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## Fire claims Maracaibo dream home

Fire brigade response helps contain blaze

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Reporter

Andria Scanlan and Richard Clarke are both devastated and breathing sighs of relief after a weekend fire destroyed their dream home only three weeks before they were scheduled to move in.

"Our house is completely gone, but it could have been a complete disaster for everybody if it wasn't for the great response," Scanlan said Monday, two days after a huge blaze engulfed their two-storey home on Seclusion Lane early Saturday morning.

"It's a miracle. Everyone was so unbelievable at saving our land," she said. "That's probably what saved the entire peninsula."

Scanlan estimated total damages could reach

\$650,000, but added the emotional cost of losing everything after five years of dreaming is impossible to pin down.

The Salt Spring Fire Department received a call from neighbours just before 6 a.m. and arrived on the scene minutes later. According to chief Dave Enfield, flames reached up to 30 metres (100 feet) and posed a serious threat to neighbouring properties. Eighteen firefighters and seven trucks were on the scene for five hours.

The fire's cause remains unknown and is under investigation. Enfield said the extent of the damage will complicate the investigation.

Enfield credits a quick response by members of the Maracaibo Community Firefighters group for knowing exactly what to do to help contain the fire.

**MARACAIBO FIRE A2**

## Record-setting month keeps islands parched

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Driftwood Reporter

One look at bronzed children, bursting blackberries or golden grasses should be enough to tell anyone that it's been a long, dry summer on the Gulf Islands.

"There is no doubt that it has been dry here in the southern Gulf Islands," said Salt Spring gardener and weather observer 'Banana' Joe Clemente.

He measured only 1.8 millimetres of rain in August (compared to the 30-year August norm of 23.9 mm recorded by Environment Canada) at his north-end location.

The islands haven't really seen much rain since June, when Clemente recorded a 65.1 mm soaking. Since then, he's only seen a few damp days in July (9.2 mm) and

the last precipitation of any amount was on August 10.

The highest temperature Clemente recorded was 30.8 C on July 21.

"September can be one of our driest months here on the islands, so be sure to give those more water-hungry plants an extra drink," he said.

"It's been warmer and drier and sunnier than normal," confirmed Environment Canada (EC) outreach worker Anne McCarthy. "A number of people have commented that August was nicest of all. That may be because it was dry, we broke a sunshine record — it was the sunniest August on record — but we didn't break any temperature records. So it stayed temperate, the best of all worlds."

**SUMMER WEATHER A5**



**SCHOOL STOP:** Thalia Cove (front) steps off the bus ready to attend classes at Salt Spring Island Middle School. Schools opened for the morning all over Salt Spring on Tuesday, with day-long classes in session starting today (Wednesday).

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# Tennis players back to old bubble

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Reporter

Salt Spring Tennis Association (SSTA) members may be spending another winter under their old tennis bubble at Portlock Park unless they can prove that a planned new tennis facility isn't so new after all.

Presiding over a standing-room-only crowd at the Portlock Park portable last Wednesday, SSTA president Jay MacAulay agreed to hold off on purchasing a \$120,000 tennis bubble until a further legal opinion from Capital Regional District (CRD) lawyers was in hand.

That will determine whether or not a rezoning would be required from the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee for a new bubble to be installed at the site.

Because the new facility will incorporate the old air blower and entrance cabin, MacAulay said, planned changes, though extensive, will mean the bubble is not an entirely new structure.

A final decision on purchasing the new bubble from

**"It appears we are stuck in a Kafka-esque tennis match."**

— Jay MacAulay,

Ontario-based Farley Group must be made by mid-September, said MacAulay, for it to be installed in time for the winter tennis season.

In late August, SSTA members' hopes for a new state-of-the-art bubble at Portlock Park were dashed after a legal opinion issued by the CRD indicated either an Islands Trust rezoning or variance permit was required first.

The old tennis bubble is considered legal non-conforming since bylaws prohibiting such structures on the site were drafted after it was first erected in 1991. Renovations to the existing structure are permitted and SSTA members are awaiting an opinion on just how extensive these renovations can be.

"It appears we are stuck in

a Kafka-esque tennis match," said MacAulay when presented with the group's options by Islands Trust and Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) members on hand at the meeting.

"You can restore a heritage house and end up with three heritage studs." Trustee George Ehring could not provide any idea of how long the rezoning process would take, but ruled out any chance of getting the necessary approvals before the end of September.

"The wheels of the Trust grind slowly," he said. Before any action is taken, he added, a formal rezoning application is required.

Ehring urged the SSTA to use patience before deciding on one course of action, so that any further mistakes may be avoided.

"The situation is obviously awkward and difficult," Ehring said. "We want to have a permanent solution to this."

He suggested the SSTA and PARC give more thought to placing the new bubble

by the recreation centre on Rainbow Road.

Should the CRD legal opinion determine the "renovations" are not permitted, SSTA members agreed to install the old tennis bubble at Portlock Park in time for the winter season, despite visible frustration among many members.

"Nothing has been decided and everybody's got a different opinion," said SSTA member Irene Tongue earlier this week.

"As far as the bubble goes, it looks like the old one will have to do . . . This is a real dog's breakfast."

PARC chair Rosemary Trump apologized for the commission's failure to secure a permanent solution for SSTA members.

She vowed to support SSTA members' wishes, but added there was little PARC could do based on the CRD lawyer's advice.

"PARC is 100 per cent in support of what you want," she told the crowd.

"That being said, I do not think it is on our side of the net to make that happen."

# MARACAIBO FIRE

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"Without that response, we would likely still be there," Enfield said, adding that he had already contacted the Coastal Fire Centre in case the blaze spread to the thickly forested areas surrounding the home. The rapid response led Enfield to call off a request for a Bambi Bucket, helicopters and additional help from the province.

Embers from the fire sparked spot fires up to 180 metres (600 feet) away and the extra knowledge and support from the local residents' crew meant firefight-

ers could spread out and contain the blaze.

On Monday afternoon, Maracaibo residents were continuing a 24-hour watch over the area after Sunday morning flare-ups indicated the fire was not completely extinguished.

Maracaibo general manager Charles Bazzard has hosted FireSmart presentations to show people what they can do to prevent a fire from spreading out of control. Last weekend, he said, it all paid off.

"We had so many factors working with us," he said. "It

was cool, there was no wind, lots of dew and an incredible community response."

Within minutes of the fire breaking out at 5:30 a.m., nearly a dozen Maracaibo firefighters equipped with a one-tonne truck and a 250-gallon water tank were on the scene pouring water and foam on the blaze.

Bazzard said the homeowners' efforts to FireSmart their property by removing low-lying slash, ladder fuels, fallen trees and other debris made a considerable difference to firefighters.

"There is no question it

really worked," he said, hoping others will learn from this tragedy. "There are so many forested areas that are virtually impenetrable on the island."

Despite the quick response and containment, Bazzard said, it was fortunate nobody was living in the home at the time.

Now that the flames have subsided, he said, the community's job is far from over.

"We need to support Andria, Richard and little Zoe as a family, doing all we can to get them through this hard time," he said.

# RCMP flush out island pot producers

## 911 FILE

Officers from the Salt Spring RCMP spent the better part of August taking a stand against island grow-ops and marijuana dealers.

No less than 12 separate incidents ranging from minor possession of psilocybin and marijuana, to the closure of several home-based grow-ops were reported.

"The members here are paying extra attention to marijuana, considering how easy it is to obtain the drug," said Sgt. Danny Willis.

During investigations conducted between August 6 and 30, RCMP officers destroyed nearly 200 marijuana plants and confiscated an undisclosed amount of marijuana and magic mushrooms.

Officers found nine individuals in possession of illegal substances during investigations conducted in the parks and bars of the Ganges village core.

In one raid, officers discovered 93 plants on a property owned by a 26-year-old north-end man.

Willis said charges were laid against several individuals who are scheduled to appear in court later this month.

The latest crackdown follows a major undercover

cocaine seizure last July. Willis said the effort is evidence the police treat all drug offences.

"Marijuana remains a controlled substance and we will continue to enforce the law," he said.

### In other RCMP news:

Police are asking for help to locate two cedar lawn chairs with brass screws and matching stools after they were reported missing from the front porch of a Park Drive residence earlier this week. The chairs were being sold as a set for \$400.

### In fire news:

Two island youths are scheduled to attend a fire safety course held by the Salt Spring Island Fire Depart-

ment after they were discovered lighting a bonfire near the Ganges skatepark last week.

The 14 and 15-year-old boys were reportedly trying to blow up aerosol cans in the fire when the fire department arrived on the scene.

Firefighters extinguished the fire with a bucket of water, but said the mid-day mischief could have easily proven disastrous.

"Aerosol cans can take off like rockets when they explode," said fire chief Dave Enfield. "There was definitely a risk of this fire spreading beyond the skate park . . . We're going to have a little session on rules and responsibilities."

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**TOMATO TASTING:** Salt Spring Sanctuary director Marsha Goldberg offered samples from some 20 heirloom tomato varieties at Salt Spring Natureworks on August 30. Multi-coloured tomatoes included Black Cherry, Brown Berry Chiapas Wild, Gold Dust Orange, Greenwich and Salt Spring Sunrise. The event was filmed for a documentary on the politics of seed saving and related issues.

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

## Fall's here: ferry schedule changes

Warm weather is still upon us, but it's time to harvest those summer ferry schedules into the recycling bin.

B.C. Ferries implemented the fall/winter schedule effective Tuesday (September 5).

But the summer schedule will be maintained between Vesuvius Bay and Crofton year-round.

People should note that the Vesuvius-Crofton schedule now spans two pages, one for the Monday through Thursday schedule and another for Friday through Sunday sailings. The two are substantially different, with the first sailings Monday through Thursday beginning at 6 a.m. from Vesuvius, and the last one from Crofton at 9:10 p.m.

The schedule between Fulford Harbour and Swartz Bay will not be altered until September 24.

Service between the mainland and southern Gulf Islands sees numerous changes, as does the Swartz-southern Gulf Islands service.

B.C. Ferries also noted an omission in the new schedule.

As in previous years, there is a 4:10 p.m. Friday departure of the Queen of Cumberland from Swartz Bay to Village Bay on Mayne Island.

New schedules are available at the ferry terminal and on vessels, at visitor information centres, on-line ([www.bc ferries.com](http://www.bc ferries.com)) or by calling the B.C. Ferries customer information line (1-888-223-3779).

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## R+R proceeds in local schools after successful funding drive

Some 500 students at Salt Spring Island Middle School and Gulf Islands Secondary will receive the Respectful Relationships program in 2006-07, following a successful fundraising campaign.

Between donations received through the public appeal, funds expected through a few "irons in the fire" and use of Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse (SWOVA), a complete if bare bones program can be offered, said SWOVA president Leslie DeAthe. Supporting elements such as evalua-

tion and further team training cannot be funded, though.

The award-winning violence prevention program received government funding during its first six years, but must now become self-sufficient. A Canadian Women's Foundation grant provided nearly half the program's funding for the next three years.

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# Potential fire hall site set out to dry

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
 Driftwood Reporter

Trustees tabled a rezoning application submitted by realtor Eric Booth for a mixed-use development located on a six and a half acre lot at 114 Jackson Avenue during the August 30 Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting held at ArtSpring.

The property in question is among several under consideration by the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District as a potential site for the new Ganges firehall and ambulance centre.

The application calls for changes to the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan (OCP) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) to permit institutional, commercial, residential and agricultural uses on the property.

A portion of the land would need be taken out of the Agricultural Land Reserve and final approval is contingent upon a decision by the province's Agricultural Land Commission.

Trustees Peter Lamb and George Ehring requested more information on design, environmental impact assessments, road patterns, drainage and water supply before a decision can be made.

"I am not prepared to engage in this debate during an OCP review and am not prepared to send this for-

## TRUST BRIEFS

ward when people are talking about the future of Ganges village," said Ehring.

### Input sought for Creekside proposal

Trustees will hold a community consultation session on the proposed development along Cusheon Creek in spite of a recent Supreme Court ruling that could jeopardize the entire proposal before debate even begins.

"If the applicant is prepared to proceed based on these uncertainties, we are prepared to hear from the public," said Ehring. "I haven't made up my mind but wish to get this into a different public arena."

On August 31, Supreme Court Justice E.R.A. Edwards ruled Jonathan and Evelyn Oldroyd, the owners of one of four properties involved in a complex amenity zoning proposal engineered by realtor Booth must accept a \$2.7-million offer to purchase their property. The money would go towards repaying a portion of the \$4.67-million in outstanding debt owed to the

Salt Spring lawyer's former clients.

Under the amenity zoning proposal, Abbotsford-based Cusheon Beach Ventures Ltd. would be permitted to construct 20 units above Cusheon Creek in exchange for a parkland dedication to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

As the sale of Oldroyd's Stewart Road property has not been finalized, trustees are prepared to hear from islanders on the matter.

"It remains to be seen if there is a net community benefit," said trustee Lamb. "This does not in any way provide my endorsement of this proposed bylaw."

The consultation is set for Monday, September 25.

### Dean Road housing hearing set

Debate on whether to permit four additional affordable housing units at the Salt Spring Island Land Bank Society's Dean Road property is set for public hearing.

The decision comes after trustees gave first reading to proposed bylaws to amend the island's OCP and LUB at last week's meeting.

Trustees acknowledged the need to work on alleviating the shortage of affordable housing on the island and looked forward to hear-

ing input from the community.

The eight-bedroom home built in the 1920s provides tenants with private sleeping quarters and access to common living and dining spaces for under \$400 a month, making it one of the most affordable housing options on the island.

### Problems on Piers

Trustees turned down a request for a development variance permit from a disabled Piers Island property owner to install an electronic lift connecting his home with the shoreline.

Contrary to Islands Trust staff recommendations, trustees urged the property owner to reach a compromise with neighbours, who have expressed concerns over the lift's impact on the island's unique ecosystem, views and reduced beach access.

