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GANGES HARBOUR

Youth rescues boaters

11-year-old knew exactly what to do

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A young boy's sunny summer afternoon trip at sea took an exciting twist last Thursday when he witnessed a small vessel capsizing in Ganges Harbour.

"I was just having lots of fun in the boat and then I saw this boat flip over about 10 metres from me," said Matt Harvey.

Harvey was piloting his family's 14-foot Zodiac while his mother looked on from the beach at Chocolate Island when the incident occurred on July 5 just after 2 p.m.

Harvey, whose 30-horsepower boat was equipped with a VHF radio, immediately moved into position and rescued the capsized boat's single occupant, who suffered no injuries during the incident.

The middle-aged Vancouver man was setting crab traps in Ganges Harbour while his family watched from nearby Chocolate Island, said Ian Mott, an officer-in charge with the Ganges Coast Guard.

"Because his father works for the coast guard, Matt has grown up on the water and it shows," he said. "He basically became a member of the team and was officially working with us."

The young hero helped the victim into his boat, towed the capsized vessel to shore and helped transfer the marooned family of four from Chocolate Island to a coast guard vessel waiting nearby.

"He's got more skills around the water than many adults," said Mott. "He is quite confident and acted perfectly."

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PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Salt Spring volunteer firefighter Brian Hartley communicates via radio while attacking a devastating Monday night blaze at Salt Spring Island Village Resort.

FIRE

Local resort lodge burns to the ground

Neighbourhood 'rocked' by night blaze gets support from Gulf Islands community

BY STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island Village Resort's (SSIVR) lodge on Robinson Road was still smouldering Tuesday morning after a fire overtook the building Monday night.

The call came in at about 9:46 p.m., said fire chief Dave Enfield early Tuesday morning.

By the time crews arrived on the scene, the main lodge was up in flames. The fire quickly spread to a nearby building containing the swimming pool, but was stopped before it hit the neighbouring fourplex, which was only 10 feet away.

The project was under construction, with limited completion expected in a few months. The main lodge's elevator shaft was all that was left of the

building on Tuesday.

The resort's remaining cabins were unaffected.

According to a recent petition to B.C. Supreme Court filed by SSIVR's developer Tuan Developments Inc. for protection under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, the completed first phase of the project was valued at \$54 million (see story page 3).

The fire was "scary for a long time," Enfield said. Fire creates its own winds, but the situation was exacerbated by heavy winds during the evening and was reminiscent of the 2003 fire in Kelowna that Enfield helped fight, he said.

Nearby trees showed candling (burn) marks at the tops, meaning the fire reached heights where it could have easily jumped, said assistant deputy

chief Arjuna George from the still-smoking site late Tuesday morning.

The building, which measured close to 30,000 square feet, was totally engulfed in flames, "so you can imagine how big that is," Enfield said.

Three explosions were reported, one large and two smaller. Crews are "not 100 per cent [sure] what inside the structure was exploding," George said.

"That just rocked this neighbourhood," observed Cedar Lane resident Drew Watson, who is also involved with the Provincial Emergency Program and local ham radio group, and ended up directing traffic Monday night.

Although the resort sits on the shores of Bullcock Lake, the lake was too far away to use the water as a firefighting source. A six-inch water pipe on the property also melted from the heat, making a 60,000-gallon water tank largely unusable.

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Above, firefighters continue to douse the smouldering ruins at Salt Spring Island Resort on Tuesday morning; below, the main lodge is seen just seconds before the structure collapsed. See www.gulfislands.net for more pictures and updates.

Residents put on evacuation notice

FIRE
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As a result, water had to be trucked back and forth to the property.

"You talk about tanker trucks doing warp speed," said Watson.

Trucks made between 15 and 20 trips into town to fill up water tanks, George said. A tank holds 15,000 gallons of water, he added.

The fire was mostly under control by 3 a.m., but crews continued to battle flare-ups on Tuesday.

An investigator from the Office of the Fire Commissioner was expected to begin investigating Tuesday afternoon. Chief Enfield would not speculate as to the cause of the fire.

In all, about 50 people worked towards controlling the blaze, Enfield said.

Twenty-eight local firefighters were joined by five people from each of the Pender, Mayne and South Galiano fire crews, as well as a seven-member B.C. Forest Service crew.

Search and Rescue and Emergency Social Services crews were also brought in, and a "hot-shot" crew from Port Alberni was on duty to

patrol wooded areas, Enfield said.

Mara caibo area residents also kicked in support. (See Page 3 brief.)

"I want to compliment the people from Mara caibo. They brought their fire truck out and they were patrolling up and down without being asked," Enfield said.

Twofirefighters suffered minor injuries, one from smoke inhalation and the second a twisted ankle.

Sparks carried by the southern wind caused small fires on Robinson Road and a minor bush fire on Mansell Road. Residents downwind of the blaze feared for their properties.

"It was like swarms of fire flies everywhere," said Mansell resident Brenda Brazier of the air-borne sparks.

Scott Chapman of Cedar Lane was busy knocking on the doors of nearby residents to ensure everyone was aware



of the fire.

"We all take care of each other in these situations," he said.

Residents on Cedar Lane were put on evacuation notice.

Salt Spring RCMP advised Louise Nye, who lives across the road from the resort, to leave her property.

"I went back and forth about 20 times filling my car with my photos and slides and memorabilia," she said.

"What do you pick if you know you can only take so much?" she asked.

As she tried to leave the area,

she met two young women whose car was parked on Robinson Road and trapped by the fire. She was prepared to take them through a trail to access their vehicle, but they ended up at Watson's family home instead. He reunited them with their car sometime after 1 a.m.

Local crews were busy earlier in the evening attending to a small grass fire on Lee's Hill, Enfield said.

They got the call at about 6:30 p.m. and finished up by 9 p.m. before heading out the door again to battle the SSIVR blaze.


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RESORT FIRE

Fire evacuation centre ready to go in minutes



Dawn Luker and Jim Glenn were among Tuesday morning spectators horrified by the shocking sight of a demolished Salt Spring Island Village Resort lodge and pool site.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Volunteers put training to use

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When Marlene Cormack heard a fire had broken out at the Salt Spring Island Village Resort at 9:30 Monday evening, she knew exactly what to do.

Within minutes, Cormack had converted the Community Gospel Chapel into an emergency shelter in the event high winds made the fire travel and put neighbouring homes at risk.

"This is what we've trained to do and are waiting for," said Cormack, one of four reception centre hostesses at the emergency evacuation centre. "A big fire on this island is almost overdue."

Within minutes, Cormack, along with islanders Mary Lynn Hetherington, Judy Guedes and Loretta Rithaler, had the centre prepared to accept potential evacuees from 20 residences surrounding the resort property.

By 10 p.m., Leslie Colley, along with her youngest son, the family dog and a couple of pet rabbits, were headed into the parking lot after emergency crews advised them to get out of their home on Robinson Road, less than 300 metres (1,000 feet) from the fire.

"Smoke and ash were coming over so fast and embers were landing in our driveway. Everyone was telling us to get out of there," she said.

On her return Tuesday morning, Colley discovered chunks of charcoal and the smell of fire surrounding her home.

"It was scary. You don't feel the same after something like that," she said. "That was too close for comfort."

Once in the centre, volunteers took down the evacuees' information and set them up with basic supplies until the family found a place to stay with friends.

While the centre never reached its full capacity, Cormack said, the experience proves the island's response capabilities are ready when needed.

"We weren't inundated," said Rithaler. "We could discover little things to do differently next time this happens."

By early morning, the evacuation centre had become a home away from home for the 15 southern Gulf Island and seven B.C. Forestry Service personnel called in to assist local firefighters.

Evacuation centre volunteers received assistance from participants in a summer church camp staying at the church.

The youngsters, visiting the island from the Okanagan, were not only eager to help out but many had personal experience from the horrendous Kelowna fire of the summer of 2003.

"From my experience as an evacuee, an awful lot of flashbacks came rushing back to mind," said Bruce Stewart, a camp coordinator from Kelowna and former Fernwood elementary principal on Salt Spring Island. "When news came that we were going to set up the reception centre, we thought 'here we go again,' but all we did was help out."

"The work by firefighters and emergency volunteers was really inspiring. Crisis always makes that sense of community get strong," Stewart added.

Fire just the icing on cake of resort woes

BY STACY CARDIGAN SMITH

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Charred remains are all that's left of Salt Spring Island Village Resort's (SSIVR) main lodge and recreation facility, but as smoke clears, more questions arise.

SSIVR general manager Bob Fenske was unable to comment on the fire or financial situation of the resort Tuesday afternoon because he was in discussions with "legal people."

He also said the project's insurance broker, Hub International, was expected on-site later that day.

Brian Hauff, the principal of project developer Tuan Development Inc., was also unavailable.

The project's troubled history has given pause to many.

Most recently, Tuan applied for temporary protection from its creditors under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA). It received court-ordered protection June 8.

According to Tuan's petition in that case, the company has almost \$32 million in debt. Financier Gibraltar Mortgage Ltd. is owed \$31 million of that amount. If the project did not receive more funding, it would crumble, Tuan's petition stated.

Fenske told the Driftwood in early June that 30 of the project's 123 units should be about a month away from completion.

SSIVR's problems started after the land was downzoned from commercial accommodation to residential use by the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee in 1996, after building permits had been received from the Capital Regional District.

Officials from the Islands Trust and the Financial Securities Commission have told the Driftwood that because of the development's legal non-conforming status, if 75 per cent or more of any structure's value above its foundations is destroyed it cannot be rebuilt.

The project went into receivership in 1998, but was revived under the control of Tuan in 2005 after a \$25-million loan was received from Gibraltar.

FOR THE RECORD

A Denton Farms equestrian photo credited to Tessa Fry in the June 27 Driftwood should have been credited to Cedar Vista Photography.

• Ernie Donnelly of Ernie's Angels, who clean the Branch 92 Legion facility every day, estimates his group has saved the Legion "nearly \$100,000 over the last six years," not only "a thousand" as indicated in a story in last week's issue.

The error was made by the Driftwood, not the contributing writer.

News briefs

Bus bylaw passes voters hurdle

A Salt Spring bus system is a sure thing after completion of a Capital Regional District (CRD) counter-petition process Monday.

A total of 181 counter-petition forms indicating opposition to the bus proposal were submitted to the CRD as of the deadline, said regional director Gary Holman Tuesday.

Ten per cent of eligible Salt Spring voters, or 837 individuals, needed to sign and

submit the forms to force a referendum on the issue.

"It's well under the 10 per cent and it's just really exciting," said Holman.

After talking to CRD staff on Tuesday, he said the bylaw to establish the bus service will go before the CRD Board in Victoria today.

The companion bylaw, to establish a transportation commission for the island, which will oversee a range of transportation-related services, will be voted on in mid-August.

"I was very apprehensive about the whole counter-petition process

but I think in the end it was justified and saved us some money [by not holding a referendum]," said Holman.

Maracaibo volunteers help out

The Maracaibo fire brigade was again called into action during Monday night's fire at Salt Spring Island Village Resort.

"We saw the smoke, obviously, then the fire, so I headed out with a couple of [fire extinguishing] back-

packs and I could see it was really bad," said Maracaibo general manager Charles Bazzard.

He called his wife Sally to spread the word, and before long some 12 to 15 Maracaibo residents were out with foam-dispensing backpack units on Mansell and Robinson roads, along with the strata development's Isuzu fire truck.

Sparks from the massive blaze ignited numerous nearby spots.

"We were right down on Robinson Road, at the first, not official, entrance to the resort," said Bazzard.

He estimated the

group put out about 100 fires over more than five hours.

"The backpacks work incredibly well," he added. "They last quite a while if you don't pour on [the foam] too much."

The Maracaibo group, whose members have training in firefighting that was put to use fighting a house fire on September 2, 2006, worked for several hours.

"I was there at about 10:20 . . . and I guess at midnight or so I fell and sprained my ankle. I left at about 2 a.m. and the last of our guys got home at 4 a.m."



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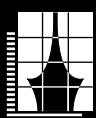
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Ian Mott, left, and 11-year-old Matt Harvey transport the victim of a Ganges Harbour boating mishap to shore on Thursday afternoon.

Youth saves the day

RESCUE

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The incident occurred as the boater turned his 14-foot overloaded aluminum vessel at the wrong moment.

"He obviously wasn't very experienced," said Mott.

In other coast guard news:

A 30-foot trimaran sailing vessel was ruined beyond repair when it slammed into the rocks along Galiano's eastern shoreline early Monday morning.

An RCMP helicopter dispatched from Pender Island joined a Coast Guard hovercraft from Richmond's Sea Island at Cable Bay, where the incident took place at approximately 5 a.m.

By the time Ganges Coast Guard personnel arrived on the scene from Salt Spring, not much could be done to save the vessel.

"The owner escaped without injury and saved some of his personal possessions, but the boat was on the rocks and pretty much a wreck," said Ganges Coast Guard officer-in-charge Ian Mott.

"When we got there the damage had already been done."

The craft hit the rocks after getting caught in strong winds.

Salvage efforts were scheduled for Tuesday afternoon.

FERRY FARES

Province holds fast on ferry subsidies

Highest fare scenario faces Gulf Islands

BY STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Islanders will see ferry fares steadily increase through 2012 as the provincial government elected not to increase subsidies for the next performance term, beginning in 2008.

The province's decision, with a dated release of June 30, comes despite concerns from island residents that increasing fares will hurt coastal communities.

The lack of increased funding means routes will see an average fare increase of about 85 per cent over 2003 levels by 2011.

Although the province will increase the total service fees to reflect new vessels coming into service and northern terminal construction, that funding was already known and considered in the B.C. Ferry Commissioner's calculations, which determine the fares for performance terms. The provincial contribution to the fuel deferral account is also minimal and "will likely not affect our final fare cap ruling," stated a commission summary of the decision.

For all intents and purposes, there is no additional money, said Salt Spring Ferry Advisory Committee chair Bob Jones.

Route scheduling changes are being considered, with B.C. Ferries (BCF) having "freedom to concentrate core service on periods of higher traffic demand," states the summary.

But Jones said "it's not a big deal because we could have done it anyway."

A number of groups who rallied for increased government subsidies are disappointed with the decision.

"We consider these an essential part of the transportation infrastructure for the coastal areas of British Columbia," said Islands Trust chair Kim Benson. "Of course we're disappointed if the province is not recognizing that in helping to offset the costs of the ferry service to coastal communities.

"We believe there should be a recognition that the people who use the ferry service do contribute towards the cost recovery of the ferries, but that like transit and roads there is a need for social infrastructure. This relates not just to the Trust area and island property owners and residents, but to public access."

Although Salt Spring residents will undoubtedly feel the crunch of increasing fares, the island is large enough so costs are borne across the board.

"I think the small islands are going to get hurt a lot more," Jones said. "There seems to be a desire on the government's behalf to turn their back on small communities. This is not the ferry company's fault."

In addition, the contract amendment will see the seven route groups amalgamated into four, "so B.C. Ferries will have somewhat more flexibility in tariff setting within the caps," reads the release.

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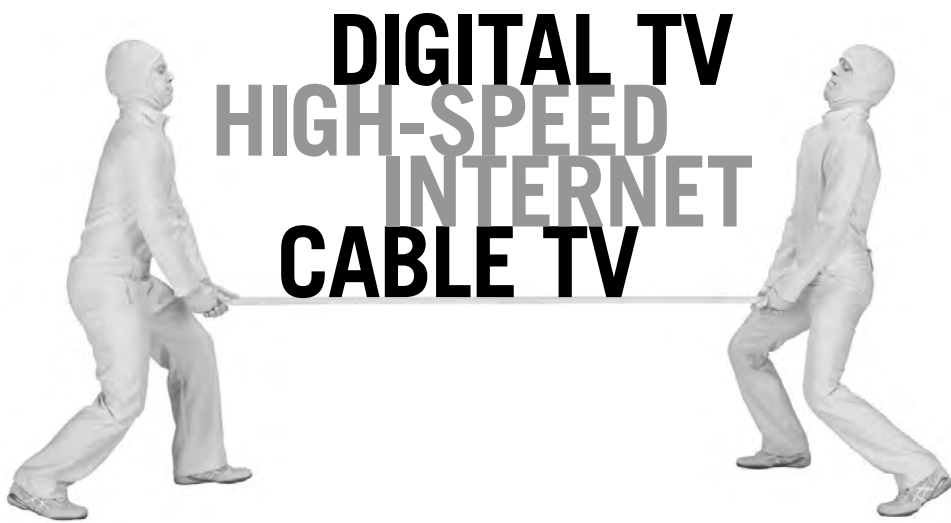
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READY TO CAMP: Camp hosts Tom and Gaynelle Lobbes welcome campers to Salt Spring's newest campground — Mowhinna Creek — located at the top of Ganges Hill.

GANGES PATHWAYS

Grant: off-road path now a step closer

Partners Creating Pathways project welcomes new partner

A British Columbia Transmission Corporation (BCTC) grant has pushed the Partners Creating Pathways project well over the half-way mark.

"We are pleased to support this community-driven initiative that encourages residents and visitors to choose green commuting options and to safely enjoy the local environment," said Tim Jennings, BCTC project manager.

"Our contribution is one element of BCTC's commitment to environmental leadership and sustainability."

Island Pathways and the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club welcomed the

\$10,000 donation for the project to build an off-road pedestrian/cycle pathway next to Lower Ganges Road between Wildwood Crescent and Blain Road.

Total estimated cost is \$90,000.

"The pathway will link populated residential areas, including Brinkworthy, with shopping and services, allowing pedestrians, cyclists, and wheelchair-bound travellers (including small motorized scooters for the disabled) to safely reach downtown destinations," states a press release.

Other organizations that have also become partners by being generous donors to the project are the SSI Foundation and the CRD. "We are definitely building this pathway," said pathway project manager Jean Gelwicks. "Everyone in the community has been

extremely positive towards the pathway idea. We hope to have it in before the rains start in November."

Anyone interested in supporting the project can make their donations to Trail and Nature Club, P.O. Box 203, SSI, BC V8K 2V9 or call 537-4859 or 653-4780 to donate time to help with the pathway.

The project is also looking for plants that can be used in landscaping the sides of the pathway.

"Don't throw any plants away. Especially plants that might be used along the side of the pathway or to create a hedgerow," said Gelwicks.

BCTC is the Crown corporation responsible for the planning, operation and maintenance of the province's publicly owned electrical transmission system.

Trustees defer Salt Springs Spa strata application

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

North Beach Road residents left last week's Local Trust Committee meeting encouraged by Salt Spring trustees' decision to table an application that would triple the size of the Salt Springs Spa Resort until more information on the project's impact can be gathered.

"There are serious water

issues in the area and I hope the Trust has taken that into account, though I don't see any evidence that that is the case," said neighbour Donald Lester.

Margaret Thomson, owner of an adjacent hobby farm, said the resort has already had a noticeable effect on area water supply.

"I think I am a real farmer who stands to suffer from this and I have not been

consulted," Thomson told trustees.

Spa property owners plan to convert the resort's existing 12 commercial guest cabins to strata title to sell them as individual units.

Funding from the sales would help finance plans to construct 25 additional guest cabins on the 2.3-hectare (5.7-acre) property.

Based on neighbours'

concerns, trustees tabled the application and instructed Islands Trust staff to secure more information.

"I am not comfortable saying we support the strata at this point," said trustee George Ehring. "I don't like the idea of the expanded use and if I don't know how the strata conversion will impact neighbouring lands, that doesn't help either."



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NEWSBEAT

PROVINCIAL PARKS

Islanders face off on playing in parks

Future of park uses debated at public meeting

**BY STACY
CARDIGAN SMITH**
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Recreation and conservation mandates squared off at the first open house on future directions for Salt Spring's four provincial parks and two ecological reserves.

About 70 people toured the Lions Hall open house on developing park man-

agement plans from noon to 5 p.m. last Thursday, with a similar number attending the evening public meeting.

Management plans will set out the parameters of what can and cannot be developed in the parks, but do not guarantee development. Over the next 10 months, plans will be developed for Burgoyne Bay, Mount Maxwell and Ruckle provincial parks and for Mount Tuam and Mount Maxwell ecological reserves. The Mount Erskine plan will be finished by late August.

These plans will dictate the direction the lands will take for the next 10 or so years, said Harry Parsons of Bufo Incorporated, one of the consulting companies hired for the project. Bufo will examine all of the protected lands except Erskine, which will be handled by Jim Morris and Mel Turner.

While Ruckle presently has a plan, it was drafted in 1987, does not include the new Cusheen Cove area of the park and is not thorough enough. Other protected areas have only "purpose statements" or nothing at all.

The opportunity to develop a plan for all of the island's protected areas is "rare and exciting," said the Ministry of Environment's planning section head Sharon Erickson during an interview.

Working with many parks and reserves at once has both benefits and challenges, Erickson said.

It makes sense to draft the plans at the same time to consider the overall island, and because Maxwell park, Maxwell ecological reserve and Burgoyne park all connect, it is beneficial to look at them all at the same time. But challenges include deal-

ing with the large quantity of information and the size of the project.

Attendees at the evening session were given the opportunity to comment about the future of the island's protected land.

Environmentalist and local Liberal Party candidate Briony Penn questioned whether the management plan for Burgoyne would be ecosystem-based and conservation-focused as was promised when land was acquired, and suggested conservation take precedence over recreation.

On the other hand, Parks and Recreation Commission member Carol Dodd requested a boat launch and family picnic and recreation area, including a baseball field, be developed in Burgoyne.

Attendees called for greater maintenance of some trails, particularly in Maxwell, as well as better mapping of trails and a formal north-south connection from Maxwell to Burgoyne.

Elizabeth White stated B.C. Parks is now the largest owner of farmland on the island and recommended a farm management plan be developed at the same time as the park management plan.

Some islanders called for further studies before any decisions are made. Other topics included horse access, kayak launches, park volunteers and the reinstatement of the park host program.

Attendees also questioned how funds would be generated, including whether fixed roof accommodation or lodges would be permitted.

Thursday's meeting was

the first of three scheduled between now and December.

"I like management plans with no surprises," Parsons said. "Even though you might not agree with the decisions, at least you know where they came from."

"The public input will have quite an impact on things," and is not just to appease locals, said Bufo consultant Shannon Macey-Carroll.

"Even though you might not agree with the decisions, at least you know where they came from."

HARRY PARSONS
Bufo Incorporated

A second meeting with stakeholders, including farm, recreation and environmental groups, was held on Friday, with similar comments received, Macey-Carroll added.

In addition to public sessions, B.C. Parks is gathering information through heritage, terrestrial and archaeological assessments.

A questionnaire will be available online by the end of this week on the B.C. Parks website at www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/future.html. Comments can also be sent to parkinfo@victoria1.gov.bc.ca.

For more information, contact B.C. Parks planner Peggy Burfield at 250-751-3206.



Islands Trust

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LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee will be holding a Public Hearing on **Proposed Bylaw No. 171, cited as "North Pender Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 171, 2007."**

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw.

The Public Hearing will be held commencing at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 28, 2007 at the Pender Island School (Gym), located at 5714 Canal Road, North Pender Island.

Following the close of the hearing, the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee may consider further readings of the bylaw.

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 171 is to replace the current Official Community Plan for North Pender Island.

At the Public Hearing, the public, including all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw, shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard in person, by a representative, or by written submission respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw, at the above time and place.

