



**GEM ART:** Cheryl Relph is surrounded by colour as she sells her handmade creations at the annual Fulford Hall Christmas Craft Fair, which ran Friday, Saturday and Sunday after being postponed one week due to snow. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Carols, music and readings decorate All Saints parish's Christmas events

In addition to traditional Christmas eve and day services, Salt Spring's Anglican Parish plans to offer two other musical celebrations to commemorate the season.

The first special event is the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols which takes place on December 17 at 4 p.m. at All Saints By-the-Sea.

Presented in thousands of chapels and churches around the world, this festival tradition began as a Christmas Eve service designed in 1880 by Bishop E.W. Benson.

The event begins with a processional carol with the

first verse sung as a solo, followed by a bidding prayer and the Lord's Prayer. Then the story of the fall and redemption of humanity unfolds through a series of nine scripture readings or lessons.

"From temptation in the Garden of Eden, through prophetic promises of a coming saviour, to the birth of Jesus in a stable in Bethlehem, the drama is allowed to emerge without a commentary," explains a press release.

The local Anglican Parish has created a unique tradition

of their own by extending invitations to representatives from various organizations to read the lessons. This year is no exception and speakers from ArtSpring to the Royal Canadian Legion will be participating in the event.

The second musical presentation is the Carols for Christmastide, which was first offered in 2003 and has since become a tradition for the local church.

Taking place on Wednesday, December 20, the event offers both audience participation and pieces sung by a choir of Friends of Simply

Organic, which includes the All Saints choir and members of the Salt Spring Singers.

The program is an hour in length and contains both familiar and not-so-well-known carols dating back to the 13th century. The event is free and takes place at 10:10 a.m., followed by festive refreshments available for a toonie.

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**PLAYING THE PARTS:** From left, Dejan Loyola, Hannah Everest, Patrice Bowler and Halley Fulford rehearse for the high school production of *Unity (1918)*, the Governor General's Award-winning play by Kevin Kerr which runs Wednesday-Thursday, December 13-14 at ArtSpring at 7 p.m. *Photo by John Cameron*

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## Ladies of Farndale on tap for show by Community Theatre

By **DAWN HAGE**  
Driftwood Staff

Confusion abounds on Salt Spring about an upcoming dramatic production and it is time to put rumours to rest.

The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's production of *A Christmas Carol* is the title of a play put on by Salt Spring's own Community Theatre, not an actual visitation (horrors!) of the ladies themselves.

**"The ladies are putting on Dickens' A Christmas Carol, so the actual play is imbedded in the larger comedy."**  
— Ann Stewart

The troupe of local actors led by director Ann Stewart will have audiences rolling in the aisles of ArtSpring as they take on the challenges of playing the ladies (and one man) on December 16 and 17.

"The ladies are putting on Dickens' A Christmas Carol, so the actual play is imbedded in the larger comedy about the ladies themselves," said Stewart.

"It's slapstick humour and it's terribly funny."

Director Stewart chose the play, written by David McGilivray and Walter Zerlin Junior, after seeing it performed as dinner theatre in Saskatoon years ago. She thought it would be a nice alternative for islanders who are missing their annual "Christmas With Scrooge" fix.

"The ladies are extremely ambitious," said Stewart. "There is a vendetta between the two leads, who constantly try to upstage one another. One is a stolid middle-aged enthusiast who is forced to

perform in a neck brace. There is a badly behaved prima donna and a member who is young and enthusiastic but completely out to lunch."

"It's lots of fun." The many roles are filled by actors Amanda Gamley, Patricia Lockie, Marit McBride, Mary Lowery and lone male Gordon Keel.

"Gordon is the only man the ladies could corral and is therefore forced to play many roles, including stage manager, Bob Cratchit, the ghost of Christmas Past and Mr. Fezziwig. Due to the shortage, the ladies are forced to cover numerous male roles as well, including Scrooge."

With all of these different characters flying on and off the stage ("Mercedes, one of the ladies, spends a great deal of time on the floor"), costume makers Jill Sydney Smith, Jenny Bario, Christina Penhale and Sue Constable have been busy assembling an enormous array of detailed outfits for both the ladies and the characters in the *Christmas Carol* play.

The play also features the ladies singing and dancing in a short segment that has been "strictly geared to the abilities of the people performing," said Stewart.

"The play has everything," she added. "Vengeance, one-upmanship, even a touch of lust, quickly dismissed."

This production marks the first time that Stewart has directed Salt Spring's Community Theatre group.

With a degree in theatre from the University of Saskatoon and a long history of experience with both professional and amateur productions, she co-founded WordPlay four years ago with Richard Moses.

Performances take place on Saturday, December 16 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, December 17 at 2 and 8 p.m.

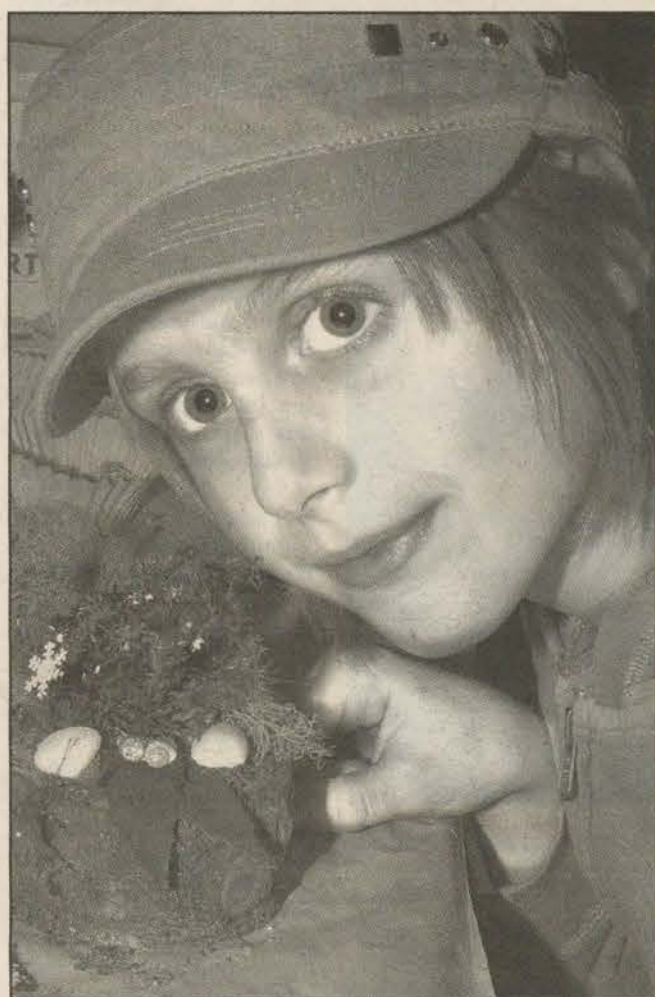
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**WINTER CREATION:** Aisha Frank makes a candle-holder as she attends the Salt Spring Centre School's annual Winterfest event. *Photo by Derrick Lundy*

## Concert benefits learning

Music, crafts and presentations bring Zimbabwe to Salt Spring next week, along with islander Melanie Furman, at a fundraiser for the Kufunda Learning Centre. Furman is visiting the island for two weeks before returning to Zimbabwe. She will speak on Monday, December 18 at 340 LePage Road.

Live mbira music, a slide show on Kufunda Learning Centre and sale of African crafts are part of the night that begins at 6 p.m. with a live performance of the sacred music of the Shona people of Zimbabwe.

In April 2006, Furman left Salt Spring to live at Kufunda Learning Centre for two years. She will share stories of living in a rural village in Zimbabwe, where she has been working for Kufunda, a local non-governmental organization on health and income-generating projects. Kufunda's focus is on adult learning in the fields of self-reliance and collective leadership.

"Zimbabwe has the fastest declining economy in the world and a national HIV rate of at least 25 per cent," states a press release. "Despite these two factors, Kufunda manages to be successful in many areas and has progressed rapidly because of the practical skills that can readily be applied in the six rural communities it has worked with over the past six years."

Melanie states "We are living with daily power cuts, sometimes we have no water for days, and there are days, sometimes weeks, where we cannot purchase fuel. The prices of everything go up an average of 200 Zim dollars every week. When I arrived here in April, the U.S. exchange for Zim dollars was 250,000 per one U.S. dollar. In November it was up to 180,000,000. When the salaries don't go up as well, it means people don't have enough money to purchase staples like soap, oil and bread. Try running an organization where there isn't enough money in the banks' reserves to purchase weekly staples to keep Kufunda running."

For more information, contact Ellie Parks at 653-9612, or visit [www.kufunda.org](http://www.kufunda.org).

## Inspired fiddlers entertain at show

By **DAWN HAGE**  
Driftwood Staff

Carolyn Hatch and her flock of fiddlers plan to raise the roof at Beaver Point Hall this Sunday.

The Fiddlers Hatchery Christmas Concert will feature violin students aged six to 16 in a recital of solo and group performances. The no-admission event takes place at 3 p.m. in the south-end hall.

Hatch teaches both group and individual lessons and 30 of her students will be performing on Sunday. The program will include classical, fiddle and Christmas music and will feature a sextet of violinists performing the Pachelbel Canon.

Solo pieces performed with piano accompaniment will also be heard, with soloists representing the full range of age and experience.

"The concert has mostly group pieces, with the occasional solo or solo within a group programmed throughout the afternoon,"

said Hatch.

In addition to all the music making, students have been practising hard to achieve prizes for the most practice sessions completed in the last few weeks.

"They have been earning different coloured ribbons for achievement and there will be an extra special prize given at the concert to the student who has managed to practise the most," said Hatch. "There will also be lots of other prizes given out all afternoon."

The ribbon incentive has proved to be a great motivation for the young violinists, and Hatch is thrilled with the results.

"It's been a practising frenzy!" she exclaimed. "The difference in the level of playing is incredible."

An optional potluck will follow at the end of the recital and Hatch encourages anyone with a love of music and kids to come out and enjoy the afternoon of Christmas music making.


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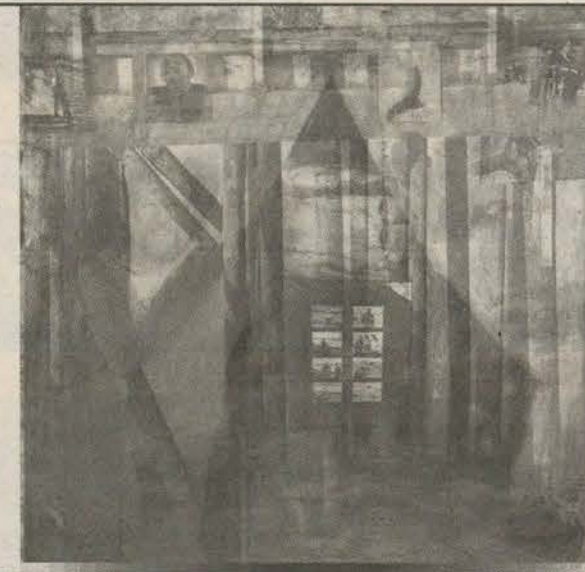
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# Singers herald Christmas season

By **MARIT MCBRIDE**  
Driftwood Contributor  
Amid the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, attending a local performance can seem like just one more thing on the "to do list."

But the effort can be rewarded with a feeling of well-being for having supported community members who have worked hard to provide the entertainment, and the chance to forget about the commercial aspects of the holidays and actually have some fun. Such was the case with the Salt Spring Singers "Noel! Nowell!" concert at ArtSpring on December 8.

Conductor Mitch Howard obviously has this large, eclectic group of singers well under control, as the starts and finishes were crisp and, with a wave of his hand, he was able to diminish the sound to a whisper, or bring a note to full intensity, even when it had already been held for a while at the end of a song.