"The neighbours have raised some legitimate concerns about what needs to be done," said Ehring. "I will not approve this and try to get more information about what is really involved."

The applicant's house is under construction on the small island located halfway between Fulford Harbour and Swartz Bay. Trustees will address the application at their September meeting.

# Group revisits incorporation

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
 Driftwood Reporter

Roughly 50 people attended a potentially historic meeting of the island's pro-incorporation movement on the banks of Booth Bay last Thursday evening.

Members of the newly formed Islanders for Self-Government (ISG) non-profit society dutifully read out the group's new bylaws, constitution and statement of purpose, all the while hoping the the island's newest group would also prove a short-lived affair.

"I recognize the group will hopefully dissolve sooner rather than later and that we will leave governance in the hands of Salt Spring Islanders," said Susan Russell, a former Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission member and long-time incorporation advocate. "We imagine ourselves as a short-term group."

For now the society aims to increase its membership

base and spread information about the benefits of incorporation. Russell said the society will host debates and discussions featuring representatives from both sides of the issue.

Becoming a legal society, she said, reassures donors their money is being used efficiently to promote the organization's goals as outlined in the bylaws.

Members hope selling enough memberships will make the provincial government take note and call a referendum. In a 2002 referendum, 49.8 per cent of registered voters cast ballots, with 70 per cent voting against incorporation.

"People don't like change," Russell said. "We have to help people understand what is at stake."

Incorporation does not mean abandoning the Islands Trust but rather redefining Salt Spring's role in the federation of islands, she said.

Pro-incorporationists have long maintained Salt Spring taxpayers provide the Islands Trust with far more income than they receive back in services.


Russell said residents also stand to gain in other areas such as policing and emergency response.

"The Trust has served the island well, but I believe it is time for the island to consider separation," she told the audience.

"We are not interested in getting rid of the Trust. Rather, we want Salt Spring Island to take a leadership role.

"The island has grown up and we're big enough and have enough resources to make our own decisions."

Susan Russell, Ken Marr, Peter Lake, Patsy Siemens, Norbert Schlenker and Doug Mitchell were elected to the society's board by acclamation. Positions will be determined at the society's next meeting.




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# SUMMER WEATHER

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According to EC figures collected at Victoria Airport, the total monthly sunshine for August of 357.9 hours is above the normal of 289.3 hours and breaks the old monthly record of 348.2 set in 1987.

Overall, the region received some 994.2 hours of sunshine this summer (above the normal of 863.8 hours). It's been the third sunniest summer since sunshine records began in 1969.

Consequently, the Gulf Islands have been ranked as an extreme fire risk since June 24.

Currently all burning is banned on Salt Spring (including campfires), and high fire-risk activities like brush cutting, welding, grinding, chipping and logging are prohibited within 300 metres of forest or grasslands.

This year there were 31 fires in the Gulf Islands (all person caused) that consumed 71 hectares (compared to 24 fires and three hectares consumed last year).

The Galiano Island fire that started July 23 consumed 61 hectares alone and came within 500 metres of residences.

"It was unprecedented to have a fire that size on the Gulf Islands," said B.C. Forest Service fire information officer Sue Croft.

"Not that the potential hasn't been there in the past. We've certainly had lots and lots of dry summers where the danger ratings have been really high. It was just unfortunate that everything came together with a very windy day, on top of dry conditions and an ignition source that caused a significant fire there."

The B.C. Forest Service's Coastal Fire Centre, which determines fire hazard ratings for the region, is waiting for a weather switch to bring in rain before it drops the "extreme" rating.

"What we are looking for is three to four days of good, solid rainfall," said Croft.

But if rain doesn't fall soon, fall weather and shorter days will eventually cool the region enough to reduce fire risk regardless, she said.

"I've never seen it in 'extreme' for so long," said Salt Spring Fire Rescue (SSFR) deputy chief Dan Akerman. "And I've been here since God was a corporal."

As of August 31, the fire department had already attended the same number of calls (475) as it had by mid-October last year.



**SUMMER COOL DOWN:** Above, Chelsea Shergold, left, and Cassandra Wictor get relief from the heat by splashing themselves at St. Mary Lake. PHOTOS BY DERRICK LUNDY

But Salt Spring has fared well within the fire risk, noted SSFR captain Dale Lundy.

While firefighters have attended some 70 burn complaints since June, they've only faced five brush/grass fires and one structure fire, he said.

"I think we've been luckier than most," Lundy said.

But he's received numerous calls from concerned citizens about stockpiling of debris near residences during these tinder dry conditions.

Consequently, Lundy advises islanders to store cut vegetation and other flammable materials at least 10 metres from structures to help prevent potential spread of wildfires from fields and trees into homes.

For more information about fire safety, check the



Myshia (left) and Lisa Dimock prepare to set sail in Fulford Harbour.

Salt Spring Fire Rescue website ([www.saltspringfire.com](http://www.saltspringfire.com)).

To investigate historical weather data, visit Environment Canada's national climate data and information archive ([www.climate.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca](http://www.climate.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca)).




Above left, Dustin Van Wyck plunges head first into St. Mary Lake, getting his cool-down via a rope swing. Above right, Stephanie McMahon, left, and Amber Rowse-Simmons scoop ice cream for customers who want a sweeter cooling option.



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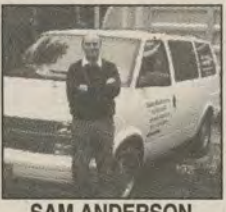
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## Lawyers stonewall dirt bylaw

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) requires further legal consultation before making its final decision on a draft soil removal bylaw to curb the island's illegal commercial gravel mining operations.

"We need to talk with more people," said trustee George Ehring during the monthly LTC meeting at ArtSpring last week.

"There is no point in drafting a bylaw that is unenforceable or beyond our jurisdiction . . . This is complicated

and we are trying to find a way to protect neighbourhoods from industrial mining activities."

Trustees said lawyers have advised them to obtain more information from Islands Trust staff on the total costs and resources needed for enforcement.

Further work is also needed to redefine the draft bylaw's scope before any final decision is made.

If approved, draft bylaws 418 and 419 will implement a fee-based permitting system restricting how much

aggregate property owners can remove from their land. In the draft bylaw's most recent version, suppliers could remove up to 30 cubic metres (three truckloads) of top soil and up to 500 cubic metres (50 truckloads) of rock before a permit is required.

Aggregate industry representatives attending the meeting warned trustees to consider the bylaw's impact on the island's economy before proceeding. They said up to 100 employees could lose their jobs if the

draft bylaw is approved.

Casting a net to restrict a few gravel excavators, they said, stands to punish legal operators who supply road, in-fill and foundation material to commercial and residential projects on the island.

"I realize what you want to do, but do you realize the repercussions?" asked one audience member.

Trustees said they anticipate receiving the necessary information in time for the next LTC meeting on September 26.

What's On?  
see page B2

## No drought at waterworks

Dry weather on the Gulf Islands has been comparable to that felt in drought-stricken Tofino, but the largest water sources on Salt Spring have been unaffected.

"Our supply is fine," said North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) general manager Trevor Hutton.

While residents, businesses and visitors in much of Tofino were almost cut-off from water because their demand exceeded their supply, a similar scenario is unlikely on Salt Spring, Hutton said.

"We're watching consumption all the time," he said.

NSSWD also reviews all applications for development in its district and conducts a full analysis of the system each year, with a comparison to previous years.

"That would highlight any problem areas if we ever had to bring in restrictions or anything like that for a short period of time."

Hutton wasn't able to give an accurate figure about the current levels at St. Mary Lake because a beaver dam was removed this year as part of plans to construct a new weir, which affects lake levels.

Hutton expects to see a

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the lake would  
drop eight inches,  
that's all."**

—Trevor Hutton

report on the Tofino situation that could help guide districts with limited water supplies to avoid its plight.

Coincidentally, NSSWD is working with the Islands Trust to develop a water supply and demand analysis plan to help prevent future water shortages.

NSSWD should have a new internal report ready for the Islands Trust by October, he said.

"[The Islands Trust] will be able to use these numbers to give them guidance to help the review process of the [Official Community Plan]."

The new report will build on a previous study produced by Aqion Water Technologies Ltd. in 2003.

The Aqion report (conducted by Wayne Lee) indicated that NSSWD's available water supply at St. Mary Lake — estimated at

140 million imperial gallons (MIG) available annually — and Maxwell Lake (approximately 85 MIG annually) could be 100 per cent allocated between 2020 and 2030 based on current land use projections.

Lee also indicated that the total annual licensed supply for the two NSSWD sources is 282 MIG. He reported that annual consumption for NSSWD was 123.6 MIG in 2000 and projected usage of 16-190 MIG in 2010 and 180-220 MIG in 2020.

But Hutton questioned Lee's findings.

"Unfortunately the term, 'safe yield' is misunderstood by a lot of people. They think that's it. That's all you can get out of a lake. But that's not it; the definition of that is 'that's all you can get out of a lake after a three-year drought period.'"

Salt Spring has only suffered two events with extended drought-like conditions in the last 100 years, he said.

"What we are drawing out of the lake is relatively little. If we were to take a year's consumption out in 10 minutes, the lake would drop eight inches, that's all."

But NSSWD and the Islands Trust will still be careful about matching development with water capacity, he said.

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# Lasqueti Mint to produce new SSI coin

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Reporter

The Salt Spring Island Monetary Foundation (SSIMF) has announced it will release a limited-edition \$50 silver coin later this fall.

**"A lot of people on the island speak about keeping money on the island and shopping locally."**  
— Bob McGinn

Dr. Bob McGinn, a Salt Spring Island dentist and one of the SSIMF's founding members, said the group launched the new coin to commemorate Salt Spring Dollars' fifth anniversary and spread awareness about and use of the island's colourful currency.

Available in denominations of one, two, five, 10, 50 and 100 dollar notes, Salt Spring Dollars are a product of McGinn's passion for everything numismatic and his desire to promote the island's economy.

"Currency leakage is a major problem," McGinn said during an interview at his Grace Point Square office last week. "A lot of people on the island speak about keeping money on the island and shopping locally."

"If Salt Spring Dollars is what you have in your pocket, this is where you'll have to spend it."

McGinn said he uses the money for the vast majority of all his purchases since it is accepted at more than 90 per cent of island businesses.

Since the SSIMF issued its first bill, McGinn said, the money has been well received by visitors and island residents alike.

"As a truly unique island, Salt Spring could lend itself well to its own currency," he said.

"It has become a model currency appreciated by people all over the world as a model for alternative currency."

Despite the currency's popularity, he added, people must be reminded the money is still out there and that's where the current campaign comes in.

In addition to the silver coins, SSIMF members will present local retailers with buttons reminding customers to ask for Salt Spring Dollars in their change.

The limited-edition half-ounce .999 silver coins minted on Lasqueti Island feature the artwork of Salt Spring resident and internationally renowned gemstone carver Thomas McPhee.

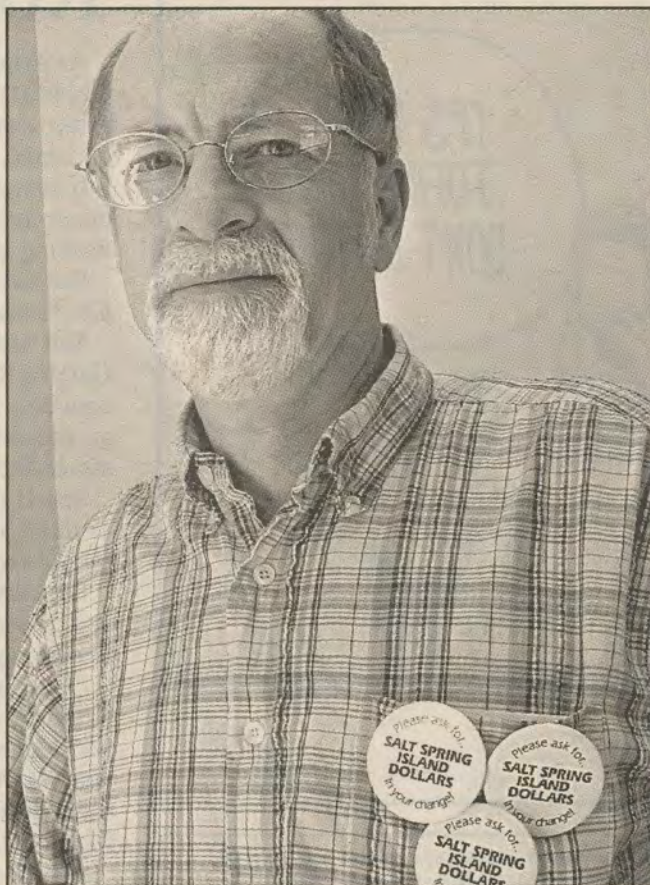
Coins feature a mermaid with long flowing hair and an intricately carved killer whale on the reverse side.

The mint will release 149 of the 199 proof coins to collectors and strike additional coins for general circulation. A release date and price for the coin has not been set.

The Lasqueti Mint's own Cascadia Series features high-quality gold and silver coins of varying denominations representing both Lasqueti and Gabriola islands, as well as the legalization of medical marijuana, among other things.

"This coin is as good as it gets," said McGinn. "It's a beautiful coin."

For more information on Salt Spring Dollars and the special silver coin, contact McGinn at 537-2093 or visit the SSIMF website at [www.saltspingdollars.com](http://www.saltspingdollars.com).



**TIME FOR CHANGE:** The Salt Spring Monetary Foundation's Bob McGinn shows off buttons reminding people to ask for Salt Spring Dollars in their change.

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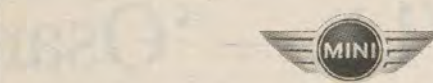
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## Road responsibilities

As schools get back in session this week, we'll say something that bears repeating each September and several times in between: drivers habits must improve when masses of students are walking on island roads and riding the school buses.