All persons concerned should inspect the proposed bylaw to satisfy themselves as to how their lands may be affected by the proposed regulations. A copy of the proposed bylaw and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing Friday July 6, 2007 and up to and including Friday, July 27, 2007.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the *Local Government Act*, a copy of the proposed bylaw and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaw may also be inspected at the Capital Regional District Office on North Pender Island, located at 4605 Bedwell Harbour Road **commencing Friday, July 6, 2007. Office hours are: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the *Local Government Act*, the proposed bylaw can also be viewed on the Islands Trust Website at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltrc/np/bylaws.cfm>

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Written submissions made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Planner, at (250) 405-5159 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

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NEWSBEAT

ISLANDS TRUST

Debate resumes at Trust meeting

Septic tanks and fee hikes get opinions flowing

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It may not have been an all-out disagreement, but Salt Spring Island trustees were no longer walking hand in hand by the end of last Thursday's Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting.

Trustees George Ehring and Peter Lamb have sided with one another on each and every matter subjected to a vote during the monthly LTC meetings since they were elected in November 2005.

The previous time trustees required the LTC chair's vote to break a deadlock was in October 2005, when former chair David Essig hammered the final nail into the coffin of B&B Ganges Marina Ltd.'s proposal to build a harbour-front commercial development in Ganges.

Months of accord came to an end on Thursday when trustee Lamb abstained from voting on a development variance permit required for a new residential septic system beside the McFadden Estuary near Walker's Hook.

"We are being asked to approve a variance based on an engineer's report that doesn't exist," said Lamb. "We are here to preserve and protect the environment, not to facilitate building. Why should we make an exception this time?"

ISLANDS TRUST

Province looks at Fulford Farms plan

Trustees seek higher opinion on agricultural land's future

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Three Point Properties' proposal to donate 25 hectares (65 acres) of Fulford Valley farmland in exchange for the Trust's permission to construct three waterfront homes along Isabella Point Road is off to the province's Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) for consideration.

"Moving forward does not bind any future decisions," said George Ehring, during last week's Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting at ArtSpring. "If [the ALC] says no, everything stops. If they say yes, we still aren't obligated."

ALC input is necessary before Salt Spring's trustees can act on a pair of applications Three Point Properties

submitted to the Trust earlier this year.

The Victoria-based property-development company is applying for non-farm use and the subdivision of land within the province's Agricultural Land Reserve on its nine-acre Isabella Point Road and 34-hectare (85-acre) Hughes farm property respectively.

Pending the application's outcome, Three Point Properties intends to sell a nine-hectare (20-acre) portion of farmland.

The company proposes to donate the remaining 25 hectares (65 acres) to the Islands Farmers Institute.

Trustees based their decision on recommendations made at the June 21 sitting of the Trust's Advisory Agriculture Committee.

Committee members deemed the Three Point Properties project "is in the provincial interest and in keeping with [the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands']

Lamb's arguments that the Trust had yet to receive enough information about the project's impact on the marine ecosystem and nearby First Nations midden site failed to sway trustee Ehring and chair Benson.

Benson and Ehring voted to issue the permit on the basis that the benefits of a new septic system far outweighed the existing 25-year-old unit.

"I'm hesitant, but given the potential improvement, I'm willing to support it," Ehring said.

Debate continued later in the meeting when trustees tackled a Trust-wide proposal to increase all application fees by 10 per cent.

While Lamb and Ehring agreed inflationary pressures and a higher application volume on Salt Spring Island warranted the increase, debate arose regarding how to implement the new bylaw.

According to Ehring, an application-wide increase would discourage affordable housing projects on the island.

Further amendments to draft Bylaw 428 are required, he argued, to ensure fees are not increased for projects intended to address affordable housing.

"I'm willing to give this first reading, but not second and third," Ehring said. "This policy in my opinion doesn't work. Let's get it on the table and deal with it [at the next LTC

meeting] in three weeks."

From Lamb's perspective, a fee increase is needed now to avoid problems when it comes to counting the money at budget time.

"We are here to preserve and protect the environment, not to facilitate building."

PETER LAMB
Salt Spring trustee

"It is really important that we get this new fee structure in place," Lamb said. "This year's budget was predicated on the increase and here we are already in July."

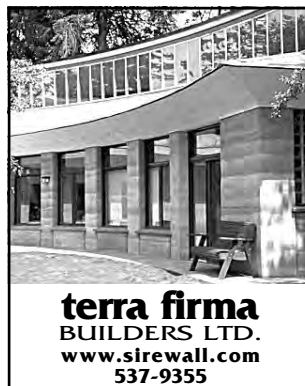
Draft Bylaw 428 was proposed at the March 2007 meeting of Trust Council on Gabriola Island based on recommendations from the Trust's Financial Planning Committee. LTCs are advised to implement the increases "as soon as practical."

The 10-per-cent increase would be levied on all applications to the Trust, including rezoning application and development variance permit requests.

Amending draft Bylaw 428 would exempt all affordable housing applications from the increase.

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mandate to encourage agriculture."

Three of the five board members present at the Advisory Agriculture meeting also sit on the Islands Farmers Institute's board of directors, the non-profit organization slated to receive the farmland donation on the community's behalf.

Three Point Properties initially asked for four additional densities, but reviewed its application after strong community opposition.

The one additional density Three Point is requesting for the Isabella Point Road site would come from the Islands Trust's amenity zoning "density bank," not transferred from the farmland property.

Isabella Point Road residents argue realigning portions of the road poses a hazard to drivers and construction of new waterfront properties will destroy their neighbourhood's rural charm and character.

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- **Soundview Entertainment Inc.** – Licence application for a Category 2 specialty television programming undertaking – Across Canada
- **World Television Network/Le Réseau Télémonde inc.** (2 applications) – Licences applications for a Category 2 specialty television programming undertakings – Across Canada
- **Insight Sports Ltd., on behalf of a corporation to be incorporated** – Licence application for a Category 2 specialty television programming undertaking – Across Canada
- **All TV Inc.** – Licence application for a Category 2 specialty television programming undertaking – Across Canada
- **Standard Radio Inc. (2 applications)** – Licences applications for commercial digital radio programming undertakings – Vancouver, British Columbia
- **0759969 B.C. Ltd** – Licence application for an FM commercial radio programming undertaking – Salt Spring Island, British Columbia
- **Salt Spring Island Radio Corp.** – Licence application for an FM commercial radio programming undertaking – Salt Spring Island, British Columbia
- **CHUM Limited** – To acquire the assets of the radio programming undertaking CFBT-FM Vancouver from The Beat Broadcasting Corporation – Vancouver, British Columbia
- **Campbell River TV Association** – Licence application for a video-on-demand programming undertaking – Campbell River, British Columbia

For further information, please consult Notice of Public Hearing CRTC 2007-7. If you wish to support or oppose an application or obtain a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing, please consult the CRTC website at www.crtc.gc.ca under "Public Proceedings" or call our toll free number 1-877-249-CRTC. Any information you submit, including personal information, will be posted on the CRTC website.

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EDITORIAL

Fighting fires

Salt Spring Island was spared an incomprehensible disaster on a windy Monday night, as a mammoth fire raged at the incomplete Salt Spring Island Village Resort (SSIVR).

Considering the conditions, it's amazing that even more damage was not done, and that only two firefighters suffered injuries over more than 10 hours of work. Both outcomes speak to the preparedness and management of the local volunteer and professional force.

Thanks are also due to firefighters who answered the call from Pender, Mayne and Galiano islands, and the B.C. Forest Service, and the Maracaibo neighbourhood group, who volunteered to help.

The island's emergency social services system was also put into action. While not pressed to its

limit needing to take care of many people for long, it passed the test put before it.

THE ISSUE:

SSIVR fire

WE SAY:

Emergency services deserves our help

Monday's fire raises a number of issues.

Salt Spring's fire board recently put out a louder than usual request for volunteer firefighters, with trustee Mark Wyatt pointing out the department should have 50

volunteers, not the 29 at present, to work with the five paid personnel and Salt Spring Fire Chief Dave Enfield.

As well, the island's emergency preparedness system is always trying to improve, with creation of neighbourhood pods an ongoing labour headed by emergency program coordinator Enfield, with help from other devoted islanders. In cases where neighbourhood evacuation is required, the pod system ensures communication with everyone affected is complete and that evacuation occurs in as orderly a fashion as possible.

For those not aware of which "pod" they should belong to, contact the Salt Spring fire department via the Ganges hall. As well, more helpers are needed to ensure as much of the island as possible is covered by the pod system.

And as always, as summer temperatures climb and the Gulf Islands inevitably dry out, residents and visitors must make fire prevention a top priority in every activity undertaken.

When weather is cool and days are disaster-free, it's easy to forget that an emergency services system needs huge community support. And those who risk their lives for the rest of us deserve nothing less.



Try incentives and perks for OCP

BY LYNN REGAN

I am appalled at some of the recommendations that the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan (OCP) Review has been considering.

It is not surprising that a legal opinion has considered the plan for the all-encompassing development permits "a logistical nightmare" and "unwieldy." Also of grave concern to me are the "tourism tax" and the "prevent monster homes" bill.

I would like to suggest a completely different approach. Instead of rules, regulations and prohibitions, why not apply incentives, rewards and perks for the kind of development(s) that you want to encourage?

Monster homes do have their place here, just as does affordable housing: if we want to encourage one style over the other we need to create the tax incentives to build smaller rather than larger. You want to build a big house, OK, but it will cost you, and the costs will continue for the life of the home. The net effect is for affordable housing to be more affordable, with the monster home tax helping to recover the lost revenue from the incentives.

The island is, just like all very beautiful places, attractive to those who will insist on building big homes. I too deplore the need for such ostentatious displays of wealth. However, I do not seek to stifle those urges in others, or to send them elsewhere to build. Your argument about needing to minimize the effect on the environment by setting limits on house size just doesn't hold up to scrutiny either. If we build three or four affordable homes, don't they have as much environmental impact as one big high-end home? Incentive taxation is used all over the world for a variety of situations, why not here?

Which brings me to the tourism tax? On Salt Spring we no longer have resource industries, or small industries, or indus-

VIEWPOINT

try of any kind with the exception of the tourist and the building trade industry and small service businesses.

For those of us who still have to work here for a living, I say leave the tourists alone. They are already paying top dollar for ferries, gas, meals and accommodations. In addition, the Americans have lost the buying power of their dollar and must have passports before they get here. The existing tourism infrastructure isn't all that bad, but the economic conditions needed for tourism are currently less than ideal. Our tourism industry needs a shot in the arm, not a shot in the foot.

Which brings me to energy efficiency versus affordability. We have to think long term. Affordable housing that is built now must be energy efficient.

Yes, it costs more to buy and build, but the payback occurs over the long term. The cost for water rates and taxes, sewage disposal and electricity are all rising, and the inhabitants of those "affordable" homes will be paying for those services just like the rest of us.

Why make it more difficult for them in the future by shortsighted thinking now?

In summary, we are experiencing inevitable growth. We should be using incentives to encourage the kinds of growth that we want rather than banning, blacklisting, and limiting. We need creative planning and thinking that is outside of the box.

In a viable community we need different kinds of people, skills, ideas, and yes, homes.

The writer is a 40-year Salt Spring resident and a piano teacher.

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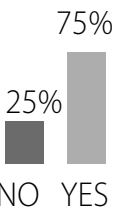
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
"It was like swarms of fireflies everywhere."

MANSSELL ROAD RESIDENT BRENDA BRAZIER, MONDAY NIGHT.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Have recent Canadian soldiers' deaths in Afghanistan changed your view on Canada's role there?

BUCK

It's changed my feeling of being a Canadian. We used to be just a peace-keeping nation and now we're killing and being killed.


PANDORA MORGAN

My opinions haven't really changed. I just think they shouldn't have been there in the first place.


CHRIS AULD

No, it hasn't changed my view. I believe that Canada should only be in a peace-keeping role and not a military offensive one.


GORDEN YEO

I think none of them should be there, as far as I can tell.


REG JONES

I think Canada's presence in Afghanistan is definitely warranted but I feel bad for the families as the violence seems unnecessary.

Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication. Read and reply to Driftwood letters online at www.gulfislands.net/blogs/blog_letters

Control freaks

Marv Coulthard touches on a form of local control, in the Wheels section of your June 20 issue.

He relates the case of an individual who was refused entry of an uncommon automobile by federal government bureaucrats even though the car was licensed in California.

The control freaks of Transport Canada sniff that they are keeping Canadians safe, when in reality there is little difference between Canadian and U.S. safety regulations —which are largely U.S.-derived anyway.

The faulty reasoning of Transport Canada staff resembles that found in abundance on Salt Spring Island, where "local control" is preached and many would happily regulate automobiles, though hopefully not to Cuban standards of excellence.

KEITH SKETCHLEY,
VICTORIA

War and profit

I just read that six more of our soldiers died in Afghanistan, and we're told over and over by the media the reason we're there is to help restore democracy. What tripe!

Once again, it's about resources folks. I would encourage anyone and everyone to rent the video Why We Fight to get a better understanding of how the war machine works. War is very profitable. That alone is why you won't see this one nor Iraq end soon.

Our own defence minister Gordon O'Connor is a former defence industry lobbyist for crying out loud! By the way, our troops are under US command, they're not wearing blue helmets. In the film you'll be introduced to Richard Pearle — the rabid neo-conservative, former U.S. Department of Defence insider and signatory to the geopolitical strat-

egy paper Project for a New American Century. Unfortunately what isn't mentioned is that this paper basically call for "restructuring" the Middle East for the sake of controlling resources and calls for regime changes in Afghanistan, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, Iran and Egypt (in that order) and was written in 2000 — a year before 9/11. Look at an atlas. These countries all line up like dominoes.

Richard Pearle, along with Henry Kissinger, were until recently on the board of directors of Conrad Black's Hollinger Inc. These guys are business partners. Kingpins, actually. Hollinger at its height a couple of years ago controlled almost half of Canada's newspapers, as well as international dailies.

Do you see how this works? You've got the policy paper, the right government, the war and the propaganda machines all working hand in hand.

Meanwhile, good people —soldiers and civilians alike

— are dying every day in the name of so-called democracy. Give me a break. So why are we in Afghanistan? Perhaps it's to keep things cool while the pipeline and military bases go in.

Afghanistan also contains vast quantities of untapped uranium.

I wonder if Gordon O'Connor has any of his own relatives serving there. Somehow I doubt it.

DAVE CAMPBELL,
SALT SPRING

Country mouse

Islanders for Self Government (ISG) is making progress in its educational approach, for it is reported that even our trustees realize that jurisdictional reach and enforcement capacity does not rest within our present dysfunctional format. ("Trustees hash out OCP ideas," July 4 Driftwood.) They know it rests within the structure of a municipality but that fact remains

lodged in their throats.

Many don't realize that our local Trust committee (two locals and one off islander) lack the authority to launch a legal action and they need the blessing of not one but five off islanders.

Salt Springers are treated like children by the Trust, unable to make even one decision by ourselves. Moreover, legal expenses are allocated and ruled by the executive (reference Trust's policy manual), none of whom come from Salt Spring. Yet another responsibility off-shored. Salt Springers as a municipality under the Local Government Act would have the jurisdictional reach and the enforcement capacity we badly need.

One person makes all other decisions that an island council should be making. Our single CRD representative Gary Holman tries to punch above his class against Central Saanich, Colwood, Esquimalt,

Highlands, Langford, Metchosin, North Saanich, Oak Bay, Saanich, Sidney, Sooke, Victoria, View Royal, Juan de Fuca and the southern Gulf Islands.

Anyone recall a big brother ever taking the smaller piece of pie?

Our present system allows Salt Spring to go to the banquet of municipalities but in the guise of a country mouse hoping for a crumb off the table. Little wonder that so many budgets careen off the rails with only one person overseeing them.

Yet another layer of government is the legislature in Victoria. From these off islanders we get our roads and the understaffed policing. Need I say more.

Visit www.islandgov.org for more info. Return government by local people for the local people to Salt Spring.

BLAIR HOWARD,
SALT SPRING

MORE LETTERS continued on A10

Reflectors can help prevent red-zone road kills

If it has ever happened to you, you will never forget it. It has never happened to me, but I have witnessed it.

Driving into Victoria, I saw the deer make uncertain steps onto the highway. Motorists braked hard in three out of the four lanes. The fourth-lane driver thought she could outpace the deer. The animal catapulted into the air as if in some macabre pirouette, landing in a crumpled, dying heap of bone and sinew at the side of the road. The car kept going, the driver too humiliated, terrified or shocked to pull over.

Just last week I piloted my SUV through a farrago of broken car parts, gawkers and police vehicles all attending to a late model economy car that had flipped over and ground its way through two oncoming traffic lanes to come to rest in a mangled, smouldering write-off. The driver had swerved to miss a young buck.

Road kill, particularly deer, has become a serious problem. In B.C., 10 people were killed and 375 injured in wildlife/auto encounters in 2004. ICBC paid out \$23 million in wildlife claims that year.

The number of animals killed or injured is very difficult to nail down, but the Canada Safety Council estimates almost 17,000 come out on the losing end in Brit-

ish Columbia alone. As always, Salt Spring Island has its own unique set of issues.

Question: has Salt Spring reached its cultural saturation point? Have deer become so populous, have deer devastated enough gardens and trashed enough cars? Have deer ceased to be thought of as a noble denizen of the forest and come to be regarded as a total pain in the ass?

With no natural predators and a finite land space with an aquatic barrier, the deer population becomes much more of a problem than the 50 or so new humans that end up on our shores every year. To most Salt Springers, the idea of bringing in hired guns to dispatch surplus Bambis is an anathema, as is the idea of platoons of amateur hunters in back yards packing heat.

Birth control seems to be the most effective way of thinning out the herd. Hunters with darts packed with liquid birth control is the weapon of choice for the well-heeled enlightened of the world. Once "shot" with one of these darts, it can prevent pregnancy for up to five years. A doe normally gives birth


Peter Vincent

HEAD TO HEAD

to two or three fawns per year. You don't have to be Einstein to do the numbers on this one.

Long-term family planning doesn't solve the problem of a deer joining you in the front seat of your Prius today. That involves a whole other set of problems. Salt Spring has a half dozen "red zones" — road crossings historically favoured by deer. Some are on the direct routes to the ferries. Motorists have been known to race along these routes at breakneck speeds to beat a ferry sailing. But even when travelling the posted speed limits, deer burst out of the forest and right into the grill without a driver having a chance to react.

There is a very effective solution to all those bent fenders and messy road kill — Strieter-Lite reflectors. These are sets of reflectors that pick up a car's headlights and reflect them onto the road in a red, crisscross pattern that seems to stop deer in their tracks. Tests from 13 states and British Columbia show an 88 per cent drop in car/deer encounters. That is an amazing reduction number.

The cost of the reflector system is about \$8,000 per mile, installed. I would estimate

Salt Spring has about 10 miles worth of "red zones" and so for about \$80,000 we could stop much of the carnage. If we can afford a shiny new transportation system, and a lovely new pool, surely we can pony up \$80,000.

Given that the average cost for auto repairs in a close encounter with a deer is about \$2,500, it would not take long to recoup the cost of setting up the reflectors. But as we are becoming painfully aware, if the issue doesn't involve a Speedo or a tennis racquet, finding local money to save a few deer may prove a Herculean undertaking unless someone steps to the fore. Perhaps the SSI Conservancy? I hear they have some pull.

Less costly and proportionately less effective solutions would be to adopt the Township of Comox solution — very nice signage all over town that simply says "Expect Deer on our Roads." Even less costly may be the wildlife whistles available at Mouat's Hardware. While the jury is out on whether these do anything in the slightest, they may at least assuage the driver's feeling of powerlessness when navigating through the red zones.

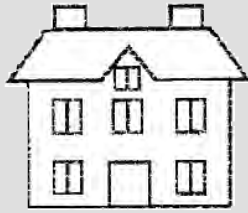
In the meantime, ease back on the accelerator. The blood on your hands may be your own.

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OPINION

MORE LETTERS

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Government concern

Regarding the article "Dubai prisoner has island ties" in the July 4 Driftwood and your characterization of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade's role in the case of Mr. Bert Tatham, you may be interested in the comments made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Peter MacKay, on June 19

in the House of Commons Foyer, Ottawa, after Question Period, on the day that Mr. Tatham was given a sentence of four years' detention:

"... I'm not going to say anything that would jeopardize that case. I'm not going to get into the facts or the details. But what I can tell you is that we've had contact with Mr. Tatham and his family almost from the moment that he was taken into custody and arrested. We'll continue to do so. You know the United Arab Emir-

ates is a country that we have very good lines of communication and working relationship with on a number of files, diplomatic and otherwise. So we're monitoring the case closely and we'll provide diplomatic and consular service where we can and when we're asked."

You will see from this that the department has and continues to follow this case with concern.

RODNEY MOORE,
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To make three sandwiches, have ready **6 slices of Muesli bread** (or other seeded bread). Combine in a bowl: **2 cups chopped cooked chicken, 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese, 1/4 cup mayonnaise, 2 tablespoon parsley, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, 1 teaspoon lemon zest, 1/2 teaspoon cumin, 1 teaspoon Cajun spice** (or chili seasoning), & **2 green onions sliced**. To make sandwiches coat one side of each slice of bread with mayonnaise & top with chicken mixture. Grill on each side until cheese is melted & bread is golden. Cut & serve warm.

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OPINION

Milk us

Thank you to the Driftwood newspaper for letting me smuggle a letter out from the Pender Islands' iron curtain of journalism with regards to the Islands Trust.

We recently had some meeting of the official community plan and the "Excellence in Governance" show which were poorly attended by 20 to 40 people at most.

Could the reason be that the Islands Trust office on Pender is rarely open and few people got the plan to go over it? These versions of an OCP should have been distributed to every property owner, local residents, businesses and off-island property owners at the least.

Over the years, each of these community plans have been so different from the previous ones that it begs the question what really is going on here. Of you can actually get one of these it will bring light to see what ludicrous restrictive laws are being proposed that seriously affect people's property rights.

You will have other people decide what you can do with your property and not you. It introduces unnecessary levels of costs and hurdles to jump over as you try to enjoy your peace and sanctuary in the Gulf Islands. And of course with all this, what a complete surprise, more money will go to the Islands Trust.

These development permits seem more of a cash cow that supports a self-perpetuating bureaucracy getting out of control more than it does protecting butterflies, snakes, bats and Toronto basketball players.

Over 25 years ago someone gave me a "Protect me from the Islands Trust" bumper sticker, and wow, this is so true.

At the Excellence in Governance meeting it was interesting to see Bowen Island's municipality on a map. There was reluctance to discuss anything good that has been brought to that community.

Good, bad or ugly it would be good to see more coverage of how Bowen Island is doing with this new structure of the future.

Keeping with the preserve and protect concept, the most important issue in all of this is a more diverse representation of people in the community and not just more Islands Trust types to stack a board to fight over the Trust budget and not pay attention to how this money could go to projects that shouldn't have to be fund-raised all the time.

I was amazed that they actually showed pie graphs of where they get their monies, how they spend it and, this is the scary one, where they're looking at to create more revenue. Why are all these well-paid Islands Trust planners relying on these volunteer focus groups to come up with this OCP stuff in the first place — can't they do it themselves?

Lately we have been hearing of a massive outbreak of bylaw enforcement to happen. It seems we will have our very own volunteer vice squad performing drive by peekings and snoopings.

I think we can save lots of time and money with this land-use planning circus act by just granting "everyone and everything" farm status. That way it's simple: We'll milk them in the morning and we'll milk them in the evening.

AL LANDESS,
PENDER ISLAND

Give credit

With the unfortunate events that led to the mistakes in the new Lions Directory phone book, I must come to the defence of one business involved with its production and their very quick response to help mitigate some of the damage that may be caused by this error.

Imagine That Graphics owner Tina Kempling has been the whipping post for people's anger, which is justified but may be directed in

the wrong direction.