The words rang out clear and true, and were always easy to understand, except when they were in another language, of course. The blending and rippling from soprano to bass was smooth, and enthusiastic singers were held in check, while the timid



Jennifer Howard concentrates as she plays the piano for last weekend's Salt Spring Springers concert.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

voices were brought out. Jennifer Howard's accompaniment on the grand piano was subtle and never overpowering, which contributed to the clarity of the sound.

Interspersed with inspirational readings from Jonathan Yardley, Carole Eyles, Kelsey Mech and Sue Yardley, the program was diverse and interesting in the hope, the conductor said, that we would find some songs, if

not all, suited to our particular taste. With everything from a French carol to a Taita melody, there certainly was something for everyone. Clearly enjoying themselves, the Singers swayed and rocked during the lively Throw Open the Shutters, Go Where I Send Thee and Shout Glory, but were still and intense with the softer In the Bleak Mid-Winter, For Unto Us A Child Is Born and

Noel Nouvelet. Voices were transformed into musical instruments from an orchestra for Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy and the result was delightful.

Lux Aurumque was absolutely outstanding. Singing as a heavenly choir of angels, the intoxicating beauty of this piece was spiritual and spellbinding.

Soloists Lyle Eide, Sharon Coopman, Robyn Miller, Wendy Hartnett and Jean Brouard bravely stepped forward to add their personal touches, while African drumming by Sarah Lundy, Aina Yasue and T. Kai Yasue helped create an authentic sound for Natufurahi Siku Ya Leo and African Praise Noel.

Audience participation was encouraged for The First Nowell (which had the only apparent glitch of the evening when the words in the program for the third verse did not match what the choir was singing), Silent Night with pure, high accents provided by the choir, and Ding Dong Merrily On High.

As the audience filed out at the end of the show, they were smiling and looking much more relaxed and full of goodwill than when they had hurried in to the theatre. Let the Christmas season begin!

# Pinhead and Johnny Canuck surprise folk club audience

By **MARIT MCBRIDE**  
Driftwood Contributor  
The December 4 Salt Spring Folk Club concert in Fulford can only be described as a rollicking good time.

Opening the show was Jaime RT, who was still riding the wave of adoration from her recent CD release party celebrating her latest offering titled Spark. Accompanied by Jenny Ritter, a fabulous guitar player from the Victoria-based band Gruff, Jaime played selections from Spark and Reach, her previous CD.

A surprise guest, Johnny

**Performing 24 songs, Valdy and Fjellgaard left no doubt about why they have enjoyed such long and successful careers.**

Canuck (a real person, not the old-time cartoon hero), brought a delightful French-Canadian percussion instrument to the stage.

Pinhead, as he had named the small wooden figure attached to a stick, danced out a rhythm on a board, held and manipulated by Canuck. The flailing arms and legs of Pinhead would put Michael Flatley to shame.

Canuck presented Jaime with a hat that had been given to him by Emile Benoit, a renowned Canadian fiddler who has been an inspiration to Jaime. With her talent as a writer, arranger and musician, I'm sure that Jaime herself will become an inspiration to future fiddle or fiddola players.

Believe me, you haven't heard God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen until you've heard Jaime play it.

Valdy and Gary Fjellgaard launched their set with How I Love Them Old Songs and kept the energy up to the last note of the night. What a pleasure to see these two pros bantering back and forth, and matching talent for talent. They were such fun that my face hurt from smiling so much. It was particularly interesting to hear how Fjellgaard's country

folk to produce something unique.

The musical line-up included songs from Valdy and Fjellgaard's collaborative CDs, Contenders and Contenders Two: Still In the Running, as well as individual tunes.

Anyone who has lived on the prairies must have felt the connection with Caragana Wind and the country waltz called You Only Live Once In Awhile, while West Coasters related to Christmas on the Coast and Somewhere on the Island.

Valdy's Christmas Rap and the tale of one man's misfortune when he dared unplug a noisy VLT (video lottery terminal) were interesting diversions from the poignant Beyond the Reach of Grace, After All and Have We Been Here Before?

The strength and resilience of Valdy and Fjellgaard came through in Contenders, Speed of the Sound of Loneliness and Still In the Running.

Performing 24 songs (too many to list in this article), Valdy and Fjellgaard left no doubt about why they have enjoyed such long and successful careers. We thank them both for their gifts of song.

High-calibre talent, sumptuous food and appreciative audiences are synonymous with the Salt Spring Folk Club, largely thanks to the dedicated efforts of Kathleen Horsdal, who is now looking to hand the reins over to a new enthusiastic volunteer. If you love music and would like to help this stellar club continue, contact Kathleen and she will ease you into your new presti-

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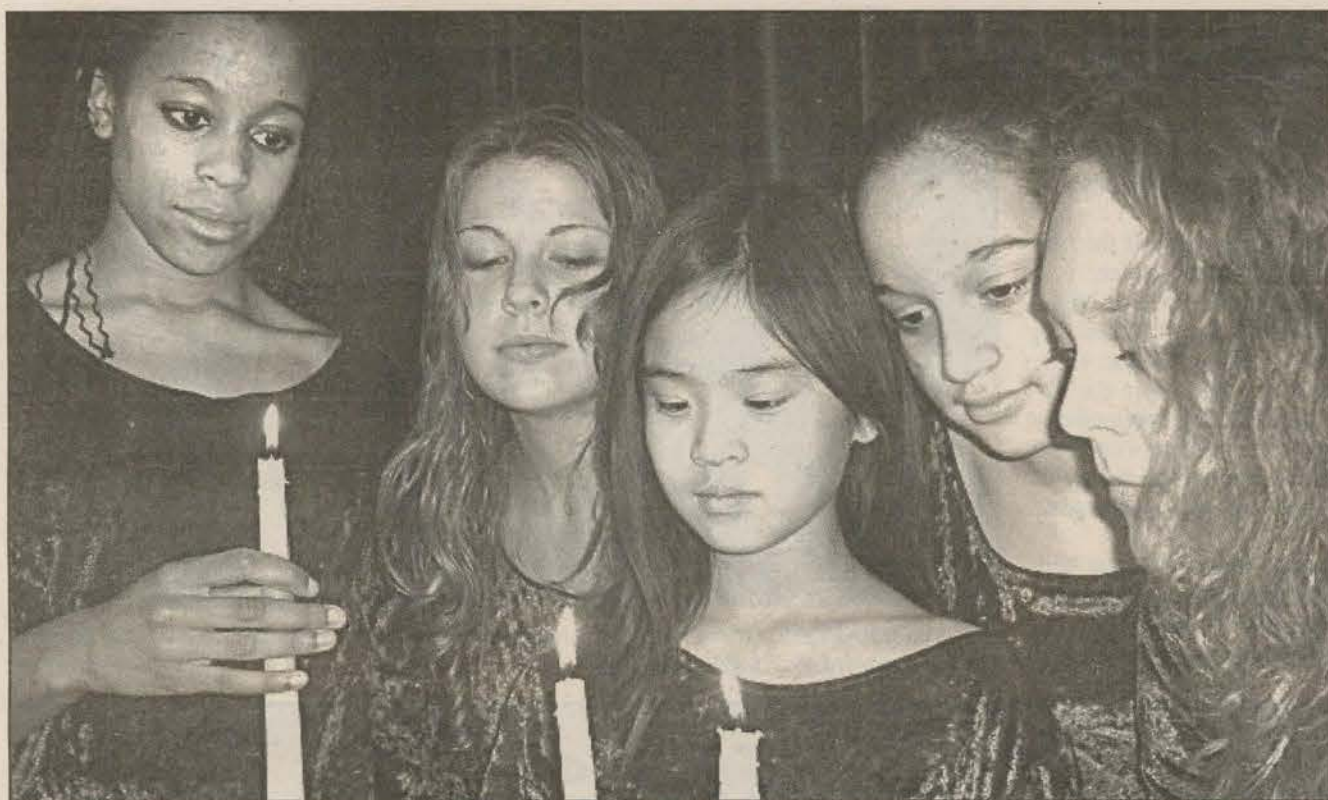
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**LIGHTING THE WAY:** Honour Choir members, from left, Eryn Gix, Nicole Pal, Aina Yasue, Shanti Amal-Hill and Rosalie Beaudoin prepare for their December 16 concert at All Saints By-the-Sea. Photo by Marie Beaudoin

## Ceremony of Carols at All Saints Saturday

By **DAWN HAGÉ**  
Driftwood Staff

Nothing rings truer to the spirit of Christmas than the pure and sweet sound of a young voice lifted in song.

That magic will be multiplied by an ensemble of 18 young voices when the Honour Choir presents *Hodie: A Christmas Celebration*. Led by Mitch and Jennifer Howard, the choir performs Saturday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Members of the all-female Honour Choir range in age from nine to 15 and are celebrating their sixth season of making beautiful choral music together.

"The idea to do our own concert was really Jennifer's. She felt we were ready to 'go it alone' rather than singing with another group," said choir director Mitch Howard.

The concert at All Saints By-the-Sea will feature Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*, with featured soloists including Danielle Topaz, Robyn Millerd, Sarah Lundy and Shannon Davenport.

Britten discovered the texts for *A Ceremony of Carols* while browsing in a bookstore in Halifax en route to England and composed the work on that ocean crossing journey in 1942.

The work opens and closes with the choir processing to plainsong and includes a beautiful interlude scored for harp.

A special treat awaits listeners with the addition of harpist Josh Layne to the Saturday night program.

"The inclusion of a harp at the concert will offer an experience not often heard on Salt Spring Island," noted Howard.

Layne has performed major solo works for harp throughout Canada and the United States to great acclaim.

"Called a consummate musician and a world class performer, Josh has also, along with his solo work, performed extensively with ensembles ranging from duos to orchestras and has given performances of five of the major harp concert," notes a press release.

Layne has recorded three CDs of solo harp music and interested listeners can find out about them from his website at [www.joshlayne.com](http://www.joshlayne.com).

In addition to the Britten, Layne will perform several solo works at the concert, titles of which will remain a "secret" until showtime.

The Honour Choir will also sing *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day*, *Angels Carol*, *Seasons of Love* and traditional carols geared for audience participation.

"I am so proud of this choir," said Howard.

"They are extremely musical and capable young singers. I usually arrive at rehearsal pretty beat from a day's work and I always leave feeling energized and that all is well with the world. Making music together just does that for me — but this choir guarantees it."

Tickets are available at the door and cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. A family rate is available.

## Film: no need to miss Scrooge

By **SUE NEWMAN**  
Special to the Driftwood

"I thought you and Gramma were taking a break from Scrooge this year!"

Patrice was right. Again.

But the truth is the three of us are missing doing the production. After all, out of her 16 years, Patrice has performed in 12 of them, so a big part of her Christmas tradition is the show.

Cast and community members alike

seem to be missing Ebenezer's story, and so we're all set to present *Christmas With Scrooge* — the Movie on December 22 at 7 p.m.

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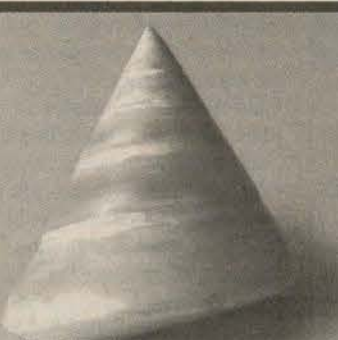
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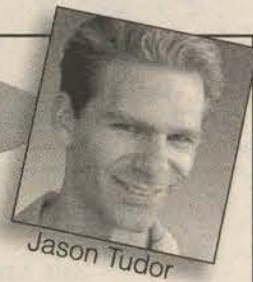
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Director Michael Mann (*Heat*, *Collateral*, *The Insider*) has made a living making powerful films about tough guys living in a morally ambivalent world.

However, Mann's biggest commercial success was the early eighties' television show *Miami Vice*. That program was known best for its Jan Hammer electronic theme and pastel suits, neither of which is seen in Mann's 2006 remake made for the big screen.

