (left) works with grassroots projects to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS in South Africa. He arrived on Salt Spring Sunday to make connections with Gary McNutt from SOLID, and other individuals and groups working in the field. He will speak at the Tree House South on Monday night at 7 p.m., when SOLID will also show a film.

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# Pool information meetings slated

Three meetings on aquatic facility options scheduled within 10 days are giving islanders a chance to immerse themselves in potential pools that could be built on Rainbow Road within the next couple of years.

The Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) is in the process of completing a federal-provincial infrastructure grant application and could hold a referendum on funding as early as this fall.

Last night, (after Driftwood went to press) PARC hosted an information meeting on three facility options that will be included in a survey that should be sent

out later this week. A second meeting is set for Monday, May 10, 7:30 p.m. at Community Gospel Chapel on Vesuvius Bay Road.

Survey results will help PARC decide what pool option and costs should be put to a referendum vote.

"We'd really like people to have their eyes open when they go into this," said PARC chair Bill Curtin. "If the community wants to spend that money we are happy to do that. If they don't, we are happy to do that too."

Meanwhile, the indoor pool society Ssplash held a community forum Saturday detailing a facility option it favours and feels the island

can afford. It includes a four-lane indoor pool, therapeutic and leisure pool and 10-person hot tub. Construction cost is estimated at \$3.6 million, with a \$328,400 annual operating deficit.

PARC and Ssplash have consistently been at odds when it comes to estimating pool operating costs.

Curtin said one way a discrepancy in figures arises is when it's assumed the pool could be run with non-union labour or by being contracted out to an independent operator as Shelby Pool is now.

"We all agreed that conservatively we have to present to the taxpayer a realistic picture and that is if we have

a big year-round operation the union will want to organize and we won't be able to contract that out," he said.

Islanders should be on the look-out for the PARC survey, which will be sent to all mailboxes.

# Celebrities take honorary Ssplash dip

Three of Salt Spring's best known entertainment personalities — Arthur Black, Arvid Chalmers and Wally Stambuck — have just agreed to become honorary members of the Ssplash indoor pool society board.

Honorary board members have a "mainly supportive and ceremonial role," said Ssplash president Darlene Steele. "They don't have to sit it out at meetings."

Asked why he had agreed to join the board, local realtor and comedian Chalmers said, "Well it had to be honorary. I hate meetings, unless I'm the total centre of attention. Then, there's self-interest. I support Ssplash and the indoor pool because

this island has an aging population and I'm part of it. I can see myself using it a lot. I want to be in there year-round. It's good for kids too. Of course, it's expensive. We have to be creative about that."

Wally Stambuck, retired CBC broadcaster and talk show host, said, "My first thought is for the young people. They really need a pool and they especially need it in the winter time. But the fact is it's just as useful for the older generation too."

Arthur Black, the local author and broadcaster well-known for his humorous column, added: "Outdoor may look cheaper, but people just won't get the use out

of it. It's a false economy."

Olympic athlete Simon Whitfield has also expressed interest in holding an honorary board position.

Whitfield also attended Saturday's April Pool Days Party and Community Forum at All Saints, where prize winners of a month-long contest, which raised \$4,543.89, were drawn.

They were Margaret A. Reid, first prize of \$1,000; Scott Merrick, second prize of Robert Bateman print framed by Apple Photo and Bateman's book called Thinking Like a Mountain; and Mac McCaffery, third prize of a one-year Curves membership.

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**LOAF COLLECTORS:** Erna Robertson (left) and Yvonne Adalian collected slices of bread at the Saturday market for transport to Prime Minister Paul Martin in a national anti-GMO "slice of bread" campaign. Salt Springers for Safe Food report sending 243 slices of bread to Ottawa.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

# Vacation rentals get limited role; 'more info needed'

**"I want to make sure the impacts on the community are addressed." — Lineger**

By **GAIL SJUBERG**  
 Staff Writer

A long-awaited decision of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) came down last Wednesday when trustees gave a nod to short-term rental of homes on a limited basis and potential legalization of seasonal cottage and secondary suites.

Nothing will change for the moment, since any new policies and rules will require a slew of draft official community plan (OCP) and land use bylaw (LUB) amendments for public consideration.

Trustees Kimberly Lineger and Eric Booth accepted most of the Trust staff report as presented by regional planning manager John Gauld.

"I think we are saying there is a role for vacation rentals on Salt Spring," said Gauld, "a strictly controlled one and a relatively minor one."

He stressed that benefits would accrue to "permanent" island residents only — those who live on the island for more than six months per year.

Following Gauld's report, trustees directed regulatory changes to:

- establish a cap on all accommodation units based on a ratio of tourist accommodation units to permanent residential units (with a 1:4.2 ratio suggested by Gauld);
- limit the total number of seasonal cottages and single family dwellings used for vacation rentals, B&Bs, campgrounds in agricultural zones;
- consider use of temporary use permit (TUP) or rezoning applications to permit a limited number of

single-family dwellings and seasonal cottages for vacation rental use. Figures of 50 for the former and 100 for the latter were suggested by Gauld but not agreed to by trustees. Lineger also deferred the motion for single-family dwellings until some of her concerns were addressed;

- allow permanent residents to rent their single family dwelling as a vacation rental for one time period each calendar year of no more than 30 days;
- remove the use of a seasonal cottage as one of the "bedrooms" in a B&B;
- consider use of TUP or rezoning applications to allow seasonal cottages or secondary suites to be used as affordable housing, and to substantially reduce current associated Trust fees;
- change policies to reduce the overall number of seasonal cottages that can be built on future-subdivided properties and those receiving a transfer of development potential.

Trustees also directed staff to:

- research property tax issues related to fairness between vacation rentals and other forms of commercial accommodation;
- report back on alternative methods to achieve compliance with proposed regulations.

Lineger and Booth expressed some disagreement over whether or not an individual might be allowed to operate more than one vacation rental home.

It led to deferring a final decision on having Trust staff develop policies for use of single-family dwellings for vacation rental purposes.

Lineger was particularly concerned about the potential impact in high-density areas, including the future Channel Ridge development.

"There is limited, limited support for residents to rent out their second homes," she said. "If I am going to open that door . . . , I want to make sure the impacts on the community are addressed."

Booth stressed the most critical thing was to find "balance" for the community, and said he couldn't yet pick one of three accommodation limit levels outlined by Gauld.

"At the moment, until we have the rest of the information, it is premature to pick one in that scale," said Booth.

Despite months of public input gathered on the topic, islanders were still eager to express their opinion through the town hall and delegation portion of the meeting.

Several different people spoke on all sides of the issue at the April 28 meeting.

Gauld's report is available at the Ganges Trust office in Grace Point Square.

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# OPINION



## Hearing it right

Few Salt Spring public debates have been as bizarre and fraught with contradictory information as the Islands Trust vacation rental wrangle of the past year.

With that in mind, it's admirable that trustees Eric Booth and Kimberly Lineger and Trust regional planning manager John Gauld were able to pull a reasonable compromise out of such a gooey debate.

Gauld and the trustees heard and responded to the nub of concerns — that the unchecked proliferation of vacation rental homes in residential areas represented a fundamental shift in the kind of community envisioned in the official community plan (OCP).

By proposing to cap the number of vacation rental units — and all other forms of tourist accommodation — the Islands Trust acknowledges an unwillingness to let tourism grow without some semblance of limits or control.

At the same time, Gauld and the trustees sensed tolerance for letting a limited number of homes owned by permanent island residents be rented to visitors who want more space and privacy than accorded by other forms of accommodation. In that way it was not too dissimilar from the conclusion reached by the Advisory Planning Commission, even if the proposed methods were different.

Both the APC and Trust seemed able to put the views of those with vehement opinions or vested interests in one box for consideration and to give more weight to community-wide desires or sentiments — which is what they should do.

Of course, the vacation rental debate is not in fact over with the passing of a few motions last week. A public process is required to issue the limited number of permits or re-zonings for vacation rentals up for grabs, so the oft-heard list of pro and con arguments could be repeated 50 times. The OCP and Land Use Bylaw must be amended to bring all related changes into force, which will require still more community input and consent through public hearing.

How to shut down existing operations that cannot acquire permits will also be daunting — and could bring us full circle to where the examination originated — with demands that the bylaws be upheld.

Let's hope everyone can respect the eventual outcome so that doesn't end up being the case.

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## Splash needs questions answered before releasing funds

By DARLENE STEELE

We are in receipt of an April 8 letter from Alix Granger of the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC), in which she requests a release of Splash's funds, and I quote:

"Until we receive approval for long-term borrowing in a referendum vote of the Salt Spring electors we will have to borrow under the Capital Regional District short-term borrowing capacity. To minimize the cost of this borrowing, it would be helpful if Splash would forward the majority of the funds raised for a pool to us in June of this year to help defray the costs of sewer, water and hydro services necessary for this project."

PARC's request for a release of

### VIEW POINT

funds was referred to the Splash board for consideration and prior to any serious deliberation on the content of its request the board has requested further information. In order to make a thoughtful and prudent decision we require answers to the following questions:

- To date no decision has been made public as to which "pool option" PARC intends to proceed forward with, for the purpose of grant applications or referendum questions. What are they intending to build?

- During the Joint Review Committee (JRC) deliberations we were led to believe by PARC commissioners that they already had sufficient funds through your "tax to the max" program, making available \$255,000 extra funds dedicated to the Rainbow Road project and earmarked for the preparation of the site. Is money being spent on the Rainbow Road Site and specifically for what purpose will it be used?

- We were also informed at the JRC that PARC had \$130,000 from the Salt Spring Tennis Association, which would be spent on the Rainbow Road site for tennis courts. Since this is the first component of the site being developed and it may be some time before the aquatic facility is

underway, it seems reasonable that part of that sum of money be used for site preparation. What part of those funds will be diverted into site preparation?

- We understand PARC has \$150,000 in capital reserves which can be allotted to whatever project is deemed most appropriate or needy. Is this money being used to pay for part of the site preparation?

- PARC has informed the Joint Committee that it intends to borrow (under its short-term borrowing capacity) the sum of \$700,000 for the purpose of starting the Rainbow Road recreation site preparation and construction. When will this money become available?

- Totalling all the funding

which PARC has already stated is available and committed to the Rainbow Road Site preparation and construction, we reach the sum of \$1,235,000. What is the actual cost estimate for the total site preparation and how are those costs allocated?

- What are the timelines for building?

- Where is the "master plan" showing how the project will be staged?

- Has an architect or project manager been named?

Upon receipt of the information requested, PARC's request shall be directed to the Splash board and its members for deliberation.

*The writer is president of Splash and the above forms the basis of a letter to PARC.*

## School and community 'with heart' must not be lost

By GAIL GLODE

This past week Phoenix Elementary School almost had its doors closed at Drake Road.

You probably heard that we, effective September 2004, were going to be moved to a quote "school within a school" at one of the elementary schools. What you may not know is that only kindergarten to Grade 5 were going to be moved and that Grades 6, 7 and 8 were not included in the move.

The vast majority of parents and students and all of our staff did not believe — and still don't — that the intrinsic nature of our school could survive within a traditional school setting. And, although a few individuals tried to remain "upbeat," it was impossible to remain "upbeat" about the loss of our intermediate students and teacher.

### IN DEPTH

We had to do something. We approached the board of trustees and the senior administration for an opportunity to discuss our concerns and were, very graciously, given some time with them.

Our presentation was well researched, respectful and financially based. Our focus was a revised interpretation of our financial projection, as well as an expression of our philosophical concerns about our relocation and the elimination of our intermediate class. Our students, our parents, our principal and some of our supporters from Phoenix High attended the meeting. We even had some grandparents there — a true family affair.

I want you to know this.

We want you to know this. We really felt heard. We really did. And for that we thank our board of trustees and the senior administration.

We are optimistic that with full enrollment and, facing the fiscal realities, Phoenix will continue to soar. We have already mounted a campaign to do exactly that.

Phoenix brings students and dollars to School District 64 by offering a publicly funded alternative school to those who, if it were not available, might very well register outside the district. Phoenix is also the home of the District Learners Partnership Program, a program for home schoolers which is philosophically aligned with Phoenix and which generates considerable income for the district.

We want to correct some other misconceptions about our school. Phoenix is not a

school for "weirdos." Nothing could be further from the truth.

Like you, we come from all walks of life — socio-economically and politically. Indeed, Phoenix exemplifies Salt Spring and the Gulf Islands — vibrant communities that foster creative expression and independent thinking and that not only allow diversity, but that welcome diversity; applaud diversity.

Phoenix offers an alternative to those with learning styles, value systems, lifestyles or family philosophies not embraced by the traditional school system. This includes some students who exceed grade level expectations; some who are differently-abled — and by that I mean children who learn in ways and at rates different from the norm, but who are often brilliant; students with behavioural challenges and families

who homeschool their children some of the time, either by necessity or by choice.

Academically, our alumni are well respected as self-directed learners. A good number have gone on to post-secondary education and are almost consistently straight-A students. And, of course, like you, we don't measure success by academic performance alone. Individuality, effort and unique talents and abilities are all recognized.

If you have a child — if you yourself are a student — who is looking for a different school experience or who does not seem to fit in a traditional classroom, consider Phoenix.

If you have been homeschooling and want to try the school system or, conversely, if you have been considering homeschooling but weren't sure how to go about it and are looking for support, consider

Phoenix or the District Learners Partnership Program as a transition experience. Come and see us at our school.

What's more, if you yourself ever felt that your learning style did not fit easily into a traditional classroom setting, please support us with your letters, your encouragement and your ideas.

We are a little school with heart in a little district with heart. This past week, we came very close to losing the heart of our school.

I think most of us would agree. We need to impress on this government that we, as a community, will not allow cuts which dramatically affect the quality of our children's education and, ultimately, the quality of life on our islands.

*The writer is a Phoenix parent and the above was presented at the May 1 Ganges rally to support public education.*

# SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** *What are your thoughts on the recent job action?*



**Jessie Russell**

*My dad works for BC Hydro so it's affecting our family hugely. It's all money and political stuff. I don't like any of it. I don't like this government so it's hard to say if they are doing a good job or not.*



**Brian Moss**

*I'm really glad the unions are working together. I think they have to with this government. It's really scary for the government to legislate them back to work. Where does it stop? The workers have no power. I don't think this is the way it should be working.*



**Gary Meagley**

*I'm not sure how it affects the schools and everything. That's my concern.*



**Tim Marchant**

*I'd like to thank our local school board. They are working with a very difficult government. Talk about a rock and a hard place. They are doing a good job in a tough situation.*



**Sheila Reimer**

*We had this weekend getaway planned for six weeks. Everything was in jeopardy. We decided to go anyway. I'm a union member and my daughter is in a union... The union is very good for some members but they are so powerful and they use the power of the people for political gain.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Heed input

I attended the last school board meeting and the Monday night consultation meeting, though I have serious doubts as to whether this consultation over the proposed four-day week is in good faith.

Is there any intention at all, by the majority of the school board and the senior administrators, to make accommodation as a result of consultation?

Has there been any accommodation so far?

Several months ago there were rumours that there was to be a four-day school week. Vehement denials followed, saying that no such change would be instigated without consultation with the parents and the public.

Since then there have been many meetings and considerable opposition to the four-day week.

At the last School District 64 meeting there was much parental opposition, mainly from the Outer Islands.

At some point the chairperson said, rather testily, that they had looked rationally at other options and the four-day week was the only viable one. (Haven't great

thinkers looked rationally at big questions over the ages and come to conclusions that differ from each other?)

Peter Williams, a parent from Pender, took the microphone and gave an extensive, well-thought-out alternative way of reducing spending, with a complete breakdown of figures.

The board's reaction? The secretary-treasurer said he thought the figures were inaccurate.

Peter replied, "They're your figures."

There did not seem to be any further interest from the people at the table.

I know the school board is not the enemy, and indeed two trustees voted against the four-day week, but if they do not want to submit a needs budget then at least the whole board could listen to the people instead of merely fulfilling its legal obligations.