At her own expense and time she has produced the insert which has already been distributed in the Driftwood, as well as the creation of an online directory to help with the problem, and all of this while the principals of the Lions Directory are on holidays. She deserves credit for this initiative.

TIM O'CONNOR,
JOHN DOLMAN,
SALT SPRING

Enough

So Peter Lamb, our esteemed trustee, suggests that the expensive dinosaur of a body that presently governs us does yet another study. ("Energy efficiency meets affordable housing," July 4 Driftwood.)

This one would "... create a housing needs assessment survey to determine the precise demands for affordable housing." Dear God in heaven, just how many studies on affordable housing does this one little poky island need? We already have a 67-page report from a Community Housing Task Force (December 2005) with recommendations positively dripping from its ink-soaked pages, addressing the exact problems that Peter Lamb wants to go back and ponder yet again.

What happened to it? Precisely nothing. Nada. And then in February of this year we all trooped along to yet another wasted afternoon at All Saints By-the-Sea. Yes, more hours of twittering on the subject of "How are we doing with housing on Salt Spring?"

Peter Lamb was there, of course, heard the heartfelt cries for action, but nothing has ever happened with the recommendations made at the conclusion of that meeting either. Oh yes, I hear the Trust's hand-wringing obsequious responses "... but of course we are having to assess all these recommendations in the light of our ongoing OCP consultations blah blah blah..."

Well, let me say I remem-

ber the last OCP that came out with grand-sounding ideas. Some of them were actually quite good. But yes, you've guessed. Nothing ever happened to them either.

If you want to find out about the need for affordable housing just go into any store, restaurant or other service facility on this island and ask about the problems of getting staff. Ask the teachers, nurses, construction workers that are also forced to commute here... the same answer always comes up — affordable housing!

Is it only me or is anyone else fed up to the back teeth with the lack of action on housing on this island? Talk talk... that's all these people ever do. Does no one want to get off their backsides and kick out what passes for our pitiful local government, grab the reins and shout "Enough already!"

It really is time to get ourselves a decent municipal council that means business, that just gets on with the job of running this island in a way that doesn't look like the Marx Brothers are in charge.

ANDREW G. GARDNER,
SALT SPRING

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OPINION

RANTS and Roses

Rants

A huge bouquet of stinking rant roses to Pauline McDonald, who so quickly and quite possibly wrongly accused youth of stealing her Canadian flag. You have no proof as to who took your flag; lashing out at a demographic will not make you friends. Loosen up and open your eyes. The world is changing and it isn't just youth that commit crude acts. Actually I think it's safe to say that the older generations are far more destructive. I am a new resident to this island and I happen to find the teenagers here to be delightful,

insightful and far more pleasant than you. *Roger Clark*

Roses

Bouquets or roses — any colour but firey red — to all the rescue crews who kept us safe from what could have been a disaster on Monday night; to our neighbours on Cedar Lane who watched out for all of us as the embers showered down on our most special street; and to the kind staff at Harbour House who managed to find an extra "pet room" for our dog, Salt Spring — the best little island anywhere! *FJ, MA and Turtle*

Roses to David Whittlesey (former Salt Spring resident now living in Vancouver) who is part of the 18th Caravan to Cuba Friendship that left from the Peace Arch border crossing on the Canada Day long weekend. Also, roses to everyone who contributed material aid this year: lots of bicycles in good working order, excellent power tools from Lynda Jensen, etc. Thanks to everyone who came to our film events and donated money. Tonnes of roses to our local Caravan to Cuba group including, Judy Thompson, Lou Ellis, Andrea Rankin, Ellen Taylor and George Taylor. *TL*

Bright and colourful roses to the most beautiful Mahon Hall ever. *Ellen Reid*

Beautiful roses to everyone who helped me out of the water, who took such great care of me in the hospital, and who has generously supported me both at Steph's fundraiser and at home. Especially my tireless and loving mum. *Caitlin Brownrigg*

Roses of appreciation from the Lions Club to the wonderful people of Salt Spring regarding the problems with the new Lions phone book. Copies of the 653 supplement business listings are available at Mouat's, GVM, Patterson's and the Driftwood, as well as the Lions office at this time.

A stall full of roses for Caroline Hickman and Kaya Hunter for letting me do my pony club test on "Miss Piggy." *Sarah Rouse*

For Carolyn: Many buckets of roses, and bunches too. Thanks for being such a wonderful spark in the office these past two years. Your honesty, friendship and humour will be sorely missed by all — four- and two-legged alike! All the best in pursuing your dreams. Lots of love, Libby, Bodhi and Kira. And a big welcome to Lalita, the new office manager at Salt Spring Chiropractic.

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MOBILE ART: From left, artist Stefanie Denz is seen with The Point Gallery visitors Julia Smith, Elizabeth Buchanan and Larry Woods, who are participating in the "interactive" show.

ARTSPRING EVENTS

Treasure Fair goes all out this week

Four different ways to get 'the goods'

If islanders notice even more activity than usual around ArtSpring this week, it's because the seventh-annual Treasure Fair weekend is about to unfold.

From Thursday, July 12 when the silent auction opens at the arts centre, through a busy Saturday culminating in the exciting grand auction, ArtSpring will be the place to pick up all kinds of treasures and share the experience with friends and family at the same time.

"For the art collector

there is a limited edition print from Carol Haigh, a Stephen Freidman photograph, an exquisite paddle and drum by John Doherty, and a beautiful sandblasted glass vase by Vancouver artist Michael MacFadyen," states a press release. "For the gardening enthusiast there are consultations with experts, horse manure, a heritage apple tree, and two muskoka chairs to relax on when the gardening is done. And, for your enjoyment there are many, many experiences offered: a crab dinner for six, sushi lessons, an afternoon sail with gourmet lunch, a kayaking trip to see the orcas in Johnstone

Strait, a weekend at Long Beach Lodge, dance lessons, dinner at Hastings House, calligraphy lessons, a twig chair workshop . . . the list goes on and on!"

The Treasure Fair is ArtSpring's major fundraising event, raising an average of \$30,000 toward operating expenses each year.

Bidding on silent auction items begins on Thursday, but people are advised to be there at 7:15 p.m. on Saturday night when the bidding ends to make sure they are successful. "If you've never been to a silent auction, it's really very easy—and a lot of fun!"

People go to auctions for

the bargains and the fun and there will be plenty of both. The fair highlight is the live auction at 8 p.m. on Saturday, when special treasures will be put "under the gavel" by a professional auctioneer. Free live auction tickets are available at ArtSpring's ticket centre, 537-2102, www.artspring.ca.

For those who'd like to simply buy a treasure to contribute to the fundraiser, there's a "cash 'n carry room" from Thursday through Saturday for immediate sale of items under \$50 and a community flea market in the ArtSpring meadow on Saturday, July 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ART WORKSHOPS

Feelings transform into image at art course

Amarah Gabriel offers July 12-13 dates

Inspiration and relaxation go with the territory at Amarah Gabriel's summer art workshop.

"I invite people interested in extending their art knowledge to come to my art studio and garden this summer to relax, be inspired, feel the summer breeze, the graceful flowers, the fla-

avour of vegetables, the flight of butterflies, the song of birds and learn acrylic painting techniques as you explore the connection between feelings and art," said Gabriel, an associate of the Ontario College of Art with 30 years as a professional artist.

The July 12-13 workshop will focus on experimentation with translating feelings into expression and representation through colour, line, texture,

shape, and form. Gabriel says people always want to know how she gets such lush colours. She will explain how to mix rich, full colours using complementaries and the importance of capturing light in representation.

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WEDNESDAY JULY 11																						
5 PM	(4:30) FIFA Soccer U-20 World Cup - Round of 16 - Teams TBA (Live)	Rumeurs	George Shrinks	(4:30) Knockouts!	CH News	Happy Days	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Zoboofafo	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:30) Poker After Dark		
		Kif-kif	Arthur	Boxing HBO Championshp - Klitschko vs. Brewster	News	Full House	Global National	News	Phoenix World News		CityCooks	That '70s Show	King of the Hill	ABC World News	News	Nightly Business		CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants	Pratt & Taylor		
6 PM		Le Téléjournal	Popular Mechanics		News	Full House	News	News	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Malcolm in the Middle	News	KING 5 News		CBC News: The National	News	Being Ian	Weird Years	Sportsnet Connected	
		Y parait que	Kratts' Creatures		Malcolm in the Middle																	
7 PM	CBC News: Canada Now	Des squelettes	Meerkat Manor	Sportscentre	FANatical Joe	Reba Calling the Pot Brock	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The South Shaolin	Wheel of Fortune	Star! Daily	The King of Queens	The Simpsons	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Generations: The Blairs of Quebec (N)	Entertainment Tonight	Sabrina Teen Witch	The Ultimate Fighter 3		
		L'Epicierie	Wild at Heart		Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	Ent. Tonight Canada	Canadian Idol (N)	Pure in Heart	Jeopardy	Friends	The King of Queens	Malcolm in the Middle	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	Seasoned Traveler		The King of Queens	Malcolm in the Middle			
8 PM	FIFA Soccer U-20 World Cup - Round of 16 (Live)	La petite séduction	Oh Baby! To Think		The King of Queens	Friends	1 vs. 100	So You Think You Can Dance Top 14 Perform (N)	Vancouver Nights	Iranian Pop	Stargate: SG-1 Lockdown	Canada's Next Top Model	America's Next Top Model	So You Think You Can Dance Top 14 Perform (N)	Next Best Thing (N)	Most Outrageous	Great Peking to Paris Expedition	CBC News: The National	FIFA U-20 Tonight	The King of Queens	Fresh Prince of Bel Air	Jays Connected
				Off the Record	The King of Queens	Home Imp (Part 3 of 3)													CBC News: The National	The King of Queens	Yvon of the Yukon	All-Star Break Special
9 PM		Bons baisers de France	Science Shack	Boxing Wednesday Night Fights - Julio vs. Bundrage	NCIS Frame-Up	The Standard	American Inventor (N)		Sabor Latino	"The Fraternity" ★★ (Thril, '01) Robin Dunne.	Supernatural	Next Top Model The Girls Who Go to Texas	Don't Forget Lyrics (P) (N)	American Inventor (N)	America's Got Talent (N)	Canada's War in Colour	CBC News: The National	Criminal Minds P911	Mystery Hunters	B.D. Sports Show Best Damn Wacky Talent Show		
			Rebuilding the Past		Diya			To Be Announced														
10 PM	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Rage Against the Darkness	Last Comic Temp Auditions (N)	Promised Land	Crushed	Friday Night Lights	Traveler The Reunion (N)	Ordoneze de la Risa		Sex! Violence! Censorship!	Seinfeld The Bubble Boy	Seinfeld The Doorman	Traveler The Reunion (N)	Last Comic Semifinals Las Vegas 1 (N)	American Masters Les Paul: Chasing Sound (N)	Generations: The Blairs of Quebec	CSI: NY Heart of Glass	Prank Patrol	Weird Years A Band Apart	Sportsnet Connected	
11 PM	The Red Green Show	Le Téléjournal	A Scattering of Seeds	Sportscentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	Teledvarvo	News	RAW	Frasier [Part 1 of 2]	The Simpsons	News	News		CBC News: The National	News	Bob and Margaret	Jays Connected		
		Des kiwis et des hommes	Dotto Tech																			
12 MID	Arrested Development	Le Téléjournal	Organ Works	Off the Record	That '70s Show	Coach	(:05) Ent. Tonight	(:05) The Daily Show	Jai Fiji	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	South Park	M*A*S*H A Full Rich Day	Cheaters	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)	Charlie Rose	The Hour	Malcolm in the Middle	Fresh Prince of Bel Air	Pratt & Taylor		
		For Laughs: Gags	Making Mast.	Fins & Skins Advent.	(:35) Late, Late Show	PR Maxx	(:35) E.T. Canada	(:35) Colbert Report	Sabor Musical													

THURSDAY JULY 12																					
5 PM	(4:30) FIFA Soccer U-20 World Cup - Round of 16 - Teams TBA (Live)	Rumeurs	George Shrinks	(4:00) CFL Football - Calgary vs. Toronto	CH News	Happy Days	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Zoboofafo	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Toronto vs. Boston (Live)	
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6 PM		Le Téléjournal	Spellz/(:10) Spellz		News	Full House	News	News	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Malcolm in the Middle	News	KING 5 News		CBC News: The National	News	Being Ian	Erky Perky	
		A la carte	Reach for the Top																		
7 PM	CBC News: Canada Now	Des squelettes	Profiles of Nature	Sportscentre	FANatical Dallas	Reba Happy Pills	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The South Shaolin	Wheel of Fortune	Star! Daily	The King of Queens	The Simpsons	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	KCTS Connects	Planet Earth Deserts	Entertainment Tonight	Sabrina Teen Witch	Sportsnet Connected	
		Fric Show	Camouflage Street		Malcolm in Middle A.A.	According to Jim	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Jeopardy	Friends	The King of Queens	Malcolm in Middle A.A.	Jeopardy	Inside Edition			Access Hollywood	Malcolm in the Middle	MLB Baseball - Detroit vs. Seattle (Live)	
8 PM	For Laughs: Gags	Perdus Sans retour (N)	With Glowing Hearts	Off the Record	"A Time to Kill" ★★ (Dra, '96) Matthew	Home Improvement	Big Brother (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Redrum	What's in Vancouver? Ago Bahen Chugli Karen	Smallville Subterranean	Ugly Betty The Lyin', the Watch and Wardrobe	Smallville Subterranean	Smarter-5th Grader	Ugly Betty The Lyin', the Watch and Wardrobe	My Name Is Earl	Travels to the Edge	CBC News: The National	Big Brother (N)	Fresh Prince of Bel Air	Yvon of the Yukon	
		This Hour 22 Minutes	Sombrio (N)																		
9 PM	How the Kids Took Over	Bons baisers de France	The Adventure of English America	Boxing Holyfield vs. Savarese	McConaughy.	The Standard	From the Ground Up The Sono-Tubes (N)	Think You Can Dance 2 of 14 Voted Off (N)	Jaildarian	"Half Past Dead" ★ (Act, '02) Steven Seagal.	Supernatural Houses of the Holy	Think You Can Dance 2 of 14 Voted Off (N)	Grey's Anatomy [Part 1 of 3]	The Office The Convict	Synchro. Swimming (N)		CBC News: The National	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Redrum	Mystery Hunters	Ghost Trackers	
10 PM	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Wild at Heart		Promised Land	Mooster's Revenge	Shark Fall From Grace	To Be Announced	Main Gonggi Nahi	Desi Rhythms	Men in Trees Talk for Tat	Seinfeld The Virgin	Seinfeld The Jimmy	Men in Trees Talk for Tat	The Office The Injury Scrubs	P.O.V. Revolution '67 (N)	Planet Earth Deserts	Shark Fall From Grace	Prank Patrol	Weird Years	Sportsnet Connected
			Rebuilding the Past																		
11 PM	FIFA Soccer U-20 World Cup - Round of 16	Le Téléjournal	Perspectives No More	Sportscentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	Teledvarvo	News	Realty Television	Frasier [Part 2 of 2]	The Simpsons	News	News		CBC News: The National	News	Bob and Margaret	Sportsnet Connected	
		Des kiwis et des hommes	Tears Sister																		
12 MID	Arrested Development	Le Téléjournal	Tenant of Wildfell Hall [Part 2 of 3]	Off the Record	That '70s Show	International Laser Clinic	(:05) Ent. Tonight	(:05) The Daily Show	Punjabi Vibes	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	South Park	M*A*S*H Check-Up	Cheaters	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)	Charlie Rose	The Hour	Malcolm in the Middle	Fresh Prince of Bel Air	Pratt & Taylor	
		For Laughs: Gags	Sithi Challenge		(:35) Late, Late Show	PR Maxx	(:35) E.T. Canada	(:35) Colbert Report	Desi Rhythms												

FRIDAY JULY 13																				
5 PM	The Simpsons	Rumeurs	George Shrinks	(4:00) CFL Football - Edmonton vs. Winnipeg (Live)	CH News	Happy Days	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Zoboofafo	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	El Tigre	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Toronto vs. Boston (Live)
	Arrested Development	Kif-kif L'autre	Arthur		News	Full House	Global National	News	Phoenix World News		CityCooks	That '70s Show	King of the Hill	ABC World News	News	Nightly Business		CBS Evening News	Avatar Zuko Alone	Boston (Live)
6 PM		Le Téléjournal	Lilly Lilly and the Goldrush		News	Full House	News	News	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show	Malcolm in the Middle	News	KING 5 News		CBC News: The National	News	(:05) Puffy Robotboy	(:35) Team Galaxy
		Pour l'amour du country	Backyard Science																	
7 PM	Coronation Street	"Mensonges et trahisons et plus si affinités"	The Life Of Mammals Meat Eaters	CFL Football - B.C. vs. Saskatchewan (Live)	FANatical	Reba Girl's Night Out	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The South Shaolin	Wheel of Fortune	Star! Daily	The King of Queens	The Simpsons	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	CBC News: the fifth estate	Entertainment Tonight	MAR	Sportsnet Connected
		Coronation Street			Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Jeopardy	Friends	The King of Queens	Malcolm in the Middle	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	About the Money		The National	Access Hollywood	Zatch Bell
8 PM	Canadian Air Farce	(Com, '04) Clovis Cornillac.	By the Book Great Expectations [Part 1 of 2]		Zoe Busiek: Wild Card The Learning Curve	Home Improvement	Aff's 100 Years - 100 Movies - 10th Anniversary Edition	"Mind Over Murder" ★★ (Susp, '05) Tori Spelling.	Weekly News Forum	CTS Night Club	The Collector Beginnings	Friday Night Smackdown (N)	Drive The Extra Mile	George Lopez	1 vs. 100	NOW	CBC News: The National	Jericho Return to Jericho	Naruto	
		Halifax Comedy Fest																		
9 PM	Intelligence	Bons baisers de France			Psych	The Standard	Anniversary Edition		Hwang Jin Yi	"Undercover Brother" ★★ (Com, '02) Eddie Griffin.	"Mickey Blue Eyes" ★★ (Com, '99) Hugh Grant.		Drive Rearview (N)	Greek Pilot (P) (N)	Las Vegas Linda's Box [Part 1 of 2]	Bill Moyers Journal	CBC News: The National	Jericho Black Jack	Inu Yasha	Gundam S Destiny
10 PM	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	The Last Detective	Martial Arts World Combat League	20/20	Promised Land Saint Russell		Law & Order: Criminal Intent Players	Open Concert		Seinfeld The Contest	Seinfeld The Doodle	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	20/20	Law & Order: Criminal Intent Players	"The Misfits" ★★ (West, '61) Marilyn Monroe.	CBC News: the fifth estate	Numb3rs End of Watch	Full Metal Alchemist	Sportsnet Connected
			Lofty																	
11 PM	The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Historylands	Sportscentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	Teledvarvo	News	Pink Planet	Frasier The Bad Son	The Simpsons	News	News		CBC News: The National	News	Eureka Seven	Sportsnet Connected
		Des kiwis et des hommes	Historylands																	
12 MID	Arrested Development	Le Téléjournal	National Geographic Cheats: Deadly Race	Off the Record	(:05) That '70s Show	Coach	(:05) ECW Wrestling	(:05) CSI: Miami Open Water	Vancouver Masala	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	Show With Jay Leno	M*A*S*H	Cheaters	(:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	(:35) Conan O'Brien (N)	Charlie Rose	The Hour	(:35) Late, Late Show	Justice League	Pratt & Taylor
		For Laughs: Gags		Sithi Challenge	(:35) Late, Late Show	Kingstar														



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SATURDAY JULY 14

5 PM	:(4:30) FIFA Soccer U-20 World Cup - Quarter-final (Live)	Beautés désespérées La vie peut changer	George Shrinks Zoboomafoo	(4:00) CFL Football - Montreal vs. Hamilton (Live)	CH Weekend News	Happy Days	The Simpsons	Twice in a Lifetime The Frat Pack	(4:30) Swiat Polskiej Wiadomosci	Hollywood Countdown	Best of MuchOnDemand	24 Day 4: 12:00 Midnight - 1:00 AM	M*A*S*H	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Amer. Test Kitchen	Antiques Roadshow Chelsea	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "Fairly Odd Parent..."	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Toronto vs. Boston (Live)
	Le Téléjournal	Meerkat Manor		Room to Grow	Home Improvement	News	Global National	Xin Tan Ren	Bravo!Fact Presents	Speaker's Corner	The King of Queens	Everybody Loves Ray	News	News	The Lawrence Welk Show Music Music	Saturday Report	News	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hunters	Ghost Trackers
6 PM	To Be Announced	Le match des étoiles	National Geographic	Boxing - Molitor vs. Ndlovu (Live)	Canadian Case Files (N)	Ustat	Global Currents	W-FIVE Presents	Entrepreneurial Leader	The New Canoe	Making It Big	MLB Baseball - Detroit vs. Seattle (Live)	American Idol Rewind	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	NW Backroads	Nature Kalahari: The Great Thirstland	Homo Sapiens [Part 1 of 2]	Entertainment This Weekend	"Batman Forever" ★★ (Act, '95) Val Kilmer.	Sportsnet Connected
	Ici Louis-José Houde	Heartbeat Living With the Past		On Wings & Dreams	Voices of Hinduism Women in Focus	Andromeda Fear Burns Down to Ashes	America's Got Talent	Phoenix Gathering Satrang	Missing Fugitive	"Cybermutt" ★ (Adv, '02) Judd Nelson.		Cops (N)	"Freaky Friday" ★★ (Com, '03) Jamie Lee Curtis.	The Singing Bee	America's Got Talent Las Vegas Callbacks	As Time Goes By	FIFA U-20 Tonight	The Unit Games of Chance	"Batman Forever" ★★ (Act, '95) Val Kilmer.	The Ultimate Fighter 3
7 PM	"Minority Report" ★★ (Sci-Fi, '02) Tom Cruise.	Le Téléjournal	Inspector Morse	"Secrets of an Undercover Wife" ★★ (Cri, '07) Brenda Campbell.	Islam 101	ReGenesis The Face of God	Asian Variety Show	"Lake Placid" ★★ (Act, '99) Bill Pullman.				(-50) Extra Innings	America's Most Wanted (N)					Without a Trace Candy	Naruto	Poker European Tour
8 PM	"Mission: Impossible" ★★ (Spy, '96)	Le Téléjournal	Wild at Heart	Sportscentre	Mad TV	It's a New Day	News	CTV News	Sabor Musical	The Story Of... Def Leppard	SeXtv	Without a Trace The Little Things	Mad TV	News	Saturday Night Live	Globe Trekker Paris City Guide II	The Hour	News	Gundam SEED	Poker European Masters
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SUNDAY JULY 15

5 PM	:(4:30) FIFA Soccer U-20 World Cup - Quarter Final - Teams TBA (Live)	Un dimanche au marché	George Shrinks Zoboomafoo	(4:30) Boxing Friday Night Fights	CH Weekend News	Happy Days [Part 1 of 2]	The Simpsons	Instant Star	Spazio Libero	Hollywood Countdown	(4:00) World Poker Tour	All Of Us	American Idol Rewind	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	This Old House Hometown	Planet Earth	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "Beethoven's 3rd" ★★ (Com, '99)	(3:00) MLB Baseball - St. Louis vs. Philadelphia
	Le Téléjournal	Serious Desert	2007 ESPY Awards (N)	Whose Design	Home Improvement	News	Global National	Alice, I Think Working Stiff	Sport Italia	Careers TV	Star! Daily	The Game	Friends	News	News	History Detectives	CBC News: Sunday Night	News	"Stuart Little 2" ★★ (Fam, '02) Michael J. Fox.	Sportsnet Connected
6 PM	To Be Announced	Le match des étoiles	National Geographic	Doc Welcome to New York [Part 1 of 2]	Before You Die	The Simpsons	Degrassi [Part 2 of 2]	Instant Star (N)	Canada's Next Top Model	America's Funniest Home Videos	Reba Bullets Over Brock Reba	"The Lost World: Jurassic Park" ★★	America's Funniest Home Videos	Dateline NBC	Antiques Roadshow Reno, NV [Part 3 of 3]	Sir! No Sir!	60 Minutes	News	"Stuart Little 2" ★★ (Fam, '02) Michael J. Fox.	Jays Connected
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MONDAY JULY 16

5 PM	The Simpsons	Rumeurs	George Shrinks	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Toronto vs. N.Y. Yankees (Live)	CH News	Happy Days	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A-Channel News	The Ellen Degeneres Show	My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Zoboomafoo Fling	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "Teen Titans: Tro..."	(4:30) Poker After Dark
	Arrested Development	Kif-kif Raisingball	Arthur		Full House	Global National	News	Phoenix World News			CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	Nightly Business	CBC News: The National	News	SpongeBob SquarePants	Pratt & Taylor
6 PM																				
7 PM	Coronation Street	Des squelettes	Sustainable Region	Sportscentre	That News Show	Reba The Good Girl	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	The South Shaolin	Wheel of Fortune	Star! Daily	The King of Queens	The Simpsons	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Strange Days	Entertainment Tonight	Nick Cannon	MLB Baseball - Baltimore vs. Seattle (Live)
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TUESDAY JULY 17

5 PM	The Simpsons	Rumeurs	George Shrinks	(4:00) MLB Baseball - Toronto vs. N.Y. Yankees (Live)	CH News	Happy Days	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Zoboomafoo	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:30) Poker After Dark
	Arrested Development	Kif-kif	Arthur		Full House	Global National	News	Phoenix World News			CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	Nightly Business	CBC News: The National	News	SpongeBob SquarePants	Pratt & Taylor
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BY MEGHAN HOWCROFT
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The summer days may be hot (or so we hope) but ArtSpring's out-of-this-world music festival will provide Way Cool Summer Nights throughout July and August.