This time around Colin Farrell and Jamie Foxx star as Crockett and Tubbs, respectively. An international crime syndicate has infiltrated an American anti-drug task force, and our heroes are recruited to try and work their way into the bad guys' organization.

It works like a charm until Crockett gets too deep and falls for the head baddies' girlfriend Isabella, played by the stunningly exotic Gong Li. As the twists and turns threaten to render all sense

of right and wrong utterly moot, Crockett is forced by his heart to play for both teams.

While at first look *Miami Vice* might not seem much different than a typical Mann effort, it is a perfect cop thriller for the discerning adult seeking to escape the cheese factor inherent to most Hollywood action flicks.

Mann's film is perhaps the most visceral of his career, helped immensely by cinematographer Dion Beebe's high-definition video camerawork that alternates between gritty, grainy nights and luscious, shimmering days. Beebe's work also shines in the two situations it's needed most: when the bullets start flying and when the clothes come off.

*Miami Vice*'s shootouts are messy things, chaotic and bloody with spraying exit wounds and shorn limbs. The early destruction of an armored limo by high-powered rifle is frightening and

brings to mind and doesn't excite as much as it does remind one of the brute power of modern weaponry.

And as the film treats violence with the respect it deserves, it also explores the emotional thrill of adult love. There are two incredible sex scenes, one between Tubbs and his girlfriend that's both erotic and funny, and another between a showering Crockett and Isabella that is a wonder of first-time sexual anxiety and discovery.

Mann insists on treating the two seminal foundations of contemporary cinema — sex and violence — with an almost religious maturity that so clearly separates him from Hollywood's insistence on pandering to the desires of pre-teens.

That he does so while making a film about hot guys driving even hotter cars on the way to shooting very bad guys is a miracle.

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Winter solstice will be celebrated with a magical, musical celebration next week.

Part recital and part ritual, *The Light Returns* is on Thursday, December 21 at 7 p.m. at Lions Hall.

The evening features Oona McOuat, her private singing and Celtic harp students, her vocal ensemble Sisters of the Moon, and the girls (aged five to 11) who attend her Faerie Friday program.

Music performed will reflect the descent into the dark and the rebirth of light symbolized by winter solstice, and the faeries will present an original musical play they have co-created with McOuat called *The Faerie Dream*.

"It is a play about hope, about sowing seeds of peace and understanding," said McOuat. "We began preparing for this per-

formance in late summer. We have made the journey into the dark together and are looking forward to sharing the gifts we have gathered along the way."

December 21 marks the birth of the new solar year and the beginning of winter.

"Our ancestors celebrated Solstice Night, or the longest night of the year, by heralding the rebirth of the Oak King, the Sun King, the Giver of Life, who would warm the frozen Earth and the seeds that rest protected in her womb throughout the fall and winter. On Solstice Eve, folks lit bonfires in the fields and 'wassailed' crops and trees with toasts of spiced cider.

"Children went from house to house with gifts of clove-spiked apples and oranges carried in baskets of evergreen boughs."

Admission to the event is by donation.



**SOLSTICE FAERIES:** Oona McOuat and the Faeries get ready for *The Faerie Dream* set for December 21 at Lions Hall. Photo by Kmax



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**Cold Weather Strategies**

- Seniors should watch for ice and snow — a hazard that results in falls and broken bones.
- Cold temperatures can put increased stress on the heart. Those with heart conditions should be careful about exertion during such activities as snow shoveling.
- Staying warm uses calories so eat well and get enough rest.
- Keep your body well covered with layers of winter clothing (sweaters, thick socks, insulated coats and boots, mittens, hats, and neck warmers) to help trap air and keep you warmer.
- Change wet clothing or footwear immediately. If you are sweating, remove outer layers of clothing or open your coat.
- Stay out of the wind and reduce time spent outdoors when the weather is extremely cold.
- Be aware that tobacco, alcohol and certain medications increase your susceptibility to the cold. Drink non-alcoholic beverages such as lukewarm water, soup or tea.
- Stay active. Physical activity increases your metabolism and generates heat.
- Keep blankets, flares and other emergency equipment in your car

and take along a cell phone when travelling.

- Exposure to extreme cold can result in injuries such as frostnip, frostbite, or hypothermia.
- Frostnip is a relatively minor reaction to cold. Frostbite is more serious, with freezing of tissues. Check faces and extremities (fingers, toes, ears and noses) for signs numbness or pale skin. Hypothermia is a life-threatening condition where the body temperature falls to below 35 C. Watch for confusion, slurred speech and shivering.

**Don't Forget Your Pets!**

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- Dogs lose their scent in the cold, so don't let them off their leash as they may get lost.
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- Make sure your pet's water doesn't freeze and feed your pet a little more to help them stay warm.

**Driving Tips**

**SLOW DOWN!** Snow and ice are slippery. Watch for areas of black ice, and take the following precautions:

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**GIFTS FOR THE WORLD:** Kai Lampard staffs a booth at the Alternative Gift Market held at Salt Spring Centre School's annual Winterfest event last weekend. The market allowed people to buy gifts for people in developing countries.  
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## SPCA needs funds now to purchase laundry set

Salt Spring's SPCA is hoping to achieve some long-term savings by purchasing a stackable washer/dryer set by the end of this week.

"We have for years had no luck finding volunteers to do the laundry on a regular basis and really need our own facilities," said local branch manager Jena Peori.

"Currently I have to take a day every month and go to the laundromat and spend a lot of money doing the laundry there."

The SPCA is able to purchase a new set from Sears for \$1,230, including tax, but the sale ends on Friday.

"We are trying to raise the money by then because that is a wonderful price," she

said. "We have lined up a free carpenter, electrician and plumber for the task."

Because of the animal shelter's small available space, the appliances need to be stackable.

Anyone able to contribute to the important purchase should contact Peori at 537-2123.

## Annual Christmas dinner named in honour of helper Gary Fletcher

With the help of its many friends, the Salt Spring United Church is once again hosting Gary's Community Christmas Dinner.

The gathering takes place at Meaden Hall on Monday, December 25 from noon until 2 p.m.

The United Church board has named the dinner in honour of the late Gary Fletcher, who worked tirelessly over the past five years

to organize this popular event.

Everyone is welcome to join in the festivities and food, much of which has been donated by Salt Spring's generous merchants. Admission is free.

The church will also hold its normal worship service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 24, and also a Christmas Eve carol service at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** The Transitions Thrift Store — which helps fund Salt Spring Transition House — celebrated its ninth birthday last week. Seen here are, from left: Ayla McIninch, Muriel Hale, Nancy Boyce, Roberta Temmel, Teresa Forbes, Ruth Pepin, Lynne Partridge.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

# Two new health books make startling claims

*You Can Prevent Cancer*, Dr. Michael Colgan, with Lesley Colgan — CI Publications, San Diego CA. 2006.

*The Bone-Building Solution*: Sam Graci, Carolyn DeMarco, and Leticia Rao — Wiley Canada. 2006.

**By DR. R.M. PRESHAW**  
Special to the Driftwood

Welcome to the wacky world of food supplements! Two local gurus have provided new books in time for the festive season that basically say we would be a lot better off with significant changes in our daily nutritional intake.

Since both self-styled experts have publicly thrown down the challenge to conventional thinking in this area, the books are fair game for review.

Colgan tells us how to avoid 93 per cent of all cancers — a startling claim. He has extracted a number of risk factors for cancer from both human and animal studies, which he believes he can eliminate with changes in lifestyle and nutritional supplementation.

Give the author his due, he lifts off with tirades against smoking, obesity and lack of exercise.

Sunlight, alcohol and specific infections are also given short shrift.

To an islander, the polemic against all water supplies (wells, St. Mary Lake) rings true, but Colgan's answer is to drink nothing but distilled water.

Basic thermodynamics allows the calculation that distilling enough water for a daily supply for the 6.5 billion people on earth would use up all known energy supplies in 17 days.

To round out the preventive strategy, he lists ways to supplement and alter your diet which seem to indicate you finish up eating little food and a melange of biochemicals.

The author gives no com-

**Maybe there is hope that one day both authors will produce evidence that their extraordinary ideas are effective.**

mercial source for these supplements, although there is generous reference to other books he has published. Puzzled by this, I contacted Dr. Colgan directly. He told me that he only sells nutritional supplements in the United States. In Canada, we have to make up the recipe as we go along.

Graci is more focussed and easier for the miserable reviewer to follow.

He tells how you can increase your "bone health" by some simple lifestyle changes, going more veggie with your eats, and of course using Sam's "Greens + Bone Builder" on a daily basis.

Unlike Colgan, Graci aims very much at the home grown audience: you bump into displays of his supplements in all the local stores (\$51.95 for a month's supply), and if you are too blind to find them there, you can buy them by mail.

Like Colgan, he uses a series of selected references to real science to propose alterations in your diet and of course to use his supplements.

The book starts off with recommendations to enable normal people to avoid bone decay with aging, but makes specific claims that his diet plus supplements will improve osteoporosis in the elderly.

Graci is not too fond of current treatment proposals from orthodox thinking on this problem.

Both authors lack any understanding of the dif-

ference between idea generation and proof of efficacy. Since the innocent reader is directed to spend money on nutritional supplements, it is only fair to ask if they have any evidence to back up their claims.

The astronomer Carl Sagan wrote that "extraordinary ideas demand extraordinary proof." As of 2006, all attempts to reduce cancer incidence by nutritional supplementation in randomized trials have been unsuccessful.

Colgan blissfully ignores this difficulty, and proposes we adopt his ideas without the slightest proof of efficacy. To test his dietary proposals on cancer prevention would require mobilization of thousands of persons, millions of dollars of expenditure, and many years of work.

Graci has perhaps easier soil to hoe (veggie joke). Bone "health" can be measured by various indirect methods, including bone density measurements.

Does Sam intend to measure bone density in groups of people randomized either to his supplement or to a supplement containing only a placebo?

No word in this book, and no word at the lecture he gave on December 5 at ArtSpring.

Rapturous applause greeted his statement that all proceeds from sale of his book that evening would go to the local food bank, and he said that all profits from sale of his supplements will go to more research.

Maybe there is hope that one day both authors will produce evidence that their extraordinary ideas are effective.

Until that day comes, the only sure effect of buying these books and their nutritional supplements is that your wallet will not be so heavy.

The writer is a Salt Spring surgeon.