**JAQUELINE THOMAS,**  
King Road

### Water tips

Some of us were discussing the water shortage while exercising at Curves. Here are a few more ideas:

- Bathe together (or at least use the same water).

Let it cool and then water the plants.

It's labour intensive but think of all the pictures we've seen of women in other parts of the world walking miles carrying a bucket of water of their heads.

- Wash your hair in the sink, catching the water in a dishpan.

Reuse the water for a sponge bath. Then save the water to refill the toilet tank.

- If you must shower, make it a really quick and efficient one.

- Rinse excess food off your dishes, saving the water in a dishpan.

Use it to water plants. Wash the dishes in the dishpan and save the soapy water to refill the toilet tank.

- When waiting interminably for hot water to flow, catch the cold water in a pan to water plants. Or, simply wet a washcloth and nuke it for 15 seconds.

Or, wash your face in cold water like our ancestors did.

When we really think about it, there are all kinds of ways to save water and my guess is we're going to have to from now on.

**HELEN HINCHLIFF,**  
Ganges

### Who benefits Trustee mandate

I am adamantly opposed to this notion of a four-day school week.

The students are already tired at the end of the day and to think they can handle a lengthier one is ridiculous. This not only affects the students and their ability to absorb and learn, but it also affects the extra-curricular activities and sports and part-time jobs that flesh out the rest of these students' lives.

This also greatly impacts the parents and their ability to earn a livelihood to create homes and put food on the table for these students.

The students involved here are our future. Shortchanging our future affects us all. Dare I ask who this four-day week benefits?

Surely not the students, parents, families concerned.

The province of B.C. doesn't need the Olympics at the exorbitant cost of millions and millions of dollars. The province of B.C. needs a future. We cannot let Gordon Campbell take even that away from us!

Has he not already done enough damage?

**ERIN MCLEOD,**  
Salt Spring

### Trustee mandate

We, Ken Lee and Ted Hinds, would like to thank all our supporters in the fire trustee election.

We would particularly like to thank Bruce Patterson, Jeff Outerbridge, Jim Buckley, Gordon Cartwright, John Pottinger and Mary Gillies for their support, without which we would not have been as successful as we were.

We committed to a more open and transparent functioning of the board and we will endeavour to fulfill that mandate.

We also committed to close some issues which have plagued this board for some time and we want to do this as quickly as possible.

It is our sincere hope that the board will work together to get the issues behind us and move on to give our fire department the support that it deserves and provide the taxpayers the very best value for their tax dollars.

We look forward to serving for the next three years on this board and hope that

we can honourably fulfill the onerous duties that the rate-payers of Salt Spring have entrusted to us.

**KEN LEE,**  
**TED HINDS,**  
Salt Spring

### Right time

I wish to correct a mistake in the ArtSpring column in last week's paper.

Fiddler on the Roof will begin at 7 p.m. on May 13 only. All other performances will begin at 8 p.m.

See you there.

**GOLDE,**  
**(LYNDA JENSEN),**  
Vesuvius

### Praise

As a patient who recently spent two months in Lady Minto Hospital, I want to praise and thank the staff for their professional competence and their supportive, cheerful way of dealing with those in their care.

It is tempting to use extravagant language, but I leave it at a heartfelt thank-you.

**MAGGIE SCHUBART,**  
Old Scott Road

**MORE LETTERS A10**

## Keep debate public until proper whipping post set up

"My god, what a contentious place," said a woman I talked to a few months before she moved from France to Salt Spring.

She'd subscribed to the Driftwood before the move, to get a heads-up on island life. While editors of much bigger community papers get dribs of feedback in small bursts, this paper gets bundles in big bangs. Letters to the editor go way beyond the usual discussions of property troubles and dog droppings.

The Gulf Islands are, Valdy has said — and I paraphrase — a roil of opinions surrounded by water. I love the liveliness and even the rub of it, providing it stays more or less fair.

There are actually some rules

### SPRINGBOARD BY BRENDA GUILLED



to the game, and however much we may think we know them all, we each get to learn a few the hard way.

I'm still sorry that I expressed my concerns about a filthy Beaver Point Hall floor in the anonymous Rants & Roses section of this paper.

I should have signed my name to the rant or, better yet, gone to the board and solved the problem behind the scenes.

I'm learning. I definitely won't be stupid that way again. I'll be stupid in other ways, no doubt, despite trying, as I have since I

took the vow when I was 15, to live as if I had a brain.

In other cases, going behind the scenes isn't recommended. In particular, opinions aired in public media are best responded to in public media.

Calling the offending party at home or finding a way to get them to make the call, not knowing that they're walking into a harangue, isn't exactly cricket.

We deliberately bring various media into our homes, thus they're invited and welcome. If some part offends us, well, them's the chances. Fight back in the same forum.

To connect with someone unsuspectingly in private to give them royal hell, with no intention of taking the duke-out into the streets, is underhanded. Even published nitwits and nasties have the right to pick up the phone,

answer the door and go about their private business in relative peace. E-mails and snail-mails are fair, because they can be passed on to editors and quoted accurately.

My experiences of private attacks, which are few and minor, aren't the point.

Appropriate operating principles are, because we learn best from each other and have the most fun when the rules are clear and followed. Which brings me to note something that's seriously missing from the main gathering places on these islands: public pillories or whipping posts.

For my last column, I'd be in the stocks for sure, pelted with slabs of conventionally farmed beef and chicken eggs. I'd be taunted as a vegetarian, although I'm not, and an environmentalist, which I incorrigibly am. I can take it.

We're missing some great

sport, good for any and all. The only thing to be decided is exactly where to put each pillory. On Salt Spring, it's easy — in Centennial Park, with Saturdays off for good behaviour and the market.

Or maybe make it the centrepiece of the market, as the hub and essence of this island paradise. The other islands could try different spots until they find the one with the greatest draw and — bonus — tourist appeal.

Why keep something this good for ourselves?

Don't call me at home about this, however. It's a public issue, demanding public debate and decision-making. The meeting is right here, on these pages, until we get the hardware set up and in regular use in the best possible locations.

*mail@bguiled.com*

# More letters

## Legalize cottages

Having recently completed the affordable housing questionnaire, it has left me thinking about this issue at length.

We have reached a point where there is no longer affordable housing left on our fair rock for those who are the backbone of our community — the middle and lower-class working stiffs who build our homes, staff our businesses and provide all the services that make this island more than just a vacation spot for the wealthy. (And please don't think that I bear any grudge against those who are wealthy or vacation here, as I do not

hold that particular prejudice.)

The approach that I hear most often discussed is towards co-housing, land banks and multiple family dwellings, and these are laudable concepts that should continue to be pursued, but to my mind it is a solution for only a small percentage of those truly in need — only those with a nest egg to invest and a willingness to live in this kind of housing.

For the rest, renting a living space (or a tent in the bush) is the only means at their disposal and rentals (when you can even find them) are typically so high in cost as to preclude putting away any kind of savings that might

help renters get ahead.

So how do we find accommodations for this important and fast disappearing sector of our community? In my humble opinion, these places to a great degree already exist, and with the right approach, many more could appear quickly — they are the little cottages and cabins tucked away in the woods all over this island, and the downstairs and attic suites that our local bureaucrats (and I do have a small prejudice here) deem "illegal" and in part seem hell bent on discouraging, while at the same time, I might add, allowing these hideous sprawling high end developments that hold no solution to our community problem

to flourish. What's wrong with this picture?

Now if a young couple trying to buy or build a home knew that they could count on legitimately renting out a small suite or guest house on their property to help them meet an otherwise onerous mortgage, imagine how many more of us could afford to buy.

And if fair and reasonable controls were established on the amount that they could charge, then how many more renters might be able to save some money every month toward a home of their own. And further, why not require these mega developers to provide a percentage of truly affordable rental housing in their projects before we give

them a permit to build. Pretty utopian, I know, but then don't we like to think we live in Utopia here?

The only real argument against all this that I can see is that we have a finite water table, and this is truly a serious issue, but I would submit that people of all social strata are going to continue to arrive here and use our resources regardless, and better to have the less fortunate living in decent, regulated housing than living in a tent and doing their business in the woods.

It is high time to legitimize, regulate (with fairness to all) and indeed to encourage these erstwhile "illegal" secondary dwellings for the good of us all.  
**RON COOKE,**  
Salt Spring

## Tango addiction

There's an article floating around the Internet under the heading Symptoms of a Tango Junkie.

The article is addictive in its own right because each time it surfaces it just might include a new symptom. And it applies in Salt Spring far more than in many other tango-crazed centres throughout B.C. and other parts of the known world.

At first glance, some of the symptoms seem simple enough for even the uninitiated to grasp.

- You keep a pair of dance shoes in your car.
- You make sure you never run out of breath mints.
- You regularly check out consignment stores to supplement your tango wardrobe. (When the thrift stores in Ganges come up dry, Victoria's Value Village becomes a dance togs day-trip hunting ground.)

Easy enough so far? Let's crank up the hype as it applies from Fulford to Vesuvius.

- You go through withdrawal without at least one tango high per week.
- Tango never fails to energize no matter how tired you are.

gize no matter how tired you are.

• You've been spotted dancing tango in parking lots.

• Your description of tango has shifted from unbounded enthusiasm to, "You wouldn't understand."

The symptoms become more serious.

• You plan the rest of your social life so it doesn't conflict with tango nights.

• You sell or move your furniture to make room to dance.

• Tango has diminished, if not ruined, the appeal of every other dance you ever did.

• Your non-tango friends, if you have any left, are plotting to kidnap you for some serious deprogramming.

There are more. But perhaps you wouldn't understand — yet!

The curious and those daring enough to try a taste of the "dance of passion" will have the opportunity this weekend as tango master Miguel Pla of Buenos Aires returns to unlock the mystery of this compelling dance of his native Argentina. It was Miguel who dubbed Salt Spring Island the "tango capital of the world, per capita." (Information on his workshops is in the ad in this edition.)

Miguel took up tango in 1990, won three international competitions and eventually gave up his medical practice of dermatology to teach tango professionally. In addition to his regular classes in Buenos Aires, he conducts tango workshops throughout Canada, the United States and Europe. Although his focus now is on teaching rather than performing, he does recall a few seconds dancing with Madonna for the movie Evita.

By the way, Miguel has an addiction of his own: He's hooked on Salt Spring!

**FRANK SULLIVAN,**  
Por el Amor del Tango

# DRIFTWOOD WINS #1 IN BC

The B.C. Yukon Community Newspaper Association has awarded the Driftwood #1 in the 2004 Ma Murray Community Newspaper General Excellence Awards.

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**Best place to kiss on SSI?:** Beside our fish pond.



**DERRICK'S ISLAND PICS**

# RANTS & ROSES

## RANTS

Rants to a particular local community paper which promised my wife they'd publish her rant — but never did.

To my neighbours who have too many roosters and turkeys. I have five jobs and work shift work. The noise you and your animals make is just rude. KS

## ROSES

Attention Brenda at the SPCA. Thank-you for all your love and care. From Niko the bunny.

Raves to Rosemary Keough, who single-handed had the foresight and ambition to organize the first annual folk dance festival, which turned out to be such

a wonderful success. Congratulation to everyone who helped out. RL.

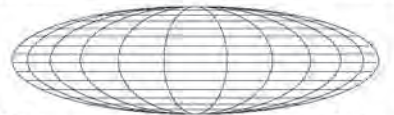
A belated, but huge, bunch of roses to Dr. Fibiger for the many, many ways she has provided medical attention and emotional support over the past year.

Many roses to Li Read. In many years of real estate transactions, she is the most knowl-

edgeable, creative, pleasant and tenacious realtor we have worked with. Her wealth of ideas, vast network of connections and sheer good-heartedness have saved our sanity.

An island full of native roses to Adina and Andrew of Salt Spring Books, and Michael Levy, Osman Phillips and Howard Fry — the creators of Salt Spring: The People, The Place — for their donation to the SSI Conservancy.

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# 100s march at education rally

By ROB WILTZEN  
 Driftwood Contributor

Hundreds of community members, including parents, students and teachers rallied at the school board office Saturday to protest the Campbell government's cuts to education and measures being proposed as budget-balancing necessities.

The parent-led demonstration included speakers with a broad range of perspectives on present education cuts with a message to school trustees to resist the cuts, and to the Victoria government to reverse them.

Musical interludes by Phil Vernon, Blue Thunderbird Man and the Raging Gran-nies punctuated speakers.



**STUDENTS SPEAK:** Youth protesters were among those voicing their opposition to education cuts at Saturday's rally.  
 Photo by Derrick Lundy

The four-day school week was repeatedly condemned by a litany of speakers representing school staff, parents,

students and union representatives from Salt Spring, Pender and Galiano islands. Event organizers count-

ed 700 people in the crowd that gathered to listen to the speakers and march through the streets of Ganges to Centennial Park amidst supportive cheers and honking under sunny skies.

Grade 8 student Danielle Rainsford said the four-day week would eliminate her pursuit of extra-curricular hockey, seriously impacting her chances for the scholarship she hoped for upon graduation.

She referred to the altered school week schedule as creating "school jet-lag," and said the concentrated week would undermine academic achievement by placing unreasonable demands on students for part of the week. Other students echoed her concerns.

Peter Williams, a parent from Pender Island, said the two issues of declining enrolment and the funding formula for education deserved separate treatment. The funding formula, he maintained, is a political issue, while declining enrolment is symptomatic of other forces in Gulf Islands communities.

Phoenix school parent Gail Glode pointed out that the proposed move for the school to another building only affected kindergarten to Grade 5 students, while the grades 6-8 program would be eliminated. She told the rally that 11<sup>th</sup>-hour meetings with school trustees had been encouraging.

Parents and school staff made a presentation to the board of trustees on the financial sense of maintaining the Phoenix program and were enthusiastic about the reception they received.

"Phoenix School brings revenue to the district by attracting those who would otherwise go elsewhere," she said.

John Martin-McNab, a Hospital Employees' Union (HEU) member representing the community services sector on Salt Spring, put the education system in context.

His voice was one of many drawing links between cut-backs in the education system and other public service sectors under the Campbell government, most notably the HEU labour crisis.

The call for a general strike could be seen on T-shirts, placards and pennants indicating that education cut-backs were not being viewed in isolation.

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# Ransen film nurtures SEEDS

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

A new film set to screen at Central Cinema tonight (Wednesday) wasn't just written and filmed on Salt Spring, it was conceived on the island during a turbulent period of anti-logging protests.

Established Salt Spring film-maker Mort Ransen will be echoing a theme from his movie by throwing a fundraiser for a group of environmentally-minded islanders when he releases his latest film, titled *Bastards*.

"We have an enormous difficulty on the island because we are losing our young people," Ransen said.

Consequently, *Bastards'* screening at Central Cinema 7 p.m. May 5 is a fundraiser for the Salt Spring Eco-village Education Development Society (SEEDS).

"The island will become less and less a place I want to live in if we just become a rich persons' retirement community."

A product of the National Film Board, Ransen has written, directed and produced numerous films, most notably the critically acclaimed *Margaret's Museum* (1995).

Ransen likes the idea of an eco-village community where people attempt to live sustainably within their environment.

"Even though it's not a commune, they have private homes, they nevertheless share as much as they can. They have old people as well as children, there so that no one is living alone."

The eco-village concept chimes in with connections of mutual trust and respect that develop between dissimilar people in his film *Bastards*.

Ransen got the idea for *Bastards* while making *Ah the Money, the Money, the Money* (2001), which focussed on local anti-logging protests against the Texada Land Corporation.

"There was a crazy mix of people in the crowd that basically organized and worked on the Texada protest," said Ransen.

"I remember seeing envi-



**ON SCREEN:** Liisa Repo-Martell performs with actor/director Mort Ransen in "*Bastards*" which, shot on Salt Spring, will have its first on-island public screening tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m.

ronmentalists, who may have been quite conservative in other ways, who were getting to know these kids with rings in their ears who had been living on the streets in Vancouver and Victoria."