The winter season at ArtSpring sees music that, while incredible, is more traditional and familiar, drawing a dedicated audience. However, the 13 shows of the summer festival are intended to draw a diverse and eclectic crowd interested in seeing something new on the ArtSpring stage.

Executive director George Sipos said he guarantees there will be something for everyone.

If you still have not seen a performance at ArtSpring, Sipos says this summer is the perfect time to come on down.

"No matter who you are, or what your musical tastes, you are bound to be surprised and inspired."

Way Cool Summer Nights provides an extreme variety of music ranging from Canadian singer-songwriter Angela Harris with alt country duo Fera, to Australians Emaline Delapaix, Chloe Hall and Anita George, to historical Chinese music from the Orchid Ensemble to the flawless harmonies of the German a capella group Amarcord.

Throw in the sassy and political The No Shit Shirleys, classical interludes by the David Visentin Ensemble, modern jazz performances by Norway's Helge Lien Trio and the Berklee Monterey Jazz Quartet and you'll be experiencing the world via the ArtSpring stage.

One new aspect of the festival, hopefully appealing to the younger crowd, is

MUSIC & MUNCH

Flower Festival combines music, dance, garden theme

Fifth annual All Saints event

The Anglican Parish's fifth annual Flower Festival celebrates summer with two days of blossoming talent.

On Tuesday, July 17, parishioners turn their green fingers to creating an indoor garden in All Saints church. From 1-4 p.m., visitors and friends can enjoy the results of their labour at

an open house where relaxation is the order of the day. Tea will be served from 2-4 p.m. overlooking Ganges Harbour.

Continuing the festivities on Wednesday, July 18, Music and Munch picks up the floral theme with a program titled Come Into the Garden.

Using the indoor garden as their setting, pianists Virginia Newman and David Storm are joined by a quar-

ter of singers and dancers who invite their audience into a garden of musical delights.

Alto Anke Smeele and bass Alan Robertson bring their talents together in two charming duets, as well as solo pieces, while dancers Sue Newman and Lottie Devinidisch turn and swirl around in some interesting dance form.

Their mysterious exploration of a moonlit garden

leans on the talents of pianist David Storm and Virginia Newman woos us into a languid mood with her skillful rendering of Summertime.

Entrance to events on Tuesday and Wednesday is by donation with the opportunity to win a gorgeous door prize.

Lunch following the performance on Wednesday is optional with a charge of \$5.50. The door prize will be drawn during lunch.



Orchid Ensemble plays August 23.

the inclusion of a hip-hop dance crew from Vancouver that has performed with a stellar list of acts like Nelly Furtado, Black Eyed Peas and K-Os. Over the Influence excels in break dancing, locking, popping, krumping and waving — and if those terms leave readers dazed and confused, they'll have to attend the show or their morning workshops to see them in action.

Also for the young at heart is Swarm, a manic percussion group whose members wheel invented instruments about the stage, combining drumming, comedic vignettes and intense physical choreography.

Performing on ArtSpring's patio, Swarm will be sure to bring the noise and the crowds.

The performance Sipos is looking forward to the most is perhaps the most unusual of the festival lineup. Chirgilchin, playing tomorrow night (Thursday, July 12), is a group of Tuvan throat singers hailing from Siberia who

create music by producing resonating low sounds in the throat.

He is also excited the group will put on a workshop with local Salt Spring Island dancers.

"I have no idea what will come of this. But it was just too exciting and interesting an idea, combining this kind of unique music with the art of movement."

Sipos feels strongly about connecting the performers to the community and workshops are one way to accomplish that.

Way Cool Summer Nights concerts are guaranteed to be the talk of the town. Being single-show acts, there is only one opportunity to catch the array of performers before they disembark from "our little rock" and head back into the world.

Tickets are available at the ArtSpring Ticket Centre and prices, show times and further info can be found at www.artspring.ca.

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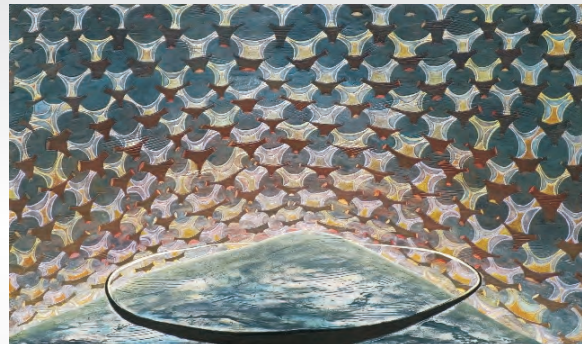
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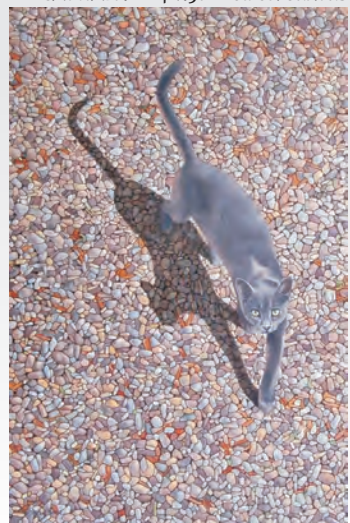
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From left, Penny Berton, Lillith Bentley and Susan Bracher create a mandala at Ango Retreat.

Ramayana at multi-cultural camp

Set for July 16-20 at Ango Retreat Farm

A fun-filled art and adventure camp next week promises a unique multi-cultural experience for children ages eight to 11.

The theme of the five-day Storygoose camp is inspired by the Ramayana story, a great epic from ancient India.

"Through this legend, the children will experience the traditions of the culture," explains a press release. "Their journey will take them into the creation of a magical garden mandala, gathering natural objects from the forest and fields on the farm. The mandala is used as an object for focusing attention. This is one of many activities including original story play, dance, music and art projects taking place at the yurt."

Program leaders Penny Berton and Susan Bracher have woven together their creative arts experience to offer this unique opportunity on Salt Spring.

Berton lived in the Hindu culture of Bali, Indonesia for over 20 years, before moving to Salt Spring in 2004. Now, inspired by the magic of Bali and her adventures travelling

around the world with her own children, she is writing a series of stories and plays to introduce children to different cultures.

She teaches with the Stagecoach School for the Performing Arts.

Susan holds a masters degree in acting and has worked as a professional actor and drama teacher for the past 30 years. She owned a music school where she co-created and taught a series of summer music camps entitled World Music Calling.

"Our long term goal is to explore innovative ways of introducing diverse cultures to children through traditional stories," explained Berton.

"We are offering this camp as a pilot project," added Bracher, "as part of our commitment to expanding educational opportunities for children to promote global awareness."

The program runs Monday to Friday, July 16-20, from 1-5 p.m. at Ango Retreat Farm, 340 LePage Road, a beautiful spot overlooking the ocean. Space is limited.

To register, call Penny Berton at 537-1530 or Susan Bracher at 537-9197.

For more information, see www.storygoose.com.

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Cre8tivity continues with group shows

ArtSpring and Warehouse window exhibits highlight talents

Salt Spring artists exhibiting together under the name Cre8tivity showed at ArtSpring's gallery last week in Beyond Black & White, their fourth annual group effort. With much more space at their disposal than at last year's showing on Art-Craft's stage gallery, and two members taking a break, the six local artists had ample opportunity to showcase their individual talents.

Bly Kaye's new collages depicting scenes from Mexico are simply beautiful pieces that delight the eye in their application of colour, while amazing in their clever construction. Unlike collages where existing images are found and grouped together to create something new, Kaye builds up each work with layers of carefully cut coloured paper. From afar, these scenes appear to paintings; it's only at closer glance that one sees the many, many layers smoothed together with an adhesive layer.

Flowers are somewhat of a recurring motif in these collages, such as pots shown against an ochre exterior wall in Geraniums, or tangled gardens in Naramata Fence and Malaque Bougainvillea. Kaye's expressive attention to bright reds and yellows in these works contrasts with softer blues and greens in Mexican Door and Mexican Boats. I found myself returning again and again to these remarkable pieces for yet another look.

Gail Sibley's oil pastel drawings offer a very different perspective on place, showing the effect of light on landscapes on Salt Spring and in France. Sibley's style lends itself well to either locale, using deep colour saturation and rich golds, reds and blues. Her technique of soft blurring works well with the pastoral scenes of lavender fields, barns, or The Bicyclist pedaling down a country lane. A still life piece called Triple Quince also employs rich tones of gold, green and red, showing the three fruit and their quiet reflection behind.

Cre8tivity's initiator, Don Hodgins, showed his range in several series of oil paintings. His racecourse scenes reveal a fascination with movement, light and musculature, all depicting hors-



Susan Haigh is seen with her paintings at the Cre8tivity exhibit now on at ArtSpring.



Elizabeth Nolan

ARTBEAT ON THE ROCK

es in the midst of running. Two series of portraits show another side to Hodgins' craft, including a group of teenage girls' portraits with humorous titles such as Why Me? and No Way!

Susan Haigh continues to impress with her realist yet very large and close up "portraits" of all sorts of flowers, while Judith Borbas and Margaret Threfall find very individual ways of expression through watercolour painting. Cre8tivity continues in the open lobby spaces at ArtSpring for the rest of this month.

Salt Spring Potters' Guild's annual display at Mark's Work Warehouse is well underway for the month of July, bringing us a tile theme to showcase many artists in one small space.

Some artists like Judy Weeden take the tile theme very literally, while others have included larger pictorials, wall pieces and masks. Weeden's tiles on exhibit are lovely black on terra cotta, whose colour scheme recalls the classic Greek amphora and whose design may be more Salt Spring based, depicting flowers or flower/bee combinations. On display as single tiles or together in a table-top design, Weeden's work leaves no doubt as to her Master Potter status.

Pat Spiers also has included square tiles, with beautifully carved designs set within a decorative circle. Her astrological signs, elderflower, and Ruth — a woman stooped to gather grain — also invoke classicism. Her careful use of glaze highlights the tiles' slightly three-dimensional quality.

Artists that take a looser approach to the theme include pictorial ceramics by Melissa Searcy. Her large wall pieces Abstract High-

way and Industrial Abstract combine colorful slashes of glaze with geometric lines and shapes to suggest landscapes. The themes are repeated in tiny rectangular, untitled tiles. Pat Webber takes a more representational approach in mask-like pieces such as The Satyr, and also in glazing paintings of trees on round dishes.

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Dantu's lyrical pop on tap

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With composure past her years, catchy pop tunes and a perfectly polished image, Mariah Dantu is poised to make it in the music industry.

At 14 years old, many might dismiss her on paper for just a kid. But once you hear her CD or meet the genuine and earnest young woman, it's hard not to be impressed.

Her music, billed as "lyrical pop" for its meaningful words, has mass appeal. It clearly appeals to teens, but adults also enjoy it.

"We're still trying to figure out where it's going to stop in terms of demographic," explained producer Llyod English during an interview.

In fact, her song Isn't Life Beautiful is now getting air play on 98.5 The Ocean in Victoria — quite the feat for an independent album.

"We didn't try to target it to as many people, but it has just appealed to so many," Dantu said.

The two started working together four years ago when English became Dantu's guitar teacher.

English, who owns a music store in Sidney and been involved in music on Salt Spring for years, has taught



Fourteen-year-old Mariah Dantu set for ArtSpring.

thousands of students, but quickly knew Dantu was special.

"I knew something was strange... With Mariah, for me it was like, 'wow, there's something there that's really cool.'"

She has a natural ability with words and music, he said.

"Mariah is a prolific poet. She's a terrific singer, but most of all, she's a poet."

Dantu cut her first demo at age 11, and things have snowballed from there.

Dantu and English have been working on her album for the past year, recording locally at The Barn. Her self-titled CD features 13 tracks picked from a selection of 25 the young songstress wrote over the past three years.

Things have gotten so

busy recently that she is home schooled.

Although it was hard to initially convince her family, the album's recent completion has helped everyone come around.

"It's amazing. It's the best feeling in the world knowing that people support you," Dantu said.

Dantu takes the stage in Victoria July 12 and at ArtSpring Thursday, July 19.

She is backed by Salt Spring band Boys and Girls Club, made up of Ben Sanchez, Ed Perkins, Adrian English, Myles English and Devan Banman.

Tickets to the local show cost \$15 at ArtSpring. For more information, check out www.myspace.com/mariahdantu.

Way Cool Summer Nights

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CHIRGILCHIN
THURSDAY, JULY 12
8:00 PM

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FRIDAY, JULY 13 - 8:00 PM

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ANGELA HARRIS with FERA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 18 - 8:00 PM

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FRIDAY, JULY 27
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Wed. July 11

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Karaoke with Greg Van Riel. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.
Simone Lamers Trio. Jazz, soul & R&B. Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Catch the Reading Bug. Wednesday summer reading program at the library for ages 5 to 11. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Register at the library.
Graeme Wilkinson. Montreal pianist performs at Music & Munch. All Saints. 12:10 p.m.
Soul Food & Co. Community song circle with Barbara Slater. No experience needed. Mercer Gallery. 7:30-9 p.m. Info: 653-4186.
SS Painters Guild Sketching Sessions. Toad Hall on Long Harbour. 10:30-1:30. Info: 537-1980; 537-2498.
Ashtanga Yoga. Forest Hills Studio. 8:45-10:15 a.m.
Expressive Drawing. Wednesdays at the Core Inn with Gillian McConnell. 7-9 p.m. Info: 537-5833
Bessie Dane Foundation & Hospice. Special general meeting. #202-338 Upper Ganges Centre. 7 p.m.

Thurs. July 12

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Chirgilchin. North-eastern Siberian ensemble. Part of Way Cool Summer Nights at ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
One Night Stand with Matt & Tom. Shipstones. 8 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

ArtSpring Treasure Fair. Silent auction fundraiser and cash 'n' carry room for island arts centre. 10-5.
Soul Food & Co. Community song circle at 705 Beaver Pt. Rd. 7:30-9 p.m.
African Drumming. Thursdays with Laurent Boucher at 162 Oakspring. 5-6:30 p.m. Info: 537-4979.
Painting Workshop. First of two-day workshop with Amarah Gabriel. 537-0051.

Fri. July 13

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Soul Shakedown. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.
The Shirleys. A capella singers. Part of Way Cool Summer Nights at ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
Aaron Trory. Performs at SS Coffee. 6-8 p.m.
Sara & Kamila. Folk duo at Steffich Fine Art. 8 p.m.
Hum - Nouveau Cirque Aerial Performance. Featuring Tenzing Tsewang. At The Temple, 112 Sun Eagle Drive. See www.flyingdreams.ca; Tickets from TicketWeb: 1-888-222-6608 or the ArtSpring Ticket Centre.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

ArtSpring Treasure Fair. Silent auction fundraiser and cash 'n' carry room for island arts centre. 10-5.
Ashtanga Core. Forest Hills Studio. 7-8:20 a.m.
Ashtanga Yoga 1-2. Forest Hills Studio. 8:45-10:15 a.m.

Sat. July 14

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

House Party with DJ Mummy T. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.
Patrick, Mark & Lonni. Live music at Barb's Bakery & Bistro. 7:30 p.m.
Harry Warner & Friends. Irish and island melodies at Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.
ArtSpring Treasure Fair. Silent auction, 9-7:15; Live Auction at 8 p.m. Plus Cash 'n' Carry Room, 9-noon; Community Flea Market, 9-3.
Hum - Nouveau Cirque Aerial Performance. Featuring Tenzing Tsewang. At The Temple, 112 Sun Eagle Drive. See www.flyingdreams.ca; Tickets from TicketWeb: 1-888-222-6608 or the ArtSpring Ticket Centre.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Core/Flow Yoga. Forest Hills Studio. 4-5:15 p.m.
Hewitson Memorial Golf Tournament. And dinner. Fundraiser at SS Golf Course for LM Hospital Foundation. Shotguns starts, 8, 11 or 2. Register: 538-4845.
Herbal Medicine-Making Workshop Intensive. Two-day workshop with Saci Spindler begins. Info: 653-0068.

Sun. July 15

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Graham Shonwise Trio. Jazz at SS Inn. 6-9 p.m.
Synergy. Funky, folky & fun music at Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.
Hum - Nouveau Cirque Aerial Performance. Featuring Tenzing Tsewang. At The Temple, 112 Sun Eagle Drive. See www.flyingdreams.ca; Tickets from TicketWeb: 1-888-222-6608 or the ArtSpring Ticket Centre.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Flow Yoga. Forest Hills Studio. 8:30-10 a.m.
Burgoyne United Church. Celebrates 120 years of worship. 2 p.m.

Mon. July 16

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Sue Pyper. Original folk. Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Eckhart Tolle Practising Presence Group. 7:30 p.m. Drop in. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.
Soul Food & Co. Community chanting circle. 705 Beaver Pt. Rd. 7:30-9 p.m. Info: 653-4186.
Ashtanga Yoga. Forest Hills Studio. 8:45-10:15 a.m.
Yoga/Meditation. Forest Hills Studio. 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Tues. July 17

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Stage With Tommy Hooper. Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.
Martyn Joseph. Famous Welsh musician at Lions Hall. 7:30 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

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EXHIBITIONS
 • Featured at the **J Mitchell Gallery** is the **Summer Exhibition** of new works by many of the 36 local artists represented.
 • **Point Gallery** on South Ridge Drive shows "Invitation to a/r/range/ments" by **Stefanie Denz** in the lower gallery. In the upper gallery is "On going" by **Helene Day Fraser**. Show runs through Aug. 6, with a reception on Sun., July 15 from 2-5 p.m.
 • **Visual Elements** — work by seven different artists in various mediums — is the **Stage Gallery** show at **ArtCraft** in Mahon Hall. Runs daily through Wed., July 18.
 • **Cre8ivity** presents **Beyond Black & White** in the open space at **ArtSpring** until July 31.
 • **Carol Haigh** shows **The Ocean Series** at **Steffich Fine Art** daily through Sun., July 15.
 • **The Children** — paintings by **Stefanie Denz** is the current exhibit at **Salt Spring Woodworks**.
 • **Tiles:** New work by the **Salt Spring Potters Guild**. In **Mark's Work Wearhouse** windows from July 1 to 31.
 • **Tina Louise Spalding** shows recent paintings at the **Roasting Co.** coffee shop in Ganges through July.
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

FUNK/HIP HOP/JAZZ

Island-grown Cheek releases CD

At Moby's Pub on July 21

Cheek — a band with five of its members hailing from Salt Spring Island — is performing at Moby's Pub for their CD release party on Saturday, July 21.

As explained in a press release, Cheek was started in late 2002, originally by Emily and Geoffrey Roop as a singer-songwriter duo. The two collaborated informally for several months until Sandy Curtis, former band sax player, joined the band in early 2003.

Curtis brought the funk sound into Cheek, and assisted in the early musical formulations.

In 2003, Cheek added members Phil Albert on bass (who was soon replaced by

Peter Caruthers) and Brennan Saul on drums. At that time, Cheek started performing in the downtown Vancouver club scene. Soon after, Dorian Roop, vocal lyricist and MC, started making guest appearances, adding a rap/hip-hop element to the funk groove of the band.

By early 2004, Dorian Roop had formally joined the band, to create a six-member ensemble that began performing regularly throughout Vancouver, often seen at the Railway Club, Lick Nightclub, Café de Soleil and The Shore.

In mid 2004, Caruthers, Saul and Curtis moved on, replaced by Denham Trollip on drums, Dan Hersog on trumpet and Ed Perkins on bass. Recently the band has also been joined by

(pronounced "yentz") Christensen on sax.

Through 2005 to 2007, Cheek was continuing club appearances throughout Vancouver, at venues such as the Media Club, the Backstage Lounge and the Lamp-lighter.

Cheek has just successfully performed their premiere CD release party at the Backstage Lounge in Vancouver, and has come home to Salt Spring to release their CD here.

"The CD is a compilation of Cheek's funk/hip-hop/jazz sound, a sound that is uniquely Cheek, and one they are becoming well known for."

The sound is highly danceable, so people should arrive at Moby's early on the 21st to ensure a space on the dance floor.

ORIGINAL MUSIC

Mowbray and Mills team up for Barb's show

Performing duo Paul Mowbray and Tracy Mills will play their upbeat and original music at Barb's Bakery and Bistro on Friday, July 20.

"Drawing from lyric-based folk, sophisticated blues, Pac-Rim funk and classical sensibilities, their music moves and changes — just when you think you know what to expect . . . you're surprised," states press material. "Just when you think you know

what's coming next . . . they move. Both sing, both write, both are a delight to watch. So don't miss it . . . this guitar and violin belong together."

Bob Delion will join Mowbray on guitar and Mills on violin for the Barb's gig, which runs from 7-10 p.m. with a \$5 cover.

Music samples can be heard at mowbrayandmills.com.

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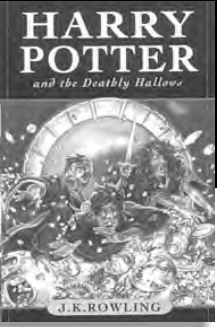


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Arlene Dashwood and Sam Peebles are spotted at the plant table of Ganges United Church's annual summer fair held in the church's "meadow."

HEALING WORKSHOP

Harpist and healer offers chakra work

Joel Andrews known in 11 countries

In the seminar, Andrews will share his 20 years' experience exploring the energies, function and meaning of the seven basic chakras.

They are intimately connected with how your life is going, so encouraging them to rotate at the proper frequency and work together in harmony brings about healing on all levels of being," explains a press release.

Andrews will also perform in concert at the Victoria Truth Centre on Friday, July 20 at 7:30 p.m. For information and tickets (\$20), call Lyngard at 653-4469 or the Victoria contact at 250-479-6307.