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## THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Salt Spring Driftwood: Current: New Lineup Movie Breakout for Dec 13, 2006 to Dec 19, 2006

- WEDNESDAY, DEC 13**
- 7:00 PM  
**29** ★★ Concrete Angels (1986, Musical) In 1964, a young man forms a band in the hope of opening for a Beatles concert. *Tony Nardi, Joseph Dimambro* (1h45)
- 8:00 PM  
**42** ★★ Singin' in the Rain (1952, Musical) A film star and his pal hatch a plan to substitute one leading lady's voice with another. *Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds* (2h)
- 8:00 PM  
**2** ★★ Blizzard (2003, Family) With the help of a reindeer, a girl pursues her dream of being a figure skating champion. *Brenda Blethyn, Whoopi Goldberg* (2h)
- 8:45 PM  
**13** ★★ Die Hard (1988, Action) A cop discovers that his wife has been taken by terrorists demanding \$600 million dollars. *Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman* (3h)
- 8:45 PM  
**29** ★★ Brassed Off (1996, Drama) The people of a poor English town turn to their brass band for hope and salvation. *Ewan McGregor, Pete Postlethwaite* (1h45)
- 9:00 PM  
**12** Chasing Christmas (2005, Comedy) The spirits of Christmas Past, Present and, Future visit Jack to change his perspective. *Tom Arnold, Andrea Roth* (2h)
- 9:00 PM  
**42** ★★ It's Always Fair Weather (1955, Musical) Three servicemen friends are discharged and agree to meet ten years after their parting. *Gene Kelly, Cyd Charisse* (1h45)
- 10:30 PM  
**29** ★★ Besieged (1998, Drama) An exiled African woman in Italy goes to work as a housekeeper in a composer's home. *Thandie Newton, David Thewlis* (1h45)
- 10:45 PM  
**42** ★★ Take Me Out to the Ball Game (1949, Musical) Two singing baseball players decide to stay when a beautiful woman buys the team. *Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra* (1h45)

- THURSDAY, DEC 14**
- 7:00 PM  
**29** ★★ The Professional (1994, Suspense) A professional hitman takes in a 12-year-old girl after her entire family is murdered. *Jean Reno, Natalie Portman* (2h)
- 7:30 PM  
**42** ★★ The Court Martial of Billy Mitchell (1955, War) A war hero finds himself court-martialed after fighting for military spending on aviation. *Gary Cooper, Rod Steiger* (1h45)
- 8:00 PM  
**6** ★★ Saved! (2004, Comedy/Drama) A student at a Baptist high school is ostracized when she reveals she is pregnant. *Jena Malone, Mandy Moore* (2h)
- 9:00 PM  
**12** ★ Christmas Rush (2002, Drama) On Christmas Eve, a suspended police officer disrupts a robbery in a shopping mall. *Dean Cain, Eric Roberts* (2h)
- 9:00 PM  
**29** ★★ The Myth of the Male Orgasm (1993, Comedy) Unaware that his interrogators are feminists, a man volunteers for a study on sexuality. *Mark Camacho, Bruce Dinsmore* (1h30)
- 9:15 PM  
**42** ★★ The Story of Dr. Wassell (1944, War) A dedicated navy doctor saves men fighting in Java during the Second World War. *Gary Cooper, Laraine Day* (2h30)
- 10:30 PM  
**29** ★★ Desperate Hours (1990, Suspense) A group of escaped convicts seek a hideout until they can make contact with their money source. *Mickey Rourke, Sir Anthony Hopkins* (1h50)
- 11:45 PM  
**42** ★★ The Pride of the Yankees (1942, Biography) Baseball legend Lou Gehrig faces a crippling disease at the height of his success. *Gary Cooper, Babe Ruth* (2h15)

- FRIDAY, DEC 15**
- 6:45 PM  
**42** ★★ Little Women (1949, Drama) Follows the trials and tribulations of four sisters growing up during the Civil War. *Jane Allynson, Margaret O'Brien* (2h15)
- 7:00 PM  
**3** Séraphin : Un homme et son péché (2002, Drama) En 1890, une femme épouse le maire du village afin de sauver l'honneur de son père. *Pierre Lebeau, Karine Vanasse* (3h)
- 7:00 PM  
**29** ★★ Ruby (1992, Biography) The biographical account of Jack Ruby, the former mobster who killed Lee Harvey Oswald. *Danny Aiello, Frank Orsatti* (2h)
- 7:30 PM  
**39** ★★ The Ultimate Christmas Present (2000, Comedy) Two 12-year-old girls stumble upon a mysterious device that changes the weather. *Peter Scolari, Bill Fagerbakke* (1h30)
- 8:00 PM  
**2** ★★ The Santa Clause (1994, Comedy) A father mends his relationship with his son after he is transformed into Santa Claus. *Tim Allen, Judge Reinhold* (2h)
- 9:00 PM  
**12** Eve's Christmas (2004, Drama) An executive about to become a partner in her firm re-evaluates her life on Christmas Eve. *Cheryl Ladd, Elisa Donovan* (2h)
- 9:00 PM  
**29** ★★ Blue Velvet (1986, Mystery) A college student's gruesome find leads him to a singer who is controlled by a thug. *Kyle MacLachlan, Isabella Rossellini* (2h)

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Santa arrives in Ganges aboard the Santa Ship as it makes its annual trip through the Gulf Islands.



Above, from left, Nicholas Koby, Kate Ponsford and Bella Fawcett drink hot chocolate as they await Santa's arrival. At left, Evan and mom Adrienne Richard spend a moment with Santa in the annual Lions-sponsored event. Photos by Derrick Lundy

## Bluebird campaign takes flight

An Environment Canada program to restore the Western Bluebird populations on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands is set to lift off and organizers need the public's help for it to succeed.

The effort will be undertaken in conjunction with the Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team (GOERT) and the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC).

The Western Bluebird is a migratory songbird commonly found along British Columbia's south coast until the 1960s. It nested in wide open woodlands, meadows, fields and edge habitats.

After signs of the birds' return to Washington and Oregon, Canadian conservation groups have set themselves the task of protecting existing habitats and restoring additional habitat.

According to a press release, the Garry oak habitat found along the south coast is ideal for Western Bluebirds.

Organizers are confident that with the work being done by NCC and GOERT, this once common bird should find its way back to the province.

The Western Bluebird is unique in that it nests earlier than most birds. The birds search out possible nesting sites as early as January and begin nesting in late February. More than 80 nesting boxes have been distributed previously.

Project coordinator Mutang Urud is now looking for a school to assist in building 30 more nest boxes. He is also on the lookout for stewards who will keep watch over the boxes.

Since bluebirds aren't usually attracted to new nesting boxes, he said, these boxes will have to be built soon and allowed to weather to ensure that they are attractive to the birds.

Urud gained worldwide attention for his work concerning the plight of nomadic peoples and the rainforest in Borneo. His courage and experience working in Borneo as an environmental and human rights advocate give him a clear desire to make a difference in his new homeland.

To get involved in the project, contact Urud at 250-383-3419 or mutang.urud@goert.ca.

More information on the project is available by visiting the Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team website at www.goert.ca.

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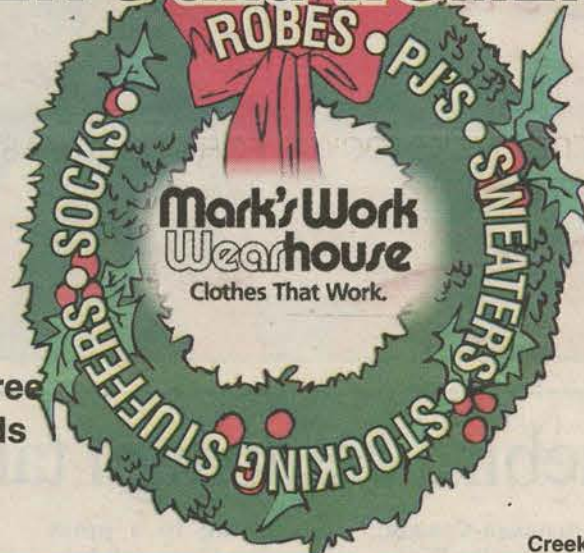
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# Famous Fritz immortalized

Book signing, reading set for Sabine's book store this Saturday.

By ELIZABETH NOLAN, Driftwood Staff

One of Salt Spring's most famous residents is about to "tell all" in the upcoming, self-titled autobiography, *Fritz the Cat*.

In the past couple of years Fritz has survived a misguided abduction and had the local cinema renamed in his honour. He explains his perspective on these and other matters as told to Louise Nye, a former owner of the cinema Fritz now calls home.

A reading and book signing is set for Sabine's Fine Used Books on Saturday, December 16 at 1 p.m.

Nye, who Fritz refers to as "the lady in the black hat," decided the cat's story must be told when she met his former owner last year.

"It was a year ago this late November, I was in the Pharmasave and a woman came over to me who was the first owner of Fritz," said Nye. Nye was given some baby pictures of Fritz, which she copied, framed, and passed on to the cinema later that evening.

"While I was sitting in the show I thought 'You know what? There should be a book about Fritz. I was flying to Toronto, so I wrote it on the plane. And I got it back there and I read it to my granddaughter at her birthday party. There were 11 kids there and they all said they'd buy it — they loved it.'"

With the input of her grandchildren and of her two sisters — artists and educators who once owned the cinema with Nye — she reworked the story to reflect their criticisms. The story changed from a "once upon a time" tale to one told by Fritz himself. Nye also included more humour in the book on the advice of grandson Sam.

Nye reports, "I told him, 'I want your honest opinion,' and he said, 'Well, I really like the funny parts but there weren't enough of them.'" So more funny parts went in.

At some point Nye became discouraged but says she was inspired to continue by several sources. Initially, it was her stint last year as judge for the Driftwood Christmas Story Contest that got her going.

"I get such a kick out of that and it reminded me of how much I liked to write as a kid," Nye recalled.

Later, it was Fritz himself who intervened when the going was tough. In a special conversation at the cinema (where Nye has a lifetime pass and unlimited popcorn), Fritz jumped in her lap for the very first time and encouraged her to continue.

The resulting 50-page book clears up some mysteries about Fritz's life, such as why he left home and got into trouble before being rescued by the cinema staff.

"I had little talks with Fritz, and he told me all about this, you see," said Nye.

Readers will also enjoy identifying the Salt Spring landmarks and movies that Fritz refers to but doesn't know by name. As Nye explained, "Fritz has trouble with language; he's a very smart cat but he gets words confused."

With illustrations by local artist Jo Lundstrom-Smith, Nye says the book will appeal to a variety of ages.

"It's mainly geared towards children, but I've had adults who have read it and who get a kick out of it because they know Fritz and they know the story."

Nye apologizes to local Christmas shoppers about the late publication date. Those who are in a rush to send the book away as a gift can order copies online at [www.trafford.com](http://www.trafford.com); otherwise the author asks that people buy locally.

This is Nye's first published book, although she has been working for years on an ongoing project, an historical novel based on her family's experiences in India during the 1850s.

She also plans to sign books at December 20-January 2 Charlotte's Web showings at The Fritz cinema.



WINTERCRAFT CREATIONS: Hailey Brown and Lily Dosco check out the Christmas decorations at WinterCraft, which runs at Mahon Hall until Sunday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Fire camp seeks public spark in time for spring break retreat

Organizers are asking businesses and individuals across the Gulf Islands and beyond to help raise \$20,000 in time for the third annual Pender Island Fire Camp.

"The goal of the camp is to introduce Gulf Islands youth to careers as firefighters, to create an opportunity for them to observe the dedication of our fire and rescue volunteers and introduce them to the concept and importance of community volunteerism," wrote

Charlie Boyte, Pender Island Fire Rescue chief in a recent release.

Since 2005, Gulf Islands youth between the ages of 15 and 19 have spent six days of their spring break getting a firsthand introduction to life as a firefighter.

Students spend full days focussing on basic firefighting skills, search and rescue techniques and first response medical procedures.

Under the supervision of volunteer firefighters

from throughout the Gulf Islands, participants are able to learn the importance of team building, communication, physical fitness, community service and volunteerism.

Recent graduates used their experience during a forest fire on Galiano Island over the summer. Volunteers helped move gear on scene and extinguished hotspots once the fire was brought under control.

"The success of the 2005 and 2006 camps was nothing short of inspirational for the 40 Gulf Islands volunteer firefighters who helped make them happen," Boyte wrote.

The funds raised go directly towards accommodation, food, supplies and equipment for the cadets.