*Bastards* is an experimental feature that explores a meeting between those two polarities, he said.

"This is the relationship between a rather troubled homeless young woman and a more conservative retired man."

The film stars Liisa Repo-Martell as the central character, with Ransen behind the camera and supporting roles by Tygh Runyan, and locals Murray Ritchie, Sid Filkow and Arvid Chalmers.

Appropriately, the making of the film also mirrors the central theme of unlikely collusion, in that Ransen recruited a crew of islanders who hadn't made a film before.

"There's a bunch of people on Salt Spring who know how to make a feature film now," Ransen laughed.

"I think I could have only done it on Salt Spring. Where else could you find the insane range of skills?"

Greenpeace captain Bart Terwiel provided special effects, maintained the art department and acted as location manager.

"In his spare time he did the publicity stills."

Ex-social worker Paul Brosseau designed and

recorded the sound. Chef-singer Kate Bragg became costume director, make-up artist and hairstylist.

Mechanic and mushroom picker Finbar McMillan became an assistant director gaffer and camera assistant because he had once worked as an electrician on a film set, Ransen said.

Ransen's neighbour Annica Burnaby became associate producer even though she knew nothing about film, he said.

"I had worked with her when we had the Texada protests. Everybody said, 'If you want something done, give it to Annica.' Here's someone who is just a great organizer."

In addition to meeting Burnaby at the protests, Ransen was also introduced to small cameras while working on the *Ah the Money, the Money, the Money*.

"It was so tiny, you could manage to achieve an intimacy that you couldn't do with a large camera and a large crew. I realized something could be especially written for the tiny camera."

He had never handled a camera before making the film, he said.

"I worked with the best cameramen in Canada and elsewhere so I was always a bit intimidated by the camera."

But he found commercially-produced cameras are so easy to use that he believes anyone could make a film.

"I wanted to prove that people can tell their own stories. They shouldn't be intimidated by the mystique of the business."

The do-it-yourself mentality behind the making of *Bastards* seems to tie into the fundraiser once again, since SEEDS also aims to give islanders more creative control of their environment.

"They are small communities where people attempt to live completely sustainably."

The eco-village concept incorporates elements of permaculture, green-building techniques and even alternative healing therapies, said SEEDS president Tom Billings.

"An eco-village is a community where people live together and share resources."

Ideally, Billings is hoping to raise money to start an eco-village on a community-land-trust property of some 100 acres for approximately 30 people.

"It's one of the solutions to so many problems we have in the world."

Billings is happy to have support from Ransen who offered to throw the fundraiser.

"We started out with no money at all. Some day we will have enough money for infrastructure, or to buy land."

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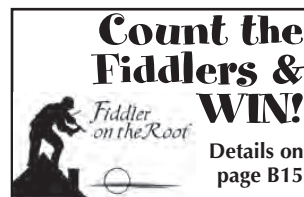
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Please return your completed survey in the postage paid business reply envelope by Friday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004.

For further information, you are invited to attend a Public Information Meeting to be held at the Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, beside Portlock Park, at 7:30, Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

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# Kids' flea market, expo aids orphans

By **SUSAN LUNDY**  
Staff Writer

Orphans in Kenya plus all types of island charities will benefit from a massive fundraiser planned by a group of Grade 5 students at Salt Spring Elementary (SSE) School.

The Spirit of Salt Spring Expo and Flea Market — set for Saturday, May 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — will highlight local service clubs, charities and programs, offer space for islanders of all ages to sell used goods, and set up busking opportunities for youth entertainers.

Behind it all is a group of students wanting to help youngsters in a Kenyan orphanage.

“The children are disabled, they have no medical supplies, they have to share beds and the food supply is short,” explained Grade 5 student Rachel Dixon at a flea market planning meeting after school Thursday. “And they



**SPIRITED KIDS:** Some of the Spirits involved in the flea market fundraiser sit with parent helper Monica Simmonds, surrounded by items collected for the Kenyan orphans.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

school class has already signed up to sell baked goods and raise money for an upcoming field trip. Others have planned raffles and draws.

Food for a barbecue has been donated by Vesuvius Pub and proceeds will be directed to the entire Spirit group; money raised through rentals will be put into the Kenyan orphanage fund.

Children who want to sell toys etc., will be charged a nominal fee to spread out blankets and their wares on the school field, and other islanders can purchase parking lot space to throw open a trunk and sell items from their vehicles.

Buskers will pay a small fee to pick up an instrument and set down a hat.

In addition to purchasing treasures and food, patrons will have the chance to bring items for the Salt Spring Food Bank, return missing school books in a text book drive, and donate specific items for the Kenyan orphans.

These items include: kids cotton T-shirts, shorts and sundresses; sandals, running shoes and flip-flops; illustrated children's story books; small stuffed toys and deflatable balls; flat sheets, toothbrushes, and elementary school learning books and materials.

The challenge will be to ensure the items actually get to their intended destination, said Simmonds, who plans to use her connections to help this happen.

She said it is important to send child-specific things, such as kid-sized clothing, so that others won't take the items en route.

“The country is poor everywhere,” she noted.

Registration forms for the event are available at SSE, Ganges Village Market and Thrifty Foods lottery centres, Vesuvius Pub and Tree House South.

Space rentals will range from \$3-\$10, and limited table rentals are available from \$5.

are probably very bored.” A “sub-section” of the Spirits — an SSE entity that focusses on in-school leadership — this smaller collection of students is looking beyond the schoolyard to hone its skills.

“They want to see what they can do in the community,” said parent helper Monica Simmonds, who has worked in refugee camps through the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, and can offer the young philanthropists specific advice on how to help people in developing countries.

Students Jordan Berry and Rhys Hardy concurred, adding that their motivation behind organizing the flea market was to “help and learn.”

SSE students heard about the Kenyan orphanage through an article that appeared in the Vancouver Sun.

“They are persecuted by their own parents (because

they are disabled), and life is so tough for them,” said student Maria Elsser.

When SSE students in Stella Weinert's Grades 3-4 class learned about the terrible conditions at the orphanage, they decided to collect child-specific items such as clothes, toys and school supplies to send to the children.

The Spirits group hopes the expo and flea market will augment the collection efforts of Weinert's class by raising the hundreds of dollars needed to mail the items to Kenya.

Originally the group planned to host a garage sale, but quickly the idea expanded.

Using parking lots at the school and Mahon Hall, as well as the SSE playing field, organizers will offer up space to island service organizations and clubs to highlight their activities, and rent out tables to groups who want to raise funds for their own charities.

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**WINNING ORGANIZER:** Malcolm Legg, one of the driving forces behind a huge invitational youth soccer tournament on Salt Spring last weekend, hands out trophies to winning teams. See story, more photos, Page A16.  
*Photo by Derrick Lundy*

## Ongoing grief support offered

Islanders needing extra support following the death of a loved one are urged to visit the Grief Support Group that meets twice each month.

Facilitated by professionals and trained volunteers in the field, the group aims to fill the support gap between "the time when the casseroles stop coming" and the island's Grief Recovery Program becomes appropriate at least six months later.

"This is one of the hardest times for people coming to terms with their new life without the person they have lost," said local funeral director Patrick Beattie.

Wellness Programs coordinator Sharon Glover said the group provides a valuable service.

"It offers continuity and a place where someone will really listen and has experience with the grief process, and training. It is a very

comforting thing to go to a person who is not a family member or a friend and not injecting their own stuff in the conversation," said Glover.

The group meets the first and third Thursdays of each month, making May 6 and 20 the next two gatherings.

Meeting place is the Croftonbrook lounge on Corbett Road. Facilitators are people from the Grief Recovery Program, Bessie Dane Hospice, Senior Peer Counsellors, Dr. Bob Crossland and Beattie.

For more information, people should call Margaret at 537-9172, or Gerri at 537-1140.

A six-session Grief Recovery Program, for people who have lost a loved one at least six months earlier, is also set to begin tonight (May 5). For more information on that group, call Maureen DeWest at 537-4747.

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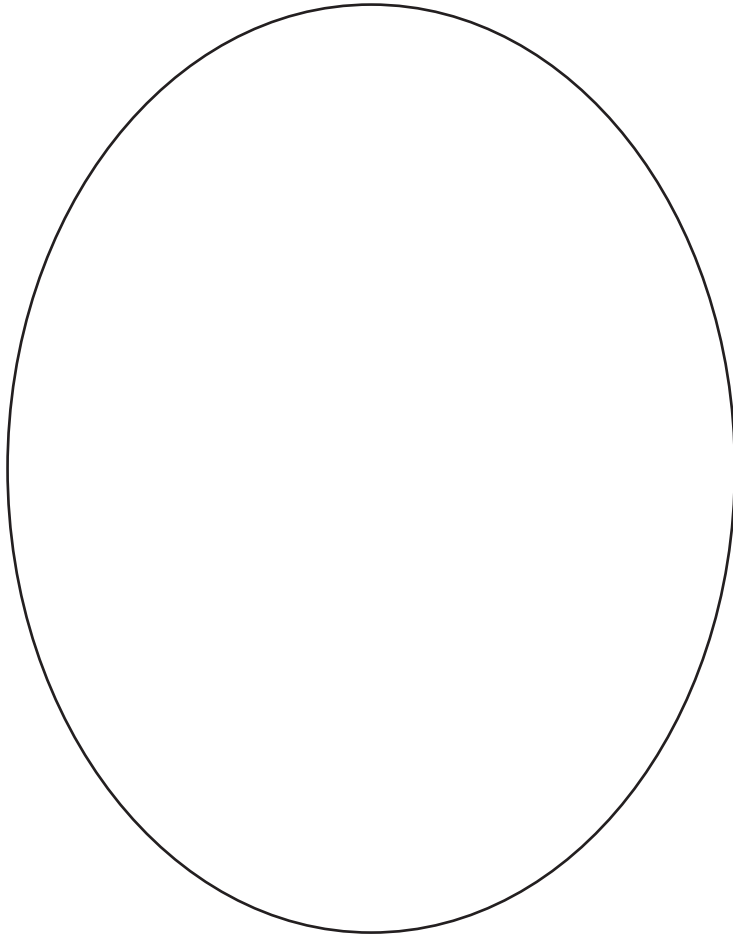
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## Visitors rave for youth challenge cup

By MALCOLM LEGG  
Driftwood Contributor

The Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association's first annual soccer tournament was not only a great success for Salt Spring teams but it also received rave reviews from visiting teams.

No doubt the success enjoyed by all the competitors last weekend is only the tip of the iceberg for the success this tourney should enjoy in coming years.

The tourney received its first big boost about one and a half weeks prior to the official start when the youth association was able to bring on Windsor Plywood and Thrifty Foods as co-sponsors.

Their support ensured the tourney would be a success not only this year but for many years to come, as owners Ken Marr and Dan Lee have shown the foresight to help promote youth soccer.

Our association, and soccer enthusiasts in general, thank their support.

Then there were teams from Victoria, Cowichan, up-island, Vancouver and as far away as Oliver.

They came in droves and brought with them great skills as well as good sportsmanship. The soccer displayed at all levels was tremendous, with many a hard-fought battle played.

Teams were competing to win their respective Challenge Cups and, although not every team could win, every player left with a medal for participating.

Divisional winners were as follows: FC Canadians-Surrey (Girls U-10); Salt Spring U-12s (Girls U-11/12); Salt



**SOCCER SAVVY:** Above, members of Ken Byron's U-17 boys team beat Nanaimo to win the cup Sunday afternoon at Portlock Park.

At right, U-13 player Lara Coelho is halted by a Kerrisdale player in her drive for the ball, Saturday at the lower high school field.

Photos by Derrick Lundy



Spring (Boys U-12); Gordon Head (Boys U-13); Kerrisdale (Girls U-13); Juan de Fuca (Girls U-14); Salt Spring (Boys U-15); and Salt Spring (Boys U-17).

Congratulations to all our winners and all teams that competed.

Of course, the tourney was greatly helped by:

- awesome weather;
- immaculate fields (thanks to the grounds maintenance crew of Gulf Islands School District and Martin Milner of the Parks and Recreation Commission);
- lots of available goodies at both sites (thanks to Ssplash at Portlock Park and the U-13 Boys parent group led by Donna Wrigley and

Bob and Nairn Howe); and consistently solid refereeing by both local referees and the gang from Vancouver Island.

One very special moment for the association occurred Sunday as Terry Stringer (who has been quite ill) made the trophy presentation for the Boys U-15 final.

The association wanted to recognize Terry's contribution to youth soccer over many, many years and appreciated his time in presenting a trophy at the tourney.

Most players no doubt went home tired, sweaty and sunburnt, but we also know they went home with great memories of participating in the first of many fine

tournaments to come on Salt Spring.

The youth soccer association executive, Ken Byron, Dick Davidson, Francis Havelaar (and husband Jan), Steven Stairs, Fraser Hope, Mike Barter, Bob Howe (and Nairn — of course), Erin McLeod, Mike Bauer, Terry Morton, Mary-Anne Legg and this writer can all take a bow for a superbly run event.

So where to now? Well, plans are already underway for next year's tourney, with more teams, age groups, T-shirts, contests and a program.

So stay tuned, stay informed and become involved in a soccer program that is only going to grow and get better.

## First-out golfers reap the rewards

Early birds got the worm as the very first group to tee-off at 6:15 a.m. Monday took top prize in the Fickle Fingers four-man best-ball scramble held at Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club.

Some 30 golfers enjoyed early morning rounds May 3 and the winning group came in with an impressive two over par. The group was comprised of Don Archer, Bill Sorrell, Mike Arnott and Lee Hurd.

Other winners were: Closest to the pin on hole #2, Lee Hurd; and Steve Harstall won the longest drive on hole #7.

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## Batters on pitch slo-pitch season

Softball teams will step up to the plate some time in the next week or two as the Salt Spring Island Mixed Slo-Pitch league begins its season this month.

Nine co-ed teams are currently registered for the 2004 season, but names for those teams haven't been finalized, said Slo-Pitch coordinator Mike Sawchuck.

"There's a bit of a shake-up in names this year."

Sawchuck confirmed that last year's slo-pitch winners, The Crush, will return after dominating the tournament and regular season.

Each team plays two games per week, and meets all the other teams three times each to make a 24-game season. The season wraps up with a tournament in the first week of August, he said.

Anyone who wants to join a team can still sign up before a June 1 registration deadline by contacting a team, Sawchuck said.

"We've got players from 17 to 60. There might even be a couple of guys who are 60."

Spectators can catch two simultaneous games at Portlock Park at 6 p.m. on Fridays. Four games also take place at the two fields at Fulford Ballpark 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays.

"Hence we needed those [Fulford] fields," Sawchuck said.

## Mahoney owns disc win

Shelley Mahoney and Salt Spring Disc Golf Association president Scott Chapman wrestled a win away from Ted "I told you so" Hickford during the regular weekly doubles tournament at Mouat Park Sunday.

The duo of Chapman and Mahoney carded a 40 to top eight teams in the competition.

"We had two bogeys and we still got a neg-14," Chapman chortled.

Killer bees — Brian Bleskie and Mike Boughton — were the runner-up duo with a 44.

An impromptu skins

match saw Hickford re-fill his collection plate after doubles action. He snapped up 14 skins and Paul Linton took the remaining four.

Disc golfers are invited to attend a meeting at Mouat Park at 7 p.m. Wednesday (tonight) to discuss temporary course changes for the massive annual tournament on May 15.

"We're going to try and make it more difficult for the Hart Memorial Tournament," Chapman said.

Also upcoming on the provincial tournament circuit is Abbey's Open in Vancouver on May 8.



**SWINGER:** Gulf Islands Secondary School tennis player David Barclay reaches for the ball as the local high school hosts Frances Kelsey Secondary in the first school league event held on island in 10 years. The 11 sets of tennis were played last Wednesday at Portlock Park.