An internationally recognized healer and harpist visits Salt Spring later in July, offering The Doors of Being seminar.

Andrews has presented concerts and seminars in 11 countries for 20 years.

Remarkable healings of all kinds have taken place and he has documented 50 of the most unusual in his

book A Harp Full of Stars, the account of his journey into co-creation with spirit."

Joel Andrews presents A Healing Journey with the Harp Through the Seven Chakras at The Light Center, 181 Beaver Point Road on Sunday, July 22 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

He will bring through, on the harp, healing music for each chakra, then work with your individual physi-

cal, emotional and mental responses, which can be a revelation of what is going on in your life, especially why certain things are not working for you. As we share, we can learn from each other's responses and stories. He will be open to questions."

INTERNATIONAL MUSICIANS

Martyn Joseph gives house concert

Last-minute arrangement excited organizer

amongst others, Suzanne Vega, Marc Cohn, Joan Armatrading, Clannad, Chris De Burgh, Jools Holland, Art Garfunkel, and even, Celine Dion," explains his website.

Coll, Hank Williams and Bruce Springsteen."

Islanders have a rare chance to see and hear one of Britain's best-loved performing artists up close and personal when Martyn Joseph plays at Lions Hall on Tuesday, July 17.

However, for Martyn, these various accomplishments, satisfying though they are, count as just part of the process, the necessary presentation aspect. As he says, "Really what I do is try and write songs that might make a difference."

The Joseph concert is being organized by Rob James, who notes, "It is quite astounding that we can get Martyn on this short notice. Unbelievable, actually!"

"Martyn's 20-year career has embraced some notable achievements, including five Top 50 UK chart positions, with such songs as Dolphins Make Me Cry, Working Mother and Let's Talk About It In The Morning, and appearances and tours with,

Joseph is viewed as "both a catalyst and interpreter of our raddled and rewarding times, our personal and communal stories sung out loud in the spirit of Woody Guthrie, Ewan Mac-

The Lions Hall concert begins at 7:30 p.m., with tickets \$20 in advance through 537-5618.

"Martyn regularly plays to large halls in the UK, and is a master performer, so an intimate evening like this is just so unusual," said James.

Martyn Joseph's website is martyn-joseph.com

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MARKET'S BACK: Entertainers Kathy and Jane Stack arrive at the season's first Tuesday Farmers' Market (held in the United Church meadow) with Jim Russell.

GARDEN COLUMN

Nutrient boosts, harvesting and planning ahead on tap

July in the garden on Salt Spring

BY PATTI BAUER
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Ahhh, the summer garden. It is a wonder how many bugs and birds and colours and fragrances and foods we are blessed with. The food, the food! Yum.

My friend and neighbour resurrected a lost strawberry bed in our garden this year and described the results by saying, "This is the most delectable strawberry I have ever eaten!"

Goes to show that there is nothing better than home-grown food. We live like kings!

The trouble with growing food is after all the work, just when you're about to jump in the lake, it is time to harvest. Harvesting is in itself an art — and you have to do it! For many summer vegetables, it is important to harvest frequently to maximize your yields. If you leave the veggies on the plant without frequently harvesting, the plant will begin to die back. This is true with beans, cucumbers, lettuces and summer squash.

This time of year I like to give my garden a boost with a foliar feed or a nutritional compost tea for root feeding. The tea is diluted and applied to the leaves or roots and controls all sorts of plant diseases such as blights and molds. It also repels and controls pests, and promotes the growth of beneficial soil bacteria, resulting in healthier and

more stress-tolerant plants. The fancy greenhouse-gas-producing organic and non-organic fertilizers from far-away lands are not sustainable.

There are many recipes for a compost tea, or foliar feed, with ingredients found right at your doorstep — all you will need is compost, or green matter such as comfrey or horsetail. Check on the internet for directions. Here is a low-tech tip — you do not need a sprayer. You can dip a leafy branch into your bucket of compost tea and wave it over your plants or pour the tea directly at the base of the plants. For those who want to aerate their compost tea, an aquarium bubbler will work. Use rechargeable batteries. A solar battery charger can be purchased from Energy Options on Salt Spring to recharge the batteries in your bubbler.

There is still time to plant vegetables. In late July there are many quicker growing vegetables you can sow for a fall harvest — radishes, daikon, turnips, oriental greens, collards, kohlrabi, endives, arugula, spinach, snow peas and lettuces. I like to plant daikon around the garden and leave it — it sends a deep taproot into the soil and breaks up any hardpan. Before it goes to seed I chop it in; the taproots form "nutrient plugs" all over the garden.

For your winter garden, Salt Spring expert Linda Gilkenson explains that in early July, you can get another crop of chard, carrots and beets in the ground. Starting

winter broccoli and winter cauliflower in early July is a must. Ensure they are well watered so that they do not dry out in the hot weather.

Plan to get your winter starts and seeds in the ground for early August. Many of your summer beds that are now going to seed are perfect to prep. Chop them in, add your favorite green manure such as comfrey, add a bit of compost, mulch and wait for the bed to settle. Any weeds will have germinated by the time you are ready to put your winter veggies in. In early August you can direct sow kale, chard, collards, asian greens such as komatsuma, corn salad and varieties of winter lettuces.

They may take a beating this winter, however, you will be blessed with an abundance of food early next year. Goodbye California food!

This summer fellow farmers Karen and Kimmy are preparing organic winter broccoli and cauliflower starts and others to be sold at Foxglove in early August. Watch for notices.

On August 26 the Salt Spring Energy Strategy continues with its popular Winter Gardening Workshop Series, this time hosted at the Salt Spring Centre.

Dan Jason will discuss the art of seed saving and curing winter squash, followed by a permaculture hands-on workshop with Brandon Bauer on building cloches and covers for your winter garden. Check our website for details — www.saltspringenergystrategy.org.

BOWLING

Top bowlers named

High scores in Special Olympics bowling play in recent weeks were:

June 27: Jason Newport, 163; Gloria Dale, 195-146; Mahjor Bains, 208, 210.

July 4: Jason Newport,

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145-161; Gloria Dale, 148; Terry Swing, 151-175; Stuart Elliott, 174; Mahjor Bains, 176-218.



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SCHOLARSHIPS

Four win university money

University entrance program disburses scholarship funds

A national university scholarship program has recognized four Gulf Islands Secondary graduates.

Eric Sigmund, Emma Rimmer, and Fiona and Heather Munro earned Canada Millennium Scholarships for their "good citizenship, fresh ideas and academic merit."

Sigmund won the provincial-level award of \$4,000, renewable up to a maximum of four years, while the Munros and Emma Rimmer earned one-time local-level \$4,000 awards.

The foundation awarded a total of 1,052 entrance awards this year. British Columbia is home to a total of 141 laureates — 17 national, 31 provincial/territorial and 93 local. Since 2000, the foundation has delivered more than 15,000 bursaries and scholarships worth close to \$48 million to students across British Columbia. For a complete list of this year's laureates and more information about the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation and its programs, visit www.millenniumscholarships.ca.

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Nina is a Grade 11 student coming for the full year from Germany. She would like to be with other young people. She is happy to be with another international student and would enjoy an active family. She plays the cello, would like to be in choir, and also enjoys reading, music, and volleyball. Nina is described as friendly, a bit shy and is the eldest in her family with a younger brother and sister.



Jorge and Guillermo are two brothers from Mexico coming for the full year. They wish to not be in the same homestay - but in homestays that are near each other. Jorge is in Grade 11 and Guillermo is in Grade 7. Both boys would prefer homes without inside pets. They both enjoy all types of sports and have been studying English for 8-10 years.



Arisa is a Grade 11 student coming from Japan for the full year. She is described as diligent, friendly independent, responsible and very hard working. Arisa prefers to be with other children and needs to be in a home without any pets as she has allergies. She enjoys music and plays the piano and violin. She also enjoys tennis and table tennis, dance, drama and computers.



For more information on these and other students or to request a Homestay application package - Please contact Sheri Wakefield at swakefield@saltspring.com or call 537-9944 (218)



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PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

PENDER ISLAND

Winery celebrates second anniversary

Pender gets new July 1 party

BY CHERIE THESSEN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The start of summer, a sunny day, and a get-together with friends is cause enough for celebration when you live on a Gulf Island, but lucky Pender Islanders now have more than just one birthday to revel in on every July 1st long weekend.

The North Pender Island Estate Winery and its owners, Keith Watt and Barbara Reid, commemorated their second birthday on June 30 with home-grown food, music and wine. Enthusiastic locals and visitors were happy to join in, some inside the barrel room, in order to see and better hear Penders' own Pop-Tarts as they jammed and slammed out music from the '50s and '60s, others to enjoy the sunlight at shaded tables and chairs on the lawns. Wild-flowers stuffed into Morning Bay wine bottles seemed to be vibrating to Wild Thing and Shaking all Over as much as the listeners.

Although construction of the estate winery began in 2001, it was five years before that all-important



Barbara Reid and Keith Watt at North Pender Island Estate Winery

PHOTO BY CHERIE THESSEN

reaped and bottled in 2006, so this party marks the first year those hand-picked grapes could be savoured in their 2006 reincarnations: 80 cases of Gewürztraminer Riesling and 200 cases of Bianco wines.

"We're very excited about the way they're being received in the tasting room," Watt beams.

He's also got to be happy with the fact that more than 100 outlets in Vancouver, Victoria and Vancouver Island now carry or offer Morning

When he wasn't twanging and crooning with the Pop-Tarts, Watt was leading interested groups of wine lovers across to the bench where, wineglasses in hand, they were given a short history and agricultural lesson in one.

He bought the land back in 1992, knowing that he wanted to farm, but not really sure what he would grow, Watt told his audience. One day he looked across at Saturna Island and noticed the vineyards.

"Why not?" He thought. "The land is rocky, well drained, sloping and south facing, perfect for growing grapes."

That first year saw the indefatigable couple and their small but hard-working staff constructing one mile of fences to keep out the deer, a mile of terrace and five miles of trellis, while they excavated a million-gallon pond and planted 5,000 grapevines. "Grapes are very tactile plants," Watt told his listeners during the "horticultural" component of his talk.

"They like to be touched and made to stand up straight."

After asking a few questions, each group returned for more wine, music and munchies in the sun while Watt went back to music making and Reid poured wine in the tasting room, answering questions and chatting with visitors.

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'Sandwich generation' not prepared for elders' care

Canadian baby boomers are feeling the squeeze of being "the Sandwich Generation," and for many, it's beginning to compromise their lives.

According to a survey of 2,195 Canadians between the ages of 45 and 60 conducted for BMO Financial Group by Ipsos Reid earlier this year, of the one-third (34 per cent) of boomers who currently assist aging relatives:

- 66 per cent say it has had some negative impact on their lives
- 31 per cent say they have less time for themselves
- 20 per cent have had to take time off work
- 19 per cent say that they have been impacted financially.

Adding to the pressure, 44 per cent of these boomers also financially support their children. Yet, despite the challenges, more than half (59 per cent) of caregivers say assisting aging family members has strengthened their relationships.

"This research corroborates other studies we have conducted over the past two years that paint a picture of a generation juggling the needs of parents and children, along with their own priorities," said Kris Vikmanis, Head of Retirement Market, BMO Financial Group. "As Canadians live longer, this trend will continue to grow, so it's important for boomers who are currently providing care for aging relatives or expecting to do so in the future, to start planning for the impact this can have on their finances and lifestyle."

Yet fewer than one in 10 (seven per cent) have asked for financial advice about budgeting and planning for the assistance they provide to their family members. According to the survey, boomers who are not currently assisting aging family members, but who expect they will at some point, are not planning either.

"Boomers tell us that they recognize retirement planning is important, however our research has indicated, time and again, that many aren't taking the necessary steps to plan for their future. The notion of factoring in costs for a family member's care or their own care is not necessarily top of mind, but it should be," said Vikmanis.

More than one-third (36 per cent) of boomers who are not currently caring for relatives, expect to in the future, yet only one in four (26 per cent) are planning financially to provide this care.

Despite these family pressures, only 26 per cent of boomers have a plan in the event they personally need assistance when they get older.

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JUNIOR GOLF



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Jack Wiltshire winds up his golf swing as Ben Butler, Ron Hall and Gil Schultz look on at a tourney last week.

Seniors and juniors link up for tourney

32 Fickle Fingers and youth play at SS Golf Club

Sunny skies, balmy temperatures and infectious enthusiasm heralded the first annual tournament co-hosted by the Fickle Fingers and junior golf league of Salt Spring Golf and Country Club on July 3.

Based on the concept of two senior golfers pairing with two junior golf-

ers to play a four-person team best ball nine-hole tournament, 32 golfers joined in the fun.

The winning team was Bob Woodhouse, Terry Clement, Anthony Grossman and Nicholas Honour. They posted an impressive one over par and only 10 putts.

Runners up were Murray Nurse, Randy Sloan, Jordan Girard and Nick Slakov.

KPs on Hole #2 were Jake Weir (under

13 years), and Dylan Hunsberger and Fickle Finger member Doug Fraser (13 and over). Longest drives on hole #7 were Josh Crandall (under 13 years), and Stephen Hardy and Doug Fraser (13 and over).

The Falconshead Grill served up a delicious BBQ and an awards ceremony was hosted by Steve Marleau, head pro and manager; Julian Elwes, director of junior golf; and Fickle Fingers captain Bob Voaden.

Therapeutic club celebrates successful year

Fundraising ideas and volunteers always welcomed

Salt Spring's Therapeutic Riding Club completed another positive year, which included national conference participation, a top-notch fundraiser and activities for several horse riders.

"The Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Club was proud to provide riding lessons for 10 students this year," states a press release. "Beginning six years ago on a shoestring budget with one instructor, the program

has grown with four dedicated trainees working towards being assistant instructors and the many volunteers who graciously give of their time and energy."

In May, Geri Alton, Lynn Thorburn, Jacqueline Sutton and John Herbert joined delegates from across Canada as they attended the Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association (CANTRA) national conference in Duncan. Attendees benefitted from the expertise and talent of certified therapeutic riding instructors and program directors from all around the world. Speakers shared their programs and gave

workshops that encouraged Salt Spring trainees to move forward toward further certification and expansion of the program.

"Special thanks go to Liz Anderson and Tony McEwen, who not only expend tremendous effort to ensure the ongoing success of the program, but who also generously offer their beautiful riding arena where the program conducts its lessons."

The Therapeutic Riding Program thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission, island service clubs, individuals and businesses who generously support the program as well as the Gulf Islands

School District for partnering with the program to provide riding for students.

On Mother's Day in 2007 the Western Riding Club sponsored the Third Annual Ride-A-Thon, raising \$1,500 in support of the Therapeutic Riding program.

After a short summer break, the regular program will start again September 24. The program is always looking for horses to use, and anyone wishing to volunteer, share their fundraising skills or ideas, or provide financial support for the Therapeutic Riding Program should contact Liz Anderson or Lynn Thorburn.

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Reno 911!: Miami's subtle genius makes for great comedy



Jason Tudor

Reno 911!: Miami, as you might tell from its curiously punctuated title, is a strange little film. Based on the TV show Reno 911!, the big-screen version follows a squad of truly lousy Reno cops as they travel to Miami for a police convention.

When every single other cop becomes trapped in a convention centre due to a chemical attack, the deputy mayor turns to our "heroes" to keep the city in line. This they will try and do, when they've done partying themselves senseless. Maybe they'll even get to the secret behind the attack itself.

The style of humour found in Reno 911!: Miami is almost impossible to describe. It is shot documentary style, something like an episode of Cops. While there is a "script," most scenes

are so improvised that they turn the most ridiculous of sequences into drawn out, fairly dry moments.

The characters are generally unsympathetic and rarely even that likable, so we're constantly laughing at them (i.e. not "with" them) and not even really all that interested in whether or not they succeed.

Add in that the subject matter is as risqué as mainstream film allows, and Reno 911!: Miami ends up with a pretty limited film audience. Always a fan of dry, improv comedy, I found it hilarious. Much of the film's genius is actually fairly subtle and comes down to the way a given scene is timed or shot.

One early sequence has us watching the entire side of a motel as the cops come back from a night out. All in one take, the shot has the camera weaving

up and down almost aimlessly, following conversations both inside and out of the motel rooms, building to an almost operatic crescendo of insanity.

Reno 911!: Miami also plays with our postmodern expectations, often letting a given scene play out so long that the inevitable conclusion is drawn out so far that by the time it actually happens it's going to be so ridiculous that you'll almost forget that you were anticipating that conclusion in the very, very, very first place.

Sorry, but that's the kind of narrative play you'll find in a film that looks and sounds like "dumb" comedy but is really sophisticated stuff. Yes, exploding whales, big butts in thongs and the Rock blowing himself up with a grenade is sophisticated. This is Masterpiece Theatre for the 00s.

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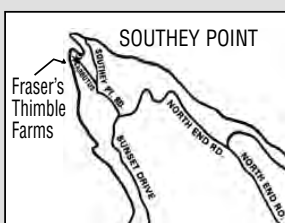
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LADIES GOLF

Silent partnership wins the day

Inter-club play also in full swing

BY MARCIE HOGAN
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On June 26 the Salt Spring 18-hole ladies' game for the day was Silent Partners; silent, because the partners' names are drawn at the end of the round.

Marie Hopkins' low score helped carry her and partner Marcie Hogan to first place, with a total net score of 151.

Second place was a tie, with scores of 156 each for partners Eileen Botham and Julie Tyler and partners Maureen Rowell and Linda Overholt.

Alice Richards picked up the KP and Tricia Simpson was Queen of the Greens with 28 putts.

Julie Tyler led the pack in regular play on July 3. She took low gross with a 98, net 68, and landed her ball closest to the pin to pick up the KP.

Lynda Joyce was three shots behind with a 101.

Low net was awarded to Gladys Campbell with 73 and Bernie Cowan was one off with a 74.

Lowest putting score was a 26, carded by Pat Laverder.

The 18-hole inter-club

matches are tied, a loss to Cowichan and a win over Mount Brenton.

In the nine-hole ladies division for June 20, Babs Ross captured the Kennedy Cup with a net 36. She also won the putt pot when two chip-ins resulted in only 12 strokes on the green.

Low gross runner-up was Vi Austin with a net 37.

Then June 25 saw Mount Brenton at Salt Spring for a friendly nine-hole inter-club round.

Kathy Darling took low gross at 58 strokes and tied with Joyce Thomson for low net at 39 strokes. The putt pot went to Marg Lowther with 12 putts.

Darling also won low gross on June 27, with a 59. Ross was just one stroke off for second spot and she took low net with a 38.

Runners-up were Lorraine Topping and Barb Davis with 39. Davis had the hot putter, taking only 15 strokes on the greens.

Trudy Sloan cleaned up in three categories on July 4. She won low gross with a 55, low net with a 35 and took the putt pot with 15 putts, after birdying Hole #2.

Joyce Thomson was a two-time runner-up with a gross of 58 and a net of 37.5.

In June, the Monday Night Ladies Division moved to 4

o'clock start times and had up to 26 golfers coming out each night.

Top point winners for the month were Darlene Wellington with 25, Trudy Sloan with 24 and Marg Lowther with 23.

Wellington had an outstanding game on June 11.

With birdies on holes #2 and #6, she took low gross with a 47, the putt pot with 13, and KP. Joanna Barrett and Connie Hardy also recorded low putt scores of 13 in June.

Other KP winners were Alice Richards, Joanna Barrett and Dora Reynolds. Reynolds scored the low gross for the month, a 44. Marg Lowther and Monika Huser each had two chip-ins.

In off-island golf, the Senior Button Match team of Pat Lavender and Grace Murchie defeated Cedar Hills.

Playing in a mix of hail, rain, wind and mosquitoes, the Pro-Am team of Steve Marleau, Joanna Barrett, Kathy Swenson and Dora Reynolds took third place at Sun Peaks with a net of 18 under par. Marleau picked up a skin.

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METRO/SELECTS SOCCER

Provincial squads flounder as next year's teams named

Two Salt Spring soccer players competing with Victoria United metro/selects teams at the A Cup provincial championships last weekend failed to advance to next round, while a third island player's off-island gold team took fifth place in B Cup.

A win at the A Cup event would have springboarded both Kevan Brown's U14 selects team and Meredith Raddysh's U15 metro team to the national championships.

However, with two losses and a tie, Brown's team took third out of the four com-

peting teams, while three losses left Raddysh's squad in fourth place.

Adrian Alonso's U13 Lakehill gold team won its first game, lost its second and third games, and then beat Nelson 4-3 to take fifth place out of eight teams.

In the meantime, several island players have been named to Victoria United metro (girls) and selects (boys) squads for next year.

They include Alonso (U14), Brown, Sierra Lundy and Grace Morgan at U15, Keegan Pearson at U16, Raddysh and Callum Gunn at U17.

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SWIMMING

Stingrays dive into swim meet action

Swimmers face individual challenges

Salt Spring Stingrays swimmers are resting after two intense weekend meets where they picked up personal best times, achieved top placements and overcame individual challenges.

The Stingrays crew was in full force last weekend as it travelled to Saanich Commonwealth Place for a meet hosted by the Sidney Piranhas.

"With many best times, fun moments and great placements, the event was an example of how great competitive swimming can be," said head coach Kris Isenor.

Following are some of Isenor's meet highlights:

"The event was an example of how great competitive swimming can be."

KRIS ISENIOR
Head coach

- Jason Funk (Div.3) and Emily Gix (Div.5) both took a second off their 50-metre fly races.

- Owen Twaites (Div.2) "accomplished a huge feat" when he completed his first 100-m free and made finals in that event. He also took 20 seconds off his 50-m backstroke.

- Also in the 100-m free, Larissa Andrews (Div.2) took off a "whopping" eight seconds and James Twaites (Div.3) took a hard-earned five seconds off his time as well.

- Tyler Bullach (Div.2) smashed 17 seconds off his 50-m free, Jordan Kitchen (Div.2) took three seconds off her 50-m free time, and Aaryn Funk (Div.3) chopped a second off his time.

- Sydney McCrea (Div.1) swam a fantastic race in her 50-m free where she managed to take more than 10 seconds off her time, and Cailen Wright (Div.2) took nine seconds off his.

- Max Mackay (Div.2) took six seconds off of his 50-m free.

- First time races were achieved by Zyon Aven-Picard (Div.1) in the 50-m free event, Nigel Bisnar (Div.1) in the 50-m back and 50-m breast, McCrea in the 50-m free and back, and Shayne Unger (Div.1) in the 50-m free.

- Luke Hylands (Div.2) cut time off in each races that he swam, taking four seconds off his 100-m free. He had an unprecedented eight best times in total over the weekend.

- Liam Budd (Div.2) had five best times, taking four seconds off his 100-m backstroke.

- Amy Zacharias (Div.7) swam some fantastic races especially in her 100-m breaststroke and 100-m freestyle.

- Aija Wright (Div.3) had great swims all weekend.

- Brendan Nickerson (Div.7) took two seconds off his 100-m backstroke and Eryn Gix (Div.4) took three seconds off of her time.

- Ella Fisher (Div.3) had a best time in her 100-m individual medley (IM).

- Olivia Budd (Div.6) took three seconds off her 100-m breaststroke time.

Nanaimo

At the three-day Nanaimo meet, held over the July 1 weekend, swimmers "smashed their personal bests and competed with high-end competition from both Vancouver Island and the mainland," said Isenor.

Swimmers could compete in four events, with a top-six placement in heats advancing them to finals, where the top three took gold, silver and bronze medals.

Luke Hylands in Div.2 topped the best times (BT) challenge, picking up six personal bests, swimming heats and finals in each of his events. He also won silver in 50-m fly, bronze in 100-m free, 4th in 100-m individual medley (IM) and 5th in 50-m free.