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539		TCM	My Fair Lady (1964)	Audrey Hepburn.					Harvey (1950)	James Stewart.				A Christmas Story	Peter Billingsley.	Now, Voyager	539		TCM	My Fair Lady (1964)	Audrey Hepburn.					Harvey (1950)	James Stewart.				A Christmas Story	Peter Billingsley.	Now, Voyager			

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253	359	CITY	World Poker Tour	Daily	Daily	Chris	For the Holidays	Startv	Making It	About A Boy (2002)	Hugh Grant.	Fashion	Pink...				253	359	CITY	World Poker Tour	Daily	Daily	Chris	For the Holidays	Startv	Making It	About A Boy (2002)	Hugh Grant.	Fashion	Pink...					
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# What's On This Week

wed. december 13	thur. december 14	fri. december 15	sat. december 16	sun. december 17	mon. december 18	tues. december 19
<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p>Simply Organic. Pipe organ recital by Barry Valentine. All Saints, 10:10 a.m., followed by muffin &amp; coffee.</p> <p>Open Mic Night with Stephanie Rhodes. Moby's, 9 p.m.</p> <p>Unity (1918). GISS' 2nd Story Theatre Co. play at ArtSpring, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p>Texas Hold'em. The Local Bar, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Chicago Bridge. SSI Golf Club, 1 p.m. Info: 537-5219 or 537-5951.</p> <p>Senior Services Society Christmas Party. Everyone welcome. 379 Lower Ganges Road, 2 p.m.</p> <p>Bessie Dane Foundation &amp; Hospice. Holiday Season Social at SS Seniors, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Salmon Enhancement Meeting. #200 Upper Ganges Centre, 4-6 p.m.</p> <p>GISS PAC. Update on Howe Memorial Multi-court. GISS library, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>North End Toy Library. in the SS Elementary multi-purpose room, for parents and children 0-6 years. 10-11:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p>Tom and Matt's One Night Stand. Shipstones, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Carolling at the Ferry. Fulford school kids sing at Fulford terminal, 9:20-9:40 a.m.</p> <p>Open Stage. At Fulford Pub, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Unity (1918). GISS' 2nd Story Theatre Co. play at ArtSpring, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p>Life Drawing. For all levels. Fast poses. Thursdays at the Core Inn, 6:30-8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Winter Program. Phoenix Elementary School presentation at the school, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Blue Christmas Service. Prayers, music, meditation and refreshments at SS United Church, 2 p.m.</p> <p>Tenant's Rights Group Meeting. Learn about your rights as a renter. 440 Old Scott Rd. 2-3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Baby Talk at Family Place. Educational session for parents with babies 0-12 months. 10-11:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p>Vaughn Fulford and the Afternoons. Live music at Barb's Bakery and Bistro, 2-4 p.m.</p> <p>Hey Boy, Hey Girl. Moby's, 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p>Rollerblading. Fridays at Fulford Hall, 7:30-9 p.m.</p> <p>Grief &amp; Loss: Surviving the Holidays. Seminar with therapist Randie Clark at Arbutus Therapy Centre, 7-9 p.m.</p> <p>Feldenkrais Classes. Move with ease. Cat's Pajamas Studio. Fridays, 10-11 a.m. Info: 537-5681.</p>	<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p>Vaughn Fulford and the Afternoons. Live music at Barb's Bakery and Bistro, 2-4 p.m.</p> <p>Hodie — A Christmas Celebration. SS Honour Choir with harpist Josh Layne. All Saints, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>House Party with DJ D-D-O. Moby's, 9 p.m.</p> <p>Salt Spring Community Theatre. Farndale Avenue Housing Estate...Christmas Carol. ArtSpring, 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p>World Hearth for Peace and Friendship. Open House at ArtSpring, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.</p> <p>Alternative Gift Market. At Fables Cottage, 11-3.</p> <p>Fritz the Cat Book Reading/Signing, At Sabine's, 1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p>Salt Spring Community Theatre. Farndale Avenue Housing Estate...Christmas Carol. ArtSpring, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.</p> <p>Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. All Saints, 4 p.m.</p> <p>Fiddlers Hatchery Concert. Beaver Point Hall, 3 p.m.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p>Breakfast With Santa. Visit Santa at Fulford Hall, 9 a.m.</p>	<p><b>activities</b></p> <p>Eckhart Tolle Practising Presence Group. 7:30 p.m. Drop in. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.</p> <p>Osho Kundalini Moving Meditation. Drop-in. 5:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.</p> <p>Texas Hold'em. Mondays at Fulford Pub, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Kufunda Village and Zimbabwe Presentation. Melanie Furman. Music and crafts for sale. 340 Lepage Road. 6:30 p.m. Info: 537-2891.</p> <p>Bones for Life. Strengthen Bones. Cat's Pajamas Studio. \$12 drop in. 4-5 p.m. Info 537-5681.</p>	<p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p>Fernwood Elementary Christmas Concert. At the school, 7 p.m.</p> <p>School Choirs. At Island Savings; Fernwood sings at 10:30 a.m.; Fulford at 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p>SSI Chess Club. Seniors for Seniors. 7-10 p.m.</p>
<h2 style="margin: 0;">wed. december 20</h2> <p><b>live entertainment</b></p> <p>Carols for Christmastide. All Saints, 10:10 a.m.</p> <p>Fulford Elementary Christmas Concert. Fulford school, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Texas Hold'em. The Local 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>other activities</b></p> <p>Chicago Bridge. SSI Golf Club, 1 p.m. Info: 537-5219 or 537-5951.</p> <p>SS Centre School Winter Pageant. Nativity and other plays and songs. SS Centre, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Fulford Community School Christmas Concert. At the school, 7 p.m.</p>						

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- Attention Shaw Cable TV viewers — Tune in to The Daily for stories reflecting Salt Spring and southern Vancouver Island people and places. The program is about half an hour in length and repeats continuously during the day and evening with new stories added daily.
- On Thursday see youth from the SS Centre School as they take part in the 22nd-annual Advent Ceremony, and on Tuesday evening get a behind-the-scenes look at our community's Emergency Operations Centre. Weekdays at 4 p.m. there's Studio 4: an eclectic mix of guests and conversation. At 5 p.m., check out Urban Rush. Also tune in for community messages, weather, B.C. Ferries info and news headlines. For further details about community programming, call 537-1335.

exhibitions

- Wintercraft sale and show of arts and crafts continues daily at Mahon Hall, 10-5, until Sun., Dec. 17.
- Rachel Vadeboncoeur re-opens The Crow's Nest II studio-gallery at #7-126 Upper Ganges Road on Sat., Dec. 16, 1 p.m.
- Stefanie Denz open studio at 471 Beaver Point Road. New work, refreshments and conversation. Sun., Dec. 17, 2-6 p.m.
- Salt Spring artist Tina Spaulding is featured this month at the Salt Spring Roasting Company cafe in Ganges.
- "Sexy, Saucy and Savory" clay sculpture and charcoal drawings by Tracy Harrison at Barb's Bakery & Bistro until December 29.
- Jill Louise Campbell's original Tibet exhibit is at Calvin's Bistro.
- Visit the new Melious Studio and Gallery of photography on Bullock Creek Road.
- Lost In My Garden is a mixed-media show of abstract paintings by Lynda Crawford at Island Savings.
- Local sheepskin products by Kathy Ball are now featured at Waterfront Gallery.
- Theresa Mackey shows photos at Jana's Bake Shop.

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### 6 DEATHS

### Edith Eleanor Gear

February 25, 1916 - December 2, 2006.

Edith Eleanor Gear passed away peacefully in her sleep at the Lady Minto Hospital on December 2, 2006.

She was born on February 25, 1916 and predeceased by her husband Raymond.

Edith was part of a large extended family consisting of everyone who had come into contact with her in her time on earth.

She laughed hard in life, and was still chuckling and in good spirits when it was time to go. We'll all miss the twinkle in her eye and the song in her heart.

She was an Air Force veteran, one hell of a bowler, and a hospice volunteer who unselfishly gave her time to those in need. No one will ever know who came out ahead in the weekly card games with Betty Galt that went on for so many years, but it was suspected both of them won just in the pleasure of the company they kept.

She liked a hot cup of coffee, reading, and children. If people in the world all had a little more of Edie's nature, you can bet it would be a better place.

She wanted to say thanks to all the home support workers, Meals on Wheels, and the doctors and the nurses for giving her comfort through the bone breaks and just plain "getting old" (as she called it).

Those of us who knew her don't have to say goodbye because she'll remain in our hearts 'til our time comes.

### 6 DEATHS

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ISAAC & GARRETT Burch are thrilled to announce the birth of their baby sister Mackenzie Grace. Arriving at 8:11 am on October 26, weighing 8 lb, 1 oz. Proud parents are Ryan and Chelsea (nee Byron) Burch.

### 8 CARD OF THANKS

### Thank You!!!!

Salt Spring Island Community Services wish to thank management and staff of GVM for their incredible support of the Christmas Hamper and food bank programs. Their November 25th fundraiser raised about \$1000 in cash along with a very large bin of donated food items. A special thank you Rhonda who is tireless in her fundraising abilities, all staff members who stood out in the cold flipping burgers and our island community for their generous contributions.

Your efforts go to a good cause!

### 20 COMING EVENTS

**NIGHTGOWNS BY GILLIAN** COZY, FLANNELETTE, and soft cotton Granny gowns and night-shirts. See them at Wintercraft in Mahon Hall, Dec.8 to Dec.17. Or call 653-9475.

### TREAT YOURSELF

**PAINTING CLASSES** (water colour or acrylics): new sessions end Jan. - May. Beginners & intermediates welcome. Call Val 653-9933.

### 20 COMING EVENTS

### WORLD HEARTH FOR PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP

NONPROFIT SOCIETY Intro & Open house. Sat., Dec. 16, Art-Spring, 9 - 5 pm / 7-9pm. Mayan embroidery sale, slide show, refreshments, 538-5505.

MELANIE FURMAN will be back to do a presentation on Kufunda Village and Zimbabwe. Music by Chris Dixon & friend. A variety of African crafts for sale, including gorgeous calendar. 6:30 pm, Dec. 18, 340 Lepage Road. For more info call 537-2891.

**RUPHI CERAMICS FOR GIFTS** Now available from our home studio on Crofton Rd, adjacent to the hospital and Waterfront Gallery. 537-4644 www.ruphi.com

**SALT SPRING Centre School.** Open house for families interested in January 2007 enrollment. Openings in primary and intermediate classes (grades 1 through 5). Five days a week, affordable tuition. Work exchange option. Dynamic learning environment - come see for yourself! Thurs., Dec. 14, 9 to 11:30 am. Please phone Erin, 537-9130.

### OPEN SUNDAY

Fables Cottage December hours: Sunday 11 am to 4 pm, Mon. - Thurs. 10 am to 5 pm, Fri. & Sat. 10 am to 5:30 pm. Open late on Friday, Dec. 22 until 8 pm.

**CONTINUOUS LIGHT** sanctuary candle service. Bringing light into the New Year. 506 Lower-Ganges Rd. Dec 22 6:30 pm All welcome. Admission by donation

## BINGO

MEADEN HALL  
Royal Canadian Legion

THURSDAY  
December 14  
Early Birds, 6:30 pm

Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary  
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All proceeds to bursaries for Salt Spring Island students.

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Open 11-5 Tues-Sat  
And by appointment Until Christmas  
201 Grantville St.  
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### 20 COMING EVENTS



**Crows Nest Studio Gallery**  
**Reopening**

Saturday  
December 16 at 1 p.m.

Rachel Vadeboncoeur

#7-126 Upper Ganges Rd.

## OLD TIMERS' REUNION

If you OR a family member lived on Salt Spring Island 50 years ago or more (1957), you AND your descendants and partners are invited

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2007  
FARMERS' INSTITUTE GROUNDS

### For info contact:

Old Timers' Reunion Committee  
c/o 125 Frazier Road  
Salt Spring Island, BC  
V8K 2B5

E-mail: oldtimers@saltspring.com

Bob Rush: 250-537-2501  
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## OUR LADY OF GRACE

Roman Catholic Church  
135 Drake Road

Welcomes you to Christmas & New Year Masses

CHRISTMAS EVE - DEC. 24

7 pm Our Lady of Grace  
11 pm St. Paul's

CHRISTMAS DAY - DEC. 25

8 am St. Paul's  
10 am Our Lady of Grace

NEW YEAR'S EVE - DEC. 31

10:30 pm Adoration  
11 pm Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY - JAN. 1

8 am St. Paul's  
10 am Our Lady of Grace

Everyone Welcome!