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## GISS gets into swing of tennis

The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) tennis team hosted its first league game at Portlock Park when 10 players from Mill Bay's Frances Kelsey Secondary travelled to Salt Spring on April 28.

"Frances Kelsey won seven of the 11 sets but our fledgling players did win many of the games," said GISS tennis team coach Jack Barclay.

As part of the league match, girls and boys from the two teams played singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

"This is the first league play held on Salt Spring in more than 10 years," Barclay said.

Five schools are participating in the North Islands League, he said.

"Some of the private

schools have very well-developed programs within their schools."

Students play tennis as part of their physical education programs, he noted.

"Our school team has many players who have very limited experience and they demonstrated good progress in their skill development."

New players remained very positive about playing tennis, even though they won few games, he said. "Our team goal is to promote tennis and to enable students to become life-long tennis players."

The GISS team also travelled to Brentwood on Tuesday (results not available at press time) and GISS tennis players will visit Ballenas Secondary in Qualicum on Thursday.

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## U12 boys win cup at tourney

The Salt Spring Devils U12 Boys finished their year with an exciting shoot-out finale to win their last game and the cup at the Salt Spring Youth Tournament last weekend.

"The last two weekends at the Cowichan tournament and the Salt Spring tournament showed what these boys are made of," said co-coach-manager Lorraine Kopetzki.

"They demonstrated teamwork, determination and a positive attitude despite playing with only nine players at the Cowichan tournament," she said.

"This has been a special year of ups and downs, victories and losses for the team.

But perhaps the most important thing about the year was the growth and confidence of each player on the team."

Kopetzki praised every Devils member for individual contributions to the team success.

"Congratulations to all these boys who have had an outstanding year."

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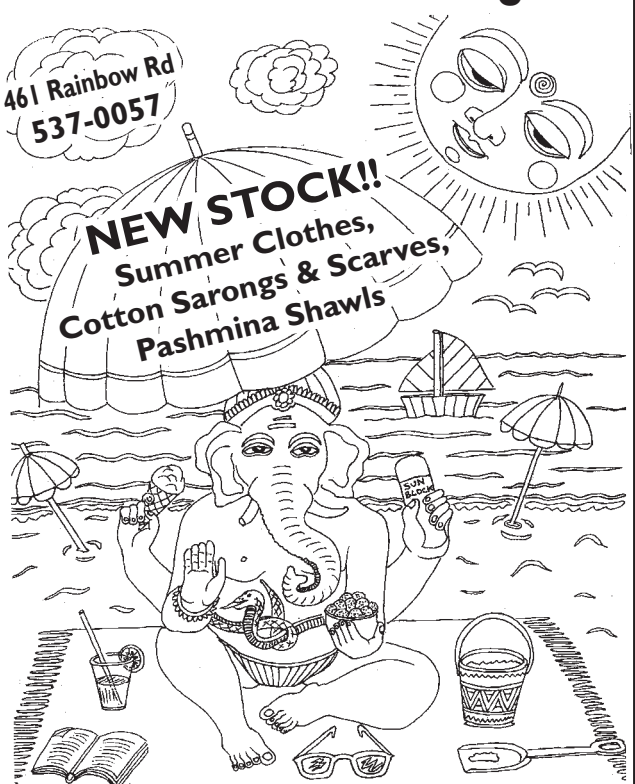
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# Stars shine through busy week on baseball field



**RUNNING HOME:** An Island Stars player runs toward home plate as a Cordova Bay catcher looks for the ball and a chance to tag her out. The girls were at home at Portlock Park on Sunday, winning the match 26-15 over the off-island team.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

The Island Star Video pee-wee girls delivered two wins and two losses during minor-league softball action this week.

They wrapped up the week with a 25-16 victory over Cordova Bay at Portlock Park Sunday.

Tied after the first inning, Salt Spring held Cordova to one run and blasted hits for five runs in the second.

Megan Robinson hit a triple for two runs, Katy Haydon brought Robinson in with a single, Stephanie Lundy hit a single and Carolyn Pomajzl hit a double to bring in Lundy and Haydon.

After scoring another five runs in the third (Cordova scored three) and five matching runs through the fourth, the Stars held Cordova to three runs in the fifth inning.

The final inning saw Rosalie Baldwin hit a long ball to left field to bring in two runners.

Devon Craig hit to bring Baldwin home and then stole home on a wild pitch.

## BASE HITS

Robinson stole home to score the fifth run and end the game.

Earlier in the week:

- A double header saw the Stars split winnings with two Strawberry Vale teams in Victoria Saturday.

Good defensive play by the Stars and Vale #1 kept the game scoreless after three innings in the first match.

Colleen Hillis finally scored in the fourth off a Baldwinson sacrifice but Vale answered with three runs.

Good hitting in the fifth by Haydon, Andrea Sweetnam and Baldwinson scored another three runs.

But Vale made a five-run comeback, shut down the Stars in the sixth and picked up two more runs to win 10-4.

- A second match Saturday saw the Stars clobber Vale #2 by 22-9 with balanced defence and hitting.

"[It was] the best game of the season for Island Star Video," said parent supporter Barb Haydon.

Solid hits by Craig, Haydon and Erin Foster were augmented by a spectacular Hillis home run in the first.

Island defence shut down Vale #2 in the second and third while the Stars scored three more times in the third

with a Foster double and a Robinson triple.

The fifth finished off with a Hillis double, Sweetnam single, Craig single and Robinson homerun. Five more runs in the sixth completed the tally.

- The Stars took a 13-7 loss in Duncan despite a strong start Thursday.

Island pitcher Craig shut down the first three batters in succession and Salt Spring brought in two runners in the first. But Duncan took the lead in the second with five runs and held on for the win.

### Mites Softball

- Salt Spring Coffee Co. Blue Angels softball team scored in all five innings for an 18-15 win over the Duncan Discovery Honda team on Friday. Carrysa Kinnear hit two home runs, while Kayle Pultke notched two triples for the nine-10-year-old girls mites team.

Kimberly Rothwell and Nicole McIntosh each earned triples, with doubles coming from Kinnear, Tala Small-Wolf and Carly Davenport.

In defensive highlights, Kinnear and Pultke teamed up to get a runner out at second, and McIntosh played sharp at first base.

"The whole team is coming together, working together and giving all their best," notes a report from parent Dionne Kitchen.

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**GISS SANDWICH:** An unidentified high school player is caught between middle school soccer girls Kristy Lee and Natalya Alonso as the high school beats SIMS 2-1 in a friendly match last Wednesday. johncameron.ca

# New boys baseball rolling

Island boys are cleaning up the bases with a new minor-league baseball sponsor this year.

"Our team is Salt Spring Garbage. They sponsored us this year," said coach Gord Hollingsworth.

"We got all new uniforms this year and all new gear. When the sponsors come in and give us X amount of dollars, we put their names on our hats."

He is coaching one of two island teams of boys aged 8-13.

Ron Pultke coaches the other team.

"For the most part, baseball is going fantastic," Hollingsworth said.

Local teams weren't able to get into an off-island league so they play against each other twice a week and don't keep score.

"There are only two teams. It doesn't matter who wins or loses."

Every second week, the less experienced players are thrown into the infield to get a dose of fast action, he said.

"Enrolment is down and we want to get better advertising out there for next year. A lot of people simply missed enrolment."

Hollingsworth can't bring in more kids after insurance forms are sent in and they can't play until they have

insurance, he noted.

Consequently, he has a waiting list of players who would like to join the team.

The association is arranging a skills camp in a couple of weeks and players are looking forward to that, he said.

They are also hoping to hold an exhibition match with a Duncan-area team in the next little while.

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# Scorpions' camaraderie earns mid-islands award

The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Scorpions junior girls took third place and a most sportsman-like team award at the Mid-Islands Junior Girls Soccer Tournament in Mill Bay last weekend.

"It took the whole team to do this," said coach Brenda Akerman.

"They bonded really well."

She was very proud of the Scorpions who remained undefeated through a short season and only suffered one loss at the tourney.

"Sure some kid scored or some kid stopped a goal,

or whatever, but it took the whole team to win this," Akerman said.

GISS won the consolation final against Brentwood in a shoot-out after a dramatic 2-2 game.

Emily Myers scored on a breakaway in the last two minutes to tie the match.

During the following shootout, Carolyn Pomajzl and Shoshana Lucich scored for Salt Spring while Jenny Akerman stopped all shots by Brentwood.

The Scorpions won all their games after a rocky 3-1 loss to hosts Frances Kelsey Secondary School in the

opener.

GISS beat Mount Prevost 3-0 and Chemainus by 1-0.

"They only had three games before that so they did really well."

Several other teams cancelled games during the regular season, she noted.

Among highlights: Jenny Akerman scored five goals, Kayla Tuttle held the net for several games and "Emma Rimmer was outstanding on defence," said by Brentwood.

She wanted to thank GISS sponsor teacher Tony Marshall who assisted with coaching the girls.

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# Lavenders bloom on local golf links

Jim Good and Keith Lavender netted a 61 to win the Two Ball Best Ball event at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club on Thursday.

Gundy McLeod and Michael Wheaton paired up to net a 64 for second place. Campbell Blair and Colin Lawler placed third with a net 66.

Good also won closest to the pin (KP) on hole #15 within the low handicap division.

Larry Davies won KP for the low handicap division on hole #11.

Within the high handicap division, Don Funk clinched hole #6 and Bob Hann won KP on hole #2.

In other golf news:

• Joyce Thompson won low gross with a 60 and the putt pot with 14 putts among the ladies on April 28.

Ann Leigh-Spencer won the low net with a 39 and Ruth Hopping won the KP on hole #2.

## GOLF TEES

Highlights included chip-ins by Leigh-Spencer and Kay Mowbray.

• Joanna Barrett won low net (33.5) and low gross (50) at the Business Ladies Invitational on April 27.

Britt Elwes was low gross runner-up, putt pot winner and tied for runner-up low net with Carolyn Mouat.

Norma Allen was runner-up for the putt pot.

• Lynda Joyce won low gross (97) in the second round of the 18-hole Ladies Eclectic event.

Janet Butler grossed a 104 for runner-up position, Kathy Darling won low net with a 77 and Sue Ramsey took runner-up low net with a 79.

Barrett won the putt pot (31) while Gloria Lloyd and Pat Lavender won KPs.

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**PRECIOUS ADORNMENTS:** Vintage jewelry was featured in the ArtSpring gallery Saturday afternoon as Salt Spring's Voice of Women hosted a jewelry auction. The fundraiser aimed to raise money for business women in Afghanistan.

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# Elvis a Scot? Gude Laird!

To paraphrase the late, great Friendly Giant, I want you, dear reader, to look up, waaaaaay up.

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All the way up to the tippy-top northeast corner of Scotland, there to espy the wee village of Lonmay, not far from Aberdeen. Okay? Now I want you to look back, waaaaaay back, to the year 1745.

See that burly fella with the Popeye forearms heading out of town with all his worldly possessions in a gunnysack and a one-way ticket to North America sticking out of his pocket?

That would be Andy — Andy of Lonmay to his friends. He's emigrating to America — to the American south, in fact, where he will continue his vocation as a blacksmith, gradually sand down his Scottish burr to a Mississippi drawl, and make his seminal (literally) contribution to one of the great legends of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

It's all foretold in the family name Andy is painstakingly printing in block letters for the ship's manifest: "Presley."

You're looking at Andrew Presley — the great, great, great, great, great, great, great grand-father of Mister Rock 'n' Roll, Elvis Aaron Presley.

At least that's the way Alan Morrison figures it. He's working on a book he calls *The Presley Prophecy* and he claims he's traced Elvis's roots back eight generations — right to August 27, 1713 when the father of the aforementioned Andrew Presley tied the knot with one Elspeth Leg in Lonmay, Scotland.

Elspeth? Sounds like someone with a lisp trying to say "Elvis" does it nae?

If Morrison is right, that means Elvis's blood type is indisputably tartan.

Elvis a Scot. Gude Laird, have we not done enough damage?

Scots have already given the world plaid, curling, oatmeal, Argyle socks, haggis, kilts and bagpipes. Will the abuse never end?

Blasphemy, you cry? Nonsense. I speak as a descendant of a long line of lowland sheep molesters.

The "Blacks" whose name I carry were members of an obscure sect of the Macgregor clan. Why "Black?" Who knows? Maybe some of my ancestors were blacksmiths like Andy Presley. Or perhaps we specialized in chimney sweeping. Possibly we were a band of rogues whose full name was Black-sheep.

Or it could be we just

practiced spectacularly poor personal hygiene — I don't know. It doesn't matter.

Even though I am almost as far removed from the heather-clad hills as The King himself, my lineage is undeniable. I am, och, aye, a Scot.

The genealogical evidence may be lacking but I can feel it in my bones. I actually like porridge, for God's sake.

I watched *The Briar* last winter. And the slightest skirl of the bagpipes sends a tingle through my carcass, closely followed by the insane desire to mount a suicidal charge — if not on a German machine gun nest, at least upon the tone-deaf hellhound playing the pipes.

Only a descendant of the inmates on the far side of Hadrian's Wall could betray such a chequered pedigree.

Of course, I jest — and that's Scottish too.

In this alum-sphinctered, hyper-politically correct world we live in, it would be worth my life to make such ethnically-disparaging jokes about Muslims, Italians, Comanches, Bosnians, Nigerians or Quebecois — but jokes about Scots?

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Uncle Harry got on a city bus, tucked his suitcase under the seat and said to the conductor, "Tower of London, please."

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"What?" said Uncle Harry. "I'll no pay for my suitcase!"

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Uncle Harry refused. The conductor picked up the suitcase and pitched it straight out the door — right into the river Thames.

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## Williamson spirit, independence marked

By **ANDREA RABINOVITCH**  
Driftwood Contributor

"Even though someone has left this earth we can keep them present by joining their positive qualities with our own," said Mary's Matin' eve MC Arvid Chalmers on Saturday night.

What a fitting tribute for a woman clearly well loved and appreciated by both the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) students who benefit from the \$1,000 arts scholarship, and old friends and colleagues.

A former member of the Salt Spring Hysterical Society, Mary Williamson was honoured by the 10 acts presented May 1.

An annual event that feeds into the Mary and Harry Williamson Scholarship Fund, as does the mid-July Island Treasure Fair at ArtSpring, the evening was a casual representation of island characters and artists.

The Young Jazz Players played two sets that included such standards as Wayne Shorter's Footprints and So What by Miles Davis. Not quite as hyped as at their recent stint at Salt Spring Idol, a sound check would have eliminated the audience sitting there while they looked for outlets and space for the drums. They still remain an island favourite, however, with monster guitar player Ed Perkins solidly in the running for the scholarship.

Singer/songwriter Lindsay Bryan, another young Salt Spring Idol contender, sang the same songs that got her to the finals of that show. An engaging and talented performer, I'd love to hear some of her other work.

Alan Miceli played two absolutely lovely guitar pieces from his upcoming CD. A fine musician with clarity of finger work and depth of expression, he offered a meditative quality with his supreme artistry.

Five women of the Women of Note choir acknowledged Williamson's contribution and brought her essence into the hall with their a capella rendition of May the Road Rise to Meet You and a wonderful Sweet Honey in the Rock song called Breaths.

Kathryn Holm paid tribute to her friend with a reading that used literal indication from props rolled in on one of those TV stands from the 1970s. Delightful in her eccentricity, the message that older women can thumb their noses at pretensions and societal expectations was well taken.

My rock aficionado date's favourite, Laughlin Meagher, lead singer from Drop Radio, rocked Mahon Hall



**HONOURING MARY:** Salt Spring musician Alan Miceli takes the stage at the annual Mary's Matin' eve, which took place last Saturday night at Mahon Hall and celebrated the life of Mary Williamson.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

with his guitar, harmonica and vocals.