Maggie Birch in Div.3 and Rebekah Lee (Div.4) also nailed the challenge, grabbing BTs in each of their four swims. Chelsea Harris (Div.4) took off more than 23 seconds, winning BTs in three of four swims; Becky Steel (Div.3) smashed three of her personal bests for a total of 27 seconds; and James Twaites (Div.3) also grabbed BTs in each of his three events (13 seconds total).

Ella Fisher (Div.2) and Cassidy Fraser (Div.3) nailed BTs in two of their four events, and Callysta Boyd (Div.1) picked up personal bests (shaving off 19 seconds) in each of her two events.

Jason Funk (Div.3), grabbed two BTs and a sixth-place finish in breaststroke.

Those taking top spots in finals included Brendan Nickerson (Div.7), who took the team's only gold medal, winning 100-m fly. He also grabbed silver in 100-m breast, bronze in 100-m back, and fifth in 100-m free.

Ariana Fraser (Div.1) won silver in 100-m IM and 50-m breast, and bronze in 50-m free.

DJ Lake (Div.7) took fourth in 100-m backstroke, fifth in 50-m fly and sixth in 100-m free, while Connor Budd (Div.2) nailed a fifth-place finish 50-m breast.

Junior coach Danielle Viozzi (Div.7) took sixth in 50-m fly and 100-m free, while assistant coach Sara Mackay (Div.8) took home silver in both 50-m fly and 100-m fly.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

SUMMER SWING: Pilar Brooks and Becky Edwards enjoy the rope swing at St. Mary Lake as temperatures soar on Salt Spring.

MOTOCROSS RACING

Local boys take top spots

Salt Spring Island made waves in the motocross community after three local young riders wowed the competition at the Western Canadian Amateur National Motocross Championships in Raymond, Alberta.

Brandon Johnson, who just turned seven, finished fifth overall in the 32-entrant 50 CC four-to-six age category, while David Bradley, age six, came 12th.

Bradley's brother Harrison, who's seven, finished seventh overall in his first

year of competition in the higher age category.

"It was awesome," said Johnson's father Blaine, not only of the results but for the boys' chance to meet a new and higher level of competition. "We were up against race 'teams' . . . some kids have two or three bikes."

Over 1,000 riders from the Ontario border west attended the June 28-30 event at the Temple Hill Motorcycle Park in Raymond. All three boys are heading to the nationals in Nanaimo this weekend.

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NOTICES

6 DEATHS

PRIOR, EDITH MARGARET (MARGY)
MAY 16, 1925 -
JUNE 6, 2007



Prior, Edith Margaret (Margy), nee Scoones, of Galiano Island passed away in the Lady Minto Hospital surrounded by her children and grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Cam in 1981, her two sisters Mary and Betty and two of her brothers Bill and Jim. Left to mourn her passing are her brother John Scoones, her three children Susan Good, Penny Prior, Ted Prior (Dawn) and her grandchildren, Sarah Richardson (Bill), Ben Good (Julia), Phoebe and Sasha Trueit, Tessa, Frances, Rebecca and Paris Prior.
Margy enjoyed a wonderful Gulf Island childhood that was rich in family and friends. Working with her parents until Cam Prior swept her off her feet, they married in 1946. The Priors raised a loving family, sharing laughs with their many neighbours and friends. Margy's zest for life was contagious.

With a smile and a giggle in her laugh, her love and enjoyment flowed into her garden and around the song birds engulfing all who shared her life. So, put on a smile and tip a glass of wine. To Mum, and all the loving mother's who have passed before her.

A celebration of Margy's life will be held in the Lions Hall, Galiano Island, on Sunday, June 15 at 1 p.m. *

GORDON HARVEY BADER

Mr. Gordon Harvey Bader passed away on July 1, 2007, at his residence with his family by his side. He was 77 years of age. Born at Medicine Hat, AB, on August 9, 1929, Gordon lived in British Columbia for most of his life.

He married Joyce Brownlee and the couple had two children, Larry and Sue. The family lived on a floating logging camp near Rivers Inlet for 13 years, moved to Salt Spring Island, and then to Armstrong seven years ago.

Mr. Bader worked in logging and road construction, enjoyed spending time with his family and his church, as well as camping, hiking, biking, trains, planes (he had his pilot's licence) and playing pool at the Seniors' Activity Center.

Predeceased by parents, five brothers and four sisters, Gordon will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by wife Joyce of Armstrong; son Larry (Janice) of Salt Spring Island; daughter Sue (Al) Frederiksen of Calgary; grandchildren Angela, Jennifer, Kristin and Kylan; great-grandchildren Jordyn and Kyra. There are numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends.

A Funeral Service was held at the Armstrong Seventh-Day Adventist Church on Friday, July 6, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. with Pastor James Campbell officiating. Interment took place in the Armstrong - Spallumcheen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a favourite charity. Condolence messages may be e-mailed to the family at pafsarmstrong@telus.net. Arrangements are in the care of Personal Alternative Funeral Services, Armstrong, BC. (250) 546-7237.

5 BIRTHS

PART OF the baby boom? Call Welcome Wagon for a personal Baby Visit. Gifts & greetings from local businesses and a warm welcome for baby. Andrea 537-8464.

6 DEATHS

HAYWARD'S FUNERAL SERVICE



PATRICK BEATTIE
Licensed Funeral Director

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

8 CARD OF THANKS

GISS BOYS basketball, thanks Salt Spring garbage/Transfer Station, Lions Club and GVM for supporting our fundraising activities.

SHOWYOUR thanks with a Card of Thanks in The Gulf Islands Driftwood. Call Claudia or Kim at 537-9933 or email

8 CARD OF THANKS

THANKS SO MUCH!
The Community Food Bank would like to extend our deep thanks and gratitude to Rob and Barbara Weir of the Tree House Cafe for donating 10% of the proceeds from their June 23 Jazz Festival and to Ganges Village Market along with Rhonda Steel's dedicated help, for hosting another extremely successful BBQ fundraiser - together these two businesses raised over \$1900 in cash and food donations for the Community Food Bank. Their steadfast support is greatly appreciated! Thanks also to the volunteers who passed the hat at the Tree House Cafe, the wonderful group of volunteers who flipped burgers, toasted onions, sliced, diced and served at the BBQ and the impressive face painters! All of your help was truly amazing! SSI Community Services.

THANK YOU
The Vancouver Island Arabian Horse Association Youth Team would like to thank the following for donating to their first raffle. SS Coffee, Mouat's Trading Co., Morgain Cuddy, West of The Moon, SS Soapworks, Harlans Chocolate, Mouat's Clothing Co., Island Escapades, SS Cheese, The Wine Cellar, Horse Council BC, Terry Warbey and GVM. Thanks to Barb Kinnear, Kelly Kazakoff, Jane & Sydney Sinclair and all of the kids who helped sell tickets and set up for the BBQ and especially to Andrea Pringle, our coach.

10 CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations
Cyril and Joan Astill
on the occasion of your
65th Anniversary.

Family and friends will
celebrate the event on
July 14th, 2007 2-6 p.m.
at their Fulford Valley Farm.

50!

Congrats, Greg, you made it!

It must have been in part
because of the person
that has been by your
side all these years!

Love Wendy and family

20 COMING EVENTS

RUCKLE PARK NATURE PROGRAMS
with Park Naturalist
Stephanie King
& assistant
Gordon Havelaar
Saturdays & Sundays
Starting June 30

PROGRAM SCHEDULES
10:30 am & 1:30 pm (Sat)
1:30 pm (Sun)

crafts, guided nature walks,
games, nature hunts & more
**All programs meet
at the Host Site in the
campground*

Canada's Parks Day
July 21st 10 am to 4 pm
Some refreshments will
be available
www.parksday.ca

Thank you to all who participated, volunteered, or donated to the Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life on Salt Spring Island!! It was an amazing night!

MEDIA

SILVER

COMMUNITY

Apple Photo, ArtSpring, Big Bear Rentals, John Cameron Photography, ColdZone Refrigeration, Community Gospel Church, Countryside Masonary, CRD, Energizer Canada, Island Farms, Island Savings Credit Union, Island Star Video, Lions Club, Laurie Hedger Recycling and Waste, PARC, Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, Salt Spring Fire Dept., Salt Spring Coffee Company, Salt Spring Golf Club, Salt Spring Inn, Steffich Fine Art Gallery, West of The Moon, Uptown Pizza

ORGANIZATIONAL TEAM

Chair - Doug Mitchell
Team Chair- Jenny Colver
Event operations Chair- Perry Ruehlen
Survivor Chair- Lynne Fraser
Food and Beverage- Doug McCloud
Luminaries- Terry Simard
Logistics- Glynis Finer
Prizes- Franki Johnstone
Accounting- Elyly McKeague
Registration and On-line Support- John & Sheri Wakefield
Activities and Volunteers- Melanie Morris
Entertainment- Matt Steffich
Coordinator- Margo Greggains

20 COMING EVENTS

SUMMERTREAT. Joel Andrews, harpist and healer offers "A Healing Journey" seminar. Sunday, July 22. Details. Phone Barb Lyngard 653-4469.

FLOWER FESTIVAL. Tues., July 17. Open House, All Saints, 1 - 4pm. Tea from 2pm and music and Munch Wed, July 18, 12:10pm.

PHAKCHOK RINPOCHE Returns! July 29, 9:30am-3:30pm. Ganges Yoga Studio, Grace Point Square. Reservations and information, please call Matthew 537-2378. <http://www.phakchokrinpoche.org/>.

Ever supported the indoor pool at Cafe Ssplash?

Want a piece of successful Island history?

Come to ArtSpring's Community Flea Market July 14th

SSplash is selling surplus Cafe equipment to raise funds for the second UV system.

Celebrate the release of
"Harry Potter AND THE Deathly Hallows"
JULY 12

Join our guided wizard tour full of events, games & crafts. Meet at...

WEST OF THE MOON 1:00 pm
The Sorting Hat - Are you Gryffindor or Slytherin? Pick up your Marauder's Map, then follow the wizard to...

SALT SPRING BOOKS 2:00 pm
There you'll find Ollivander's Wand Shop, where you create your own magic wand. Then on to...

FABLES COTTAGE 3:00 pm
Wizard Crafts...

GANGES UNITED CHURCH MEADOW 3:30 pm
The Quidditch Pitch - Gryffindor vs. Slytherin Play the game, then stay for the treats after. The Leaky Cauldron will supply cake and pumpkin juice.

Prizes !!! Answer a trivia question at each stop on the tour to be eligible for prizes!

2007 SUMMER PILATES SCHEDULE

The Pilates system when practised regularly, creates a toned, supple body, improves core strength, stability and posture and aids in developing efficient movement patterns; thus assisting in injury prevention.

TUES 8:00 AM Continuing Pilates (Island Farmhouse)
TUES 5:30 PM Pilates Small Equipment Class (Cats Pajamas Studio)
THURS 10 AM Intro to Pilates (Cats Pajamas Studio)
FRI 8:00 AM Continuing Pilates (Island Farmhouse)

REGISTRATION:
Rheona Severson - Certified in the Pilates Method **537-5309**

INTRODUCTORY SPECIAL
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26 LEGALS

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29 LOST AND FOUND

LOST CAT - Kittigen disappeared from Hedger Rd. in the Malview/Fernwood area several weeks ago after a move. She is a full-grown but small black cat with a distinct hard lump at the end of a normal tail. Very friendly and affectionate. Please call 537-5248.

29 LOST AND FOUND

KEYS FOUND Saturday, June 30 at ArtSpring. Owner may claim at the Driftwood.
FOUND SMALL sailboat, approx. 20". Found on Cusheon Lake. Call 653-4868.
FOUND KEYS: includes Nissan car key and numbered key, Presidents Choice fob and razor/box cutter. Owner can claim at the Tourist Info Centre.
FOUND: GREY cat, near Blackburn Lake. 537-2280.
FOUND CHARM bracelet at central tennis courts. 537-4786 to identify.
FOUND CAT, medium haired, white and black, unneutered male, young & friendly, hit by car near the Seabreeze Inn, he is ok, but needs his family. Call the BCSPCA at 537-2123.
FOUND SHILA, a 1/2 black & white cat. She has a tattoo in her ear, but Bruce Hicks hasn't updated his phone number so we can't find him. If you know Bruce please have him call the SPCA at 537-2123 to take Shila home.
FOUND PAINTING by Victor Castro in packing box marked "chile painting." 537-4866.
FOUND CUTE, little bucket hat for a child. Found on Park Dr. Call 537-9933 to identify.
GREY CAT, white patch at throat, white whiskers; neutered male, sweet but shy. Missing since Sat., June 30, Blackburn Road area. 537-9596.

34 NOTICES

Volunteer Salt Spring
"Your gateway to volunteering on Salt Spring"
www.volunteersaltspring.com

Call for Tender
ArtSpring seeks bids from contractors to undertake a lobby renovation project during the month of September. Plans may be viewed at ArtSpring.
Approximate contract value: \$15-25,000.
Deadline for bids July 18.
More information from George Sipos at 537-2125 or george@artspring.ca



BESSIE DANE FOUNDATION & HOSPICE
'Special' General Meeting
to inform membership of recent important changes
7:00 pm Wednesday, July 18
#202-338 Upper Ganges Centre (members only please)

EMPLOYMENT
50 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY
WORK AT HOME ONLINE - Start a real home-based business. Work when you want. Apply online and start today! www.wfhbc.com.
MONEY MAKER. Local route. No selling on your part. For more information call 1-866-821-2569; www.telecardinfo.com.

55 HELP WANTED

OLDER GENTLEMAN, good basic health, comfortable water-front home close to village, is looking for part-time housekeeping help and companionship. Suggest about 3 evenings per week. Reply to Box 3, c/o the Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V3.
SALT SPRING Spa Resort is hiring a part-time housekeeper. Drop off resume or call 537-4111.
SALT SPRING Coffee Roasting facility is looking for a person to work the summer on the production line. The job would entail many aspects of production and would involve filling in while full time employees are on holidays. Wage between \$9 & \$12 depending on qualifications. Resume please. Please contact Ross or Doug 250-537-8593.
STRONG BACK to move bricks. 1 day of work at \$8/hour. Call Greg 537-0749.
SALT SPRING INN
Requires dishwashers and housekeepers. Drop off resumes or call Barry at 537-9339.

55 HELP WANTED

PAINT PLUS requires a full time sales assistant. The individual must be reliable, keen and energetic. Full training will be given. We strive for excellence and expect the same. Drop resume to Paint Plus, 346 Lower Ganges Road (next to Dagwoods), 538-5555.
SEACHANGE IS looking for people to help on a packaging line. If you would like ongoing daytime work one to three days a week, and enjoy working with your hands, please send your resume to Anne@SeaChangeSavouries.ca.
GARDENING HELP needed. Part time basis, work involves landscaping to wedding, own transportation and experience a plus. Phone 653-2060.
CARPENTERS / REMODELERS \$25+/hour. Canada's leading home repair/remodeling company is seeking carpenters, remodelers, skilled tradespeople in Greater Vancouver, Victoria, Okanagan Valley. Apply toll-free 1-800-884-2639 or www.handymancanada.ca.
OLYMEL is a world class Canadian pork and poultry product producer, with more than 9,000 employees throughout Canada. Our Red Deer location is now hiring food processing workers. Competitive wages, relocation program, employee incentives!! Send your resume to OLYMEL 7550-40th Avenue, Red Deer, Alberta T4N 6R7. Phone 1-866-926-3544. Fax: 403-309-7547. apply@oly mel.com, www.oly mel.ca.

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Looking for awesome Deep Tissue Therapist to care for awesome clientele. Also space available in established down town Ganges Health Centre with busy RMT. Turnkey operation, amazing deal! Call Tia 538-7000

55 HELP WANTED
HARBOUR HOUSE Hotel is hiring in their housekeeping department. Keen eye for detail is a must. Commitment for the summer is essential. Drop off resume, Attention: Charlene.
ARE YOU Interested in learning to be a backhoe and excavator operator/ labourer, welder? Are you clean cut, physically fit, high school graduate and 18 - 25? Call 653-9255.
ROCK SALT Restaurant is hiring bakers, summer servers and line cooks. Please apply in person, talk to Telle or Bruce or email rocksalt@shawbiz.ca.
GANGES VILLAGE Market is looking for a new personality to work in our busy & upbeat Deli Dept. A variety of hours & shifts are available. Come on in & meet us, bring your resume with you.
PAINTERS WANTED. Must be extremely energetic. 538-1685.
SSI TRANSITION House, On-Call Support Worker. To provide practical and emotional support to women and children affected by violence and abuse. Flexible scheduling. Resume and covering letter must be received by noon on July 13/07 by fax to 537-0752 or email executivedirector@iwav.org or mail to IWAV, Box 376 Ganges PO, SSI, BC V8K 2W1. See complete posting at www.iwav.org.

55 HELP WANTED
PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER for Wildlife Centre. We are a not-for-profit organization providing care for injured and orphaned wildlife. Our bookkeeping duties include bill payments, journal entries, multi-account bank statement reconciliations, year-end financials. Flexible hours, about 4 half-days per month. Current books in excellent order. Must be experienced in Simply Accounting. Phone Jackie at Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre, 537-0777 or email us at iwnc@aol.com.
HASTINGS HOUSE is looking for housekeeping staff for seasonal part-time work. Please bring resume to reception.

Love Pizza!
Pomodoro Pizza requires well-rounded individual with both customer service and line cooking experience. The ideal candidate is a self starter who enjoys working with the public in a fast paced environment. This is a year-round position with some flexibility in scheduling. We offer a competitive wage & benefits. Please apply in person with a resume to Sherry or Jamie after 11 am.
pomodoro pizza and more

HELP WANTED
Salt Spring Island Co-operative Preschool is seeking a part-time Early Childhood Educator (ECE) commencing September 2007.
Our preschool has a learning through play philosophy and an ECE should work well with children and their families.
Please send resume to Box #2, The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2V3 or email: kozy4@telus.net.

BEACON Community SERVICES
Did you know?
Beacon Employment Services
has special employment and training programs for people between the ages of 15 and 30?
Want to learn more?
Phone us at 537-5979 or drop by our offices at #206 - 343 Lower Ganges Rd. Salt Spring Island 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
The Government of Canada has Contributed to this initiative **Canada**

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PART-TIME DISPATCHER & RESERVATIONS AGENT
Salt Spring Air is looking for a highly motivated individual who can work independently in a fast paced work environment.
REQUIREMENTS:
Knowledge of MS Office, Exceptional phone skills
Attention to detail, Good situational awareness, Ability to work independently
DUTIES:
Answering phones, Dispatching aircraft, Flight Following, Taking reservations
MUST BE AVAILABLE TO WORK WEEKENDS
Please fax resume & cover letter to 537-9698 or email in Word format to lisa@saltspringair.com
PLEASE NO DROP INS / NO PHONE CALLS
Only qualified applicants will be contacted

Hip Hop Till You Drop II
Vancouver's OVER THE INFLUENCE
Sunday, July 29
Kids, Teens & Adults on ArtSpring Stage
9 am: Beginner Hip Hop 10 am: Intermediate Hip Hop
11 am: Breaking 12 pm: Waving & Popping 1 pm: Crumping
To Register for Master Classes: Andrea Rabinovitch 538-0116, nevrab@telus.net or SS Books. 4-5 classes \$10/ea. 2-3 classes \$12/ea. 1 class \$15 Observers: \$5/class Accompanying parents free
Sunday 3 pm Over The Influence in concert
Opening with Aaron Ableman and Aum Base & DanzKids
Tickets at ArtSpring

19th Annual Fulford Day
Saturday, August 11 10 am - 7 pm
Drummond Park
great food * great music * great company * guaranteed fun
T-Shirts & Raffle Tickets Available Island Wide
See you there!

ArtSpring Treasure Fair
Annual Gala Auctions & Community Flea Market
July 12-14, 2007
www.artspring.ca
Kayaking trips, romantic dinners, historical memorabilia, artwork, furniture, music lessons... there's something for everyone at the ArtSpring Treasure Fair.
ArtSpring, 100 Jackson Ave, Salt Spring Island

FIBRE FESTIVAL
DESIGNERS' SHOWCASE
only SOME of the wonderful Canadian artist/designers whose amazing work will be shown in the Fibre Festival's theatrical
Art-to-Wear pageant
ArtSpring, Saturday, July 21, 8:00 pm
Ros Aylmer Ulrike Benner Rene Corder Evans
Anne Hadzjev Lucy Neatby Alice Philips
Shanna Robertson Jo Ann Ryeburn Jane Stafford
Laurie Steffler Donna Vanderwekken
Yvonne Wakabayashi Angelika Werth
...and members of the SSI Weavers and Spinners Guild
Tickets \$15, at ArtSpring box office: 537-2102 or <http://www.artspring.ca/>

CAREER
EXPLORATION WORKSHOP
A 3-day workshop on Salt Spring
July 23, 24 & 26 10 am - 3 pm
No Cost to You!
This free workshop uses assessment exercises to help determine your working skills, strengths and preferences and assist you in choosing the right job for you!
Contact us for more information or to reserve a seat. 537 - 5979 or visit us at:
Beacon Employment Services
343 Lower Ganges Road - Suite 206
Salt Spring Island, V8K 2V4
BEACON Community SERVICES
Canada The Government of Canada has contributed to this initiative

32 MEETINGS
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MEETING
7:30 pm at Fire Hall #1
July 16, 2007
PUBLIC WELCOME

34 NOTICES
MINISHUTTLE IS changing days of operation. As of June 24 it will operate 6 days weekly, now including Wednesday. Sunday is now the new day off. Questions?? 537-6758.
IF YOUR Driftwood subscription label has the date highlighted, now is the time to renew!
SOLACE ORGANIC SPA
Salt Spring's first and only organic spa and product line. Check for our weekly specials in "Too Late to classify" 653-4688.
FAMILY PLACE
Parent Child drop-in Wednesdays is cancelled for summer. Instead: Paddle & play at Lakeside Gardens, St. Mary Lake Tuesdays, July & August, 10 - 1 for parents with children under 6. 537-9176.

Parc parks & recreation
ABOVE GROUND POOL FOR REMOVAL
Our new Rainbow Road all-season indoor pool is scheduled for completion this coming fall so this will be the last year for Shelby Memorial Pool at Portlock Park.
Effective September 4, 2007 the existing pool and equipment will be available for removal. The pool tank, deck and equipment are available as a package on an as-is, where-is basis. The entire structure is to be removed and the site left in clean condition within a reasonable period of time.
Pool Information
TANK:
Approximately 25' wide x 70' long x 4' deep; vinyl liner, steel wall construction; wood frame deck and chain link fence. Note: the steel frame system may be reconfigured or made smaller.
EQUIPMENT:
Sand filter system and piping; slurry chlorine water treatment system; twin propane fired furnaces.
ALL OFFERS WILL BE CONSIDERED
Written offers will be received until July 27, 2007 and should be delivered to:
PARC Administration Office
145 Vesuvius Bay Road
Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1K3
Information: D.C. Gibbon,
Parks Operations Manager
Phone: 250 537 4448 Fax: 250 537 4456
email: parc@saltspring.com

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classified@gulfislands.net

55 HELP WANTED



Looking for energetic, sales oriented customer service associate that can work flexible hrs. Applications at the Movie Gallery, 378 Lower Ganges Rd.