It seems hard to believe that drivers still pass those buses from either direction when the stop signs are displayed or their lights are flashing up a storm.

But according to the school district's transportation supervisor Ken Garner, it occurs with alarming regularity.

Salt Spring drivers must also heed the new school zone on Lower Ganges Road near Rainbow Road, instituted in response to valid concerns about the crosswalk in that area not being respected and an incident last November when two high school students were struck there.

Speed must be reduced to 30 kilometres per hour in that area, as in all school zones, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on school days.

Pedestrian safety has rightly become a hot issue on Salt Spring and, contrary to some people's impressions, action is being taken to address it.

Under guidance from the island's electoral area director Gary Holman, a \$10,000 grant to develop a transportation safety plan was received from the Capital Regional District (CRD) earlier this year. It will look at bike routes, sidewalks and other traffic-calming measures on Lower Ganges Road between the Ganges Village Market and Ganges, and up Rainbow Road.

A bike route diverting cyclists from the dangerous Lower Ganges Road corridor down Park Drive instead was also established this spring with a CRD grant-in-aid, Ministry of Transportation assistance and the Island Pathways group.

Fairly substantial federal gas tax transfer funds that can be used for pedestrian safety and other transportation-related infrastructure are also coming down the pike via the CRD. Those may be administered by a transportation commission proposed by Holman.

Every complex problem demands a number of small actions to make meaningful improvements and still more government aid is needed. But first on the big list is for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians to act responsibly when they hit island pavement or gravel.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Canadian hero

The year of Terry Fox's run across Canada, from east to west, I was driving from Vancouver to Toronto. The radio tuned to local stations, I kept hearing about this person who had been diagnosed with cancer and lost his leg to this disease, and who was running across the country to raise money for cancer research. Nothing prepared me, though, for the sight of the real event.

In northern Ontario, between Thunder Bay and Sault Ste. Marie, on a long ribbon of highway stretching straight, and the deep green truncated trees of the northern forest on either side, with no other traffic at that moment, we saw Terry running west.

It was a lopsided, erratic gait and he was alone on the highway. We all got out of the car and clapped our support.

Clearly, he was in pain and it was shortly thereafter that the run ended and he was flown back to Vancouver. His support van was well behind him, apparently at his request. We emptied all purses and wallets and gave it to the van support staff. We were all weeping and barely able to speak, not out of sadness, but out of respect and admiration.

For the first time, I truly understood the meaning of the word "focus." Later, I also understood how he dealt from a positive, not a negative. He's an icon now, and fast becoming an historical figure.

I like to remember him running alone, nature enfolding him, not giving up, persevering and encouraging us all to do the same.

The Terry Fox Run is on the 24th. Run, walk, wheel, support with pledges... above all, remember the spirit of the very real person who is behind this fundraising

event, and participate.

A very Canadian hero? Quietly getting the job done, in a very personal and individual way? I think so!

LI READ,  
Salt Spring

### True peace

I went to the Saanich Fair, and there among the many food booths, the Jewish and Lebanese were side by side, their customers mingling and sharing the tables in front, in good-natured harmony.

I am so glad to live in Canada, where people of so many different ethnic and religious groups are able to be themselves and be accepted and respected and live together in peace. It wasn't always so. We've been working on it and by doing so we have a great measure of success. But it is fragile. We cannot allow our nation to be pulled into the madness that consumes so much of

the world in violence, vengeance and death.

Since former prime minister Lester Pearson put Canada on the world map as a peacemaker, I have been both thankful and proud of this role, this image of Canada.

Therefore, I was shocked and dismayed that our present prime minister, Stephen Harper, would take sides in the conflict between Israel and Lebanon, even with Canadians killed and the UN building there targeted by Israel.

After a month of fighting, now there is a shaky ceasefire. The hostages were not returned, there were more rockets than ever aimed at Israel, thousands are homeless, their livelihoods destroyed, two decades of reconstruction in Lebanon has been destroyed, billions of dollars wasted, a major oil spill in the Mediterranean with serious environmental damage, for what?

For every "terrorist" killed, prob-

ably a hundred more have been created out of the grief, misery, frustration and despair produced by this spate of violence. And Canada now has no credibility as peace broker, having taken sides.

It takes courage, wisdom, patience and integrity to work for peace. With all the pressing needs in the world, humans cannot afford the wastefulness of war and revenge. If this goes on, we are "like fleas killing the dog," we are in the process of destroying this planet that supports all life.

We need someone in our nation who can lead us into peace and justice for all and address the problems of global warming, climate change, AIDS and economic justice for the disadvantaged of this world.

Then there will be hope for true peace in the world for us all.

NANCY WIGEN,  
Fernwood

## 9/11 — 'Osama did it' version still doesn't make sense

By KEN ROULEAU

Hard to believe, but five years have passed since the tragic events of that September day. We all remember where we were that morning, unable to forget images of planes as missiles, skyscrapers falling and the murder of thousands, televised live.

Before the shock could settle we'd already invaded Afghanistan and were working on Iraq, war was declared on a concept (terrorism), many civil rights became restricted or nullified under the Orwellian-named "Patriot Act," and our society hit a turning point known as Post-9/11, justifying anything and everything.

According to the Bush administration and all major media, the crime of the century was an open

### VIEW POINT

Laden orchestrated multiple hijackings as suicide bombers, crashing planes into symbols of America — the World Trade Center (WTC) and Pentagon. For Bush, there was no need to stop and ask questions, no need to seriously investigate, you were with him or against him, telling us to "never tolerate outrageous conspiracy theories" about 9/11.

However, the official "Osama did it" story is more complicated than most people know or care to admit. It is an outrageous conspiracy theory that relies on terrorist conspirators who could barely fly small Cessnas,

and incompetence of all major American agencies (FAA, NORAD, CIA, FBI, air force, Pentagon), and a series of coincidences that is hard to believe.

We could have learned more from a proper criminal investigation, but evidence was illegally removed from the crime scenes and quickly sold or destroyed, while other evidence was confiscated by the FBI and buried under "national security" classifications. There are videotapes of whatever hit the Pentagon, taken from military and civilian surveillance cameras, withheld from public scrutiny. We are not allowed to see what they show.

After so many contradictions, lawsuits by 9/11 families (of victims) against

and mounting skepticism, the "9/11 Commission" was established to investigate the event. Bush and company did everything possible to block a thorough investigation and undermine its effectiveness, from appointing biased individuals to head the commission, to underfunding the project, denying evidence to the panel, omitting crucial testimony, and even altering known facts (such as when NORAD launched interceptor jets, and how strong the WTC towers were).

Ultimately, for us to accept the "Osama conspiracy," or official version, as is, we must distort evidence, suspend several laws of physics, omit hundreds of eyewitnesses (firefighters, air traffic controllers) and not ask relevant ques-

get to the truth, nor should we allow such devastating consequences like attacking other nations and suspending constitutional rights to be based on flimsy and false information.

To many in the general public, this is all conspiracy bunk. Why? Because no one on CNN has said different, because few people research the evidence, and mostly because no one wants to consider the implications and consequences. Or perhaps it's because the alternative 9/11 conspiracy theory is wrong. Polls in the U.S. indicate that over 50 per cent of Americans suspect some form of complicity in 9/11 by the U.S. government; over 60 per cent of Canadians suspect the same.

There is only one way to

evidence together and honestly debate it out. Open and in-depth public discussion is needed to understand that day, what led up to it, and where we have gotten to, five years after the fact. What is really needed is an independent grand jury investigation with unlimited subpoena power. It is our right and duty to know the truth.

On Monday, September 11, 2006 award winning investigative journalist, William Thomas (author of All Fall Down: The Politics of Terror and Mass Persuasion), and myself will be exploring 9/11 at ArtSpring, 7 p.m. There will be discussions, a video presentation and an open public forum.

The writer is a Salt Spring

# SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** *Have recent deaths of Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan altered your view of the war?*



**George Penwarden**

*It hasn't changed my attitude that we shouldn't be there.*



**Meghan Paterson**

*Not really. It's sad, but I guess war takes its casualties*



**Tom McPhee**

*Not at all. I still don't think we should be there. Nobody's ever been able to control that place.*



**Jade Carter**

*I don't think Canada should be there. It's getting up close and personal, but we sent them there in the first place.*



**Jack Matthews**

*No, it's a war and people get killed. If we're going to send troops, we should stand by them.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Group effort

I would like to respond to the article in last week's Driftwood about the Weekend to End Breast Cancer.

While I appreciate the support, I would like to place the focus back where it should be. It was not about who finished first.

The Weekend to End Breast Cancer is an incredible group effort by thousands of people all over the country to raise funds for cancer research.

Every single person who worked tirelessly to raise funds, trained hard and then walked 60 km despite the heat and sore feet deserves to be mentioned.

Not to mention the hundreds of volunteers who gave so enthusiastically of their time manning pitstops (which, by the way, I made very good use of!), set up tents, meals, medical support and more.

Thanks again to everyone who supported me with well wishes and donations — I really do appreciate it.

**TALITA STRUMPFER,**  
Salt Spring

### Ringling alarm

There was a certain kind of irony obvious when I read an article titled "Fireproofing an Island."

Where did I read this? It was a story about Galiano Island by Brian Hutchinson from the National Post on Saturday, April 24, 2004.

An in-depth article, it describes the "squabble-prone residents" and how "they may have to saw every dead stick from every dead tree." In 2004, Galiano was highlighted in the story as being covered with broken branches and twigs: a perfect fuel to nourish a forest fire. Sound familiar?

Bruce Blackwell, a well-known B.C. forestry expert, said Galiano was a fire trap, and gave residences a sober warning after his visit: "Unite behind efforts to fireproof the island or watch it burn."

Sounds like they chose to watch. What should we do? He goes on to say Galiano has a curious political subculture, frequently described as dysfunctional, but the prospect of a major fire

should unite them.

Yeah, that was 2004. Sounds like they didn't do enough sawing. Actually, even in 2004, Galiano had several close calls. Both Galiano and Salt Spring should have learned something from Kelowna's 2003 firestorm. Burned into our memory. You think?

I hate having to be the black cat crossing your path, but it may be an omen. This is just my opinion and that black cat may mean nothing, or it could mean everything. If the worst comes to pass, you'd better not blame me or emergency services for not being able to save you, because you will have yourself to blame and you may never be able to forgive yourself.

Emergency planners and our fire trustees are ringing the alarm for good reason. An excellent starting point in reducing the fire hazard will be to remove the accumulated ground fuel around your home and on your property.

I produced fire-related features which aired on Salt Spring Cable TV. A Salt Spring Pictures DVD was also created, titled "Fire-

power — The Coming Island Super-Fire," containing two features. The first is Robin Clark's Salt Spring Wildland Interface Fire Protection Plan Presentation, while the second is a music montage of the Kelowna fire and some local fires.

I encourage you to invite a few neighbours to your home to watch the DVD from Island Star Video (it's a food bank fundraiser too). Then make an action plan to protect your homes and families from wildland fire.

**JAMES FALCON,**  
Salt Spring

### Doesn't hold water

I take exception to the statement that St. Mary float planes are here to stay. That is merely the opinion of one public servant who seems to be totally unconcerned with the health, welfare, safety or wishes of the public. Perhaps he should consider a career change.

Those planes are not only an irritant but do indeed pose health and safety risks. Can anyone explain why it is nec-

essary for them to roar down the full length of the lake and then pull up at the last moment with just enough room to barely clear the trees and rooftops? That lake is a mile long. If they cannot take off in less than a mile they should not be flying. With this type of behaviour it is not a matter of "if" but "when" an accident occurs. Should it happen in the summer, the whole north end of the island could go up in flames and we may lose a major source of potable water.

I find the idea that by placing a gas-powered engine into a float plane it miraculously becomes pollution free absurd. So far as I am aware, there are no pollution controls on any of those planes. I do not know if Avgas still contains lead but I have my suspicions. Even the finest-tuned engine produces pollution. That is a fact.

As a motorcycle rider who travels North End Road daily I am very aware of road conditions and have yet to see any sign of oil or gas spills. Undoubtedly cars do contribute some pollution, even with all the anti-pollution devices

installed, but the planes undoubtedly contribute their share as, unlike the cars and newer motorcycles such as mine, they have no anti-pollution devices that I know of.

I agree that there should be checks made on septic fields and runoff around the lake. Tests should be done every spring and fall on all lakeside systems, residential and commercial.

I also would encourage residents to continue to file complaints with all pertinent information and to forward those complaints to our MP and MLA as well as Transport Canada. The justification being put forward for these planes sounds much like the aggrieved whining of the addicted smoker who insists that it is his/her "right" to inflict foul-smelling carcinogens on all those nearby. Considering the way that some of these planes are being flown on and off the lake, the assertion that they are both safe and pollution free simply does not hold water.

**K. BUTLER,**  
Fairway Drive

**MORE LETTERS A12**

## Amber lights, three-way stops or crosswalk paint: we need it all

My friend Peter lives in Pioneer Village. There, in his little one bedroom suite, he leads a near monastic life, reading and tending his small victory garden. Years of working in the collieries of northern Britain, coupled with a pack of Woodbines a day have taken their toll on Peter's health.

He has long since quit both hazardous practices, but his damaged lungs have him constantly struggling for air. Still, a man has to live. You may see Peter on one of his daily treks from Pioneer Village down to Ganges village, loading his bag up with a few items from Thrifty's, struggling back up the hill.

In the past month, I had not seen him or his familiar signal orange vest on the street. Last week I spotted him, way off course, on Rainbow Road. Was dementia to be added to Peter's list of health woes? Turns out, Peter now finds the trek to town along Lower Ganges Road far too hazardous for his already dodgy health. Summertime traffic and the haphazard off-road parking has him fearing for his life.