Two teens presented their monologues from their recent GISS show. Christopher Akehurst performed an Eric Bogosian monologue and Jessica Bambrough performed two monologues, one by Jane Martin and a funny one about auditioning by Jean-Claude van Italie and Sharon Thie. Lots of thespian potential there and a delight to watch.

Harry Warner's charming Irish folk songs led to Sue Newman's dance in a pretty full-skirted vintage dress, accompanied a capella by

a scatted Antonio Carlos Joabim song.

Keeping true to Williamson's advice to plug an upcoming show whenever possible, Newman brought out Bambrough to sing Matchmaker from the upcoming Fiddler on the Roof.

A reading from Williamson and Newman's show Silver and Gold followed with definitions of feminism.

Not all of us knew Mary Williamson, but after the evening we got a sense of her independence and generosity of spirit, qualities we should all aspire to.

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Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Band exceeds pre-event challenge

By GAIL SJUBERG  
 Staff Writer

When the leader of any performance group declares their band/theatre ensemble/dance troupe to be the best in that group's history, a challenge is raised to the generally relaxed reviewing eye and ear.

Musing in a pre-concert interview, Salt Spring Concert Band director Dawn Hage said she wondered if at some point in the future she would look back on the current band era as a special epoch.

Regardless of who leads or is in the band or what pieces it attempts, the island's community band has gradually developed and reshaped itself over the years, so one would expect its weekend

Champions concert to be at least as rewarding as the group's last few outings.

But there was something decidedly different about the ensemble of 45 musicians I heard at Beaver Point Hall on Saturday night.

Hage warned the band might sound "a little loud" in the smaller venue, but we were not overwhelmed, volume-wise. If we felt assailed it was by a fresh gale of confidence streaming through the hall.

The program — with all pieces connected in some way to the notion of the heroic — was an intriguing mix of the familiar and the unusual, with Aaron Copland themes, West Side Story, Olympic and James Bond themes covering the

former, and newer works by concert band composers Eric Whitacre, James Chattaway and Robert Washburn representing the latter.

Performers scaled the precipice of quirky rhythmic challenges in Washburn's Kilimanjaro African portrait suite, and pulled us into the Serengeti Plain landscape with sounds evoking images of hovering mist, heat or mirages.

Unlike some past band concerts, all of the pieces were equally strong — even with an ultra-challenging Lord of the Rings sequence left for last. Amazingly the group reserved collective breath to carry the vision of composer Johan de Meij and arranger Paul Lavender. The work was created years before the now-famous Howard Shore movie scores and proved equal if not greater in depth and musical complexity.

Hage credited band member, choir leader and teacher Mitch Howard for bringing Whitacre, young composer of the lush and haunting October into her consciousness, and we can hopefully

look forward to more of his work being performed on Salt Spring.

Howard on timpani also anchored a strong four-member percussion section, which seemed to spread throughout the band.

Trombone player Daniel Millerd, who turned 14 on Sunday, provided an evening highlight with his mature and polished performance of Sammy Nestico's Reflective Mood. The Beaver Point audience could simply not stop applauding when Millerd completed the piece.

Also before the concert, Hage suggested the number of middle and high school-aged musicians in her band — more than a third — raised the bar overall, which is a wonderful acknowledgement to a supportive and accomplished musical community.

Hage and the performers were given a well-deserved standing ovation at Beaver Point Hall on Saturday night, and answered with a theme-appropriate encore of Entry of the Gladiators.



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# New works surface at spring show

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Four new artists at the J. Mitchell Gallery might be able to glide around the community in relative obscurity, but their works will grab viewers' attention and some pieces have already been hailed by royalty.

In 2003, a bronze sculpture by islander Simon Morris was unveiled by HRH Prince Edward as part of the quincentennial celebrations on the Grand Cayman Islands.

"Here's a guy who's been living and working on Salt Spring with a huge commission on the Cayman Islands and his friends and neighbours didn't even know he did it," said gallery owner Judy Mitchell.

More locally, Morris' bronze piece Orca Spirit shows swirling splotches of aqua on the jade-black flanks of a sleek whale in fluid motion at the island gallery.

His sculpture titled Hang Time depicts a diver suspended above a delicate base, such that the figure appears to be magically suspended.

"Most of his installations have been undersea," Mitchell noted.

In 1986, Morris created a nine-foot-tall bronze mermaid, the Emerald Princess, that was placed 60 feet underwater near Powell River. A second mermaid installed in 2000, Amphitrite, was voted the number one shore dive on Grand Cayman by Scuba Diving magazine.

Islanders can capture a little piece of those famous mermaids without donning a wet suit by checking out his Requiem for Atlantis, a bronzed bust that seems to stare as if transfixed from a watery depth.

Local carver Marijke Newman might not have created as big a splash in the international art world as Morris yet, but her woodworks have a similar fluid quality.

Newman's sculpture Printemps shows elegant Art Nouveau elements in the flowing grace of robes and hair in a slender form.

"It sold the moment we put it on the plinth," said Mitchell.

The work was fashioned with small power tools from a solid piece of beach yew, Mitchell noted.

Newman's sculpture titled Fluidity of Flight was painstakingly carved with a chainsaw out of driftwood cedar.

"She has some wonderful forms to her pieces," Mitchell said.

Apparently, Newman is particularly fond of shapes on the back of the stylized eagle in the work, Mitchell said.

Another carver with a whimsical touch is Saturna artist James Bavis, who fashions decoys of non-game birds.

"For us, it's evocative of sitting on the beach," smiles Mitchell.

A western grebe carved from spalted elm even shows a pattern of spots on its back that are reminiscent of Gulf Islands geography.

"He's been carving these little guys for years."

Islanders might have even spotted a wild assortment of modern masks by Bavis in a recent showing on Saturna.

Small canvases by Janet



**LOCAL WILDLIFE:** A western grebe carved by James Bavis (left) and Orca Spirit (right), sculpted by Simon Morris, are currently on display at the J. Mitchell Gallery.

Photos by Mitchell Sherrin

Cameron show quintessential Salt Spring sheep grazing contentedly from green fields. In one, Lippy and her Boys, two black-faced marshmallow lambs, stare blankly along with a full-bodied ewe.

An interesting feature of the stitched-canvas pieces is that Cameron molds her artwork into its own frame by adding plaster and acrylic, Mitchell said.

Without careful examination, the works almost look as if they were drawn with pencil colours, but a closer look reveals hundreds of tiny stitches.

These local artists are just a small sampling of the 35 islanders now on display at the J. Mitchell Gallery. She also shows works by five other artists from further afield.

Mitchell's gallery recently moved to a larger space within Grace Point Square where she hopes to throw an exciting series of shows this spring and summer.

In upcoming events at the gallery, Lea Mabblerly will reveal her painterly approach to appliqué images during an exhibition running May 21 to June 17.

During the same time frame, the husband and wife team of Pat and Ken Bennett will display their exquisite basketry and stoneware, sometimes in collaborative efforts.

Mitchell is delighted with the prospect of hosting these displays at her new gallery space.

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**GETTING WITH THE BEAT:** Above, Los Angeles dance instructor Mihai David leads a folk dance workshop at Fulford Hall, while at right, Alison Vardy plays the harp. Both were at the hall as part of the Folk Dance Festival, which took place all day Saturday and Sunday.

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# Instrument drive hits Cuban mark

An instrument drive and fundraising campaign for Cuban music students hit a high note when Salt Spring Maiz Verde representatives made their deliveries to Cuba last month.

Lou Ellis of Maiz Verde said the majority of instruments went to the Conservatorio Amadeo Roldan in Havana, which is a music-oriented high school.

The rest of the instruments were given to musicians in Nayari Arriba, where a cultural house is located.

"We want to say a really big heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the project through both donations of instruments and

parts and through monetary donations. The money was used to buy parts for instruments and a couple of actual instruments."

Ellis said the musicians and organizations benefiting from the Salt Spring gifts expressed great appreciation to her and Yasmine Amal, who works with Ellis on the project.

"What we brought with us this time came out of the fundraiser we held last summer. It is an ongoing project, so we have already started the ball rolling for the next fundraiser and whatever other donations will come."

Islanders should watch for a Maiz Verde dance event

that will likely occur at the end of July.

Ellis said she and Amal were pleased with the response to last year's appeal to help.

"It's amazing when all you have to do is put the word out into the community, and it's amazing what will come back to you. So many people have been so generous both monetarily and in opening their closet and seeing what has been sitting there for 10 years.

"They are happy to see [the instrument] find its way into the hands of a student who uses it a lot."

One specific item Maiz Verde hopes to provide in the coming year is a set of bass

strings for one band member they know.

"I want to send a set of strings for that bass player because his strings are falling apart, but he makes this amazing sound with his bass."

Ellis learned that strings would cost \$600 U.S., which puts them firmly out of the musician's reach, even though he works extremely hard with the band performing at resort.

Anyone with instruments, parts or funds they would like to donate to the cause now can call Ellis at 537-5075 or Amal at 653-9178, or contact the project via e-mail at maizverdemic@yahoo.ca.

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# Four writers' voices round out series

Next Wednesday marks the final Salt Spring Writes reading event in a popular spring series.

Island writer Peter Levitt will host the May 12 evening at ArtSpring, where Joanne Bealy, Maureen Moore and Kathy Page take the podium beginning at 8 p.m.

Bealy is a freelance writer and poet who has lived on Salt Spring for the past three years. Her essays on film and cultural critiques have appeared most recently in Bright Lights Film Journal and in the anthologies Unveiling AIDS and Salt in our Blood.

Her poetry has appeared in various journals in Canada and the United States. A chapbook of her poetry, Crooked Love, was published in the spring of 1999 and a collection of poems, At the Mercy of Gravity, was published in April 2003. She is currently working on a



Kathy Page is among the writers reading at the final Salt Spring Writes event on May 12.

series of poems in different voices and a novel.

Moore is a novelist who grew up as a book-obsessed child in Montreal where she dropped out of high school before moving to Vancouver. After working as a

waitress and shop assistant, she entered university as a mature student.

Her latest novel, Not the Orient, (Oberon) tells the story of an immigrant family lost in Canada's underclass. Her previous novel, The Illumination of Alice Mallory, was short-listed for the Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize.

Page was born and lived much of her life in London, England. She has taught fiction writing in universities in the UK, Finland and Estonia, and held residencies in schools and a variety of other institutions and communities, including a fishing village and a high security men's prison.

In 2001, Page and her family moved to Salt Spring.

She has written for radio and television and her short fiction is widely anthologised in the UK.

Her fifth novel, The Story of My Face, was short-listed

for the 2002 Orange Prize.

Page's next novel, Alphabet, is due out in July.

Proceeds from the \$5 admission go towards the Salt Spring Writers & Friends Scholarship Fund for a graduating Gulf Islands Secondary School student who wants to become a writer and the Clark Little Book Prize for Poetry.

The series is presented by Salt Spring Writers & Friends with support from the Salt Spring Public Library Association and The Canada Council For the Arts.

Authors will have their books for sale afterwards.

## In concert on Salt Spring Island JAMI SIEBER

"Jami's cello is the sound of my soaring heart." ... Ferron

Internationally acclaimed electric cellist and vocalist Jami Sieber is a pioneer of her instrument. She has performed here on Salt Spring Island with Ferron, Rumors of the Big Wave, and Rhiannon and has been a long time favourite of the island. She is coming here to celebrate the release of her new CD "Hidden Sky", inspired by her profound and unusual meeting with the elephants in Thailand. This performance will be a musical and multi-media event incorporating slides from her journeys.

**Saturday, May 15, 8pm - \$15**  
Hart Bradley Hall (Lions Hall)  
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For information: 653-2046  
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# Sieber elephant orchestra music on tap

One of Salt Spring's favourite visiting musicians returns for a May 15 concert at Lions Hall.

Jami Sieber, electric cellist and vocalist, first toured to Salt Spring with Charlie Murphy in 1985 and has since performed on the island with Ferron, Rumors of the Big Wave and Rhiannon.

According to a press release, Sieber's playing style grew out of her childhood classical training and has expanded over the years to embrace jazz, folk, rock and avant garde music.

"Her compositions are evocative and mesmerizing, richly textured and innovative."

She will be on Salt Spring to celebrate the release of her third solo recording, Hidden Sky, which is inspired by her profound and unique musical meeting with elephants in Thailand.

In 2001, Sieber was given the opportunity to travel to Thailand and play music with the largest land mammal in the world, the elephant. It was at the Thai Elephant Centre outside of Lampang where Sieber had the rare experience of playing to and with the Thai Elephant Orchestra.

The centre has established the world's only elephant orchestra comprised of 12 elephants ranging in age from three to 17 years old. Jami spent two days with the group.

"The first day, in an open field, she set up her electric cello and began playing music while the elephants gathered around her in a tight circle," explains the release. "It was amazing how they responded to the music: joyfully swinging their massive heads in rhythm and then joining in with their own vocalized sounds."

"The following day, the entire elephant orchestra was brought in and the recording equipment was set in place. The elephants and Jami entered into a remarkable dialogue and the unspoken language was music."

Sieber said, "Over and over again I have experienced the power of music as an international language, but now through this exceptional encounter, it becomes an inter-species language."

In 2002 she returned for two months to further explore her relationship with the elephants, while continuing to compose her new CD Hid-

den Sky. When she comes to Salt Spring Sieber will share her stories, music and slides that chronicle her journeys.

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**IMAGE MAKERS:** Salt Spring photographers, from left, Howard Fry, Osman Phillips and Michael Levy, teamed up to produce *Salt Spring: the People, the Place* — a Visual Odyssey of an Island and launched the coffee-table book at Barb's Buns on Saturday night. Salt Spring Books donated \$10 from all purchases to the Salt Spring Island Conservancy from May 1-3.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

# Home tour set for May 22

For people wanting some home and garden inspiration, the upcoming Salt Spring home tour offers a chance to see how others have put their dreams together.

The May 22 Home and Haven event is a self-guided tour of at least seven homes spread around the island that are notable for a variety of features.

"These are not necessarily the most expensive or showiest homes," said Paul Gravett, ArtSpring executive director. "These are homes chosen by a committee for interesting or striking features that can be related to anything in the home such as design, architecture, furnishings, landscaping or view."

This year's home tour promises a fine mix of homes and gardens with features ranging from the use of natural light and astonishing views to modern and innovative designs accented with spectacular furnishings.

There are models for the use of colour, textures and artwork, as well as a forest retreat with beautiful paths under ancient cedars and an unforgettable garden and greenhouse.

"It is important to note that this is a home tour not a house tour," emphasizes Gravett. "This is really about spaces designed for people to live in and not just to look at."

On Salt Spring, where so many pockets of personal paradise lie hidden out of view, the home tour provides an opportunity for the inspiration seeker, or perhaps merely the curious, to take a peek at some very successful home improvement projects undertaken by fellow islanders.

Home and Haven tickets are available from the ArtSpring box office for \$25, or two for \$45.

# Countdown begins to Fiddler opening night

By PATSY SIEMENS  
 Driftwood Contributor

This is it — one week to opening night! On Thursday, May 13, *Fiddler on the Roof* hits the boards at ArtSpring.

Scripts are being gone over that one last time. Costumes are getting their last-minute touches. Instruments are being polished to a high shine. Singers are staying far away from anyone with a cold. Dancers are making sure that costume seams can take the strain.

The stage director, music directors, choreographer and stage manager are adding those final touches for a seamless show. Hearts are starting to beat a little faster. Brightly coloured posters all over town give all the details — and tickets are selling very fast.

I have been to the last few rehearsals and the show is really coming together. You get a sense of purpose and dedication from the cast, a feeling that while they are having a good time on stage, and that everyone really

## FIDDLER FANCY

feels the characters they are portraying, right from the leads to the smallest bit part.

Also, this production of *Fiddler on the Roof* has a little something extra. Have you counted the Fiddlers? Everyone, except the cast and crew, is pouring over this Driftwood and last week's edition, counting the Fiddlers scattered throughout the paper. From all the correct answers, two will be drawn for two tickets to the show and a \$100 gift certificate from House Piccolo restaurant.