### 20 COMING EVENTS

**SSI Honour Choir**  
with director Mitch Howard presents

**Hodie:**  
A Christmas Celebration including Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" with harpist **Josh Layne**  
Saturday Dec. 16th  
All Saints Anglican Church  
7:30 pm  
Tix at door/family rate \$20

## Blue Christmas

COPING WITH A STRESSFUL SEASON  
Message, Prayers, Music, Candle-lighting and Refreshments  
Thursday, December 14th  
2:00 - 3:00 pm  
AT THE UNITED CHURCH



Salt Spring Books

20% off  
ART SUPPLY SETS

What's on sale next week?  
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## HOSPITAL AUXILIARY THRIFT SHOP

Upper Ganges Centre - Rear Building

## BIG BIG SALE

Everything in Store  
1/2 PRICE

Mon., Dec. 18th to Fri., Dec. 22nd

Store will close 4 p.m., Dec. 22  
Reopen 10 a.m., Jan. 3, 2007

## Solstice Soother

Dec 18 - 30  
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\$28

\*Including yoga, bellydance, Nia, pilates.  
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Sunday Dec 17th at 2 and 8

ArtSpring

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20 COMING EVENTS

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**Signing at Sabine's Bookshop**  
Saturday, December 16  
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**Christmas at Waterfront Gallery**

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*Kirst Frost*  
*Matthew Schoenfeld*  
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**CHRISTMAS WITH SCROOGE**  
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**Letter to the editor?**  
Press release?  
What's On  
calendar event?  
Send it to news@  
gulflands.net.

29 LOST AND FOUND

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And accessories. Selected items  
20% off. The Green Room (inside  
Fables Cottage). New stock every  
week!  
WHEELED WALKER, deluxe  
model with seat, basket, bag and  
brakes \$350. 537-5048.

**350 MISC. FOR SALE**

**PENINSULA VACUUMS.** Same day service to all makes and models. Service and repairs for built-in vacuums. House calls. New and used. 250-656-2122.  
**HOT TUB for sale.** 5 person with lounger. Pacific cedar skirt \$2000. New heater and pump. 537-5147.  
**A PERFECT Salt Spring Christmas present.** "The Akerman Family: Growing up with Salt Spring" available at Patterson's, RE/MAX or call Cathy 653-9364.

**BONSAI**

Large Selection of Bonsai trees, pre Bonsai & Bonsai Containers, many varieties and sizes available starting from \$14.95 @ Peninsula Flowers Nursery, 8512 West Saanich Rd. 250-652-9602, www.bonsaibc.ca.

**MAGNETIC MATTRESS** pad, Nikken Kenkopad 196 magnets, queen size, \$200, 653-4741

**"NEW-CAPELA"**

Fables Cottage sells Capela, science construction kits, age 5+. Great gift to stimulate growing minds! Open Sundays in December. 537-0028.

**GARDENER GIFT!** Gift certificates from The Plant Farm make wonderful gifts for gardeners or new home owners. 177 Vesuvius Bay Rd. 537-5995.

**MOVING SALE**

Quality wood furniture: Bdrm. suite, Sweiger chesterfield suite, lg. china cabinet, sewing machine/cabinet, cheval mirror, end tables, etc. 537-4159.

**HOME TELEPHONE DISCONNECTED?** Reconnect today and save. Low monthly rates. No credit checks. No deposits. Receive free long distance with activation. Call Imagination Group 1-866-443-4408.

**NEW LOADED COMPUTER** only 99 cents/day! Everyone's approved\*. Get a loaded MDG Computer with an Intel Core2 Duo only 99 cents/day. Includes everything you need: 1 GB RAM, 250 GB HD, 19" LCD Flat Panel, Windows XP and a free\* Printer/Scanner/Copier (\*Call for conditions) 1-800-236-2504.

**SAWMILLS FROM ONLY \$3,495.00** - Convert your logs to valuable lumber with your own Norwood portable band sawmill. Log skidders also available. www.norwoodindustries.com. Free information: 1-800-566-6899 Ext:4000T.

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**SPECIAL BUILDING SALE...** "Don't miss it!" Final clearance. Deposit will hold till spring. 25' x 40' x 12' \$5,490. 40' x 60' x 16' \$14,800. Front end optional. Rear end included. Others. Pioneer 1-800-668-5422.

**SALT SPRING MINI STORAGE**  
 347 Upper Ganges Road  
 "When convenience and security matter"  
**537-5888**

**351 MISC. WANTED**

**WANTED:** OLD motorcycle for restoration project, preferably Norton or B.S.A. Cash paid. David 537-8541 or email joyinsalt-spring@saltspring.com.

**COMPUTER TABLE,** approx. 3 ft wide. In good condition. Dark furniture preferred. 537-5635.

**370 PETS/LIVESTOCK**

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC** sheep. 5 well cared for Sussolk ewes, bred to registered Sussolk Ram. Will Lamb in early March. \$500. 537-4319.

**370 PETS/LIVESTOCK**

**THE SPCA** is near Full Capacity & needs to find immediate homes for adult cats & mature kittens. If you have room in your life for a fuzzy feline friend or have been thinking about adding another cat to your family come on down to the shelter & meet some wonderful little souls. 537-2123 Monday to Friday, 12 pm - 5 pm.

**FREE** to good home, Turtle, red eared slider, approx. 18 months old with tank, some food and booklet. 537-0832

**379 FREE/RECYCLABLES**

**THIS COLUMN** is designed for free recyclable items only (no animals). There is no charge to place items in this column. Ads can be submitted in person at the Driftwood office (328 Lower Ganges Road) by normal deadline (Monday 4 pm.) or by phone 537-9933, fax 537-2613 or email driftwood@gulfislands.net.

**PERFECT FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLS!**

**ANTIQUE ORGAN,** beautiful looking, works well. Plays beautifully, lots of different voices. 653-9898.

**SALT SPRING Island Recycle Depot** is located at 349 Rainbow Rd. We are open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm. This service is operated by Salt Spring Island Community Services. Please call The Recycle Depot at 537-1200, or Community Services at 537-9971 for information on materials accepted for recycling.

**FREE:** ALMOST new frame for aluminum/ plastic 18' x 12' x 10' shelter. Was prostrated by 3' of snow! Needs a little repair, must take all! Call 537-5761 Caroline or Andy.

**DRYER, KENMORE** heavy duty, works fine. Fire place insert with 2 glass doors. 537-1503.

**2 FREE ROOSTERS.** 4 1/2 months old, fed certified organic feed. Phone 537-2922.

**TWO TIRES & rims** with hubcaps for VW Golf/ Jetta 537-4595.

**390 WEBSITES**

**SALT SPRING Music** is on the Internet at www.saltspringmusic.com. Hear song samples before you buy. Pay by cheque or credit card. More than 40 CDs available.

**Real Estate**

**410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE**

**TWO BEDROOM,** two bath ocean view house for sale. 1/2 ac. Separate studio, fully fenced, nice place, close to town. Asking \$529,000. 537-9489.

**HOME FOR SALE**

Attractive, spacious home with large garden in 55+ development. Sun room, carport, storage, fruit trees. \$210,000. 537-4159 for info & to view.

**490 WEBSITES**

**REAL ESTATE listings** for the Gulf Islands are viewable anywhere in the world with Internet access. www.gulfislands.net.

**Rentals**

**510 COMMERCIAL SPACE**

**SMALL OFFICE** space in Ganges available immediately. Modern, ground floor with ADSL-ready wiring. 537-7666.

**UPPER GANGES CENTRE 1 - 2nd Floor OFFICE**

- 289 sq. ft.
- 2 pc. washroom
- Chair lift

For more information or to view, please call **537-9220 or 537-2239**

**350 MISC. FOR SALE**

**COME TO THE FARM for CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!**

- For cozy woolen socks and slippers
- Natural fibre woolen blankets and comforters
- Washable sheepskin rugs
- Knitting wool in lots of colours
- Beautiful hand crafted candles
- Farm fresh naturally raised S.S. Lamb

**Come to Sunset Farm**  
 1325 Sunset Drive 537-2082  
 Open 10-2 Tuesday to Sunday until Christmas

**510 COMMERCIAL SPACE**

**Upper Ganges Village Shopping Centre**  
 368 Lower Ganges Road  
**Space Available**  
**1051 sq. ft.**

Contact: Ferd Kallstrom  
 (250) 701-3591

**520 HOUSES FOR RENT**

**ISLAND EXPLORER**

Property Management Ltd. & Real Estate Services

**ONE BEDROOM.....\$750**  
 Available Jan. 1, Long Term

**WATERFRONT COTTAGE.....\$850**  
 1 Bdrm, Semi Furnished, Suit One Person Only  
 Long Term, Available Immed.

**2 BDRM COUNTRY HOME.....\$950**  
 Available Now - June 30

**2 BDRM PRIVATE HOME.....\$1350**  
 Fully Furnished, Like New Inside,  
 Long Term Available Jan 1st.

**3 BDRM HIGHEND TOWNHOUSE.....\$1850**  
 Available Jan 1 - June 30

**537-4722**

**1-800-800-9492**



Island Explorer is a fully licensed, bonded management company under the laws of the B.C. Govt.

**ROYAL Property Management Ltd.**

**Mid Island 92118**  
 Studio/cottage for artists  
 Studio /office.  
 Shared property  
 \$500 + shrd util

**Mid Island 90959**  
 Lower studio apt  
 Bdg share with fam 4  
 4 appl ocean view  
 NS NP  
 \$750 + util

**South End 92056**  
 1.5 bdrm 1 bath  
 Cottage near main bldg  
 4 appl NS NP  
 \$925 + shrd util

**South End 88380**  
 Shared country acrege  
 Jacuzzi tub 2 bdrm  
 2 bthrm NS  
 \$900 incl util

**South End 90852**  
 2 bdrm 1.5 bath  
 Elect & wood stove  
 4 appl NS NP  
 \$1200 + util

**North End 90797**  
 3 bdrm 2 bathrm  
 Orn. fireplace elec heat  
 3 appl NS NP  
 \$1550 +util

**Mid Island 82708**  
 4 bdrm 5 appl  
 Elect/wood heat  
 Walk to beach NS NP  
 \$1600 + util

**South End 89908**  
 Upper 2 bdrm Suite  
 Elect heat only  
 Upstairs/downstairs  
 4 appl NS NP  
 \$900 + util

**Mid Island 68910**  
 Exec twnhse  
 Ocean front  
 2 bdrm 2 bthrm  
 5 appl NS NP  
 \$2000 + util

**South end 88611**  
 Rustic oceanfront  
 Secluded cottage  
 Now to 30 July 07  
 2 bdrm 1bath NS NP  
 \$1000 + util

**Mid Island 8540**  
 2 bdrm 2 bathrm home  
 5 appl, peek ocean view  
 Est neighbourhood  
 NS NP  
 \$1300.00 + util

**Mid Island 89094**  
 3 bdrm 5 appl  
 Until Jul 07  
 Channel Ridge, NS NP  
 \$1700 + util

**Mid Island 91648**  
 3 bdrm small home  
 4 appl, close to town  
 NS NP  
 \$1050. + util

**Suite in home 91594**  
 1 bdrm 1 bthrm + w/d  
 4 appl  
 NS NP  
 \$750. + % util

**South End 91392**  
 Acreage 1 bdrm home  
 4 appl heat pump  
 Workshop/storage  
 NS NP  
 \$1050 + util

**Mid Island 91391**  
 Cottage 2 rms  
 Shared lot/laundry  
 1 bath 3 appl  
 NS Cats OK  
 \$725 + util

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**520 HOUSES FOR RENT**

**SPACIOUS 2 BDRM + office,** 2 bath home. 3 mins to town, beautiful views. No dogs. \$1350/month. Call Darlene, 604-990-2518.

**AVAILABLE JANUARY,** February, March, April (pick1 to 4 months). Sunny, ocean view, private beach, 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Furnished, ADSL, satellite, walk to south-end ferry and village. References please. Available January to April 2007. \$1850/ month including utilities. NS, NP! 653-4810.