### HEAD TO HEAD

BY PETER VINCENT



He now takes a circuitous route, twice the distance, cutting through playgrounds and gas stations to make his way around. Harder on his lungs, to be sure, but there is less likelihood of Peter ending up as a hood ornament.

I thought he was overreacting, until I walked a mile in his shoes. It is indeed a pedestrian battle zone all the way from Ganges Village Market to the village core. The terrain is rough. You are forced to stumble along a thin gravel strip, with nothing separating you from a constant parade of cars, trucks and semi trailers but a faded white strip. That's not much of a deterrent for drivers groping for a CD or confused tourists peering over a Salt Spring map.

It is indeed fortunate that the Lady Minto is just around the corner. I don't have the statistics on how many pedestrians, bikers and cars have been whacked on this

strip. Lots. So many that the staff at GVM don't even look up anymore when they hear the sound of caved in doors and broken glass, as another car gets T-boned pulling out of their parking lot.

I have lost count of the number of times I have seen an ambulance parked alongside the road, with a blanket shrouding a body. Eighteen years old or 80, when a pedestrian encounters 5,000 pounds of Detroit steel, there is only one winner.

My own doctor got nailed while riding his bicycle along that strip. The sun sets directly into the eyes of north-bound traffic, sending drivers scrambling to flip down sun visors or desperately pat down the passenger seat looking for sunglasses. Pedestrians become fleeting blurs through a sun-blinded windshield.

Last week I witnessed what I conservatively pegged as an octogenarian with a cane struggling to make it across the street at the GVM/Blain Road corner, with a gaggle of concerned staff watching her glacial progress.

It seems inconceivably short sighted not to have a flashing

amber light at that corner, or at least a crosswalk. Some might mutter that there is a crosswalk only a block away. If you are 80 years old, with failing hips, bad eyesight and sore feet, a block is a long, long way.

Ah yes, the crosswalks — or what appear to be crosswalks. There are three of them as you make your way into town. All three are so faded they are pretty much indiscernible. What's the matter with our highways department? They can't send a guy out there with a paint brush and a bucket of white paint?

And what about that cavernous gap at the junction of Lower Ganges Road and Upper Ganges Road? This has turned into a major intersection over the past 10 years — again — another crap shoot for bikers or pedestrians negotiating that no man's land. There is no crosswalk, no flashing light and cars coming at you from all directions. Isn't it time Salt Spring put three-way stop signs with a flashing red light at that corner?

Things don't get any easier for my friend Peter as you make your way into town. There are always

two or three cars parked alongside the road with 'For Sale' signs propped in the window. We have the bevy of small stores — car rentals, marina parking, fish mongers and art shops, all with cars parked out front in "concert seating" style, which is "park anywhere you can find a toe hold." This results in cars with their back ends hanging out into the road, which means if you are a pedestrian or on a bike, you have to swoop into traffic to make your way around these obstacles.

Finally, we have the Rainbow Road intersection, where distracted school kids, monster trucks, and gawking tourists all come together in a potentially disastrous blender. Again, would it be such an affront to Salt Spring psyche to have a flashing amber pedestrian light? Is it one of those "does someone have to get hurt before something is done" stories?

And so Peter continues to make his way through the back streets and alleyways rather than risk this obstacle course. Given the amount of taxes I pay every year, maybe someone in power can spring for a can of white paint.



SALT SPRING ISLAND  
COMMUNITY EDUCATION

# COURSE CATALOG

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## 1. ACADEMIC



### FAL.06.01 First Nation Studies:

Land Alienation and Colonial War on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, 1849-1863. So how did European/Americans come into possession of this part of the world? A six-part survey of the European/American colonization of southern Vancouver Island and Salt Spring Island will examine the role of land alienation and colonial warfare during a critical period of our history. Lectures will be based on chapter readings from Chris Arnett's 1999 publication "The Terror of the Coast: Land Alienation and Colonial War on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, 1849-1863", Talonbooks. After an introduction to local First Nations culture and history, students will follow "the paper trail" documenting the arrival of European/Americans, the "Douglas Treaties," and the alienation of First Nations' land and resources in the region.

**MATERIALS:** Book \$24.95 paid directly to Instructor.

**SCHEDULING:** 6 Tuesdays  
Oct 10 to Nov 14 7 to 9 pm

**LOCATION:** GISS Room S113

**FEES PAID BEFORE OCT 1:** \$95

**AS OF OCT 1:** \$105

**INSTRUCTOR:** Chris Arnett is an artist, author and musician who has lived on Salt Spring Island for 18 years. Chris has authored and co-authored several books and articles on British Columbian history including "They Write Their Dream on the Rock Forever: Rock Writings of the Stein River Valley British Columbia" Talonbooks 1993. He has just completed a new book "Two Houses Half-buried in Sand: Oral Traditions of the Hul'qumi'num Coast Salish of Vancouver Island and Kuper Island." In 2000-2001 Chris taught full-time in the First Nations Studies Department at Malaspina University College in Nanaimo, and continues to work with local First Nations on a variety of research topics pertaining to history and culture.

### FAL.06.02 Geology. "The Deep History of Salt Spring"

How Salt Spring Island came to be, from ancient volcanoes of Wrangellia to the relatively recent passing of the glaciers, will be explored in two weeknight evenings of illustrated lectures and two Saturday field trips. Bring a lunch, outdoor clothing, camera and rock pick (optional) for field trips.

**SCHEDULING:** 2 Thursdays  
Oct 19 and 26 7 pm to 9 pm

**LOCATION:** GISS Computer Lab S111

**SCHEDULING:** 2 Saturdays

Oct 21 and 28 9 am to 4 pm

**FEES PAID BEFORE OCT 1:** \$100

**AS OF OCT 1:** \$110

**INSTRUCTORS:** John Moore taught Earth Sciences at Carleton University, Ottawa, for thirty years, during which he mapped parts of the Precambrian Shield in Canada and northeast Africa, as well as younger rocks in the mountains of BC. He has also worked as an advisor in science education in Indonesia and on several projects to present geology to the general public.

Jack Gunn has a BSc in Geology and worked in the mining and oil exploration field in Canada, the US and overseas

### FAL.06.03 Music Appreciation.

"Getting More out of Classical Music". 6 lectures designed to help even the neophyte listener get more out of classical music from Medieval to Modern: How to listen; what to listen for; how to place the music in historical context, with special emphasis on what gives a particular piece or style its meaning and emotional impact.

**SCHEDULING:** 6 Mondays Oct 16 to Nov 27  
7 to 9 pm (No class Nov. 13)

**LOCATION:** OAP Room, Fulford Hall.

**FEES PAID BEFORE OCT 1:** \$95

**AS OF OCT 1:** \$105

**INSTRUCTOR:** Elissa Poole: A baroque flutist, Elissa plays with Tafelmusik. She is a freelance music journalist for the Globe and Mail and teaches at UVIC.

### FAL.06.04 "Night Light: Stories of Aging".

Recent fiction (short stories and novellas) from England, America and Canada dealing in diverse ways with the motif of women who are facing the problems attendant upon aging in today's world. A further text might be the novel The Handyman by Penelope Mortimer. The books will be ordered by the Instructor through Inter-Library Loan.

**SCHEDULING:** 6 Thursdays

Oct 5 to Nov 9 7 to 9 pm

**LOCATION:** GISS Room S113

**FEES PAID BEFORE OCT 1:** \$90

**AS OF OCT 1:** \$100

**INSTRUCTOR:** Hetty Clews, a published author, has spent most of her life teaching within the contexts of Literature, Language, Theatre and Music, retiring from UVIC in 1989.

## 2. THE ARTS



### FAL.06.05 Driftwood Handled Rib Basket.

An adaptation of the traditional "rib" basket technique, you start with a driftwood handle drilled for the initial ribs (spokes) and weave in fibres, plant materials, colourful reed with more spokes to shape a unique rib basket. You will learn cordage and braiding techniques and learn about collecting, storing and preparation of natural materials. All levels welcome. Material fee of \$25 covers all workshop materials including driftwood handles.

**TOOLS NEEDED:** (Instructor will have extra): diagonal cutting clippers for reed and/or scissors, small needle nose or round nose pliers, small awl, measuring tape, clothes pegs, bucket, old towel and a lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided. Some materials may shed a bit of dye, so dress in clothes that can take a bit of extra colouring!

**MATERIALS:** \$25.00 paid directly to Instructor.

**SCHEDULING:** Sunday Oct 15 9 am to 5 pm

**LOCATION:** Donna's Studio

**FEES PAID BEFORE OCT 1:** \$80

**AS OF OCT 1:** \$90

**INSTRUCTOR:** Donna Cochran is a basket maker and basketry teacher whose passion for basketry evolved over twenty years of international development work throughout Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. Since moving to Salt Spring in 1995, she has been exploring traditional and contemporary basketry techniques, teaching workshops and exhibiting and is a founding member of the Salt Spring Basketry Guild.

### FAL.06.06 "Nature's Christmas Wreath".

Using the generous gifts of nature, cedar boughs, berries, nuts and cones, and adding to them beautiful, decorative ribbons we'll create a Christmas wreath or swag for your door. Any easy to do craft that you can use over the years.

**MATERIALS:** \$25.00 paid directly to Instructor. This will include all materials needed.

**SCHEDULING:** Thursday Nov. 30  
7 to 9.30 pm

**LOCATION:** SE Community Room

**FEES PAID BEFORE OCT 1:** \$50

**AS OF OCT 1:** \$60

**INSTRUCTOR:** Betty Taylor has been a craft Instructor in Edmonton for the past twenty years both in her own shop, on television and for the Edmonton and St. Albert School Boards.

### FAL.06.07 Origami Jewellery. "Into the Fold"

In this course, you will learn the basic steps for folding origami. An art in itself! You will then take it to a new level and turn the folded pieces into wearable jewellery - necklaces, earrings, and brooches that will then be lacquered. Findings and stones and/or crystals can be added. These are beautiful, colourful designs, great for gifts or personal adornment.

**MATERIALS:** \$10.00 paid directly to Instructor.

**TOOLS NEEDED:** tweezers, small pliers sewing needles and pins if you have them.

**SCHEDULING:** 6 Tuesdays

Oct 17 to Nov 21 7 to 9 pm

**LOCATION:** GISS Room S104

**FEES PAID BEFORE OCT 1:** \$95

**AS OF OCT 1:** \$105

**INSTRUCTOR:** Nicole Boyd is self-taught and has been a "folder" for the past 26 years. She has taught in Kingston and on Salt Spring to adults and children. With true entrepreneurial skill, she developed origami into jewellery and earns a living by selling her pieces.



### FAL.06.08 Tatting - Reviving the Ancient Art.

Learn to use an ancient art in a modern way while keeping an almost lost art alive. Stun your friends with jewellery, Christmas decorations, delicate bookmarks and many other gift items. Materials: \$10.00 paid directly to Instructor.

**TOOLS NEEDED:** Mercerized crochet cotton size 10, Tatting shuttle (not more than 7 cm long), and a very fine crochet hook.

**SCHEDULING:** 6 Thursdays

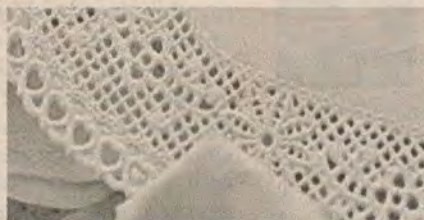
Oct 5 to Nov 9 7 to 9 pm

**LOCATION:** GISS Room S104.

**FEES PAID BEFORE OCT 1:** \$95

**AS OF OCT 1:** \$105

**INSTRUCTOR:** Fran Fenly learned tatting in Malaysia thirty years ago and wanted to keep a dying art alive. She has won awards at the Fall Fair and has adapted tatting to modern jewellery designs. Her work can be seen at the Saturday market.



## 3. COMPUTERS



### FAL.06.09 Computers 101.

Word or Excel (bookkeeping for family finances) for beginners or intermediates. Communications, ideas and the daily facts of our lives can be efficiently and easily tracked. You will learn at your own speed and with individual attention you will end the course feeling more proficient. Memory sticks will be available but must be returned to Instructor each week.

**MATERIALS:** \$15.00 paid directly to Instructor.

**SCHEDULING:** 6 Mondays Oct 16 to Nov 27  
7 to 9 pm (No class Nov. 13.)

**LOCATION:** GISS Computer Lab S111

**FEES PAID BEFORE OCT 1:** \$140

**AS OF OCT 1:** \$150

**INSTRUCTOR:** Philip Benson brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in both teaching and computer skills. Philip uses a one-on-one teaching model whereby students proceed at their own rate.

### FAL.06.10 Email for Weary Seniors.

Are your adult children bugging you to "get going" with email? Do you know how to go online? Bring your email address if you have one, your user name and password and let's do it together. We'll learn how to access email on the web, save it, send it, reply to it, forward it, delete it and play with it. Plan on homework.

**SCHEDULING:** 2 Saturdays Oct 21 and 28  
10.00 to 11.00 am

**LOCATION:** GISS Computer Lab S1111

**FEES PAID BEFORE OCT 1:** \$45

**AS OF OCT 1:** \$55

**INSTRUCTOR:** Judi Francis: Having taken more than 100 adults through the mysteries of computers, Judi believes that with her added practice and frustration with the "dang thing" she can pass on a few tricks and tips.

## 4. HEALTH AND WELLNESS



### FAL.06.11 Reversing Diabetes.

Diabetes is a Metabolic Condition, not a Disease. It results from a combination of genetics and learned lifestyle; disease comes from a source outside your body. Come learn the easy ways to control Diabetes I and II, and possibly even reverse Diabetes II. My previous class did; so can you. Some of them will visit the class and talk about their progress.