Being a part of this all-island production — whether you are in it or going to be in the audience — you cannot help but feel that little frisson of anticipation as opening night approaches.

I have had fun writing about how *Fiddler* has been put together, right from the initial idea through the set

design, the casting, the costuming, the staging, choreographing and music. I hope it gave some idea of how hard your friends and neighbours have worked to stage what is going to be a spectacular production.

*Fiddler on the Roof* has been done many times, but rarely with such care and boundless enthusiasm by so many, cast, crew and production team.

*Fiddler on the Roof* evokes tears and laughter, has familiar, soaring music such as *Tradition* and the haunting *If I Were a Rich Man*.

Visually, this show is a real treat. Costumes, lighting, make-up and blocking give a well-known show a fresh look. It is like seeing it the first time.

*Fiddler on the Roof* opens one week from tomorrow and runs the last three Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays to May 29.

If you don't have your tickets yet, call the ArtSpring box office at 537-2120.

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## THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

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- 7:00 PM  
**3 The Invitation (2003, Horror)** A dinner party turns deadly when a host poisons his guests into revealing their fears. *Lance Henriksen, Christopher Shyer (1h30)*
- 8:00 PM  
**24 The Beverly Hillbillies (1993, Comedy)** When the Clampett family strikes oil in the Ozark swamps, they move to Beverly Hills. *Dabney Coleman, Jim Varney (2h)*
- 8:30 PM  
**3 We Were Soldiers (2002, War)** A story about the soldiers who fought the first bloody battle of the Vietnam War. *Mel Gibson, Madeleine Stowe (2h30)*
- 9:00 PM  
**19 Dead Poets Society (1989, Drama)** An unorthodox English teacher at a prep school changes the lives of his students. *Robin Williams, Robert Sean Leonard (2h30)*
- 10:00 PM  
**14 Testamento (1997)** A Cape Verde woman discovers she is the illegitimate daughter of a wealthy businessman. *Nelson Xavier, Maria Ceica (2h15)*
- 11:00 PM  
**3 Century Hotel (2001, Drama)** Over the course of a century, a hotel room is the scene for several unusual stories. *Lindy Booth, Mia Kirshner (1h45)*
- 11:30 PM  
**2 Shower (1999, Drama)** A man returns home and rediscovers the magic of his father's traditional bathhouse. *Zhi Xu, Pu Cun Xin (2h)*
- 10 Contre vents, contre marées**  
Zachary Richard nous entraîne à la découverte du peuple cadien. (1h)

THURSDAY, MAY 6

- 6:00 PM  
**14 Apt Pupil (1998, Suspense)** A high school student befriends a former Nazi war criminal and then blackmails him. *Brad Renfro, Ian McKellen (2h)*
- 7:00 PM  
**3 Nowhere in Africa (2001, Drama)** A German Jewish refugee family adjusts to a farm life in 1930s Kenya. *Juliane Köhler, Merab Ninidze (2h15)*
- 8:00 PM  
**2 Uncommon Valor (1983, War)** A retired Army colonel assembles a team to find his missing son in Vietnam. *Gene Hackman, Robert Stack (2h)*
- 9:00 PM  
**18 Bad Money (1999, Drama)** The finances of an assortment of Winnipeg people force them to take desperate measures. *Graham Greene, Karen Sillas (2h)*
- 19 The Boyfriend School (AKA Don't Tell Her It's Me) (1990, Comedy)** A recovering cancer patient who cannot get back into dating is turned into a dream guy. *Steve Guttenberg, Jami Gertz (1h30)*
- 23 Bunny Lake is Missing (1965, Mystery)** There is little evidence to prove that a mother's missing child even exists. *Laurence Olivier, Carol Lynley (2h)*
- 9:15 PM  
**3 Bastards (2003, Drama)** The story of a man who has lost his passion for life, and the woman who helps him. *Mort Ransen, Lisa Repo-Martell (1h45)*
- 10:00 PM  
**14 The Holocaust Covenant (1985, Thriller)** A man tries to release a fund that his Nazi father set for Holocaust victims. *Michael Caine, Anthony Andrews (2h15)*
- 11:00 PM  
**3 Identity (2003, Thriller)** A sudden storm floods the roads, trapping ten strangers in a motel with a killer. *John Cusack, Ray Liotta (1h30)*
- 11:30 PM  
**2 Laura Cadieux...La suite (1999, Comedy)** A rotund middle-aged woman celebrates her birthday on a cruise with her girlfriends. *Ginette Reno, Daniele Lorain (2h)*

FRIDAY, MAY 7

- 6:00 PM  
**15 Sharpe's Sword (1994, War)** A British officer must protect the identity of a master spy during the Napoleonic Wars. *Sean Bean, Daragh O'Malley (2h)*
- 7:00 PM  
**3 Assassination Tango (2002, Thriller)** While pursuing a target, a hitman is irresistibly drawn to the world of a tango dancer. *Robert Duvall, Rubén Blades (2h)*

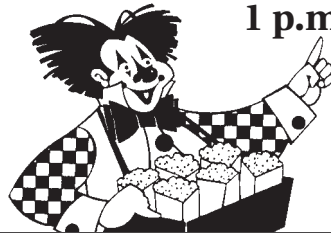


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FRIDAY, MAY 7

7:30 PM
Moms on Strike (2002, Family) A mother becomes a media sensation when she strikes to get her family's attention. Faith Ford, Tim Matheson (1h30)
8:00 PM
A Passage to India (1984, Drama) In the 1920s, a young British woman travels to India and accuses an India doctor of rape. Peggy Ashcroft, Judy Davis (3h)
9:00 PM
Whale Rider (2002, Drama) A young girl tries to claim her right as the head of her patriarchal tribe. Keisha Castle-Hughes, Rawiri Paratene (1h45)
9:45 PM
Van Nuys Blvd. (1978, Drama) A young hick takes his hatred to the famed San Fernando Valley in search of drag racers. Bill Alder, Cynthia Wood (1h45)
10:00 PM
Murder at the Gallop (1963, Mystery) A spinster's suspicions are aroused after she witnesses a wealthy man's death. Margaret Rutherford, Robert Morley (1h30)
10:30 PM
Mermaids (1990, Comedy) A sexy mother is a constant source of embarrassment to her confused teenage daughter. Cher, Winona Ryder (1h50)
10:45 PM
Better Luck Tomorrow (2002, Crime Story) A group of high school overachievers lead a secret double life of mischief and crime. Parry Shen, Jason J. Tobin (2h)
11:30 PM
Give Me Your Soul (2000) Includes an unusual cast of real-life characters who parade through the porn industry. Susan Bloch, Marilyn Chambers (1h45)

SATURDAY, MAY 8

6:00 PM
Tigerland (2000, Drama) Recruits endure advanced infantry training at Louisiana's infamous Tigerland facility. Colin Farrell, Matthew Davis (2h)
6:30 PM
Tootsie (1982, Comédie) Un acteur se déguise en femme pour solliciter un rôle dans un feuilleton télévisé. Dustin Hoffman, Jessica Lange (2h30)
7:00 PM
To Be Announced (2h)
Down With Love (2003, Romance) In New York during the early 1960s, a sly playboy falls for a feminist author. Ewan McGregor, Renée Zellweger (2h)
8:00 PM
The Commitments (1991, Musical) Seeking escape from their working class existence, a group of Dubliners form a soul band. Robert Arkins, Angeline Ball (2h)
8:30 PM
Hannibal (2001, Thriller) Serial killer Hannibal Lecter resurfaces and tries to contact FBI Agent Starling. Julianne Moore, Sir Anthony Hopkins (3h)
9:00 PM
To Be Announced (2h)
Malibu's Most Wanted (2003, Comedy) The son of a California gubernatorial candidate sabotages his father's election campaign. Jamie Kennedy, Taye Diggs (1h30)
9:30 PM
44 Minutes: The North Hollywood Shootout (2003, Crime Story) After a failed robbery, two men hold the L.A. Police Department at bay for 44 minutes. Michael Madsen, Ron Livingston (2h)
10:00 PM
Tigerland (2000, Drama) Recruits endure advanced infantry training at Louisiana's infamous Tigerland facility. Colin Farrell, Matthew Davis (3h)
10:30 PM
Throw Momma From the Train (1987, Comedy) A childish man attempts to persuade a professor to 'exchange murders' with him. Danny DeVito, Billy Crystal (1h30)
11:00 PM
Sleeper (1973, Comedy) A cryogenically frozen musician awakens in a future ruled by an oppressive government. Woody Allen, Diane Keaton (1h45)
11:30 PM
Strip Search (2004, Drama) People find themselves imprisoned for their thoughts in a society's pursuit of security. Glenn Close, Maggie Gyllenhaal (1h)
12:00 PM
Rien à perdre (1997, Comédie) Pour se venger, un publicitaire cambriole le bureau de son patron avec l'aide d'un voyou. Martin Lawrence, Tim Robbins (2h10)
12:45 PM
Steel Magnolias (1989, Comedy/Drama) Five women regularly gather at a small-town Louisiana beauty shop to share stories. Sally Field, Dolly Parton (2h)
1:00 PM
To Be Announced (2h)
1:45 PM
Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex (But Were Afraid to Ask) (1972, Comedy) This film features seven side-splitting sex-related segments written by Woody Allen. Woody Allen, John Carradine (1h45)
6:00 PM
Willard (2003, Horror) An outcast uses his unusual power over rats to seek revenge upon all who have wronged him. Crispin Glover, R. Lee Ermy (2h)
6:30 PM
Working Girl (1988, Romance) A secretary is determined to get into the upper echelons of the brokerage industry. Harrison Ford, Sigourney Weaver (2h15)
7:00 PM
First Monday in October (1981, Comedy) The first woman appointed to the Supreme Court develops a friendly rivalry with a judge. Walter Matthau, Jill Clayburgh (2h)

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## Visitors rave for youth challenge cup

By **MALCOLM LEGG**  
Driftwood Contributor

The Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association's first annual soccer tournament was not only a great success for Salt Spring teams but it also received rave reviews from visiting teams.

No doubt the success enjoyed by all the competitors last weekend is only the tip of the iceberg for the success this tourney should enjoy in coming years.

The tourney received its first big boost about one and a half weeks prior to the official start when the youth association was able to bring on Windsor Plywood and Thrifty Foods as co-sponsors.

Their support ensured the tourney would be a success not only this year but for many years to come, as owners Ken Marr and Dan Lee have shown the foresight to help promote youth soccer.

Our association, and soccer enthusiasts in general, thank their support.

Then there were teams from Victoria, Cowichan, up-island, Vancouver and as far away as Oliver.

They came in droves and brought with them great skills as well as good sportsmanship. The soccer displayed at all levels was tremendous, with many a hard-fought battle played.

Teams were competing to win their respective Challenge Cups and, although not every team could win, every player left with a medal for participating.

Divisional winners were as follows: FC Canadians-Surrey (Girls U-10); Salt Spring U-12s (Girls U-11/12); Salt



**SOCCER SAVVY:** Above, members of Ken Byron's U-17 boys team beat Nanaimo to win the cup Sunday afternoon at Portlock Park.

At right, U-13 player Lara Coelho is halted by a Kerrisdale player in her drive for the ball, Saturday at the lower high school field.

Photos by Derrick Lundy



Spring (Boys U-12); Gordon Head (Boys U-13); Kerrisdale (Girls U-13); Juan de Fuca (Girls U-14); Salt Spring (Boys U-15); and Salt Spring (Boys U-17).

Congratulations to all our winners and all teams that competed.

Of course, the tourney was greatly helped by:

- awesome weather;
- immaculate fields (thanks to the grounds maintenance crew of Gulf Islands School District and Martin Milner of the Parks and Recreation Commission);
- lots of available goodies at both sites (thanks to Ssplash at Portlock Park and the U-13 Boys parent group led by Donna Wrigley and

Bob and Nairn Howe); and consistently solid refereeing by both local referees and the gang from Vancouver Island.

One very special moment for the association occurred Sunday as Terry Stringer (who has been quite ill) made the trophy presentation for the Boys U-15 final.

The association wanted to recognize Terry's contribution to youth soccer over many, many years and appreciated his time in presenting a trophy at the tourney.

Most players no doubt went home tired, sweaty and sunburnt, but we also know they went home with great memories of participating in the first of many fine

tournaments to come on Salt Spring.

The youth soccer association executive, Ken Byron, Dick Davidson, Francis Havelaar (and husband Jan), Steven Stairs, Fraser Hope, Mike Barter, Bob Howe (and Nairn — of course), Erin McLeod, Mike Bauer, Terry Morton, Mary-Anne Legg and this writer can all take a bow for a superbly run event.

So where to now? Well, plans are already underway for next year's tourney, with more teams, age groups, T-shirts, contests and a program.

So stay tuned, stay informed and become involved in a soccer program that is only going to grow and get better.

## First-out golfers reap the rewards

Early birds got the worm as the very first group to tee-off at 6:15 a.m. Monday took top prize in the Fickle Fingers four-man best-ball scramble held at Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club.

Some 30 golfers enjoyed early morning rounds May 3 and the winning group came in with an impressive two over par. The group was comprised of Don Archer, Bill Sorrell, Mike Arnott and Lee Hurd.

Other winners were: Closest to the pin on hole #2, Lee Hurd; and Steve Harstall won the longest drive on hole #7.

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**HANDSOME HEAD GEAR:** Kathryn Holm, left, and Evelyn Lee get into the spirit of a Mad Hatter Tea and Bake Sale, held Saturday afternoon at the Old Age Pensioners Organization room at Fulford Hall.

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**DRESSED TO KILL:** Below, Janette Grey, Sheila Peebles and Mona Warren join in the fun, organized by Salt Spring's United Church Women.



## Dustproofing and nettles among allergy treatments

By DR. TERESA STRUKOFF  
Special to the Driftwood

Do seasonal allergies bring a runny or stuffy nose that doesn't seem to go away? These can be symptoms of rhinitis or hay fever, which is an inflammation of the mucous membranes of the nose, and generally lasts as long as the allergens do.

When allergies occur, the body releases histamine, causing increased secretions and inflammation, which produce the symptoms that make one feel so miserable.

What can be done to help?

First, identify the underlying cause of your allergic reaction.

As well as seasonal pollens and molds, other offenders are dander from household pets, dust, smoke and strong odours.

You may be exposed to these throughout the year, making your mucous membranes hypersensitive, leading to a stronger response when the pollen season does come around.

To reduce your allergic response to the constant airborne allergens, dust-proof your house, use an allergy vacuum and perhaps install an air purifier (such as a HEPA filter).

If you have indoor pets, make your bedroom an animal-free zone. Try to do outdoor activities in the morning when pollen levels are lower.

All allergies are a reflection of an overactive immune system. For immune system health, eliminate sugar, get adequate sleep and appropriate exercise well before the allergy season comes around.

Seeing a naturopathic physician to individualize your diet can be an important step.

## HEALTH LINES

Helpful supplements include Vitamin C and quercetin, which help prevent the release of histamine. Increasing the intake of Omega 3 fatty acids (such as fish oil from wild salmon) has been shown to stabilize hyper-reactive airways.

Vitamin E and selenium can be used to decrease sensitivity to potential allergens.

The common springtime weed, stinging nettle, can help relieve hay fever symptoms.

You may include small amounts of this plant in your diet by brewing the leaves into a tea, or by steaming them and serving like spinach. (Caution: use gloves when picking the fresh nettles!)

Homeopathy may also help.

There are many different formulations, each targeting a different aspect of the allergy symptoms.

It may be necessary to try a number of these remedies to get relief.

While naturopathic methods may not be as fast acting as prescription or over-the-counter medications for airborne allergies, they are relatively free of side effects. By using the above suggestions, over time, you may alleviate your hay fever and allergy symptoms, and improve your overall health.