INTERESTING OPPORTUNITY

abroad for a young, bright, energetic person happy to carry out domestic work to a high standard (mainly cleaning/ironing, a little cooking/childcare). In return, flights paid, room & board in fashionable Notting Hill, London, the opportunity of earning good pay with plenty of perks and travel. Start Sept. Interviews July-Aug. on Salt Spring. Email: robinrudgley@hotmail.com

60 WORK WANTED

CLEAN MANORS will move furniture, brush and wood, trash, recycling, do yard clean up and maintenance, deliver firewood, gravel etc. Call Paris Haase, for good reliable work. Cell: 526-0099.
JOURNEYMAN CARPENTER/contractor available for additions, renos, etc. Quality & integrity. Guaranteed. References. 537-2820, Jim Anderson.
ALL SEASONS GARDENING Overwhelmed by garden work? Experienced gardener, excellent work. \$24/hr. Call Peter, 537-1648.
SKILLED CARPENTER and cabinet maker. Specialist in smaller jobs. Also, antique furniture repairs. Reasonable rates. Complete workshop facilities. 537-9996.
GOT WORK? \$10/hr. starting wage. Casual atmosphere, making concrete ornaments heavy lifting required, save on gym membership! Contact Dustin, 537-4240, start ASAP, 5days/week, long term work.

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102 ARCHITECTS/DESIGNERS

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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 & ask for Jim

114 CHILD CARE

HEART N' HANDS Montessori now has spaces available in our all day program. For more information contact Denise 537-4944.
I HAVE A FLYING UMBRELLA! Looking for full/ part time nanny position. Lots of experience, first aid and CPR certified. Prairie, 537-1649.

118 COMPUTERS

CALL BOB McIvor for troubleshooting, software and networking support. We do housecalls. 537-2827 or (cell) 538-7017. Please go and back-up your important data now!
HI SPEED internet wireless router sale! Linksys Wireless-G Broadband Router Model WRT54G-CA \$89, only 4 in stock so call now! Call John at 537-6723 Tech Now Computers.

127 FINANCIAL SERVICES

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- junk & garbage removal & recycling
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156 RENTALS

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173 TRAVEL

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UNRESERVED AUCTION - 100+ antiques, collectibles and trophies. Ritchie Bros. Prince George, July 17 auction. For details, visit rbauction.com/property or call Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers. Phone 250-963-8491.

302 APPLIANCES

WASHING MACHINE top loading, Kenmore, white, HD. Good condition, 6 yrs. old, 4 water temps., 4 wash speeds, incl. handwash/delicate. Corrected price, \$200. 537-5659.

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379 FREE/RECYCLABLES

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FREE DOUBLE bed, older. Mattress and boxspring. You pick up. 537-2961.
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FREE FREEZER, large, works well. You pick up. 537-9320.
FREE TWO aquariums; one 15 - 20 gal., the other is smaller. Jack 537-4137.

FREE GREY/blue velour sofa bed. Good condition, you pick up. 537-2517.

FREE STACKING washer and dryer. Works well. You pick up. 538-0254.
FREE MIRRORED closet doors, 537-0675.

TRUCK CANOPY, Range Rider; fits Chevy S10 to 1993 or similar (needs back glass). 537-5830.

FREE KITCHEN cabinets, counter tops, sink and fawcett, white dishwasher, ivory hood fan, etc. From reno. 538-0231.

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410 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

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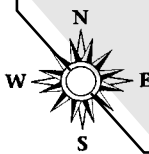
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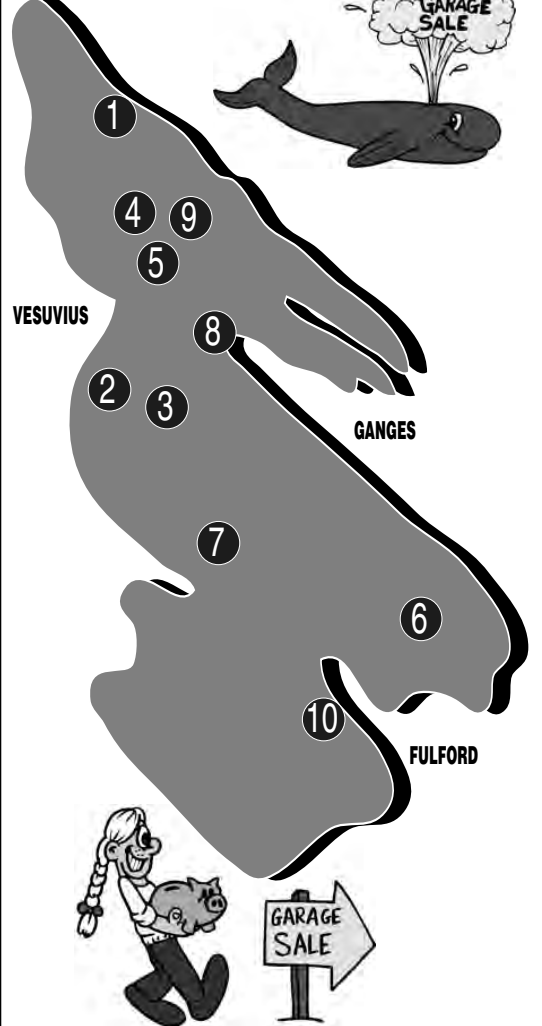
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MAP



340 GARAGE SALES

- 1 MORE STUFF! Cleaned out the attic - garage sale. Sunday, July 15, 9am - 1pm. 230 Epron Road.
- 2 HOUSEWARES, PING pong table, wood lathe, table saw, P.U. bedliner, fishing tackle. 111 Pine Place, Saturday July 14, 9am - 2pm and Sunday July 15, 9am - 12.
- 3 LOTS OF stuff, it all has to go! Bunk beds, filing cabinet, books. Sat., July 14, 8am - 1pm. 150 Charlesworth Road.
- 4 SATURDAY, JULY 14, 9am - 3pm. 162 Lawnhill Dr. Household, craft items, toys, books, electronics, misc. boat parts, bookcases, tools and a whole lot more.
- 5 MOVING SALE: Saturday, July 14, 9:00am - noon. All kinds of household stuff and some furnishings. No early birds! 229 Canvasback Place.

340 GARAGE SALES

- 6 A LITTLE BIT of everything including some antiques and collectibles. Sat. July 14, 9am - 12pm no early birds. 154 Menhinick Dr.
- 7 ANTIQUE FURNITURE, leather furniture, slate tables, Ikea wardrobe & TV cabinet, framed prints, kitchen cabinets, misc. Great quality items, don't miss it! Sat., July 14, 9am - 2pm, 376 Garner Rd.
- 8 USED CLOTHING and Housewares Sale @ 133 Hereford Ave. [front lawn of Rainbow Trading]. All in support of SSI SPCA shelter and local animals in need. Sat. July 14th. Starts 10 am.
- 9 SATURDAY, JULY 14, 9am - 12. 242 Mobrae. Leather sofa, camping equip., futon, fishing rods, treasures and oddsends.
- 10 SATURDAY, JULY 14, 10am - 2pm, 203 Southridge Dr. Potters kick wheel, silk screen supplies, sewing cabinets, 4 harness floor loom, needs tic and other stuff.

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This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Creating an overall sense of security in your life continues. This is sparking your ambitions. Getting your energy levels to match your ambitions may be the challenge. Making key investments and/or purchases is likely. Delays in the love department are still likely yet in as much as you are and have been learning key lessons, relating skills and cultivating inner and outer beauty then you are wisely making the most of this time. New levels of power are steadily emerging and will become more evident in 2007, yet this is an important time to be aware and prepare. While setting personal goals is a good idea, the higher road yet is to ask within for insight and guidance to fulfill your spiritual destiny.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

Brainstorming for creative and inspiring ideas and directions is keeping you busy. Whether in person, by phone or via the internet, this is the right time to reach out to make key connections. From this you will at least initiate a momentum and probably land some deals as well. Diversity is a key word and you of all people know that cultivating multiple streams of income is creative and wise. At deeper levels you must acknowledge and confront any and all fears, especially those associated with change. Security is linked to flow not stasis. Associate feelings and visions of pleasure and success to the process of participating in the flow of change and transformation, these are steadily brewing in your life now.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

Knowing the difference between wants and needs is ever important. Both are valid yet too much emphasis on wants versus needs leaves a person feeling empty and hungry for true nurturance. So, can you honestly say you know the difference at this stage of your journey, as certain needs do change, or is this a good time to review? Meanwhile, entertaining new prospects is keeping you busy and leading you to learn a lot. Delays are likely for everyone just now so be patient. Your ambitions on one hand may be at low ebb ironically making you push from the other hand. This will only cause stress and anxiety. Pace yourself and trust that by August your flow will be smoother and more direct. In the meantime, visualize what and perhaps who you 'need' in your life.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

Taking new strides of one kind or another will feel right now. Completions are upon you at the same time as is the case with new beginnings. A revolutionary mood continues to brew and you want to push through and beyond existing barriers. Opportunities to gain rare glimpses into some of life's deeper mysteries and/or to awaken more fully to human nature and psychology are available but you will have to be open. Alternatively, you could delve into a whole new creative focus involving new technologies. Computer learning would fit this theme. Financial concerns and considerations may arise over the next couple of months especially when Venus turns retrograde. Avoid worry at all costs and use this energy to generate new creative possibilities. Society has built in safety nets so you will be protected. Confidence!

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

Nurturing dreams is an important pastime. Making sure they are realistic rather than delusions and fantasies is part of the deal. Sometimes it is difficult to differentiate. Enjoying the journey is a big part of the success so trust the process. Purely focusing upon the outcome is a sign of fear. Gaining new knowledge and/or demonstrating your ability to share it are important now. With Mercury retrograde until July 9th it would appear via actual observation to be stopped in its orbit the weekend prior which can deepen thought processes and perceptions yet also create mental confusion. Don't take it personally but do take it seriously if you have plans. The same goes for delays in love and affection as this is the case across the Zodiac. Life is a dream game so play along.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

So, just what is it that makes you unique and special? You can ask others and you can ask yourself. The key is to take the best and leave the rest. Nobody is perfect because they have a personality and a murky past, but everyone has a soul which has nothing to do with any other trait or attribute. Building confidence takes focus, faith and a bit of science. The science I speak of is ancient and is linked to knowing what you have and what you want and how you might best be of service for the greater good and then asking for it and finally demonstrating your commitment to co-creation with deliberate action. The above list can be confusing unless outlined so write a list of 10 points for each. This formula is the secret by any other name.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Public and professional opportunities are available to you now. The duty part includes doing something about it. Mercury will only be retrograde for a couple more days so if you have been hesitant this stands to change this week. On the other hand, avoid scattering your energies, second guessing yourself or sending out confusing mixed messages. While idealism is good and romantic idealism is exciting, both may not stand up to the rigors of reality so screen them to extract their true worth. Sometimes we have to be our own best friend and allow that to provide self acknowledgement and perhaps permission as well. This relationship with your self is a key to your power.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

While your Leo friends are nurturing dreams, it is time for you to nurture visions. There is a difference. A vision encompasses a broad sweeping scope over the long term and can encompass many dreams, plans and strategies. Further, a true personal vision largely originates within. If this is challenging then sometimes it is very worth while to look to others whose visions seem to encompass your own. Other key players on your stage are pushing you to decide one way or another and this may be challenging because you may not have a clear sense of who you are or what you truly want these days. If this is true, offer this as an answer and show your sincerity by embarking on a vision quest!

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Clearing and purging the old to make way for the new is the call now. It may well require effort but you will be happy you did just a couple of weeks from now. While getting rid of material stuff completes one corner, you may feel ambitious and determined to clear in a more whole and complete way. This implies clearing mentally and emotionally. Doing this takes effort and focus but if you are sincere all you have to do is begin to search for what to do, how to do it and perhaps who can help you. There is always help available for those who ask with sincerity. However, waiting too long may mean that the delivery comes too late. You are more than you think you are and remember yourself to be. You are spirit incarnate and if you are willing you can access divine support and guidance.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

All relationships require attention. The first one is the one we have with our very own self and then there is our family or those close by with whom you share the environment and intimate experiences. So, are you acknowledging and honouring these intimates, family members and so on? There are indications that they would like you to. At deeper levels you are meant to learn than strength and vulnerability are two sides of the same coin; like a great tree that flexes in the wind but does not break. Meanwhile, playing with investments of one kind or other may be a source of pleasure and profit but also of out payments if you are not careful. Your willingness to yield to and learn from others who have gain some mastery where you are still green will bring rewards.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

Building upon a new platform of health is in the stars for you these days. How you interpret health is up to you but it will include some form of renovation. Is it your house in need of repair, is it your body requiring a new exercise regime, is it your habitual beliefs and perceptions about what is factual, true and possible that is calling for your attention? Nurturing new perspectives is ever wise because we do not see the world so much as it is as much as we see as we are. This includes what we have become comfortable, familiar and secure with in our life. Intend to break free to a whole new level of health and living. Begin by recognizing that the past does not need to repeat itself in the future. Envision a new you!

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Fond feelings of family and home are a source of creative inspiration. Whether you are cultivating your garden or your art or hobbies or family relations, there are indications that you want to reach for higher ground. Avoid getting lost in what 'should be' and focus upon what 'could be'. This includes nurturing a creative vision. You cannot be all things to all people but you can be something different to a pretty wide spectrum. Avoiding extremes let your intuition lead you to entertain new prospects and possibilities with diversity in mind. This is an ambitious time for you and this trend will continue well into the summer. Take a revolutionary approach if necessary to see through and beyond the status quo for greater returns.



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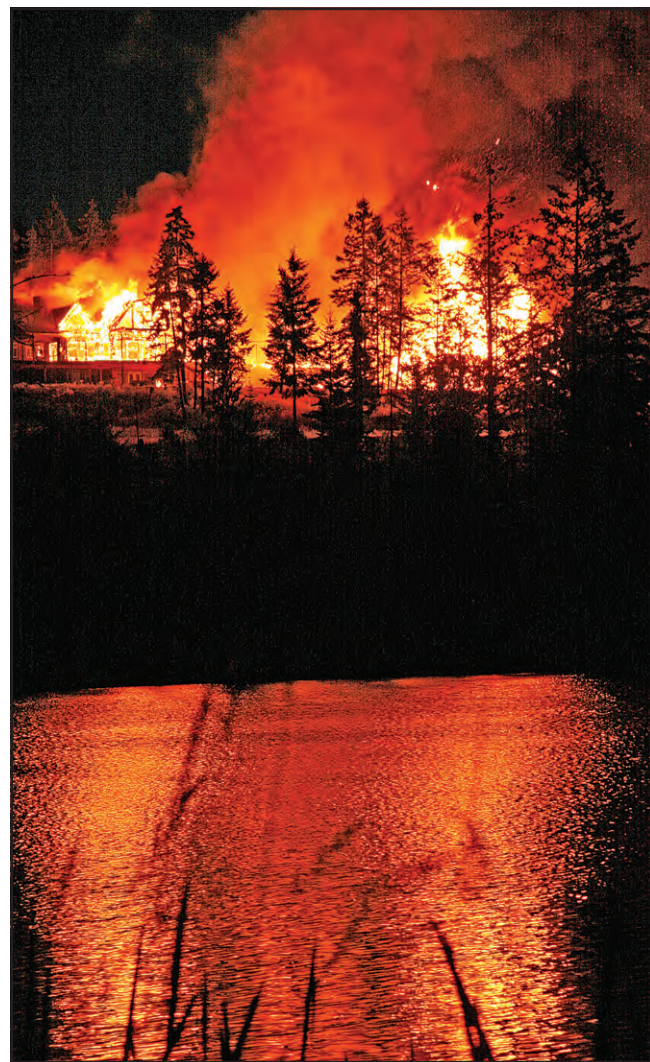


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Basement provides great storage area

BY STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Water conservation is on everyone's mind these days, but Paul Burke has been thinking about it for a while.

When Burke built his North View Road home ten years ago, his property had no well.

Drilled water in his north-end area is scarce and whatever well water is available often ends up "sulfury," he said.

So instead of digging one, Burke elected to construct a rainwater catchment system, the home's only source of water.

His system works by catching rainwater on the home's galvanized metal roof and collecting it in a large concrete cistern. The big deal here is the cistern built into the home's foundation.

Water is collected off the home and studio. To clean out large contaminants, the water runs through screens and filters made from sterilized playground sand. These only need changing a couple times per year, Burke said.

As the studio is slightly elevated from the house, water flows to the gravity-fed cistern through a single line.

From the filters, water runs into a concrete cistern built into the foundation.

Silica fume was added to the concrete mix to reduce permeability.

"You don't have to have a liner," Burke said. "With additives, concrete is impermeable."

Before the water is used, it runs through a medium and a fine basket filter to take out any murkiness, then through a UV filter to kill any bacteria.

The water is quite good and has passed tests, Burke said. The system has only been cleaned once in 10 years, he added.

It is made of four 10,000 gallon tanks, for a total of 40,000 gallons. The cisterns take up approximately three quarters of the basement.

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BURKE continued on B2

"We don't have to be fanatical."

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Paul Burke with one of the sand filtration systems that rainwater flows through before entering cisterns built into his home's foundation.

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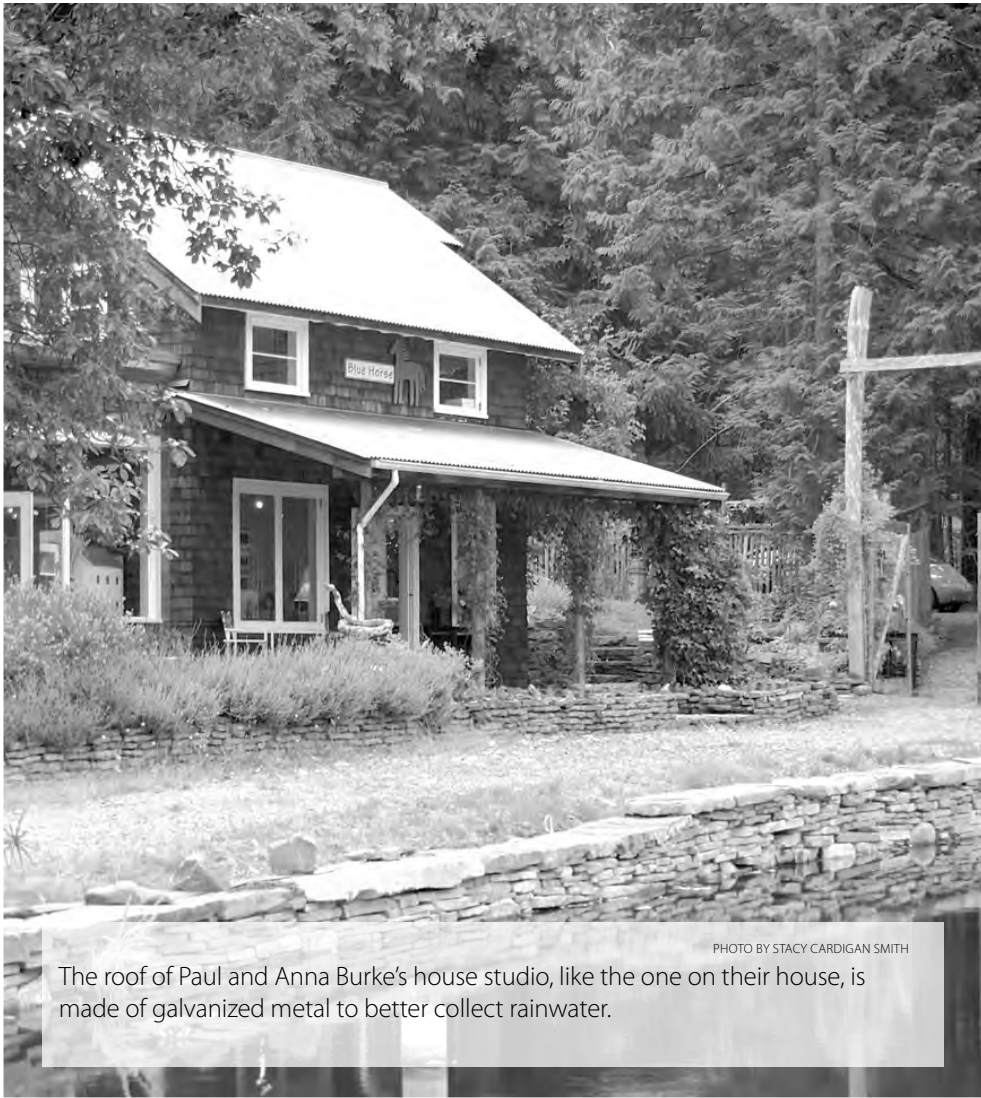


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The roof of Paul and Anna Burke's house studio, like the one on their house, is made of galvanized metal to better collect rainwater.

Water catchment works

BURKE

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water. Since the system has been fully operational, the tanks have never run dry.

Two people live in the home, and besides low-flush toilets, a water conserving shower head and a front-loading washer, no special water-conservation methods are practiced.

"We don't have to be fanatical," he said.

The system supplies enough water for the family's living, irrigation and general water needs.

Tanks are generally full by the middle of December, meaning thousands of gallons of water don't even enter the tank. At the end of the summer dry season, 10,000 gallons generally remain.

The family's next project is a second 10,000 gallon tank, mainly for garden irrigation.

It's easy to collect additional water when needed thanks to a series of tarps, he added. Last year, for example, Burke collected 30,000 gallons of water to fill his 55,000 gallon pond using a tarp laid out on a clear, slightly sloped lawn area.

"Even a small roof size can be augmented by a temporary collection field," he said. "A pool cover is ideal."

Burke said the size of the roof is irrelevant because of the area's heavy rainfall.

As far as system price goes, Burke said, it is hard to estimate since all the equipment is standard and off the shelf.

When the house was built in 1997, the cistern cost \$30,000, but that number is "almost meaningless," he said.

"It's a good investment for the house and it's a good investment for the quality of water," he added.

The technique is used more in Australia and the Caribbean, but Burke believes "more emphasis needs to be put into incorporating cistern plans into new house construction."

"It's a really doable system and you can have really high-quality water and you can have a lot of water."

Burke credits Colin Lawler for his help in designing the system and for providing concrete specs. Bob Ellison of Isles West helped with the filtration system.

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DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The allure of scooters, and particularly their low fuel cost, is hard to deny, especially given the rising cost of gasoline.

However, recent reports of scooters causing more pollution than cars on the road has caused some scooter riders to second guess their transportation choice.

In a 2005 report, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency states one of its studies found "motorcycles [including scooters] have much higher emissions than cars. A motorcycle emits as much hydrocarbon in 10 miles as a car driven 850 miles."

The problem arises because many scooters use two-stroke engines, which do not use fuel as efficiently (when compared to four-stroke engines) and therefore produce a lot of pollution.

Two-stroke engines are used in many smaller tools such as lawn mowers, saws and scooters because of their relative simplicity and resulting small size, as well as their higher power output, when compared to four-stroke engines.

However, because of their lack of a dedicated oil system they require an oil and gasoline mixture to run, and in turn emit more smoke, carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons and particulate matter.

"It's like using dirty dishes," explained Salt Spring mechanic Wolfgang Temmel of a two-stroke engine's performance. "It's like putting a fresh meal on an old dish."

Cleaner two-stroke engines are available, but the problem is people don't know about them, said Duncan Motorsports mechanic Bloys Dekker.

"You can make two-strokes that are far cleaner than four-strokes," he said.

Dekker also noted you can purchase "two-stroke oil designed to burn more cleanly than a four-stroke oil."

"Everything's available, but people just aren't aware of these things," he added.