**TOOLS:** 3 Ring binder.

**MATERIALS:** \$7.50 paid directly to Instructor.

**SCHEDULING:** 6 Saturdays

Oct 7 to Nov 11 10 am to noon

**LOCATION:** LDS Church, 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd

**FEES PAID BEFORE OCT 1:** \$95

**AS OF OCT 1:** \$105

**INSTRUCTOR:** Sandra Lee is a Doctor of Natural Medicine, certified by the Examining Board of Natural Medicine Practitioners in Ottawa. She has been practising cellular medicine since 1975. All treatment is based on clinical evidence as reported in leading peer reviewed medical journals on Pub Med and CMAJ.

## 5. HOUSE AND HO



### FAL.06.12 Saving Seeds.

Gather seeds from many flower vegetables. Learn how to store them so they will stay viable, and when to plant them.

**SCHEDULING:** Saturday Oct 14  
10 am to noon

**LOCATION:** Salt Spring Centre, 300  
Main St

**FEES PAID BEFORE OCT 1:** \$30

**AS OF OCT 1:** \$40

**INSTRUCTOR:** Dan Jason has been saving seeds for 20 years and is the author of the recent best seller "Saving Seeds: How Our Lives Depend On It".



### FAL.06.13 Upholster a Hinged-Top

Noticed the prices of ottomans are really just wooden boxes covered in fabric. You can make your own stool under expert tutelage. They will supply all the tools, the space and support you will need.

**MATERIALS:** \$50.00 paid directly to Instructor.

The cost will vary with choices of fabric.

**SCHEDULING:** 5 Saturdays Oct 14 to 19  
10 am to 1 pm

**LOCATION:** Cayt's workshop.

**FEES PAID BEFORE OCT 1:** \$100

**AS OF OCT 1:** \$130

**INSTRUCTOR:** Cayt McGuire: Cayt, when she arrived on Salt Spring as a helper to Master Woodwork where she learned the basics of construction and finishing, as well as rushing, caning, and weaving cloth worked with fabric for most of her life. Having learned to work with wood, her jump to upholstery and reupholstering was a very small one. As Cayt's making designer clothes for you

## HAVE A BRIGHT IDEA?

If you have an idea for a workshop, seminar, or course and/or are interested in teaching a workshop, seminar, or course - then let us know!

Send your proposal to  
SSI Community Education,  
Box 329, Ganges, SSI,  
V8K 2V9  
or  
Call us at 537-0037  
and leave a message.

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Place this form together with a cheque for the total amount in a sealed envelope and either mail to Box 329, into the Registration Drop box at the School Board office."

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

# DRIFTWOOD FALL 2006



SALT SPRING ISLAND  
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HOME



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ire: Cayt's first job Spring in 1984 was dworker, Iltyd Perkins, sics of furniture , as well as traditional ing chair seats. Having st of her life, and th wood more recently, and repairing furniture, Cayt says, "It's like or your furniture".

I would like to register for a Fall 2006 Course with SSI Community Education (537-0037).

Name (Last name first): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ V8K \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Make cheque out to: Community Education

THANKS!

329, Ganges, SSI, V8K 2V9 or drop it

6. KIDSTUFF



**FAL.06.14 Let's Make a Movie:**

Just for Kids ages 10 to 12+. Students will learn the fundamentals of film making and participate in the complete production of a short film. Costs include a course notebook and a DVD of the final film. Students are asked to bring snacks for lunch and bottled water.

**SCHEDULING:** 4 Fridays Oct 27 to Nov 24 9 am to 1 pm (no class Nov 17)  
**LOCATION:** SSE Community Room  
**FEES PAID BEFORE OCT 1:** \$110  
**AS OF OCT 1:** \$120

**INSTRUCTOR:** Cindy Jacobsen received a B.A. in Art from California State University Hayward, with post-secondary studies in Filmmaking and certifications in Multimedia Authoring and Web Authoring. Past careers have included working in the film industry, designing and maintaining websites, and more recently as an Instructor of media studies and web design at Bellevue Community College. Cindy's current passion is teaching kids how to make their own movies.

7. LANGUAGES



**FAL.06.15 French Conversation.**

This is an intermediate course for people who haven't used French for some time; for those who wish to carry on with what they learned last year; or for immersion parents new to the program. With emphasis on speaking and understanding, a variety of language-stimulating activities will be used to rediscover the French already acquired and extend skills. Games, simulations, listening and telling stories, and looking at francophone culture while working on pronunciation and diction will be the some of the teaching strategies used. Because language is a living thing, participants should be forgiving of themselves and approach this course as they would a visit to Quebec or France - for the joy of it!

**PRE REQUISITE:** High School French even if it was years ago.  
**MATERIALS:** \$2.00 paid directly to Instructor.  
**SCHEDULING:** 6 Wednesdays Oct 4 to Nov 8 7 to 9 pm  
**LOCATION:** GISS Room S104  
**FEES PAID BEFORE OCT 1:** \$95 / **AS OF OCT 1:** \$105

**INSTRUCTOR:** Irene Wright taught French in the Gulf Islands School District for the better part of 30 years, initiated and developed an Elementary Core French (K-7) and Late French Immersion (6 - 12). She was District French Coordinator and then was seconded to serve as coordinator for provincial Immersion Programs for the Ministry of Education for the 5 years prior to her retirement.

8. LEISURE

**FAL.06.16 "Name That Bird".**

This will be a basic introduction to Birding with special reference to resident birds of Salt Spring. In the classroom the first week you will learn how to identify birds: eight main visual categories; behaviours and birding by ear as well as our spring visitors, residents and wintering birds. The second week a two hour walk to apply our bird identification skills.

**MATERIALS:** A 2 CD "Beginner Guide to B.C. Bird Song" and course notes, \$15.00 paid directly to the Instructor.  
**SCHEDULING:** 2 Saturdays Oct 14 9 am to noon  
**LOCATION:** LDS Church, 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd  
**SCHEDULING:** October 28 8 to 10 am  
**LOCATION:** field trip location TBA.  
**FEES PAID BEFORE OCT 1:** \$30  
**AS OF OCT 1:** \$40

**INSTRUCTOR:** John and Heather Neville are both well know B.C. naturalists, who have completed the Bird Biology program from Cornell University. John has produced 10 CD's of Bird Song and written many articles about birds.



**FAL.06.17 "Conversing With Books".**

How and Why to Organize and Operate a Book Club: Participants will engage in the process of selecting books for review while considering such topics as what to expect from books, how to acquire and to read them, why and how to discuss individual and collective responses to reading, how to differentiate among several kinds of texts and between so-called "truth" and "fiction". Books chosen by participants will be brought in through Inter-Library loan by the Instructor.

**MATERIALS:** \$2.00 paid directly to the Instructor.  
**SCHEDULING:** 6 Saturdays Oct 7 to Nov 4 10 to noon  
**LOCATION:** LDS Church, 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd  
**FEES PAID BEFORE OCT 1:** \$90  
**AS OF OCT 1:** \$100

**INSTRUCTOR:** Hetty Clews, a published author, has spent most of her life teaching within the contexts of Literature, Language, Theatre and Music, retiring from UVIC in 1989.



**FAL.06.18 Bridge: Advanced.**

A detailed course, George will start briefly with familiar conventions and work up to more sophisticated systems. He will also stress the theory and play of defence along with "lead directing" signals, cue bids and other "new to you" conventions. Students will play "Swiss Teams" again - perhaps the most fun part of bridge competition.

**MATERIALS:** \$5.00 paid directly to Instructor.  
**SCHEDULING:** 8 Thursdays Oct 5 to Nov 23 7 to 9 pm  
**LOCATION:** Fulford Hall OAP Room  
**FEES PAID BEFORE OCT 1:** \$100  
**AS OF OCT 1:** \$110  
**INSTRUCTOR:** George Laundry is an experienced bridge teacher, and has been a long-time bridge master and tournament "junkie" at the national level. NOTE: Please be prepared to find a spare if you miss a session.



**FAL.06.19 Write Your Memoirs.**

Don't you wish your grandmother left a memoir to you? Explore and organize your memories into a thoughtful reflection of your life and times. You will do exercises that will inspire your creativity. The results will surprise you.

**SCHEDULING:** 6 Tuesdays Oct 3 to Nov 7 6.30 to 9.30 pm  
**LOCATION:** GISS Room N108  
**FEES PAID BEFORE OCT 1:** \$125 / **AS OF OCT 1:** \$135

**INSTRUCTOR:** Pearl Gray has a degree in Art History and two years of teacher training from U of Alberta. She is co-author of the travel book "Salt Spring Island: A Place to Be" and is currently working on an historical novel.



9. SMALL BUSINESS

**FAL.06.20 Market Planning and Marketing Management.**

This course will familiarize students with what's covered in a university/college offering in marketing. It is NOT a course on Internet Marketing or designing a web site. Rather, the marketing planning process and the successful management of product, price, promotion and place will be stressed. The material presented will be relevant both to the Island's businesses large or small and to its many not-for-profit organizations. A modest amount of reading (40-45 pages) will be required each week with this material available free-of-charge at www. KnowThis.com and other sites. Short marketing cases will also be discussed in class. Students will need internet access.

**SCHEDULING:** 6 Wednesdays Oct 11 to Nov 15 7 to 9 pm  
**LOCATION:** GISS Room N108  
**FEES PAID BEFORE OCT 1:** \$95  
**AS OF OCT 1:** \$105

**INSTRUCTOR:** Stanley Shapiro has taught Introductory Marketing at the Wharton School, McGill University and Simon Fraser University. He has also co-authored textbooks in this area. Now retired from SFU, he remains involved both in teaching and in course design. For a course outline, email Stan at sshapiro@saltspring.com.



10. POT-POURRI

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**INSTRUCTOR:** Steve Somerset has been in the financial business over 35 years and for the past 13 years has been an investment advisor with BMO Nesbitt Burns on Salt Spring.



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# More letters

## Tourism threatened

The tragic news from Tofino last week surely is a wake-up call for this island or any tourist destination. The news that Tofino's mayor had ordered the lodging and food services establishments to shut down by last Friday was broadcast around the globe!

This regrettable marketing and communications mistake is bad enough in and of itself. However, it masks another problem that must be confronted by all tourism-dependent communities — especially islands — those which earn the majority of their economic well-being from outsider visitations. If we don't soon investigate,

analyze and calculate the specific and legal steps necessary to provide for water (and the other crucial variables of economic life) in the very near future, our life-blood tourism industry will die. Plain. Simple. Period.

You can't run any business or support any community without an ample supply of fresh, potable water.

While we are at it, we should also investigate other related issues such as ferries, parking, agriculture, shoulder seasonality, dearth of hospitality/retail labour, affordable housing, energy and fire protection.

We must start to prepare a viable plan for turning this island into an "eco-tourism" destination that welcomes

the kind of island guest who leaves a different footprint: one who trends lightly, consumes less when here, takes away one's own trash; flushes less frequently, picks up after oneself. We need people who will visit in January as well as July; people who feel that they are "stewards" of ours and their home environment. Those who will protect what we have, so everyone can enjoy it for centuries.

With a change in marketing and infrastructural orientation, we can save Salt Spring and offer a wonderful, educational example for the rest of the world to learn and follow. Those wanting to learn how we did it will naturally become our new "year-round tourists."

Water is just the beginning ... or the end.  
**ROY WILSON,**  
Salt Spring

## Power of one

Now here's a thought, what if everyone on Salt Spring turned up to keep the dream alive? The butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker, an artist, a bed and breakfast owner, a blaster, a fitness instructor, a firefighter, an investment adviser, a florist, a landscaper, a mechanic, a nurse, a newspaper editor, a plumber, a realtor, a secretary, a teacher, a trustee, a student, your neighbour!

Then we all persuaded another butcher, baker or candlestick maker ... to turn up and run, walk or

cycle the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Terry Fox Run here on Salt Spring on Sunday, September 24. Did I miss anyone out? See you there.

"A Single Dream. A World of Hope" is this year's Terry Fox event slogan.

**CATHERINE BENNETT,**  
Salt Spring

## Reconsider

Over 30 years of using St. Mary Lake as a free landing strip and fresh-air hangar has understandably given Ed Davis the assumed right to continue to do so.

And while we residents pride ourselves on respecting others' privacy and right to live as they please, there are, however, limits within a caring community.

If it's true that Mr. Davis has a legal right to continue his practice, perhaps if we ask nicely that the motto "preserve and protect" be applied not only to our natural elements but also to our children, our voices might be heard.

As a grandmother of several of the children of St. Mary Lake, I ask him to please reconsider his continued use. And if he must — could there be a time-out for his landings and take-offs so that we are not living in continued apprehension and fear all summer — waiting for the drone of his big white bird.

**A. BELL,**  
Mobrae Avenue



## Sidewalk Superintendent

### The business beat of the Gulf Islands

By Peter McCully

## New islanders trade symphony chairs for cafe seats

• **Rob Weir and Barbara Chasse** are in the process of buying the **Tree House Cafe in Ganges** from Jill Thomas and Stan Mulder.

Jill introduced the couple to the crowd when Harry Manx gave his annual concert at the cafe where he debuted seven years ago.

Rob and Barbara have been symphony musicians for several years in San Francisco (although he is from Canada). A career-ending injury for Rob meant he and Barbara needed to re-assess their lives — which led them to Salt Spring. They've been vacationing on the island for the past four years and their children Keziah, in Grade 10, and Jacob, Grade 5, are looking forward to returning to school this week.

They don't plan any radical changes for the cafe.

"We know how important the Tree House is to the community and we just don't want to change a thing. Everything we've heard is that this is an icon — to be buffed up and kept shiny for the community."

• **Hastings House** received a top Canadian hotel title in the

2006 Zagat Survey, receiving 27 points out of 30 for rooms, service and dining.

As reported on the "where to go next.com" website, comments included: From the "hot muffins at your doorstep" to the cozy fires at night, "this is the place to feel pampered;" a "spectacularly" "romantic Relais & Châteaux property" "on a most charming island" a few hours from Vancouver ... add a "first-class kitchen" that turns out some of "the best dinners west of the Rockies" and the whole experience is simply "sublime."