*The writer is a naturopathic physician practising on Salt Spring Island. The information above is not intended as a substitute for professional medical advice from a physician or other health care provider.*

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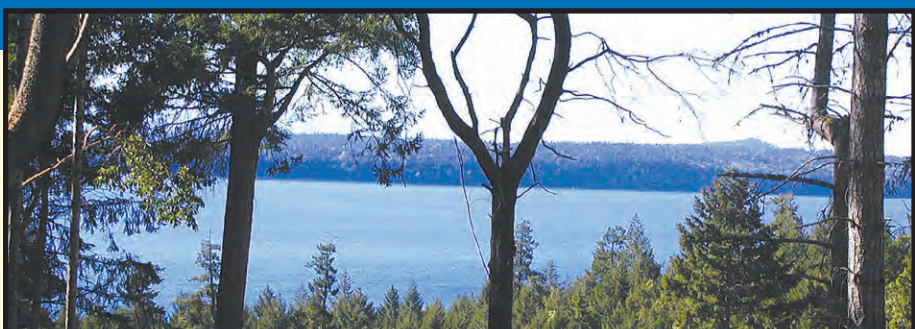
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**CELEBRATING THE SEASON:** A Child's Garden school marked May Day with flower wreaths and maypole dances Friday evening at its Head Street location. Seen above are Martin Labelle and his daughter Safiya Carroll-Labelle, and at left is Sharon Carroll.


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Campbell owns Jill Louise Campbell Gallery and Solescence Publishing Inc. with his wife Jill, while McCully is sales manager of the Gulf Islands Driftwood and is experienced in multimedia advertising campaigns. They have designed a workshop to help business operators make the most of their marketing and advertising dollars.

Topics that will be covered are:

- Why advertise?
- Retail and wholesale marketing;
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- How to develop an advertising/marketing plan, budget and design;
- Keeping in contact: marketing to your target groups;

- How to build an effective newspaper ad;
- Guerilla marketing;
- Television advertising;
- Radio advertising;
- Internet advertising and marketing;
- Cross promotions.

"Marketing and advertising strategies are learned over time," notes a CED press release. "This workshop is a great place to begin or a place from which to critique your existing strategies."

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- \* **COUNSELLING SERVICES:** Crisis and short-term counselling provided by Community Workers.
- \* **ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM:** Prevention & treatment service is free & confidential.
- \* **FAMILY PLACE: PARENT & CHILD DROP IN** - Monday closed, Tuesday 9-1, Wednesday 1-4, Thursday 9-1 - walk in Mouat Park 10-11am followed by Family Place Drop In and snack, Friday 10:30-2:30, Rughuggers 11-1pm. Family Place Coordinator Rona Robbins, M. Ed. Counselling by appointment 537-9176.
- \* **RECYCLE DEPOT:** Open Tuesday - Saturday from 10:00am-5pm, 349 Rainbow Rd., 537-1200.
- \* **COMMUNITY WELLNESS PROGRAMS COORDINATOR:** Call Sharon Glover at 537-4607.
- \* **Emergency Mental Health Services available:** 4pm to midnight. Access is available through the Emergency Rm at Lady Minto Hospital call: 538-4840

# Vikings dance, battle, feast

Local Vikings besiege Beaver Point Hall again this weekend in celebration of one of the highest holy days of the Nordic tribes.

The Festival of the Early-Year, also known as Val-purge's Night, Beltaine and May Day, will be celebrated by the Asatru Freehold of B.C., a society dedicated to the pagan religion and cultures of the Germanic tribes, on Saturday, May 8.

Events begin at 5 p.m. and include a traditional may-pole dance, a treat-hunt for children, wreath, garland and straw-man construction, a mock battle between the forces of summer and winter, and the crowning of a May queen and king.

After the potluck-style sacred feast, a special rite is planned for sundown, which includes noise-making to shoo away capricious and mischievous spirits, and a votive offering in honour of the Germanic goddess named Earth.

A presentation of traditional and original Germanic poetry, and later an open-stage welcoming guests musicians, poets and storytellers, will also be held.

For more information, call Dan Miller at 653-9575 or e-mail contact@bc-freehold.org.



**FULFORD MER MAID:** Peter Allan of Salt Spring Kayaking hangs a new eight-foot-high mermaid, created by Judy Harper, atop his Fulford Harbour store.  
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# Prizes and coupons part of Aquarius Rising open house

• **Aquarius Rising,** a new guest accommodation offered by **Mary Wood,** is a deluxe self-catering suite.

**EVERBODY'S BUSINESS**  
 WITH PETER McCULLY



Decorated in lively tropical art, Mary plans an Open House on Friday and Saturday, May 7 & 8. Guests to the Open House will receive discount coupons towards a stay, (they are fully transferable), and have their name entered for door prizes. You can RSVP at 537-9897.

• **Terra Firma Builders Ltd.** is offering rammed earth courses this summer on Salt Spring Island. Courses are designed as an introduction to rammed earth for the consumer. One weekend course, facilitated by **Meror Krayenhoff,** will be held each month from May through September. Participants will learn enough about basic rammed earth design and engineering to avoid making expensive design and construction errors.

Participants will also learn what kind of building site to choose, how to situate their rammed earth house and will tour a few rammed earth homes. They'll also be ready to gather dirt for testing and trial colour samples.

Terra Firma has won 18 Gold Awards from the Canadian Home Builders Association (CHBA), plus the CHBA "Best Home Builder in BC 2000" and Western Living Magazine's 2003 Design Awards. Online registration is at [www.sirewall.com](http://www.sirewall.com).

The first course runs May 14-16.

• A Salt Spring cleaning company is Canada's sole distributor of special cloths and floor care sets that eliminate the need for chemicals or toxic substances.

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For more information and access to the complete product line, see the Mamas' website: <http://saltspring-gulfislands.com/mamas>, or call 537-1325.

• More upcoming free **CED workshops** are: Marketing and Advertising Strategies with **Duart Campbell** and **Peter McCully,** set for Tuesday, May 11 from 7-9 p.m. at Lions Hall.

The ever-popular E-commerce & Internet Marketing workshop with **Michael Linehan** is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25, 7-9 p.m. at Lions Hall. RSVP to 537-4219 or [cedproject@saltspring.com](mailto:cedproject@saltspring.com).

• **The Party Stop** has announced that they are very pleased to now be able to offer their rental customers new white marquee tents along with an extensive party

rental inventory.

**Dan Kent** — who also owns **The Rental Stop** on Rainbow Road — says, "Up to now, white marquee-style tents were coming from off-island, which adds extra costs as well as creating the possibility of becoming a huge problem if something needs to be fixed or changed at the last minute, which happens more times than not."

For those reasons and the company's desire to give customers the best possible service locally, Dan says they will continue to expand their tent and party inventory.

And he thanks Salt Spring Islanders for shopping locally and providing them with the opportunity to expand.

The Party Stop inventory can be viewed on-line at [www.rentalshop.ca](http://www.rentalshop.ca).

• A new e-mail address change for **Leslie Wallace.** A few weeks ago we told you about **OASIS Indoor Environmental Testing and Consulting.**

Leslie offers Environmental House Inspections focussed on health factors assessment and mitigation planning, and also provides information on technologies to improve indoor air and water quality, healthy building materials, organic beds and bedding and other healthy-home resources.

The new address is [oasisinfo@saltspring.com](mailto:oasisinfo@saltspring.com).

• **Mouat's Clothing Co.** shoppers are eligible to win a trip for two to Tuscany through **French Dressing Jeanswear.**

La Dolce Vita in Tuscany promotion will see a seven-day grand prize trip to the Villa Delia Tuscany cooking school awarded to one national winner, and several subsidiary scratch-and-win prizes.

Visit the Mouat's store for all the details.

**COMMUNITY WELLNESS PROGRAMS**  
 Coordinator: Sharon Glover 537-4607

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**May 2004**

**Grief Support Group**  
 This group meets twice a month to offer sharing, support and information.  
**When**  
 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
**Where**  
 Croftonbrook Meeting Room  
**Facilitators** include members of The Grief Recovery Group, Bessie Dane Hospice, Senior Peer Counsellors

**Important Support Service for Seniors: Peer Support Program**  
 Individual support is available free to seniors who are experiencing difficulties emotionally or socially. Trained lay seniors will visit at home to listen and support. Do you, or a friend or relative, need this kind of caring?  
 Please call 537-4607 if you would like to participate or for more information.  
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1 hr. 38 min.  
Fri. 7:00pm, Sat. 9:00pm, Sun. 7:00pm, Tues. 7:00pm  
PG Coarse language

**GIRL WITH A PEARL EARRING**  
A peasant maid, Scarlett Johansson, becomes a model for 17th century painter Johannes Vermeer (Colin Firth) in this tale based on Tracy Chevalier's novel.  
1 hr. 40 min.  
Fri. 9:00pm, Sat. 7:00pm, Mon. 7:00pm, Tues. 9:00pm  
PG

Mort Ransen's "Bastards" plays at 7pm Wednesday May 5 as a Fundraiser for the SS Ecovillage Education & Development Society - \$10 requested donation

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# WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

WED. May 5	THURS. May 6	FRI. May 7	SAT. May 8	SUN. May 9	MON. May 10	TUES. May 11
<b>Live Entertainment</b> <b>Bastards.</b> Special screening of Mort Ransen's film. SS Cinema, 7 p.m. SEEDS fundraiser. <b>YJP.</b> Music & Munch recital. All Saints, 12:10 p.m.	<b>Live Entertainment</b> <b>Happy Ever After.</b> SS Centre School musical play. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. 7 p.m. <b>DJ Salamander.</b> Reggae, hip hop, funk at Anise, 9 p.m.	<b>Live Entertainment</b> <b>Happy Ever After.</b> SS Centre School musical play. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. 7 p.m. <b>Burgoyne Bay Blues Band.</b> Vesuvius Inn, 8-1. <b>L-Bow &amp; the Hip Joint.</b> Moby's, 9 p.m.	<b>Live Entertainment</b> <b>Ferron &amp; Mae Moore.</b> Pender Island Community Hall. Info: Yvonne, 629-6287. <b>A Celebration of Song.</b> SS Singers 30th anniversary concert. ArtSpring, 8 p.m.	<b>Live Entertainment</b> <b>A Celebration of Song.</b> SS Singers 30th anniversary concert. ArtSpring, 2 p.m. <b>Blues on the Bay with Gene Grooms.</b> The Local, 2 p.m. <b>Jack &amp; Lefty.</b> Mother's Day at Anise, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>Live Entertainment</b> <b>Evening with Dan Mokoena and AIDS Film Night.</b> Meet South African visitor and see film at Tree House South, 7-9 p.m.	<b>Other Activities</b> <b>Drama for Preschoolers.</b> Fables Cottage, 11:30 a.m. Pre-register: 537-0028. <b>Marketing &amp; Advertising Strategies.</b> Free CED Workshop. Lions Hall, 7 p.m. RSVP to 537-4219.
<b>Other Activities</b> <b>OGIFA.</b> Annual general meeting. Fulford Hall, 2 p.m.	<b>Other Activities</b> <b>L-Bow &amp; the Hip Joint.</b> Moby's, 9 p.m. <b>SS Weavers &amp; Spinners Guild.</b> AGM. ArtSpring, 10:30-noon. <b>Storytime.</b> Thursdays at Fables Cottage, 11-noon. <b>Grief Support Group.</b> Croftonbrook, 7 p.m. Info: Margaret, 537-9172. <b>Bingo.</b> Meaden Hall, 7 p.m. Early bird games at 6:30. <b>Pool Tourney.</b> Vesuvius Pub.	<b>Other Activities</b> <b>Planet Music.</b> Funk and jazz. Anise, 9 p.m. <b>Holy Cow! Hilarious Mis-Adventures in India.</b> Play and book launch - Stewart Katz. SS United Church, 8 p.m. <b>Celebration of Song.</b> SS Singers 30th anniversary concert. ArtSpring, 8 p.m. <b>Under the Sun.</b> Mumba rhythms. The Local.	<b>Other Activities</b> <b>Mark Reeves.</b> Tree House South, 8:30 p.m. <b>The Swells.</b> Moby's, 9 p.m. <b>KC Kelly.</b> The Local. <b>Festival of the Early-Year.</b> Viking event. Beaver Point Hall, 5 p.m. on. Info: 653-9575. <b>DanceKidz Performance Co.</b> 6-session technique and choreography class begins. Fernwood Elementary. Info: Robbyn, 653-4088. <b>Argentine Tango Classes.</b> With Miguel Pla at the Core Inn, 2-3:30/3:30-5 p.m. <b>Chapbook Workshop.</b> With Mona Fertig. 10-5. 537-4155.	<b>Other Activities</b> <b>Sue Newman Quartet.</b> Mother's Day Dinner Jazz at Moby's, 8 p.m. <b>Blackburn Meadows Spring Tourney.</b> Texas Scramble begins at 9 a.m. <b>Argentine Tango Classes.</b> With Miguel Pla Core Inn, 2-3:30/3:30-5 p.m.	<b>Other Activities</b> <b>Toastmasters Public Speaking.</b> Mondays at Seniors Centre, 7 p.m. Info: Chuck, 653-2015. <b>Argentine Tango Class.</b> With Miguel Pla. Core Inn, 7-8:30 p.m. <b>Being Present Now.</b> Salt Spring Centre yurt. Mondays, 7:30-9 p.m. <b>Toltec Mastery of Awareness.</b> New group starts. Info: Liz, 653-2046. <b>Reproducing Your Art Digitally.</b> With Andrea Palframan. 537-9935. <b>Aquatic Facility Information Meeting.</b> PARC-hosted meeting at Community Gospel Chapel, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Other Activities</b> <b>Welcome to Satsang.</b> Tuesdays at Ganges Yoga Studio, 7p.m.

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**Bastards** — Mort Ransen's made on Salt Spring film shows Wednesday, May 5, 7 p.m. only as a SEEDS fundraiser.

Island Treasure Fair 2004 presented by ArtSpring with SSPLAS...H2O, Mary Williamson Scholarship Fund, Rotary Club of SSI.

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**SSTV Cable Channel 12** broadcasts this Saturday, May 8, with programming running continuously for 24 hours beginning at 5 p.m.

**New Wonders** — as presented recently at ArtSpring, Bob Weeden reads essays, poems and stories from 30 years in Alaska and a baker's decade on Salt Spring. Bob invites you to amble with him from everyday experience towards the realms of meaning.

**Phoenix Learns About Cranes** — Salt Spring's Phoenix Elementary School students and teacher Lyndsay MacQueen learn about the world's 15 species of endangered cranes and draw pictures of the big birds who grow as tall as humans and have wing spans of up to eight feet.

**Exhibitions**

**Visual Dialogues** — collaborative work by Judith Borbas and Marlene Smith runs in the ArtSpring lobby space through May.

**Artcentric Gallery** re-opens for the season at 130 McPhillips Avenue. This month's featured artist is prize-winning woodturner Jeff Edwards.

**J. Mitchell Gallery's** spring show in expanded space at Grace Point runs through May 20.

**Susan Haigh** is the featured artist at Island Savings.

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## Notices

### 6 DEATHS

**SIMPSON - MARGARET** Mary passed away very peacefully April 28, 2004 at Lady Minto Hospital Extended Care Unit, at 82 years. Margaret was born January 30, 1922 in Vancouver, married her late husband, Walter Edwin, on March 15, 1943, and they later spent many happy retirement years on Cusheon Lake. Margaret will be lovingly remembered by her daughters, Shirley (Reg) McDonald of Toowoomba, Qld., Australia and Sandy (Dennis) Hourie of Calgary; grandchildren Greg Denehy, Kim Denehy, Joanne (Steven) Gruenberg and Keith Hourie; and very special loved friends, Gilbert Marcotte and Georgina Marcotte; friends and family. Special thanks to Drs. Malherbe and Heaton, and to all of the kind and caring staff at Lady Minto Hospital and Salt Spring Home Support. A private family service will be held at Margaret's request.