**BRIGHT/ SPACIOUS 3 br/ loft,** 2 bath home on 2 acres in so. end. Wood floors, decks, 5 appl., wood/elec heat. lg. shared yard. New W/D, close to ferry. NS, cat OK. Avail. Jan 15/Feb 1.07. \$1300. Family pref. 653-2051.

**FULFORD VILLAGE**

Cabin & studio by stream & waterfall, on acre of land, 2 bdrm., outdoor shower, wood stove w/wood incl., & wrap around deck. 6 min. to ferry, pets considered, \$995 + util. NS, Jan. 1. 604-255-5230.

**BEAUTIFULLY SITUATED 26'** trailer, furn. Avail. Jan. 1, long term. \$650 incl. 10 min. walk to Ganges via the Moutat Park Trails. Call 537-4346.

**OCEANVIEW 1 bdrm suite,** only 2 min. from Ganges. satellite TV/internet & hydro. Rent \$700/mo. Long term. NS, cat OK. Also 35' trailer for \$400 all inclusive. 537-5388.

**CUTE 1 BDRM cottage,** near Ganges. Timber beams, spectacular view, perfect for gardener. Situated on 10 acre farm, wood stove, \$900, NS, NP, references. Available now or Jan 1. Possible work opportunity. 653-9898.

**TINY TRAILER** with stove, fridge, water & elec. hookup or basic room for rent \$325 with work opportunity. Near Ganges. 653-9898.

**ENJOY A HEALTHY FAMILY ATMOSPHERE**

**SEEKING QUIET,** responsible, non smoking person for family home with 2 bathrooms on acreage, near Ganges, with horses, \$450. 653-9898.

**BRIGHT, SUNNY** house has magnificent Ganges Harbour view and expansive open floor plan. Walk to town and beach. Updated with new appl. and lots of stained glass. 6 rooms furnished, lawn care incl. NS. For rent Jan. to June \$1100/mo. Email to holidayfood@sbcglobal.net

**SEAVIEW FURNISHED** cabin Fernwood area. Small, suits one quiet person. 10 minutes to Ganges. \$300/week, \$675/month includes utilities. Available now until April 30. 537-1373, 537-1383

**1 BDRM CABIN,** ocean view, on 1/2 acre, bright and sunny. NS, comes with cat. Immediately until end of March 1. \$650 plus util. 537-1503.

**AVAILABLE FEB. 1.** 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath duplex, WD. Large yard. Close to Fernwood School. NS, \$925, call 537-4413.

**DUPLEXED HOUSES** for year round rent. Available Feb 1st. Excellent 2 story 3 B.R. 2 Bath Family home. Fully Fenced Yard. NS/NP Ref. req'd. \$1500 AND Available Jan 1st. Brand new 1 B.R. Cottage. FP, appliances, laundry room. NS/NP \$975 Ref. req'd. 537-0642

**PRIVATE 2 BDRM** cottage, close to town \$800/mo. plus hydro & phone. Cable included, NS. Available Jan. 1. Phone 653-9620 or 537-1007.

**1 BEDROOM LAKESIDE** cottage, avail. Jan. - April, \$795/ mo & util. 537-4595.

**NEAR NEW 2 bedroom 2 bath-** room home in Ganges. 4 appliances, wood floors. For mid Dec. or Jan. 1st \$1100 per month. 537-5278

**SMALL BRIGHT** cottage, wood floors, window seat, full bathroom, walking distance to town. Suitable for a quiet, mature tenant with references. NS, cat OK. \$750/month, includes hydro. Dec 15 or Jan 1. 537-4155.

**525 RENTALS MISC.**

**SHOP FOR RENT** 1000 sf + office space & washroom. \$600 per month. 653-4364

**530 SHARED ACCOMMODATION**

**2 CORNER ROOMS** in quiet shared house, includes private entrance, balcony, cable, internet, phone, laundry, parking, util., & shared kitchen. \$500/mo. without bath, \$600 with bath. 5 min. drive Ganges. Avail. immed. NS, NP. References, post dated cheques, required. 604-255-3703 or ourhouse-ssi@hotmail.com.

**SHARE TRAILER** accommodation. Available Jan. 1, \$350 plus util. Phone between 5:30 to 9 pm. 537-1657.

**RESPONSIBLE** female to share north-end home near beach. Own bedroom/ bathroom, can share furnished home. Shared utilities/ responsibilities. Rent \$500. 537-1041

*Home Sweet Home*

**204 ARCHITECTS**  
**Neil Morie** architect  
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 ph. 653-4812  
 creative design responsive to site craft and client

**236 FIREWOOD**  
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**GULF COAST MATERIALS**  
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**KONIG & SON FIREWOOD**  
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**FIREWOOD LOGS WANTED**  
**537-9531**

**225 DESIGNERS**  
**LET'S GET STARTED!**  
 Bring your sketches & ideas and together we'll design (or upgrade) your dream home. Through the use of computer-aided drafting, we'll quickly produce the working drawings you'll take to your contractor.  
**PLEASE CALL HELSET DESIGN 537-1037 and ask for Jim**

**295 WINDOWS**  
  
**Sharon's Country Home**  
 Window Coverings & Fabrics for Soft Furnishings  
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**530 SHARED ACCOMMODATION**  
 SPACIOUS ROOM in sunny home. Own 2 pc. bath, party furn. Suit creative, healthy living, NS, NP. Work exchange negotiable. \$450. 653-0005.

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**CALL THESE PROFESSIONALS TODAY!**

**540 WANTED/RENTALS**  
 SINGLE, RESPONSIBLE female seeks 1 bedroom spacious suite/cottage. References. 1 cat. Prefer clean, bright, full kitchen. \$700 incl. Jan or Feb. 653-9376.

**Transportation**  
**805 AUTOMOTIVE, REPAIRS**

**540 WANTED/RENTALS**  
 WANTED: New, n/s Teacher to island seeks cat-friendly long term cabin/cottage rental up to \$600 per month; Excellent references; quiet, kind, responsible tenant. 250-888-625

**820 BOATS & MARINE, SALES**

8' INFLATABLE BOAT, Haplyon, wood floor, \$350. Call 537-2887.

**Lease Returns**  
**Yamaha Outboards**  
 8,40,50, 90,150 H.P.  
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**Factory warranty 'til spring '08**  
**Save \$\$\$**

**SPower**  
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 250-382-8291  
 www.sppower.com

**825 CARS, SALES**

'89 FULLY LOADED Acura Legend. 4dr, Auto, power everything, sunroof, heated seats, a/c. All works, very reliable & comfortable. Well maintained. Needs new starter soon. First \$1000 gets it. 653-9922

1985/6 MERCEDES 280SE, S-class, 4 door sedan, 6 cyl. gas engine, special A.M.G. front bumper & chrome wheel arch trim, high end Sony CD receiver, exceptionally low mileage, immaculate condition, white w/blue interior, \$9500. 537-1816.

1986 PONTIAC Firebird. V6, fuel-injected, auto, black, recent brakes, tires and front end. Strong motor, good compression. Great condition. \$2500 obo. Call Don, 538-0084.

1987 TOYOTA TERCEL hatchback, good running condition, \$600. 653-9998.

1988 SUBARU CHASER. Hatchback. Low mileage. Good island car. Recent tires. \$800 653-4541.

1993 CADALLAC STS. White-on-leather, loaded. \$1250 obo. Call 537-6860.

1999 FORD WINDSTAR SE. Under 65,000 km. Dark red, passed inspection, excellent condition. A very pretty van. \$10,500. 537-5179. EXCELLENT DEAL. 1997 Plymouth Voyager. Excellent shape, new snow tires, new battery. Reduced to \$4000. 537-1010.

**CHRISTMAS AT CARVILLE Auto Credit.** 'Tis the season of giving and we are giving you your first payment. Valid until December 31, 2006. Largest dealer group in Western Canada. Rates from 0%. \$0 down programs available. Huge inventory. If you're employed, you're approved! Free delivery BC/Alberta. Call us first, we are the biggest and best!! Apply online www.carvilleautocredit.com or call toll free 1-888-508-4628.

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**835 MOTORCYCLE/SCOOTER, SALES**

1994 HARLEY HERITAGE Softail Special with Liberty sidecar. Included reverse gear, exc. cond., low mileage. \$30,000 obo. Phone 250-881-1070.

2005 SUZUKI RM250, motocross bike, many upgrades, excellent condition, \$4800. 537-1816.

2005 YAMAHA YW50T scooter. 50 cc, black with red flames, hardly used, and still under warranty. Asking \$3,100. 537-5856.



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**855 TRUCKS/4X4S**

1984 CHEVROLET S-10 Pickup, V-6, manual, 221,000 km, no rust, good rubber, new brakes, flat black comes with Cap \$1,500. 537-4207

1987 TOYOTA LAND Cruiser station wagon, charcoal colour, 4 wheel drive, 6 cyl. diesel automatic, 355 K., \$5000 obo. 537-4540.

1995 CHEV 1/2 TON, WT, 5 spd, V6, PS/PB, 15,278 kms (for real) \$13,000. 537-9577.

1999 TOYOTA TACOMA, 4 x 4, 140,000 km, black, TRD package, 4 cyl., 5 speed \$22,000. 537-1163.

**855 TRUCKS/4X4S**

1999 LAND ROVER Discovery 2, exc. cond., 2nd owner, 5 yrs Florida + 1 SS, dir srvc'd, 150k, 5 dr, 4X4, Lthr, pwr everything, dual sunroofs, climate control, 6 cd stereo...a sweet ride! \$14,900 obo 537-9244 aft. 5pm.

OVER 200 NEW & used motorhomes, diesel pushers, 5th wheels, trailers, vans, campers. Total RV Centre. Special RV financing. Since 1984, Voyager RV - Hwy 97, Winfield, BC. 1-800-668-1447. www.voyagerRV.ca.

**856 BUSES, VANS**

1986 TOYOTA VAN, \$1800, rebuilt drive train and suspension, new tires, but rusted body. Ask at Richard Murakami's shop. 537-2239.

**HEY GUYS!** We've got all your Christmas shopping done for you! And...we are open every day until Christmas so you can come and pick it up. Cathy Ward and Samantha Bourdin. Family Jewels 161 Fulford-Ganges Road. 538-5560 P.S. Wrapping it up is always free.

**900 TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY**

**HARLAN'S IS** going to sell large pans of Gelato for \$50 all holiday season. (Regular is \$65 a pan). This is enough to feed a minimum of 30 people, so the cost is less than \$1.70 per serving. You can choose the flavor and we need 3 days advance notice. Orders for Christmas must be received by December 21. Harlan's Chocolate. 537-4434.

**NEW STORE IN FULFORD!**

**ON THE dock** you can find Thai Imports - great clothing, wall hangings, scarves, jewelry, and so much more! Open daily 10 - 6 till Christmas! 653-2008.

**ESTHETICS BY PENNY**

**GIFT CERTIFICATES** available at Stuff and Nonsense in Fulford, and 501 Rainbow Rd. 538-0307.

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**WEB HOSTING**

Only \$9.99 per mo. Dial-up from \$11.95. Accelerated dial-up from \$14.95. ADSL from \$32.95. Local, Dependable Internet www.saltspringinternet.com. Call Barb 538-0052.

**SINGLE LOCAL man,** good references, seeks cabin or etc. Small dog, well behaved, non smoker, drinker or partier. Phone Brian 537-4166.

**WANTED**

**EXPERTS WHO** are willing to volunteer their time to speak about their special interest on an occasional, one to one, basis to library cardholders. The library is looking for a range of experts on topics from aardvarks to zamacueca and things in between such as sky diving, gay culture, nuns, and perfumers. If you have a passionate interest and knowledge about any topic and are willing to share this with library cardholders, contact Garth Hendren at the library, 537-6664. Interviews will be held in January 2007.

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**SAM ANDERSON Appliance Repair.** Hot water tank and appliance installation. Authorized warranty technician for all makes. 537-5268.