The Zagat Survey was first undertaken 26 years ago in New York and now rates restaurants, hotels and other facilities in more than 70 regions.

• **Barb's Bakery and Bistro** also got some good ink in the Vancouver Sun last month when reader Mia Mosters-Benoit recommended the popular Salt Spring spot in an article about favourite places to nosh in B.C.

Eatery aficionado Mosters-Benoit wrote: "A great bakery that seems to be a local hangout. The coffee is great and there is a

huge selection of yummy baked goods, healthy and decadent. They have homemade granola and a few other breakfast items as well as yummy smoothies."

• Speaking of the Thomas family, islanders should drop in to **Stuff & Nonsense** in Fulford and say hello to its new owner **Jana Thomas** — sister of restaurateur Jill — and check out the new products she's brought in from places like Laos and Thailand.

Stuff & Nonsense founder Carola Heydemann sold her dynamic retail outlet a few months ago after 19 years in business.

Jana plans to make purchasing trips to far away locales a regular part of the business with another trip scheduled just in time to have a great selection for Christmas.

The store's new motto is: "Life is full of stuff and nonsense. Look for the meaning inside."

• More retail space will be available with the closing of two Ganges businesses — **8 Branches Holistic Health Centre** and **Second Wind Consignment Clothing**. We wish **Brandy** and **Cindy** well in their respective new endeavours.

# RANTS & ROSES

## RANTS

*lingered in e-mail purgatory until retrieved last week.)*

A rich Bronx cheer to the jackals who continue to harass the frail elderly remorselessly. How low can you go? The Young at Heart Seniors (OAP) via Ron Mil-ton

## ROSES

Many thanks and roses all around to the two guys and the emergency services personnel who came to the aid of the three girls on Churchill Beach on August 19. Your quick response prevented anything more serious from happening. N

A glorious organic bouquet of roses to all the participants at the teachings of Phakchok Rinpoche's at Ganges Yoga Studio, special thanks to Allen, Guy, Jill, Bill and Linda, Chris, Michael, Babs, Geri, Eric and Candice, Celeste, and Maggie for all their help and to everyone that brought flowers. M&T

*(Editor's note: The above two Roses were originally submitted on August 21 but*

Roses to Harold Bond. Wow, you really know your stuff, we were very impressed! Our dogs knew that you were a great guy too. Never seen them so calm with a vet, ever!

Roses to the folks on Collins Road, family, friends and other individuals that helped us to locate our two lost golden retrievers. Thank you soooo much!

To all the drivers who pick up hitchhikers: Thanks and roses to you. You are ensuring that Salt Spring remains that great place we all love so much.

Lots of individual and bunches of group roses to all of the volunteers who contributed to the Core Inn "street" dance. Thanks to Dash My Curry for the delicious dinner, to Jeanne Boyle for her diligent duty in the dish pit, to all of the musicians and to the folks that came out to contribute to the fundraiser. TN

Roses to Alex Crandall for giving me her hard-earned ribbon. TB

Belated roses to the two ladies who helped my husband and our dog home after my husband had fallen on the pavement at the north end. He is now in a cast for a broken ankle. MB

Beautiful yellow roses to the guardian angel who retrieved my groceries as they tumbled from my scooter and laid them gently on the grass bank opposite GVM. They all remained edible. AS

Thank you for the flowers you left for me in sympathy for the loss of my little friend, my cat Sophie. Unfortunately I don't travel up Sunset very often, so they weren't discovered until Wednesday evening, by which time they were looking a little forlorn. You could tell that someone went to a lot of trouble in the presentation and that they had been very beautiful. I assume you are the person who hit her. Thank you for caring enough to feel badly for me. I will miss her very much.

## What's for Dinner?

**THE GANGES VILLAGE MARKET BEER BATTER PRAWNS OR FISH**  
Short cuts to cooking for one or two © with Sarah Lynn, 2006



**Deep-fried fish:** Originally a Shepardi dish. *Pescado frito*, or deep-fried fish, came to England with the Spanish and Portuguese Jews in the 17th and 18th centuries, about the time potatoes were introduced into Europe. Fish and chips really took off as a cheap food for the working classes with the rapid development of trawl fishing in the North Sea in the second half of the nineteenth century. Before this, fishermen had used long lines to target only large, high-quality demersal (bottom-dwelling) fish, especially highly-prized soles. Trawlers, on the other hand, landed a mixed catch of high quality

"prime" and cheaper "offal" fish, the latter most of which fishermen initially threw back into the water due to lack of a market. However, as railway charges fell, it became viable to transport this cheaper fish inland, and demersal fish became a mass-market commodity rather than a costly luxury. As a twist to the traditional recipe try seasoning your seafood first.

Prepare seafood by seasoning with **1 teaspoon of dill & Tabasco sauce** (prawns) or **1 teaspoon of dill & lemon juice** (fish). Dredge each seafood piece in **cornstarch**, set aside. Immediately pour **1 can of beer** into a large bowl. Sift together **1 1/2 cups flour**, **1/2 teaspoon of salt**, and, **1 1/2-teaspoons baking powder** into the beer, whisking until the batter is light and frothy. Heat at least **2 cups of oil** in a medium sized pan. Dip seafood pieces into the beer batter, coating well, and drop into the hot oil. When golden brown, drain on paper towels. Serve piping hot with lemon wedges & seafood sauce.

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- Baking powder
- Cooking oil
- Seafood sauce

# Making a living on Salt Spring gets easier with library's business books

By STAN SHAPIRO

A vibrant business community is essential to Salt Spring's continued economic health.

Recognizing that fact, your library has over the last few years purchased a number of books of considerable value both to practising managers and to would-be entrepreneurs.

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It's also the reason why Salt Spring's library has over the last few years purchased a complete set of all Self-Counsel business publications.

Self-Counsel is best known as a business publisher for its very popular 20-book "Start and Run" series.

Each one provides essential information on how first to launch and then operate

## IN DEPTH

a different kind of small business, such as a "bed and breakfast" operation, a catering firm, a coffee bar or a crafts business.

Though reading a book of this sort is no guarantee of success, it does reduce the likelihood of the reader later making a number of unnecessary but nevertheless far too common mistakes.

Self-Counsel has also long offered more generally applicable business books in such areas as the principles of management, sales and marketing, people management, office essentials, and business writing.

These books are also of an applied nature, all having been written by authors who have themselves already "been there and done that."

Salt Spring managers should also find Self-Counsel's new Numbers 101 series of great value.

Information on what those of us who prefer "just doing it" must still know about accounting and finance is simply and clearly presented. The first book in this series is entitled Bookkeepers' Boot Camp: Get a Grip

on Accounting Essentials.

Other Numbers 101 publications apply the same "getting a grip" approach to financing a business, to analyzing its financial performance and to managing its growth.

These four new publications have also just been received and are being added to the library's permanent collection. They, along with all our other Self-Counsel books and similar publications, will be on display at the library during National Small Business Week, October 15 to 21, 2006.

As suggested above, the Self-Counsel books are not the only ones in the Salt Spring library designed to help current or prospective owners and managers. Do you want a complete list of all the books in our library with, say, marketing or "small business" in their title?

You can easily search the collection — either from home by using the internet and the library's website ([www.saltspringlibrary.com](http://www.saltspringlibrary.com)) or at the library itself — for any subject of interest to you.

The existing business collection is quite extensive for a library our size serving a small community.

But if there is a new book on business (or any other area that interests you) that you think we should add to our collection, you need only fill out a purchase request form at the library.

As long as adding that book is consistent with our collection building guidelines, then it most likely will be purchased.

Although it's a great place to live, we all know it's not that easy to make a living on Salt Spring. Your library recognizes that fact and is doing all it can to help local firms and craftspeople "work smart" as well as "work hard."

If you are in business on the island, we urge you to make use of the library's many books on that subject. Nothing else you might do will generate as high a return on your time, your effort and your energy.

*The writer is one of many library volunteers involved in selecting the books and other materials that are purchased. He chooses books in the areas of small business and personal finance. Also a director of the Friends of the Salt Spring Library, Stan is now actively involved in the current land acquisition fundraising campaign.*

## More letters

### Sharing the road

What a beautiful summer we've had. We're so lucky to live in this magnificent outdoor playground. There's something for everyone: swimmers, hikers, gardeners, boaters, golfers, tennis players, cyclists.

I love the glow of well-being that I see on the faces of people I meet outside enjoying themselves actively.

This summer, I've discovered a new passion for cycling. I love it. It's a great workout (gotta love them hills!), a wonderful way to see the island, to feel the summer breeze, and to meet wonderful new friends.

Cycling differs from some of the other activities mentioned above in that it involves sharing a space with people involved in a different activity. That space would be the road, the other activity, of course, driving a motor vehicle.

Being somewhat nervous about the challenge of this reality, especially given the condition of many of our island roads, I did some research to inform myself about the rules of the road for cyclists and for vehicles as they relate to cyclists. In doing so, I learned a lot.

I have a hunch that there are many drivers and cyclists out there who aren't aware of some "Share the Road" rules, just as I was unaware.

Check these ones out. I think they're particularly important for safety on our winding, bumpy roads:

- Cyclists should keep an eye on the road well ahead to see if there are any potholes

or other hazards on the road. When conditions permit, ride 1 meter from the right edge of the road.

- When the edge of the road is irregular or otherwise unsafe (Robinson Road, some sections of Beddis, Sunset etc) or when a two-way road is narrow with curves that prevent visibility, cyclists are advised to "take the lane" by riding in the center of it. This is considered safer than hugging the edge and encouraging a vehicle to pass with no ability to see potential oncoming traffic. A vehicle driver behind the cyclist should remain a safe distance behind until visibility is clear and passing is safe.

- Cyclists, when travelling at the speed of traffic (coming down Ganges hill), are advised to travel in the middle of the lane. This keeps the cyclist out of the motorists' blind spots and reduces conflicts with right-turning traffic.

- Cyclists should always wear a helmet and colourful clothing for visibility.

- Cyclists riding in a group should ride single-file in the direction of motor traffic and communicate with each other verbally or by using hand signals to alert each other to road hazards, cars turning, pulling out, etc.

No one wants to be involved in an accident of any sort on our roads. We all have a responsibility to watch out for each other out there. I hope the information provided here will help you share the road safely.

While we're at it, let's share our lakes and trails safely too.

Enjoy this great place. There's still plenty of outdoor activity time this fall. Thanks for reading and you can read more about sharing the road at [www.bikesense.bc.ca](http://www.bikesense.bc.ca).

**ELLY MCKEAGUE,**  
Salt Spring

### Let plan run its course

I wish to add a voice of encouragement to our beleaguered islands trustee duo in the ongoing Ganges Marina saga.

Eric Booth's latest salvo in the Driftwood ("In Response," August 23) inferred that there are two sides to this controversy — the "Save Our Shoreline group" versus the community.

Well, I don't have membership in the SOS group (and to my knowledge I don't personally know anyone who has), but I do have membership in this community, and I for one am grateful to Peter Lamb and George Ehring for their efforts to keep some control on how Ganges Harbour is to develop.

With splendid foresight the Islands Trust was set up in the 1970s by the government of the day precisely to confront and question the kind of commercial interests now at work at Ganges Marina.

Dick Stubbs wrote a wise, thoughtful and eloquent letter to the editor in the August 16 Driftwood, concluding, "Is it time for a review or do we simply muddle through each proposal as it comes along?"

I could not agree more.

There is no urgency about this situation. Robyn Kelln, understandably, won't agree, but neither his attitude nor some of his actions have been helpful; nor, for that matter, have been Eric's.

There is now underway a harbour management plan supported by the Salt Spring Harbour Authority. This plan will presumably involve all stakeholders in the harbour area of Ganges village. It should be allowed to run its course, hopefully to end in some consensus on what the island community wants to see in its central harbour.

**ALAN ROBERTSON,**  
Brinkworthy

### Think big

I can now view with amused detachment, rather than indignation, the shenanigans regarding the harbour infill, since I have moved off the island.

Any developer worth his salt should be thinking big — fill in the whole end of the harbour from the point at Churchill across to Mouat's, and put in parking lots.

After all, hasn't this happened where Thrifty's and the fire hall now stand? (Where were the nay-sayers then, and would that have happened now?)


So come on, Mr. Kelln, stop piddling around with half a dozen moorings — most people travel to the island by car and would be happy to pay for the privilege of parking so close to town.

It'll also make the locals really happy they can find somewhere to park.

**PETER BLACKMORE,**  
Courtenay, B.C.



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# Davies: hospital manager retires to become 'grandma'

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Driftwood Reporter

After 33 years of promoting health in the southern Gulf Islands, Karen Davies is retiring from the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) to spend more time with her family.

"It's time to take the next step," Davies said during an interview just before her last day of work Thursday.

She has thoroughly

enjoyed her years working at Lady Minto Hospital (LMH).

"I'm one of the lucky ones. Apart from a tough couple of spells, I've liked coming to work everyday and I like staying late everyday."

With her newfound freedom, she plans to travel with her husband, maybe dust off her golf clubs and definitely spend time with her eight-month-old granddaughter.

"It's time for me to be a grandma," Davies grinned. "She's new and I don't want to miss too much."

Serving islanders in a variety of capacities from nurse, to manager of patient care for the southern Gulf Islands, she's witnessed plenty of growth over the past three decades.

"I'm going to miss it because it's been such a big part of my life."

She's been particularly attached to working with the dedicated team at LMH, she said.

"Lady Minto is made up of the sum of its team members. Obviously, the team provides exceptional service because the community is so supportive of us. Obviously, the team shines through."

Davies remembers that when she first started working at LMH as a general-duty nurse in 1973, there was only one small office for administration, a one-room emergency suite and 19 beds for acute care. Since then, she's seen the entire front entrance and hall added, along with

extended care facilities and doctors' offices downstairs, along with numerous other changes.