**HAYWARD'S FUNERAL SERVICE GANGES**



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### 8 CARD OF THANKS

**CHOICES & COMMUNITY** Initiatives would like to thank the following businesses for generously donating to our Golf Tournament fundraiser for our developmentally challenged adults: G.V.M., Thrifty Foods, Mouat's, Volume II Bookstore, Windsor Plywood, Dollar Store, Harbour House Cold Beer & Wine Store, Fulford Inn, Roasting Company, Apple Photo, Shell Gas, Save On Gas, Golden Island Restaurant, Driftwood, Barb's Buns, Mocha House, Oystercatcher, Ganges Garment Company, Raven Street Cafe, United Auto Parts, Pharmasave, Lock, Stock & Barber, Starbooks, Slegg Lumber, Island Escapades, Mark's Work World, Foxglove, Boardfoot Bobs, Troy Kaye, Salt Spring Books, West of the Moon, Jill Louise Campbell, Love My Kitchen, Flowers & Wine, Luigi's Pizza, Island Star Video, Radio Shack, Owen & Company, Key Pawn Trucking, Soul Vibrations Instruments, Acoustic Planet, Gina McMahon Massage, Bill Carpenter, John & Rene Sutherland, Steve Marleau, SSI Golf & Country Club, 19th Hole Restaurant.

**MARY BUTLER** wishes to thank all those visitors and hospital staff alike who made her recent stay in hospital a good experience.

A **BIG THANK** you to my staff, customers & the community of Salt Spring Island, I have just taken a new managers position with CIBC and will be continuing my education. I would like to thank each of you for making my many years at the Ganges Branch enjoyable. Vicki Johnson.

A **CHILD'S GARDEN** - Waldorf Kindergarten would like to thank Soya-Nova, Barb's Buns, G.V.M., Living Lettuce Lady, Everlasting Summer and Thrifty's for making our May Dance so fun! Your community mindedness is greatly appreciated!

### 8 CARD OF THANKS

SINCE IT is impossible for me to thank everyone individually, I have chosen this ad to express my everlasting thanks to all of the wonderful people who sent me flowers, cards, every imaginable kind of support while I was in hospital. I feel privileged to be part of such a caring community. Maggie Schubart.

**THANKS TO** Everyone who helped to make Ruckle Farm Day and Plowing Demonstration so pleasant and free of cost.

### 14 IN MEMORIAM



### Edith Isabel Scoones

Loving wife to Alexander Edward Scoones, devoted mother to Mary, Betty, Bill, Margy, Jim and John. Founding member and secretary of Galiano Light and Power. Pioneering board member of the Lady Minto Hospital, and an active member of the School Board on Galiano Island and Salt Spring Island.

*An extraordinary woman in ordinary times.*

Fondly remembered.

### 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.

**DOG TRAINING.** Basic course - lots of information; fun, upbeat learning environment. Central Hall, Wednesday evenings, May 12 - June 23. Sheri Standen. 537-5646.

**STAY ON Top** of your game, attend classes designed for young adults (ages 13 and up) looking to improve overall fitness. Have fun working out with people your own age. Improve balance, strength, and power with the latest exercise equipment and program designs. Classes start in May: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 5 - 6 p.m. & 6 - 7 p.m. & 7 - 8 p.m. Call now to book your space, class size is limited. Living Strong studio, 537-5382.

**WATERCOLOUR** classes. Beginner or intermediate, 6 weeks. Starting in May, also Sumer seminars, July & August. Max 5 students. Contact Libby 537-1952.

**OPEN GARDEN** and Sale! Iris and other perennials. Friday & Saturday throughout May, first week in June. 185 Furness Rd. 653-4430.

**DANCE KIDZ** Performance Technique Class & Choreography Performance in Sea Capers Parade. 6 Saturdays: May 8 - June 12. 1:30 - 3:30. Ages 6 - 18. Fernwood Elementary Gym. Registration & info: Robbyn Scott 653-4088, Andrea Rabinovitch 538-0116.

### 20 COMING EVENTS

**ATTEND ECKANKAR'S SEMINAR** "How to survive spiritually in our times," May 21-23, Richmond, BC. [www.eckankar-bc.org](http://www.eckankar-bc.org), call 604-434-3371. Reinvent yourself spiritually, thrive in this changing world.

**HERBAL APPRENTICESHIP** Program, May - Oct. Hands on experience with Herbalist Rainbow May, creator of O My Goddess Herbal Products. In depth study of over 50 local herbs including: medicine making, herbal cultivation, wild plant identification, herbal body care, flower essences, herbal therapeutics and more. Limited enrollment, 537-1503.

**SUNDAY BRUNCH** at Barb's featuring locally produced organic ingredients, weekly, 10 - 2. 573-4491.

THERE WILL be a meeting of the South Salt Spring Island Property Owners & Residents' Association on May 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the OAP Hall, Fulford Hall.

**TOLTEC MASTERY** of Awareness and "stalking" practice. New group starting Monday, May 10th. Info: Liz 653-2046.

**VIKING SPRING Festival**, May 8 - Maypole Dance & Sacred Feast for Beltaine, Valpurgis Night, May Day, Fruhjährest, traditional Germanic Holy Day. Maypole, potluck, kid's treasure hunt, May Queen, poetry, folk tales & music. Sat., May 8, 5 pm, Beaver Point Hall.

**GET IN the swim!** Register for the SSI 10K; Half Marathon; Kid's Fun Run. [www.splash.org](http://www.splash.org). Phone Ben Cooper at 653-4282.

**SPECIAL SCREENING** of Mort Ransen's new film 'Bastards' Wednesday May 5th, 7pm, Cinema Central a benefit for S.E.E.D.S.

**LIFE SOURCE** Writing workshop. June 14 at Ganges Yoga Studio. Please call Lynda at Creative Wellness 653-4085 to register & for further information.

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**CLASSICAL CONCERTS** in the Barn at Stowel Lake Farm, 190 Reynolds Road, near Fulford Harbour. Tickets available at Volume II in Ganges, Stuff & Nonsense in Fulford or phone Lisa at 653-4303 & reserve. Saturday afternoon 2 - 4 p.m. June 5 & June 19. Come early & take a walk in the garden.

**SUNDAY MARKET & Swap** meet coming soon. New & used items located at Ganges Campground. All welcome. Vendors \$10, 10 - 3 p.m. 537-1210.

A **COURSE** in Miracles/ Holistic Psychology Course. Sundays, 10 a.m. - noon. May 16 - July 18. Near Ganges. Facilitator: Ralph Miller. Register: 653-4507.

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**SSI Historical Society AGM**  
2pm, May 12, 2004 at Central Hall

- Election of Officers
- Financial Statements

**PROGRAM**  
Charles Khan, "Salt Spring Reflections", author of "Salt Spring: The Story of an Island"  
Eric Booth of Islands Trust Building and Land Trusts on SSI

**ALL WELCOME**

### 20 COMING EVENTS

**Gulf Islands Community Arts Council**

Grant forms for groups and individuals planning spring and summer projects are available at Salt Spring Books and online at the GICAC website: [gulfislands.com/artscouncil](http://gulfislands.com/artscouncil)

Deadline May 15  
Call 537-5681 for info or email [gicac@saltspring.com](mailto:gicac@saltspring.com)


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**Public Information Meeting on the process and design options for a new Aquatic Facility for Salt Spring Island. Community Gospel Chapel beside Portlock Park**

**Monday May 10th at 7:30**

For Info: 537-4448

**Turn out to be informed!**



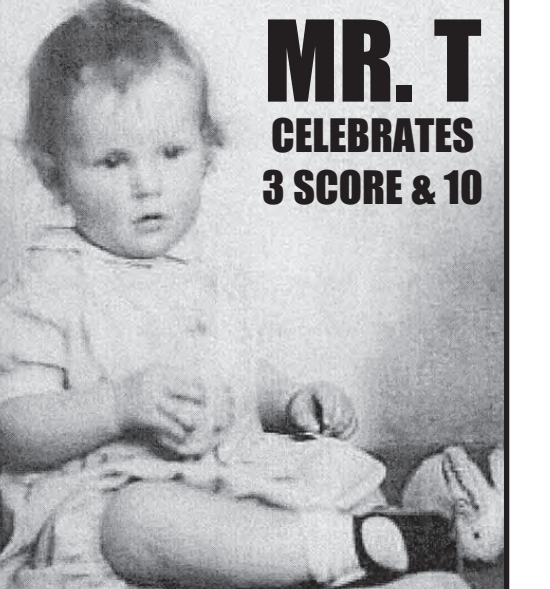
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**Driftwood**

# DRIFTWOOD CLASSIFIEDS DEADLINE: MONDAY 5PM



**HANDSOME HEAD GEAR:** Kathryn Holm, left, and Evelyn Lee get into the spirit of a Mad Hatter Tea and Bake Sale, held Saturday afternoon at the Old Age Pensioners Organization room at Fulford Hall.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

**DRESSED TO KILL:** Below, Janette Grey, Sheila Peebles and Mona Warren join in the fun, organized by Salt Spring's United Church Women.



## Dustproofing and nettles among allergy treatments

By DR. TERESA STRUKOFF  
Special to the Driftwood

Do seasonal allergies bring a runny or stuffy nose that doesn't seem to go away? These can be symptoms of rhinitis or hay fever, which is an inflammation of the mucous membranes of the nose, and generally lasts as long as the allergens do.

When allergies occur, the body releases histamine, causing increased secretions and inflammation, which produce the symptoms that make one feel so miserable.

What can be done to help?

First, identify the underlying cause of your allergic reaction.

As well as seasonal pollens and molds, other offenders are dander from household pets, dust, smoke and strong odours.

You may be exposed to these throughout the year, making your mucous membranes hypersensitive, leading to a stronger response when the pollen season does come around.

To reduce your allergic response to the constant airborne allergens, dust-proof your house, use an allergy vacuum and perhaps install an air purifier (such as a HEPA filter).

If you have indoor pets, make your bedroom an animal-free zone. Try to do outdoor activities in the morning when pollen levels are lower.

All allergies are a reflection of an overactive immune system. For immune system health, eliminate sugar, get adequate sleep and appropriate exercise well before the allergy season comes around.

Seeing a naturopathic physician to individualize your diet can be an important step.

## HEALTH LINES

Helpful supplements include Vitamin C and quercetin, which help prevent the release of histamine. Increasing the intake of Omega 3 fatty acids (such as fish oil from wild salmon) has been shown to stabilize hyper-reactive airways.

Vitamin E and selenium can be used to decrease sensitivity to potential allergens.

The common springtime weed, stinging nettle, can help relieve hay fever symptoms.

You may include small amounts of this plant in your diet by brewing the leaves into a tea, or by steaming them and serving like spinach. (Caution: use gloves when picking the fresh nettles!)

Homeopathy may also help.

There are many different formulations, each targeting a different aspect of the allergy symptoms.

It may be necessary to try a number of these remedies to get relief.

While naturopathic methods may not be as fast acting as prescription or over-the-counter medications for airborne allergies, they are relatively free of side effects. By using the above suggestions, over time, you may alleviate your hay fever and allergy symptoms, and improve your overall health.

*The writer is a naturopathic physician practising on Salt Spring Island. The information above is not intended as a substitute for professional medical advice from a physician or other health care provider.*

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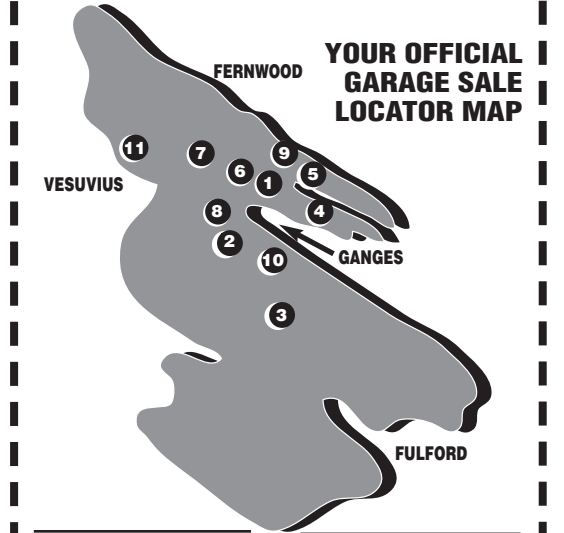
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351 MISC. WANTED

WANTED: QUANTITY of insulating firebrick 9" x 4 1/2" x 21/2" K23/26, 537-9988.

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WANTED: KITCHEN cabinets in good condition please. Phone 537-9350.

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**Horoscope for week of May 2, Aries (Mar 21 Apr 20)**

The flirtatious energies of spring should be obvious to you by now. Entertaining new people, prospects and activities is keeping your social agenda full. With Mercury direct again in Aries you should feel an even smoother overall flow. At deeper levels you are determined to build upon new foundations. You do not want to repeat some of your past experiences. The key here is to be as clear as possible.

**Taurus (Apr 21 May 20)**  
Deciphering the difference between what you need and what you want continues. This process is largely about values and vision. What is really important to you? Do you have a vision to guide your choices? Vision is larger than goals and even dreams. Having a vision increases one's ability to exercise discernment. In turn, discernment involves an appreciation of subtle differences that can make all the difference.

**Gemini (May 21 Jun 20)**  
Balancing the need for retreat and reflection with socializing and adventure continues. You can have both as long as you recognize that each deserves its place in your life. True security includes love, good friends and harmonious relationships. While is important, it can be the very thing that taints love, divides friends and disrupts harmony with others. Do what you love, practically, and fulfillment, friendship, harmony and money will follow. Priorities!

**Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)**

Building upon the quality of your friendships and other associations continues. You are on a whole new threshold in your life. Many of your old perceptions, approaches, ambitions and desires no longer excite you. At best you feel inspired to explore the unknown. At worst, you feel confused, afraid and/or somewhat cynical about it all. The more you can appreciate and accept that this is simply one of life's many phases the better.

**Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 21)**  
A leadership drive backed by ambition is helping you to have a clear focus. Money, authority and improvement of your skills are aspects of your motivation. This trend will continue for the next several months. With Mercury now direct and Jupiter also turning direct this week inspirations and communications will flow more smoothly for a while. Reveal your skills and leadership with a willingness to explore new prospects and territory.

**Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23)**  
Searching for higher knowledge and wisdom continues. While you are open to a spectrum of levels of knowledge, practicality is high on the list. Learning and exercising new skills along with obtaining new tools are part of the scenario. Doing some study and research in these regards is likely. You will increasingly demand exactitude from yourself and your teachers or information sources. Get ready to take some bold new initiatives. The key is to

identify a clear sense of purpose to which you direct your knowledge, wisdom and love.

**Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21)**  
According to the stars you are in a somewhat precarious time in your life. Changes and challenges on a variety of fronts are keeping you guessing. This is one of those life phases that require a significant amount of purging. This includes things and limiting emotional states and mental attitudes. As well, letting go of certain people in your life is likely. All in all this can feel very difficult. However, this too will change.. Trust that life is intelligent and there is purpose and benevolence at play!

**Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20)**  
Establishing new foundations and perspectives on relationships fronts continues as a central theme. You are learning the importance of cooperation. Romantic involvements are probable and so too are more business related ventures. In any case, there is a need to merge your skills, talents and assets. Once you contribute your part, you will become much more ambitious and focused.

**Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20)**  
Bringing your dreams into reality continues. Dreaming the dream can be easy, living the dream is where the real work comes in. You may have to undergo some very real changes in your attitude and approach in this regard. These changes are already underway and will accelerate over the next couple of months or so. A humble and willing attitude will see you through.

**Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)**

You are in a creative leadership cycle. What is simply needed is commitment. Once you make the commitment, you will feel energized and enthusiastic. This is a good time to entertain new possibilities. Knowledge, tools and/or human resource are probably all on the list. It looks like you are in for a period of important negotiations; some of these stand to be tough. Brainstorm for new ideas and propose them to the appropriate parties with a diplomatic approach.

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