**GULF ISLANDS Optical.** 50% refund on the cost of your eye test when you purchase a full set of frames and lenses. Lancer Bldg. 537-2648.

**FREE DINNER** at the Treehouse South on the day of your birthday when you eat with 2 other adults.

**OPENING SOON!** Salt Spring Inn Restaurant & lounge. Across from the Visitor's Center. www.saltspringinn.com

**RIDING LESSONS.** Your horse or ours, English or Western, certified coaches. Blennerhassett Equestrian Centre, ph. 250-537-2089.

**ADULT POOL** Memberships at Summerside. Limited memberships available for \$100/month. Includes daily access to our indoor pool and exercise area. For more information call Theresa @ 537-1867.

**ITALIAN GOLD** hoop earrings, exciting new styles! Lots of silver also. Complimentary gift wrapping every day at Family Jewels, 161 Fulford Ganges Rd. 538-5560.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER** special, tables, chairs and place settings for any size group, "no dishes to wash". We also deliver. Book early at The Rental Stop 538-0388.

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**This Week's Horoscope**  
 by Michael O'Connor

**ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**  
 Your powers of perseverance are being strengthened these days. The whole process may feel like a nightmare if you are overly dramatic and reactive and can feel like a big boost if you are open to the character building process. While much of the worst is now behind you, there remain a few key hurdles to clear, especially between now and mid January. By that time you should be fully back in your game unless the hurdles were just a little too much. It may help to not take any of these personally. While we live our life, our life lives us and moving with this realization is the key to entering the zone.

**TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 20)**  
 Asserting your will and accessing your faith continues. When challenging energies and events come from within and/or without our challenge is to face them with as much self control and determination as we can. The odd battle cry can help stir your passions and inner strengths as well. A deep stripping of old beliefs, values, attitudes, perceptions and behaviour patterns is now underway. Identify everything that is truly important in your life and be willing to let go of the rest. Clean, clear and purge anything that you feel has served its time and purpose. Whatever appears to be happening, trust you are undergoing liberation!

**GEMINI (May 21 - Jun 21)**  
 The doors are swinging wide open on relationship fronts. This is a new lease and you probably have reason to feel grateful. Be careful of pity parties now, something wonderful is coming in for you but you must be grateful and open to receive. Despite the deepening darkness, the dawn of a new cycle, activated and symbolized by the Winter Solstice, is close at hand. "It is always darkest just before the light!" Do you recognize this ancient wise saying? Honour your sensitivities yet also keep them in check so that you are able to fully receive your blessings.

**CANCER (Jun 22 - Jul 22)**  
 Concentrating your focus as a means of opening your mind may seem like a contradiction but that is the way it is done. Like reading a sacred text of illuminating truths you must pay attention to the details in order to see the big picture. Silence speaks and humility bows, effectively ducking away from the grim reapers blade. This is a call to nurture yourself and others on all levels, mind, body and soul. That is true holism; not merely an array of approaches to the body. The physical body is the temple of the soul and we have other bodies too; namely the etheric, astral/emotional and mental/causal. Focus, awaken and remember!

**LEO (Jul 23 - Aug 23)**  
 The dark night has been pierced with a ray of light and the whole sky is on the verge of dawn. It is always sunny above the clouds and remembering this is a sign of self mastery and maturity. This is very much what we are all currently experiencing as the personal planets cross over Pluto. You will begin to feel the liberation this week and we are counting on you to initiate some of the celebrations. If your ego is over inflated so too will be the drama in your life as you subconsciously seek attention; we all want it but it is much better to get it with positivism. This is Sagittarius' speciality and with the stellium mentioned above in your Solar House you will be shining brightly like a guiding star.

**VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 22)**  
 Something big is stirring on the home front. Perhaps it is coming as a big surprise but in any case it is big. Cleaning, clearing, eliminating, renovating, and perhaps even moving. The latter can happen in more than one form. Perhaps you are actually moving house or perhaps you are in the mood to make some big moves that will affect both your personal relationships and your career. There are some auspicious signs that whatever is going on it is good and stands to bring you to a new level of confidence. The greatest danger now is that your imagination will conjure fears leading to unnecessary worry. Feel the power of the moment and expand your horizons.

**LIBRA (Sep 23 - Oct 22)**  
 Major life challenges often come in cycles and there is reason to believe that the past one is now complete and you have reason to breathe more fully. This is the ideal attitude as another cycle is rapidly dawning that will activate your mind to pay extra special attention to the details. The greatest challenge you face now is premature judgement. On the other hand, you stand to really see what is fact and what is fiction, in terms of your and other key player's perceptions. We all have selective vision and now or soon you will have the opportunity to see all sides of the picture more clearly. Empathy!

**SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**  
 You are in the mood to take some calculated risks to increase your overall sense of security. Perhaps you want to make some key investments, consolidate debts, increase your scope of contacts, deepen bonds and/or expand your vision of what is truly important in life etcetera. In any case, you are in an ambitious mood. The biggest danger now is that you are over ambitious and will unduly push others against their will. Instead, arouse your and their enthusiasm with visionary fervour and brave words that can instill faith, hope and charity - the holy trinity of healthy actions.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**  
 With all those planets in your own sign, you stand to feel a noticeable upsurge in your confidence, enthusiasm and determination to break through to new levels. The spiritual warrior within is being summoned and in order to answer the call you will have to harness all of your most powerful emotions. These are the true steeds of victory. However, to select these you may have to search through the herd of emotions that you have corralled in your subconscious throughout your life. In the process you are wise to release many of the older ones out to pasture. How you choose to do this is also important. The answers will come as you ask with innocence and sincerity like a wise, noble and brave knight.

**CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19)**  
 Building up your inner forces for the sake of outer assertions is the call now. You will be ready to take preliminary measures within a couple of weeks and then subsequent actions will unfold naturally over the next few weeks that follow. In other words, remain calm, clear and focused so that you know which order of execution of your plans will be best. In the bigger picture, you will have to exercise full patience and trust that it takes extra time to lay the foundation. Once this is done and it is secure the momentum will accelerate so, like a good general, CEO or head coach, hold and/or re-enforce your reserves so that when it is their time, and timing is of the essence, you will be fully prepared to succeed.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 19)**  
 Freedom, power, fairness and justice are some of your favourite words, according to your 'astro signature'. The other part of the deal is deciphering their order and overall quality in light of the fact that you cherish your rights to be an individual, even if behind the guise of conservatism. Since we are now in the Age of Aquarius, our collective goal and challenge is to recognize that unless the above mentioned qualities are offered to all people, then no one will truly be able to enjoy them. At ground zero, you may be enjoying a whole new spectrum of friendships and even more intimate relationships. There is power in numbers and you can now feel it first hand. Keep these ideals in focus as you increase your network.

**PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**  
 The paradoxical price of freedom is discipline. Greatness, among humans anyway, always comes after much practice. Beyond practice there comes vision, focus and risk. These, in turn, are a reflection of personal and collective power. True power is ever a sign of a clear and sincere orientation towards service. Force, on the other hand, is the behaviour of the foolish and fearful. Life flows and it does do so forcefully, it is true, yet ever with benevolent intent. This is evident when seen with clear vision. The time has come to make some key moves, discipline your focus and generate ideas and actions that serve yourself, others and life towards co-creative achievement.

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While residents of other Canadian cities may scoff at Lotusland's relatively minor misfortunes, the city has certainly had its fair share of weather anomalies lately. First, record rains churned up rivers and caused landslides in the city's watersheds, leading to turbidity problems in the drinking water supply and a boil-water advisory across the region. Then, just as the water began to clear, a record cold and snowfall paralyzed the city.

What has this got to do with global warming? Well, extreme weather events like these are exactly the kind of thing climatologists say will become more common as our climate heats up. How confusing is that? Global warming can cause heavy snowfalls. But it's true.

This ability to link global warming to so many weather-related phenomena has created a bit of a joke: Blame everything on global warming. Stock market down? Global warming. Can't get a date? Global warming.

But underlying the joke is a serious fact. Our atmosphere is connected to everything

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BY DAVID SUZUKI



including us. By adding vast amounts of heat-trapping gases like carbon dioxide to the atmosphere (from our industries, cars and power plants) we're trapping more heat near the surface of the earth. More heat means more energy. Adding so much energy to our atmosphere creates the potential for more violent outbursts — like the weather Vancouver has been feeling lately.

This is why it's so imperative and urgent for humanity to get this problem under control. It's not as though global warming is just a minor inconvenience. Left unchecked, it's set to become a major hindrance to economic growth and international development. Vancouver newspapers were full of stories during both extreme weather events about how much these "natural" disasters were going to cost the city's economy.

In developing countries, severe weather events are doing more than harming the economy — they're killing people. Of course, extreme weather has always killed people. But in a recent article in the journal Science, Indian researchers report that extreme summer monsoon rains in India are becoming more common. Last summer, for example, more than 1,000

people died during one torrential rainstorm around Mumbai.

For the Science study, researchers analyzed data during the period 1951 to 2000 from more than 1,800 weather stations around central and eastern India. They found that while overall rainfall remained fairly consistent during the 50-year period, the number of extreme rainfall events doubled. Researchers cannot conclusively say that human-induced global warming is the cause, but the study's findings are in line with what computer models predict will continue to happen unless we seriously curb greenhouse gas emissions.

The new research helps shed light on why, when global warming models predict more rain in places like India, rainfall there doesn't seem to have increased overall. The answer is that, although annual average rainfall hasn't necessarily increased, extreme rainfalls have. That's unfortunate because more steady rainfall could actually benefit India's agriculture. Extreme weather benefits no one, especially in a developing country like India that lacks the infrastructure to deal with it.

Keep that in mind for Canada. Canadians by and large sure wouldn't mind more pleasant weather. But global warming won't benefit anyone if more extreme weather is the result. Just ask folks in Vancouver.

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**CHRISTMAS DOG:** "Finnegan" and Santa spend some quality time in front of a portrait camera at Moutat's. Pet portraits took place Saturday as an SPCA fundraiser. Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Tales of woe at bridge night

By JILL EVANS  
 Driftwood Contributor

It was a November to remember, the snowiest and rainiest on record, according to the TV weatherman. By November 27 the Pineapple Express had had a liaison with the Yukon Cold and the fruit of their labours was twins — a double whammy of heavy snow thickly blanketing everything in sight.

There were no clear roads. There was no power or water or phone for some.

There were no winners. There was no bridge. November went out with a

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thud and the drip of melting mounds of slush.

When December 4 came along, there were still some who were stuck at home and many tales of woe to be told, but there was no woe for Sandy Thompson and Bob Morrisette, who were the winners at bridge. Rejoicing in second place were Irene Hawksworth and Ron Dickson, while Flo and George Laundry took plea-

sure in coming third.

For others, there were missed slams and difficult hands to bid, prompting the remark that "There must have been a full moon or something," and sure enough, there was!

Everyone was pleased about one thing, however, and that was the newly paved parking area for the Seniors Society.

There's plenty of room, so if you would like to give duplicate bridge a try, please call George Laundry at 653-9095 or e-mail [pastorale@saltspring.com](mailto:pastorale@saltspring.com).

## Seasonal stress eased at Blue Christmas Service set for this Thursday

For some people, Christmas can be stressful, while others may need to slow down and focus on priorities.

That's why the Salt Spring United Church holds an annual Blue Christmas Service, this year subtitled A Quiet Time to Re-centre.

It takes place Thursday, December 14 from 2-3 p.m. at the Ganges church.

"Christmas can be a painful time," notes a press release. "It may be the first Christmas without loved family members or friends who have recently died. The strong emphasis on family and togetherness can empha-

size the loneliness of those who are separated from loved ones. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation — all these can make people feel very alone in the midst of celebrating and spending."

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4 pm to midnight. Access is available through the Emergency Rm at Lady Minto Hospital. Call: 538-4840.