"What we've tried to do over the years is expand service levels and care levels to meet community needs."

Davies has seen her own position evolve over the years, from nurse to head nurse (1983-1986), to LMH assistant administrator and director of patient care (1989-1994), to LMH CEO (1994-1997) to manager of patient services for the southern Gulf Islands (1997-2005).

"Even though the world shifts a bit, I've maintained the same role."

She used to joke that she "would not stay for another renovation, accreditation or job action," but she worked through her share of all three types of administrative challenges.

The regionalization shift of April 1, 1997 was a particularly dramatic reorganization that saw the independent LMH become absorbed by VIHA, she noted.



Karen Davies, long-time hospital administrator.

"My husband said, 'Most people wind down a bit in their last year. What are you doing?'"

The new position gave her hope that rural health is gaining greater recognition within VIHA.

"We are finally on the map."

But the job was an exhausting way to wrap up her career, she said.

"They will have two directors to do the role because it was too huge."

She believes that the new Rural Health and Community Hospitals office will help provide even more support for isolated communities like those on the Gulf Islands.

"I'm hopeful and positive that Lady Minto and the southern Gulf Islands can carry on to provide services as well as it has and I have no reason to believe it will change."

Now the task of managing patient care for the southern Gulf Islands has gone to Bill Relph, who has held the position in an acting role for the past 10 months.

## New hospital fund honours Karen Davies

Lady Minto Hospital staff and directors have offered thanks to retiring local health care administrator Karen Davies with a new endowment fund in her name.

The "Karen Davies Endowment

Fund" has been launched by the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation (LMHF) in honour of Davies' 33-year career of serving island health care needs.

The endowment fund aims to help the hospital meet annual equipment needs,

provide long-term financial stability and create a predictable level of income.

To learn more about the Karen Davies Endowment Fund, contact LMHF director of planned giving Ruth Pepin (538-4824).

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# Youth focus the 'essential vision' of Community Gospel Chapel

Following is the fourth in a series of articles on Salt Spring Island churches.

By **MARY E. HUGHES**  
Special to the Driftwood  
Salt Spring's Community Gospel Chapel is where the kids are these days. On a typical Sunday, 160 islanders attend the Vesuvius Bay Road church, and 80 to 90 of them are kids, from toddler age through senior high school students.

The congregation moved into its new building six years ago and immediately experienced dramatic growth.

**"Children have been the emphasis since day one. We have more than 35 people working with our kids on Sunday morning."**  
— **Chris Cormack.**

"It's highly visible and attractive and it was built to support the strong emphasis on children and youth that is the essential vision of this congregation," said senior Pastor Chris Cormack.

"That growth spurt has levelled off," he continued, "but when I first came in 1989 we averaged 18 on a Sunday. Children have been the emphasis since day one. We have more than 35 people working with our kids on Sunday morning."

The 12,000-square-foot building comprises a 3000-square-foot multi-purpose room, which serves as a 260-seat sanctuary and occasional gymnasium.

There are smaller rooms for the office, library, Kids Zone classes, a preschool "kindergym," youth group facilities, and a fully equipped kitchen for banquets and community rentals.

Young people are consid-



**SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES:** Children at Salt Spring's Community Gospel Church are cared for by Sarah Robinson during Sunday school at the Vesuvius Road worship centre.  
Photo by Derrick Lundy

ered so important that they hired a part-time youth pastor, Dennis Moldon. At the end of July, Dennis and his wife Holly took 25 island youth aged 14 to 20 to a Seattle-area Creation Festival for the second time.

"It's one of the biggest Christian youth music festivals on the continent," said Moldon. "It's a very inspiring time for everyone."

For the ninth summer in a row, the Community Gospel Church, along with Salt Spring Baptist Church, also hosted some 70 young people who came from South Delta Baptist Church in Tsawwassen to do volunteer work on the island. They handled 175 calls from islanders seeking help with yard work and other chores. One team moved 12 cords of wood, some pulled broom, while others tackled a boat cleaning job.

The Community Gospel Chapel originated with evangelistic meetings held in the old Rex Theatre. The year was 1961. Located for sever-

al years on Drake Road, their first building burnt down in 1997. That year the congregation bought property on Vesuvius Bay Road and construction of the new church began in 1999.

Generous donations from the congregation accounted for most of the financing. Insurance and the sale of their old property accounted for the balance.

The church's maxim is "leading people passionately to follow Jesus," but, as Cormack stressed, "We work hard to be a community church in name as well as function. We open up to various groups, including Young Drivers, B.C. Ferries, B.C. Elections and the [Salt Spring Island] Conservancy."

A new venture in recent months is a program called Feeding the Needy. Led by Kim and Phil Benson, members of the congregation have been providing a hot meal on Sunday night to 30 to 50 people in Centennial Park.

Many islanders are familiar with Kindergym, which has been active for 17 years under the auspices of the chapel.

It's a bi-weekly drop-in for parents and tots. Primarily seen as a service to the community, it is also run by volunteers from the congregation.

Reaching beyond Salt Spring, the chapel supports three missionary families. One couple works with indigenous people in the mountains of Guatemala, building cisterns and safe cook stoves. The two other couples are in Taiwan and France.

Cormack is a native of Victoria, and a graduate of the Full Gospel Bible Institute in Eston, Saskatchewan. His wife Marlene is also a graduate of that institute, with majors in music and Christian education. He's clearly enthusiastic about his calling to Salt Spring.

"It's a great congregation and a great group of kids. It's a privilege to pastor here."

## PARC hears daycare plea for Rainbow space

A local daycare group in need of new digs has its eyes on the Rainbow Road recreation site.

Salt Spring Island Daycare Society representatives made a pitch to rent part of the land for a new centre at the August 28 Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) public meeting.

"We invite discussions on the options of renting space on the Rainbow Road parkland to build a new building," said SSIDS president Paul Ceysens.

Currently licensed for 22 spaces in a "very old" building it rents from the Greenwood ElderCare Society off Lower Ganges Road, the daycare society board has been seeking a replacement spot for the past two years.

### PARC BRIEFS

"It does not have five years of life left in it," said Ceysens, referring to the present building.

The group has sought both a suitable rental building and land on which to construct a facility, without success.

PARC members were open to exploring possibilities, and also discussed what to do with the existing house and cottage on the Rainbow Road acreage.

Options include renovating the large house for use as PARC administration offices; replacing its roof, which is deemed critical; offering

the cottage to a non-profit group on a temporary basis; refurbishing both as family housing units; or demolishing the works.

PARC decided to table the matter until more information was received about the large house's physical state.

In other PARC news, PARC chair Rosemary Trump was pleased to announce the receipt of \$20,910 from Sorensen Fine Homes, which fulfilled a \$40,910 cash in lieu of parkland requirement for the Summerside development in Ganges.

• Court #2 at the Portlock Park tennis courts will be repaired and colour-coated, following receipt of a favourable quote of \$7,150 from the company already

refurbishing courts #3 and 4. Work was scheduled to commence this week.

Last month PARC awarded a \$14,720 contract to Ocean Marker Tennis to repair and resurface courts #3 and 4, and an \$18,728 contract to Raybern Erectors Ltd. to install new tennis court fencing. It also agreed to tackle the number-two court if it could be done by the same company for less than \$10,000.

At that time commissioners heard that PARC has been paying \$600 per month to rent fencing for the past several months.

The previous fence was torn out last December when a new two-court indoor tennis structure was envisioned for that space.

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For motorists accustomed to Salt Spring's sleepy summer streets, September means keeping a look out for students making their way to and from school.

Unfortunately, many drivers just don't seem to get the message.

"It's an ongoing battle," said Ken Garner, transportation supervisor for School District 64. "Some people are in a hurry, some don't notice and some just don't care. People have all sorts of different reasons to ignore the rules."

Despite having LED lights installed on local school buses, many motorists con-

tinue to disregard the rules when school buses pick up and unload students.

Garner reminded drivers that if they are caught passing a school bus when its lights are flashing, a \$167 fine and three penalty points can be levied.

RCMP officers will also keep a close watch over traffic in island school zones, including a new stretch along Lower Ganges Road between Rainbow Road and Mahon Hall, he added.

Beginning September 5, a 30-km/h school zone speed limit is in effect on school days from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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- \* RECYCLE DEPOT:** Open Tuesday - Saturday from 10 am - 5 pm, 349 Rainbow Rd., 537-1200.
- \* COMMUNITY WELLNESS PROGRAMS COORDINATOR:** Call Sharon Glover at 537-4607.
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## Mammography service here

The Screening Mammography Mobile Van is visiting Salt Spring and Pender islands in the coming month.

It's on Pender from September 19-22, and on Salt Spring at the government building from September 26 to October 5.

As of Tuesday, some 176 appointments were still available for the Salt Spring period, but no slots were open on Pender. For information on the eligibility criteria and to arrange a free appointment, call 1-800-663-9203.

Website contact is [www.bccancer.bc.ca/breastscreening](http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/breastscreening).



**SAILING AWAY:** From left, Logan, Mike, Cody and Carson McCormick catch some wind on Cusheon Lake as the summer winds down. Photo by Derrick Lundy

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## Pender visitors aided by Richard Fox guidebook

The Pender Islands Handbook by Richard Fox. Published by Printrorium Bookworks, 356 pp., \$24.95

By **CHERIE THIESSEN**  
Special to the Driftwood

Fox, a half-time resident of the Penders for the past five years, has written hundreds of technical reports as an environmental officer, but this is his first tentative toe into the unknown waters of travel writing.

He was talked into taking the plunge by appreciative house guests and impressed locals after they took a gander at the comprehensive local information he was steadfastly compiling for the use of his summer visitors.

"I wrote the book that I wish had existed when I moved here in 2002," he told me recently. "Information about the island was scattered through numerous sources, but there wasn't a concise volume that contained everything together."

Fox wasn't nervous about the possibility of being in-

over his head, however. The result is an amazingly dense book offering a huge amount of varied information for the price.

Barry Mathias, the owner of the Penders' popular book shop, Talisman Books & Gallery, explains why he thinks it has been selling solidly since it came out several months ago. "It's very comprehensive, accurate, up-to-date and well researched. It's also very cleverly laid out and imaginative. The table of contents is impressive and the index very thorough."

I can agree. The 18 chapters, broken down into headings and subheadings, deal with topics as diverse as geology, whale and bird watching, wedding planning, resources for seniors, and a monthly gardening guide.

Attractions both on and off island are rolled out expansively, from disc golf, cycle and hiking routes, historical buildings, to restaurants and accommodations. You name it, it's probably under these covers.

Naturally one expects lots of photos and illustrations in a book of this nature, and while it has them, some readers may be disappointed to discover they're miniscule and in black-and-white only. It's true that it would be more attractive if it had enhanced visuals, but would you want to pay more for the book in order to have glossy coloured illustrations, and would you prefer to have less information in order to have larger photos?

Likewise, the prose is unadorned and to the point. Fox doesn't waste time on expansive descriptions when he can deliver facts. Or would you rather have poetry?

There are lots of books out there on the Gulf Islands, but one that deals solely and extensively with this second most populated of the southern Gulf Islands stands alone. A second printing is probably not far off. Quite a splash for a new guy.

More information is available at [www.penderhandbook.com](http://www.penderhandbook.com).

**CRD CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT**

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF BYLAW NO. 3210 ~ AMENDMENT TO ANIMAL REGULATION AND IMPOUNDING BYLAW**

The Board of the Capital Regional District gives notice that it intends to adopt Bylaw No. 3210, *Animal Regulation and Impounding Bylaw No. 1, 1986, Amendment Bylaw No. 5, 2006*, at its meeting of Wednesday, September 13, 2006, in the Board Room at 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC, V8W 1R7.

The purpose of the bylaw is to increase the dog licencing fees by \$5.00 for male/female dogs and spayed/neutered dogs, effective January 1, 2007, as follows:

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A copy of Bylaw No. 3210 may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding public holidays, from the date of this Notice until September 13, 2006 at the locations listed below:

- Animal Control & Bylaw Enforcement, #212-2780 Millstream Road, Victoria, BC, (Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)
- Public Notice Posting Place, 1st floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, B.C.
- Local CRD Building Inspection offices.

You may also view Bylaw No. 3210 on the Internet @ <http://www.crd.bc.ca/bylaws/animalcontrolnoiseti/index.htm> Select Bylaw No. 3210 from the list of bylaws. Questions regarding Bylaw No. 3210 may be directed to Don Brown, telephone (250) 474-3351 (local 21), or toll free 1-800-665-7899.

DATED this 30th day of August, 2006  
Carmen Thiel, Corporate Secretary



**TASTE TESTERS:** Emille Bevan and Mia Kerrigan share a handful of strawberries as they attend last week's Tuesday Farmers Market in the meadow beside the United Church in Ganges.  
Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Cunningham shares Purdy-Beddis history

Islanders may find travelling by ferry inconvenient at times, but next week they can hear stories about Salt Spring pioneers who had to build their own boat to get to the island in the 1880s.

Raffles Augustus Robert Purdy and his sister, Emily Purdy Beddis, were true island pioneers. Purdy's grandson Don Cunningham will present an informative talk about their circuitous and arduous journey to the island, and some of the interesting early-day stories that have been passed down in his family's history.

Cunningham speaks at the Salt Spring Historical Society meeting on Wednesday, September 13 at 2 p.m. at Central Hall, providing a rare opportunity to hear about the early days of Salt Spring Island.

## 9/11 probed at forum

Islanders are invited to mark the five years that have passed since the events of September 11, 2001 at a public event at ArtSpring.

It will be led by activist Ken Rouleau and investigative journalist William Thomas, who is the author of *All Fall Down: The Politics of Terror and Mass Persuasion*.

A video presentation and open public forum begins at 7 p.m.