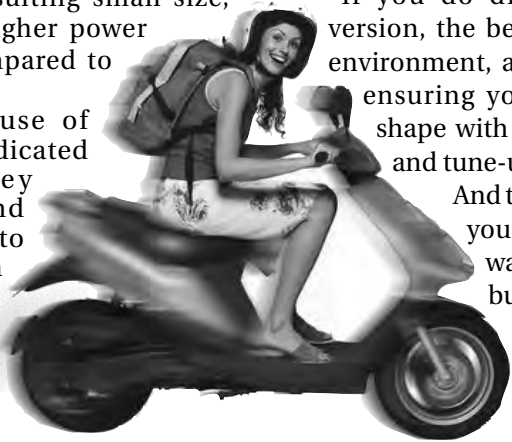
That means most people likely don't run one of the cleaner models.

However, some scooters do use four-stroke engines, so if you're in the market to purchase a new one, that may be the way to go. Alternately, think about hopping on an electric scooter.

If you do drive a two-stroke version, the best way to keep the environment, and it, healthy is by ensuring your scooter is ship shape with regular oil changes and tune-ups.

And take solace in the fact you'll at least be using way less fuel than your buddy in the SUV.

"It's just a sheer volume," Temmel said.



Car sharing sets the standard

Program turns red tape into green innovation

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Murakami Gardens housing project coordinators have turned what began as a headache into a pioneering step toward creating a more livable and pedestrian-friendly village core.

Janis Gauthier, the project's manager, has spent nearly five years wading through the bureaucratic mire to arrange rental fees, lending rates, tenant eligibility, building codes and so much more.

With all in place to help ease the island's housing crisis, Gauthier wasn't about to let parking requirements get in her way.

Along with Salt Spring Island Community Services' Susan Berlin, Gauthier proposed setting up a car-share program for residents in the 27-unit Rainbow Road complex instead of building the Islands Trust-mandated number of parking spaces.

Two vehicles will now be shared among car co-op members. For an annual membership fee and associated usage costs, car share members will be able to reserve vehicles for trips around the island and beyond.

Funding to get the project off the ground is included in the Murakami Gardens' \$5.5-million budget.

"As we began looking at prospective tenant profiles, it became obvious the burden of car ownership was very expensive," Gauthier said. "This is an affordable alternative that many prospective tenants are willing to live with."

The project is also a way to improve the quality of vehicles roaming the island's roads.

The prospect of a BC Transit bus arriving on the island within the year, she added, makes the car-share proposal idea even more alluring.

"A year ago we were not in such a good position for this kind of idea," Gauthier said. "Everything has lined up perfectly here and this kind of thing is now common in other areas. It's clear this sort of car culture is something that's going out of vogue."

Implementing the car-share project is required before the Islands Trust approves the project's occupancy permits, a process Gauthier expects will wrap up by summer 2008.

"It's clear this sort of car culture is something that's going out of vogue."

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We're on a Roll!

Critical Mass rallies aim to claim the streets

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF



Following the success of last month's Critical Mass bike rally on Salt Spring, organizers intend to make the event a monthly happening.

Because the rally is a way to promote an awareness of more bicycles on the road, the decision to extend the event through the summer is a no brainer, according to Karen Hawbolt, a fervent cycling advocate who encouraged a similar initiative in Vancouver.

"We need to get over the idea that roads are made exclusively for cars," Hawbolt said. "Critical Mass attempts to make a statement to drivers and the community that bikes exist and need to be considered when planning the community."

"We need to ask ourselves what kind of community we want," she said. "Do we really want an island of highways and byways?"

Beginning July 28, rides will take place on the final Saturday of each month. South-end riders will set off from the Fulford Inn at 9:45 a.m. and north-enders will begin their journey into town from the Fritz cinema at 10 a.m. Bikers plan to converge in downtown Ganges by 11 o'clock.

On June 16, an estimated 150 cyclists waving banners, chanting slogans and ringing bells met in front of the Ganges fire hall to promote bicycle awareness.

"The event empowered participants. It made people feel safe to use their bikes on Salt Spring's roads," Hawbolt said. "The more presence we have, the more able we are to spread that message."

As cyclists become visible, business owners, developers and governments will undoubtedly act to promote a decent bicycle transportation infrastructure on Salt Spring.

Hawbolt makes the 15-minute ride from home into town on a daily basis. She still uses a car for occasional trips but tries to limit usage to one tank of gas per month.

For the legions of would-be cyclists waiting to dust off their 10 speeds, Hawbolt said, Salt Spring's hills and winding roads are a formidable impediment.

Cycling can be an intense workout and, for seasoned car commuters, the switch can be a sweaty muscle-aching experience.

And getting in shape is the easy part.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY
Marion Pape of the Salt Spring Energy Strategy is a strong proponent of reducing one's carbon footprint.

What's often more difficult is getting used to a significant lifestyle change.

"You can't live as fast as you can with a car," Hawbolt said. "You definitely make some sacrifices, but the adventure becomes the getting there."

Besides getting into shape and enjoying the ride, leaving the car at home also helps breathe new life into communities by reducing congestion and

getting people talking.

"Drivers are kind of stuck in a bubble, whereas bikers get more face-to-face contact," she said. "Even drivers benefit since there's less traffic and more parking."

For more information on the Critical Mass ride, contact Karen Hawbolt or Kimi Hendess at 653-0035 or firefly@island.net.

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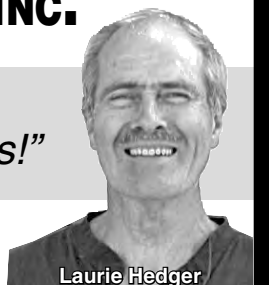
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Cyclists meeting at the Upper Ganges Centre parking lot were among the estimated 150 Critical Mass Ralliers in Ganges on June 16. Monthly rallies are now in the works.

Did you know?

- Most car trips cover distances less than three kilometres, a quick and easy cycle. The average cyclist can ride 3.5 kilometres in only 15 minutes.
- The average Canadian spends \$7,500 each year to own and operate a car. It only costs about \$200 per year to maintain a bike, plus an additional \$300 for the extra lights, helmet, bells and whistles.
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Green solutions keep the ocean blue

Program helps boaters reduce impact while at sea

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Despite the Gulf Islands' world-renowned reputation among kayakers, whale watchers and pleasure boaters, this popularity threatens the very marine environment people come to see.

That's why Mike Richards dedicated the past decade to promoting a Green Boating program to boaters plying Strait of Georgia waters.

"Over the years there's been less and less reluctance among boaters thanks largely to the general environmental awareness that's been happening," said Richards, who coordinates the program through the Nanaimo-based Georgia Strait Alliance.

"We want to educate without taking the fun out of the sea."

The seven-page Green Boating Guide — follow the links at www.georgiastrait.org — gives boaters tips on topics ranging from swabbing the decks to battling the bilge.

"We've come a long way, but there still remain concerns when it comes to disposing of sewage, fuel and oil spills, and paints," he said.

"A lot of U.S. boaters just cannot believe the lack of regulations in Canadian waters," Richards said.

Federal U.S. legislation prohibits discharge of sewage within three miles of the shore, whereas the Canadian government has focussed on boating safety.

Fortunately, however, the tide is turning, he said.

"Each year we are getting more and more interest. Boaters want to keep the strait and adjoining waters as pristine as possible so they may remain as wonderful an experience for everybody," Richards said.

Thanks to public support generated from his campaign, the Georgia Strait Alliance has initiated a program that could see installation of 25 sewage stations in B.C.

The Ocean Solutions program will help boaters dispose of their sewage properly.

"Most of the time people have no other choice than to toss it over the edge," he said.

There are now only two pump-out stations in the southern Gulf Islands area — near the Ganges government dock and in Sidney.

"That's got to change, and giving boaters more information is a start."

"A lot of U.S. boaters just cannot believe the lack of regulations in Canadian waters."

MIKE RICHARDS
Georgia Strait Alliance



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- Fill carefully. Plan to avoid spilling even one drop of fuel into the water.
- Purchase a 4-stroke or oil-injected 2-stroke outboard over the conventional 2-stroke models. They're better for the environment, save fuel and are quieter.
- Be prepared! Always keep absorbent pads or rags handy to contain spills.
- Remote areas lack garbage facilities, so plan to bring back everything you take out with you.



Did you know?

Every year in North America recreational boaters put more than one billion litres of hydrocarbon pollution into our waters — 15 times the amount caused by the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill.

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Labels tell truth behind 'natural' beauty products

BY EMMA YARDLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Pick up a bottle of body lotion labelled "natural" and read out the ingredients.

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Organic peppermint oil. Sounds good.

Cyclopentasiloxane. Huh?

What about ethylhexylglycerin?

Ever grown that in your garden? Didn't think so.

Health Canada reported there are more than 10,000 different chemicals used in cosmetics distributed throughout Canada. In 2004, 93 of these were banned from being sold in the country. Last year, that number soared to 500.

"Toxins eventually build up in your system...There are enough chemicals in the air and environment that skin absorbs, why add extra?" said



Judith Humphrys, owner of Skin Sensations Day Spa and Healing Arts Centre.

As more reports link these ingredients to damaging health effects such as asthma, infertility and cancer,

awareness about what we put on our skin is starting to reflect the concerns we have for what we put in our mouths.

With 23 years' experience as an esthetician, Humphrys carries the Eminence Handmade Organic Skin Care line from Hungary, which is chemical-free and triple-grade organic, to reflect this new learning curve.

In Europe there are strict regulations on ingredients found in natural and organic cosmetics.

Here the contents of these products are managed by Health Canada, but because of the nature of the products, they fall somewhere between the Cosmetics Regulations and Food and Drugs Act, causing much confusion and little action.

It was only last year a law was passed requiring companies to print full-disclosure ingredient labels. Until then, Canadian companies could pick and choose which ingredients they printed or just print none at all.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has proposed Organic Products Regulations to clarify what 'organic' and 'natural' mean in Canada. But it may take a number of years before a national set of organic standards is drafted.

In the mean time, body care

practitioners like Julie Doobenen, owner of Solace Organic Spa, turn their own expertise and knowledge into creating high quality plant-based products with organic ingredients sourced from across the globe.

"I truly believe in organic ... you should never put anything on your skin that you wouldn't put in your mouth."

Solace doesn't use parabens, a synthetic preservative that has been linked to breast cancer, but rather rosemary oil, grapefruit extract and black willow bark, to help extend a product's life.

"More people are aware of the negative effects of non-organic products and they're starting to seek out alternatives."

But alternatives can be hard to find amongst the sea of 'natural' product choices. Big companies lobby to keep their bottles on the shelf and opt for cost-over-quality, and even smaller companies cut corners.

Linda Quiring, co-owner of Saltspring Soapworks, explained how she took a bottle of B.C.-produced organic shampoo to a consulting cosmetic chemist in Vancouver to have it analyzed. He found that 70 per cent of the product was water and the

remaining percentage petro-chemical produced by Chevron.

"The whole thing is hype... It's fascinating to watch how the whole nature of body care is changing. Just like with food supply, products are really adulterated. People have no idea what they're using."

Quiring began making soap in her kitchen with tallow, olive oil and plants from her garden nearly 30 years ago as an extension of her interest in herbology and gardening.

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She bought every soap book out there, began creating her own recipes and created Saltspring Soapworks.

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"Women come in for advice on skin care, they try one of the soaps, and they come back and ask, 'What was in that?' and I tell them 'Nothing! You just stopped using the stuff that was irritating your skin.'"

Quiring continually educates herself to keep their products clean and simple.

"It's my responsibility to know what I'm buying and selling . . . But take the time to research yourself and avoid marketing... It may look natural, organic and wholesome but the ingredients may say otherwise."

Come again?

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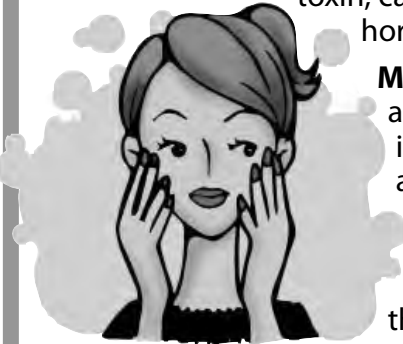
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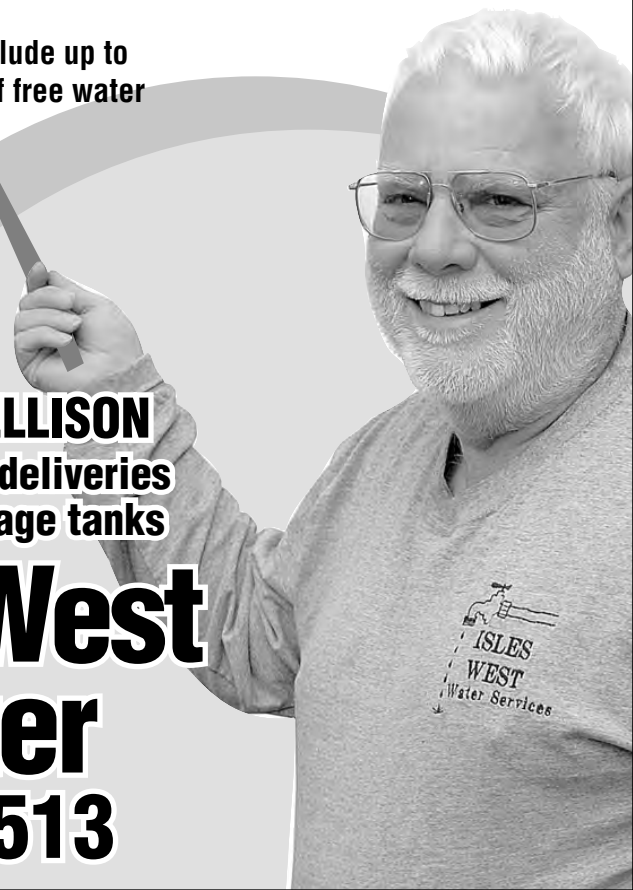
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Jack uses different coloured bags to give patterns to her creations, which she sells for only \$10.

Each one takes her about a week to make, but "I don't do it steady because it's kind of hard on the fingers," she said.

She doesn't know how many plastic bags it takes to manufacture one shopping bag, but it's a lot. She has also made seat covers in the past.

Jack will sell her creations at the Lady Minto Hospital Christmas sale. If you want to get your hands on one before that, call Flo Jack at 537-5943.



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Flo Jack shows one of the stylish totes she makes from used plastic shopping bags.

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Plastic versus Paper

Answering the great debate harder than initially thought

BY STACY CARDIGAN SMITH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It's the great paper or plastic debate. Which type of bag do you choose to transport groceries and other items?

The environmentally conscious shopper brings his or her own bags to the store, reusing old plastic bags, purchasing canvas totes, or maybe even using a box.

But what happens if you forget to bring your reusable grocery transporter? When the cashier asks you "paper or plastic," will either answer paint you in a less evil light?

In order to assess which is better for the environment, the life cycle of both plastic and paper bags must be examined, states the Environmental Literacy Council (ELC), a non-profit U.S.-based group dedicated to incorporating environmental literacy into school curricula.

"Plastics are produced from the waste products of oil refining," the ELC's website states. In turn, "environmental impacts associated with the extraction of oil, the separation of products in the refining process and the manufacturing of plastics" must be considered when analyzing the environmental impacts.

With paper bags, "environmental impacts include those associated with extracting timber and processing it for paper products," as well as whether the timber came from sustainably managed forests.

In both cases impacts depend, to some degree, on the efficiencies of operations and the effectiveness of environmental protection measures used.

The transportation of the completed product must also be considered. Since paper is heavier, it is generally more environmentally costly to transport. The ELC states it takes about "seven trucks to



transport the same number of paper bags as can be transported by a single truck full of plastic bags."

The afterlife of plastic and paper bags is the final issue of contention.

Both plastic and paper can be reused and recycled. According to www.myshoppingbag.ca, a website produced by the Canadian Plastics Industry Association, 40 to 50 per cent of plastic shopping bags in Canada are reused to contain garbage or to carry recyclables to the curb.

On Salt Spring, both plastic and paper bags are accepted for recycling, as long as they're clean.

However, if they're not recycled, both will likely end up in the trash. Once in the trash, plastic bags take up physically less space than paper, but paper is biodegradable. It is important to note, however, that modern landfills are made so that virtually nothing breaks down—so those of you feeling smug that many places now offer biodegradable plastic can wipe that look off your faces.

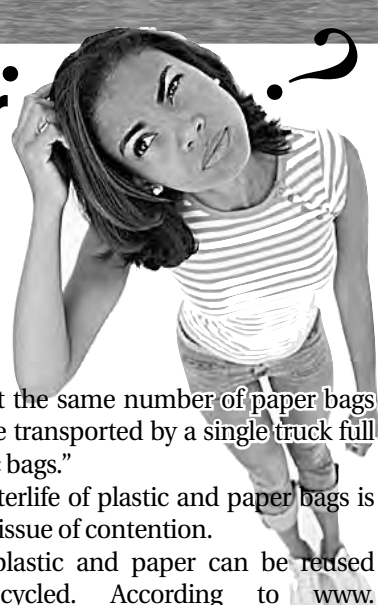
Furthermore, the ELC states between one and three per cent of the hundreds of billions of plastic bags produced each year end up as stray bags found almost everywhere on the planet—including inside marine life.

As you can see, figuring out the lesser of two evils can be difficult.

"You need a darn computer model to figure it out," confirmed Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC) executive director Brock Macdonald.

"Our position is that people should use reusable cloth bags," he said.

Which brings us full circle. Maybe the best plan is to not forget to bring your reusable bag in the first place.



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For more than 10 years, Blackburn Meadows Golf Course has maintained the prestigious class of being an organically maintained golf course.

It boasts of being the first organic golf course in Canada and even possibly in the world. "We encourage other facilities to follow suit and begin to think 'green' when it comes to turf maintenance," says Blackburn manager Eric Beamish. "Every week we receive new messages from people all over the world asking about our organic methods and how we cope with today's problems associated with managing finely kept turf. We try and give as much information as we can and help in any way possible so that facilities around the world can grow into organically managed golf courses."

An organic golf course is characterized as friendly to the environment and to golfers alike. "We receive many golfers who embrace the idea of golfing on a course where the worry of chemical contact is not an issue."

Through a superintendent's eyes this "new school" approach to turf maintenance has positive aspects that significantly outweigh the negative drawbacks, says Beamish. For example, organics can add some breathing space when it comes to the preciseness of treatments and the mixing of ingredients. Labour associated with hand-



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY
A common sight at Blackburn Meadows

picking weeds and spot watering greens on the other hand can add up quickly.

"I believe the sacrifice of hard work for a healthy environment is one that we need to look at positively for the sake of our future in this world. As regulations on the use of chemical amendments get tighter, the path for organics seems to be opening up wider. This seems to create a push for companies to come up with safer, organic solutions that are not governed by strict regulations."

Blackburn's owners and employees feel great about being stewards to one of the island's most important watersheds. The golf course that borders Blackburn Lake and filters down into Cusheon Lake maintains the delicately balanced ecosystem by ensuring nesting areas are abundant and wooded areas are kept rough. This gives the over 50 varieties of birds a place to call home, and in return they keep the mosquito and flying insect populations to a minimum. The many deer that populate the forest and brush have a place to hide in the heat.

"In the evening these deer can be seen eating the natural grass, their dinner, all over the course," says Beamish. "Come and see why we are so proud of this nine-hole gem."

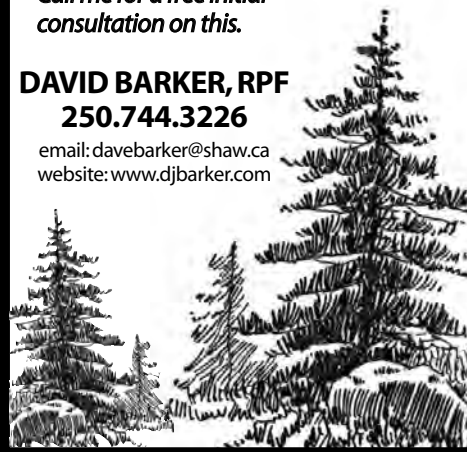
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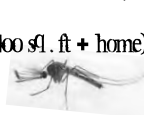
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Eco-friendly plants

Cut water use with wise landscaping choices

BY STACY CARDIGAN SMITH

The appeal of a lush garden is undeniable, but as water becomes scarce, more and more people are turning to gardening that uses less of the precious resource.

Formally called "xeriscaping," Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada describes the growing trend as "a creative method of designing attractive landscaped areas that need less water and maintenance."

Landscapes are designed so water requirements correspond to natural precipitation levels, rather than irrigation.

But don't think desert — Xeriscaping is not the same as zeroscaping, which uses a mixture of rocks and a few sparse plants to create low water use landscaping.

For Brenda Beckwith, assistant program manager with Salt Spring Island Conservancy's Land Stewardship Program, the polysyllabic terms are beside the point.

"To me, xeriscaping (and all the similar terms) is really about good ecological gardening . . ." she wrote in an e-mail. "You can call it whatever fancy term you want to use. But it's really about working within the limits of the land that nature has provided and knowing the ecological requirements of the plant species that you want to have where you dwell."

"A lot of people are doing it or trying to do it," said Richard Fraser, owner of Salt

Spring's Fraser's Thimble Farms. "Not under that name, but under that sort of principle because we're naturally dry. People have been striving to xeriscape here for decades."

The island has a Mediterranean climate, said Jeff Savin, owner of the Plant Farm on Salt Spring.

Because the growing climate is similar to that of Southwest and Southeast Asia, New Zealand, Australia, and parts of South Africa, the trick is to either plant local species or ones that come from similar climates, he said.

To maintain an easy-care garden on Salt Spring, it's best to grow drought-resistant plants that quickly cover the ground before weeds can infiltrate or the ground dries up, Savin added.

It doesn't matter if you're dealing with shade or sun, the weeds will move in, he said.

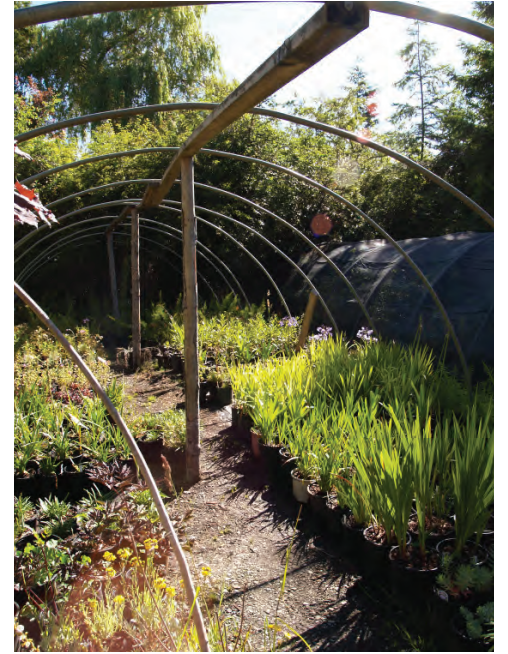
Savin tests plants from around the world on his 11-acre property before suggesting them to clients.

"If a plant can fight it out here, it's good," he said, pointing to an area in his garden where some plants seem to be thriving while others die away.

It's also advisable to plant several of the same plants to ease care, especially with a large property, he added.

On a recent tour of his property, Savin pointed out some plants that do well in the local climate:

- **PHORMIUMS** — a hardy New Zealand plant that will grow in the sun or shade but requires drainage.
- **GREVILLEAS** — deer resistant, flower for six or more months, and need no watering once established.
- **EUPHORBIA** — has a milky substance inside that is slightly poisonous. For the most part, deer leave it alone.
- **HELLEBORE** (or Christmas roses) — flowers through the winter and spring and keep deer at bay.
- **CISTUS** — doesn't need water once established.
- **BAMBOOS**, palms, ferns, rosemary and lavender — all do well.
- **DAYLILIES** — fare pretty well, but deer have taken a liking to them.
- **RHODODENDRONS** — a favourite, but Savin warns they need frequent watering.



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