Rouleau says, "Students and skeptics welcome."  
Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

## Historians build on unsolved island murder website

An historical education website that earned awards from a real-life Salt Spring murder mystery has now grown to include six interactive historical puzzles and it hopes to expand with another 13 mysteries over the next few years.

The Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canadian History Project ([www.canadianmysteries.ca](http://www.canadianmysteries.ca)) started in 1997 with a "Who Killed William Robinson?" website which investigates three mysterious deaths on Salt Spring and subsequent trial of the aboriginal man Tshuanahuset for one of those murders from the period of 1867-1868.

Designed as a teaching resource for intermediate, high school and university students (with different levels of information for each type of student), The Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canadian History Project also offers a treat for armchair sleuths and history buffs outside of the classroom.

An extensive virtual archives includes all the key documents available surrounding the death of Robinson from the relevant collections. And visitors are invited to solve the "cold case" by using detective methodologies.

The victims were members of the island's Afri-

can-American community and aboriginal people were widely blamed.

But it appears that an all-white jury may have hanged the wrong man.

With available resources, modern sleuths can investigate and solve the crime themselves using full court records, photos, personal accounts, maps and graphs, and some 50 newspaper articles from the period. However, despite plentiful resources, historians haven't reached a consensus on who really committed the crimes.

The project was developed at the University of Victoria, the Université de Sherbrooke and the Ontario Institute for

Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. All the material is provided free as a public service with funding from the Department of Canadian Heritage.

The initial Robinson site won two major international awards, the NAWeb (North American Web) award for the best education site in 2002 and the MERLOT award for the best history resource on the Internet in 2003.

Building on successes from the Robinson mystery, the program added "We Do Not Know His Name: Klatsassin and the Chilcotin War" and "Aurore: The Martyred Child" in 2003.

In 2005 they created three more: *Torture and the Truth: Ang'lique and the Burning of Montreal*; *Heaven and Hell on Earth: The Massacre of the "Black Donnellys"* and *Explosion on the Kettle Valley Line: The Death of Peter Verigin*.

Each fully bilingual site focuses on different themes: slavery, aboriginal issues, disease, vigilante rule, terrorism, religious dissent and family violence.

The project hopes to add 13 such sites over the next several years.

Phase four was approved in June this year, so more historical sleuthing is just around the corner.



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Please contact one of the following if you are interested in participating in this fantastic agricultural project.  
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**REMINDERS:** Please refer to the Fall Fair Catalogue  
Do dogs permitted on fairgrounds - there is no dog sitting available.  
All livestock will be veterinarian inspected.  
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Do you still have a trophy to return? Call 537-4755  
The entire Fall Fair Committee hope to  
**"See you at the Fair"!!**



**NATIONAL CHAMPIONS:** Island riders Jody Pringle, left, with her horse TR Cinnabar, and Sascha Kazakoff, with JM Oh So Fine, were greeted with a victory banner at Pringle Farm after they returned with three top-10 finishes from the six-day Canadian National Arabian Championships that wrapped up in Regina earlier this month.  
*Photo by Mitchell Sherrin*

## Soccer unfolds with first games and Icebreaker tourney for minis

Another soccer season is just around the corner and the Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association (SSIYSA) is hard at work getting everything ready for island youth.

With so much happening, this is a good time for an update on what the association has on the go and to give out details on the Youth World Cup tickets we have available.

**REGISTRATION:** I call this late registration, but there is still time to get youths registered. Fees are as follows: U10 to U18 is \$235, while seven and eight-year-olds pay \$160, and three to six-year-olds pay \$135. Forms are available at Island Savings, Sports Traders, the PARC office and Island Escapades.

They can also be dropped off at these locations. Teams are almost full, so registration should occur soon. For further info, contact Mike Barter at 537-2446.

**TEAMS:** At present it appears we will have the following teams: boys — U18 gold, U16 silver, U14 silver, U13 silver or Euro U12, Euro U11, Euro U10 (two teams); girls — U17 gold, U15 silver, U14 silver, Euro U12, Euro U10 (two teams); and of course the mini program.

Games start this weekend for gold teams and the following weekend for silver. Minis start with their Icebreaker tourney this Saturday.

### SOCCER ROUND-UP WITH MALCOLM LEGG



the association will run its annual raffle. We are in the process of putting all the prizes together to have tickets available by the fall fair. Krishna Rodriguez, who is spearheading this project, is looking for volunteers to help, as well as anyone who would like to donate a gift to be raffled.

Call her at 537-0873 if you can help, as this is our big fundraiser of the year.

**ICEBREAKER TOURNEY:** Once again the SSIYSA will hold its Icebreaker Fun Day for the mini program this Saturday at Portlock Park.

The fun begins at 9 a.m. and goes to noon and is primarily a chance to get the minis up and running.

Organizers are looking for volunteers to help with this program with the emphasis on having fun. Details should be on the website ([www.hsaltsspringsoccer.com](http://www.hsaltsspringsoccer.com)).

Contact Sue Spencer at 537-7775 or Dick Davidson at 538-1979 for more information.

**REFEREES PROGRAM:** The referees program will continue under the guidance of myself as head referee and Grant Eckberg, offering monthly meetings, training and upgrades.

do their refresher course, which is being offered on Saturday, September 16 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Portlock Park portable.

The course will upgrade each referee for the coming season and they will receive new rule books and badges. The fitness test can also be run at this time. Please register with me at 537-4970 or [mlegg@saltspringwireless.com](mailto:mlegg@saltspringwireless.com).

New referees and referees who want to upgrade themselves should check the bcsoccer website ([www.bcsoccer.net](http://www.bcsoccer.net)) to register or sign up for courses, or contact Malcolm.

The first meeting for referees is tentatively set for Thursday, September 7 in GISS Rm S113.

**2007 FIFA YOUTH WORLD CUP:** As many of you may know, the Youth World Cup will be in Victoria next July, with a total of seven games being played there.

The organizing committee made tickets available to soccer clubs and groups in four-packs, and the SSIYSA has picked up 200 of these packs (67 gold seats, 77 silver and 56 bronze).

Each pack has tickets to all seven games (two on Sunday,

July 4, two on Saturday, July 7, and one on Wednesday, July 11) and are being sold at \$165 for gold, \$143 for silver and \$122 for bronze.

It should be noted that Salt Spring drew the best allocation for gold seats at centre field at Royal Athletic Park (which will be converted to seat 15,000 people).

To date about half the gold packs have been sold, so you need to act quickly to reserve your seats. None will be available by next summer. Contact me at 537-4970 or email at [mlegg@saltspringwireless.com](mailto:mlegg@saltspringwireless.com) for details or purchasing.

**VOLUNTEERS:** As one can expect, it takes a lot of work to run an organization of 350 youths, and help is always needed.

The SSIYSA needs coaches, managers and referees to run teams and games, but especially needs several people at the executive level to help with running the overall program. If you have some time or have interest in becoming involved, please contact us through our website ([www.saltsspringsoccer.com](http://www.saltsspringsoccer.com)) or contact me — we would love to have the help for such a worthwhile program.

These are just some of the things that are happening with our association, as photos, tourneys and much more will follow. So get your youths registered now, come join the team and let the fun



**BACK AT YOU:** Caitlin Taylor returns a serve as she plays tennis at Portlock Park on a recent sunny day. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Tourney crowns tennis champs

After two weeks of volleys, lobs, slams and serves, the Salt Spring Tennis Association celebrated the island's top tennis players as the legendary Gulf Islands Open wrapped up at Portlock Park on Sunday.

In keeping with tradition and true Salt Spring style, tournament coordinator Irene Tongue said, most of the matches were played at the last minute.

In the men's singles final held Saturday morning, David Barclay defeated Peter Lamb 6-1, 6-4.

Tongue took the women's singles honours by defeating four opponents in round-robin action on Sunday.

Sylvia Leedham and Tongue were crowned women's doubles champs with a 6-1, 6-3 victory. Tongue and Conrad Bielicki were

awarded the mixed doubles trophy.

Speaking in a post-tournament interview, Tongue quickly dismissed participants' talk of match fixing after her stellar performance at the event.

"They're going to say it's all a fix, but that's the way it goes sometimes," she said.

Tongue said the tightly fought men's doubles final was undoubtedly the tournament's most noteworthy match.

With on-court temperatures reaching 30 degrees, David Philpott and Richard Steel held off opponents and took the title 6-4, 0-6, 7-5.

"There were a lot of bloopers in the tournament, but that match was really good and exciting to watch," said Tongue.

Organizers estimated 24

men and 22 women participated in the tournament. While the turnout was not as good as initially hoped, Tongue said, plans for a more condensed event in 2007 and the prospect of more younger players from Gulf Islands Secondary School will ensure a greater turnout.

The B.C. Seniors Games in late August, she added, also contributed to lower participation rates.

"We could have hoped for a few more, but too much tennis can cause bad backs and sprained ankles," Tongue joked.

Weather and court conditions permitting, the Salt Spring Tennis Association will sponsor several fall tournaments open to the public. Tongue encourages people of all ages and abilities to participate.

## Paddlers earn kudos for good spirits, punctuality

Salt Spring's "Homegrown Dragons" paddled an exhausting eight races in two days at the Taiwanese festival in Vancouver on the Labour Day weekend.

The GVM-sponsored team faced 36 competitors at the event, which is organized by the Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Association and includes several races in unique and uniquely heavy Taiwanese boats.

In two races, Tanya Akerman and Lisa Dodds hung out over the dragon-headed prow of the boat to pull flags at the finish line.

Carl Graham steered the boat in every race, including the Barrel Race where only 10 paddlers help the steersperson crank the 48-foot two-ton boat around three barrels in a row before charging for the finish line.

Setting the stroke and on the front benches during the festival were Sabine Georgy, Marit McBride, Lynda Brown, Scout Upex, Lisa

Dodd, Glynis Finer, Jacquie Byron and Janice Shields.

In the "engine room" mid-boat were Werner Hofstetter, Debbie Roberts, Tom McKeachie, Ann Marie Pearson, Sandra Hunter, Stephanie Maskell and Melynda Okulitch.

Powering from the back benches were Tanya Akerman, Sam Bourdin, Carmelle Labelle, Barb Budd, Andrew Okulitch, Judy Willett and Robyn Huntley.

"Competition was tough," said coach Mary Rowles. "Vancouver teams are young, strong, well coached, and they're seasoned paddlers, she said.

"A boomerang start where we got hung up on the boat tether and lost two minutes in the race pushed us down into the second-to-last level," she said.

"But the Homegrown Dragons quickly got a reputation for good spirits, good sportsmanship and, oddly enough, for being on time

for their races, even when we had to pull paddlers out of the beer garden and the nearby casino for surprise races, because I didn't get the schedule right," said Rowles.

She thanked Lightning Press for sponsoring the team dinner this weekend and to Nils Christensen, for donating the first round at the beer garden.

"And special thanks to manager Nicole Moore who scrambled throughout both days to keep us organized and on time — practising the herding skills that will be useful when her baby arrives."

Festival organizers awarded Homegrown Dragons 50 per cent off their registration fees for the next year's festival to thank team members for helping with race set up. They have also started discussions with the team about the possibility of bringing the Taiwanese boats to the island next year for a regatta.

## Men carry the day at bridge event

By JILL EVANS  
Driftwood Contributor

Five and a half tables of duplicate players slugged it out on August 21, with Jeff Bell and Paul Retallack coming up victorious by half a point.

In fact, it was a good night for the guys, with Bob Morrisette and Ron Hall standing tall in second place, and the George Laundry/John Jefferson partnership holding their own in third.

### BRIDGE TRICKS

Carrying the banner for the ladies were Joan Conlan and former Salt Spring Islander Yvonne Sollitt, visiting from Qualicum Beach and earning fourth place. One might call a TKO for the rest of the crowd.

On August 28 there were

not so many players, and this time there was a tie for first place between the partnership of Conhor Vane-Hunt and Isabelle Richardson, and the intrepid Jeff Bell/Paul Retallack duo.

Coming third were Gillian Mouat and Jennifer Quick. Hands that night were lopsided — either very interesting or very pointless — and the winners were the only ones with above-average scores.

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## Flick Pick

Intricacies of modern social life revealed in Friends With Money



Friends With Money is one of those many small-budget dramas about the interpersonal problems of middle-class Americans. Jennifer Aniston stars as a depressed single L.A. resident named Olivia who has just started working as a housemaid to (barely) make ends meet.

It doesn't help that Olivia's longtime female friends are now not only in long-term relationships but also have some "money." Of course, since we all know that money doesn't bring happiness, the other couples have their share of problems too.

Before you start thinking, "Oh, this is one of those things that pulls an American Beauty and just makes fun of suburbanites," note that I was thinking the same thing at first. But Friends With Money plays the dark comedy angle perfectly, exposing the foibles necessary to all modern relationships without resorting to

out and out satire.

It does so by treating its characters not as stereotypes but people. This isn't easy in an 88-minute film that spreads its attention between seven players, and yet I found myself interested in (and sympathetic to) all of them.

One great thing about Friends With Money is how it articulates the way people of all social classes are stuck in some sort of self-constructed crisis of communication.

Take clothes designer Jane (Frances McDormand), who becomes incensed at the slightest social infraction. Jane realizes at one point that her latent anger is fuelled by a subconscious desire to find an insecure aspect to her life. She can't feel angry about major things, so she takes it out on those who steal her parking spots.

Or there's screenwriter Christine (a wonderful Catherine Keener),

who becomes increasingly frustrated with her husband's apparent inability to sympathize. When she burns her hand, she wants him to notice, even though both of them know she's okay. That he doesn't presents her with a major conundrum: does she need him to articulate his love, or is it just enough to know it's there?

In a world increasingly mediated by television, cellphones and the internet, that head-nod indicating "go ahead" in the supermarket lineup is becoming the closest we get to interpersonal relations. Forget negotiating international conflicts in the Middle East — we have big enough problems just getting toilet paper.

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