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“You don’t just turn it on and walk away. It’s quite intuitive. Different grains behave differently in the mill and you have to be sensitive to that.”

- PATRICIA REICHERT
Salt Spring Flour Mill

MILLING grain THE artisan way

The secret of Reichert’s trade is a heart of stone

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

One of Patricia Reichert’s apple-like cheeks wears a sprinkle of white flour — the insignia of the true artisan miller. An uncommon trade these days, Reichert is one of the last of her kind in North America, but she bears this designation with a certain humility.

It is a Saturday in March and her small frame moves freely about the seven-by-10-foot space adjacent to her kitchen, the home of Salt Spring Flour Mill.

“It took me about seven years to learn how to do this properly,” she said of the milling process.

She opens the mill’s tiny wooden door yielding freshly ground white organic flour.

“It’s quite nice,” she says, rubbing

some between her fingers, “This is silky. Industrial white flour is just dust.”

Reichert, like the flour her mill produces, is a rare find. She is one of only three artisan millers servicing Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands and the only one on Salt Spring Island practising the trade.

“For some reason I was just drawn to it,” she said, admitting that while her mechanical knowledge is limited, the real appeal of her own mill was to have better quality baking flour to work with.

Though her products are in high demand — a coveted commodity for high-end bakers, restaurants, health-conscious individuals and grocers like Natureworks and the Ganges Village Market — Reichert is not one to be pushed beyond capacity.

The artisan nature of her business demands an amiable pace. And it’s the

speed of the two grinding stones housed within the mill that ultimately governs the output of her business.

Operating at a one-horsepower speed the Austrian-designed mill is “simple in an elegant sense,” she says as she rubs her palms together in a circular motion to mimic how the grinding stones extract bran from flour in just a single turn.

“It’s a gentle process; you’re not over refining anything.”

Unlike industrial processing that crushes grain through metal rollers, Reichert’s method uses two granite stones sourced from the Tyronian mountains in Austria — some of the hardest rock on earth and the same material Michelangelo chose for some of his sculptures.

She explains how metal takes vitamins and minerals from the grain.

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Milling a niche on Salt Spring



LAMB LOVE: Elyse Roberge feeds a lamb at last week-end's Salt Spring Cheese annual open house.

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FLOUR MILL

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"That's why bread in the store is 'enriched,'" she says. "They have to put back in what industrial processing took out."

Industrial processing also heats the grain to high temperatures, separating the natural oils and making the flour more susceptible to going rancid.

"That metal gets very, very hot. So hot you can't even touch it," she says.

She says the grinding stones housed within the Salt Spring Flour Mill produce an overall healthier flour by keeping enzymes in tact that are important for digestion.

"The grain goes between the stones just enough to scale off the bran."

The old world charm and logic of this method is what has buyers lining up for fresh bags of organic white flour, whole wheat flour, rye flour, multi-grain flour blends (of barley, spelt, oats and buckwheat), cereals, cream of wheat, pancake mix and Red Fife heritage wheat in particular — her most sought-after product.

"I wanted to make it easy for people to make good food," she says. And so she started up a mill of her own.

In 1997, she began looking for a millsmith in North America, but discovered the stones here lacked the hardness required for a quality mill.

Keeping the idea in the back of her mind, it was by "dumb luck" she met a retired Austrian millsmith at a conference who just happened to have a license and the materials to build the kind of mill she was looking for.

After the mill was installed in her home, the next step was learning the trade which, for the most part, was a self-taught process.



"You don't just turn it on and walk away. It's quite intuitive," she says. "Different grains behave differently in the mill and you have to be sensitive to that."

"A good miller knows [how the mill is working] by sound," she says, recalling a lesson she learned from an expert English stone miller, who mentored Reichert on a visit to B.C. sponsored by the National Research Council of Canada.

"You could be blind and be a miller but you could never be deaf," she said, recalling his words that stuck with her and have kept her attentive to the grinding sound that now accompanies her through every day.

When her business was just getting started in the late nineties, she carted her bags of flour to local markets along with a box full of recipes.

"Some people find cooking bewildering," she says, remembering how rewarding it was to give out one of her recipes and have someone return the next week to say they'd made it.

Today, with her business working at capacity, you won't find Reichert at the market because she is tied to the mill. But she continues to pass on her recipes, such as fresh apple cake and orange honey muffins, by stamping them on each flour package.

The Salt Spring Flour Mill now produces around 10 tons of flour per from grains purchased from farmers in B.C. and Saskatchewan.

"I can produce an awful lot of flour with that small machine," she says.

To keep up with the demand, she is exploring options about how to make more flour while still preserving the artisan qualities her flours have become known for.

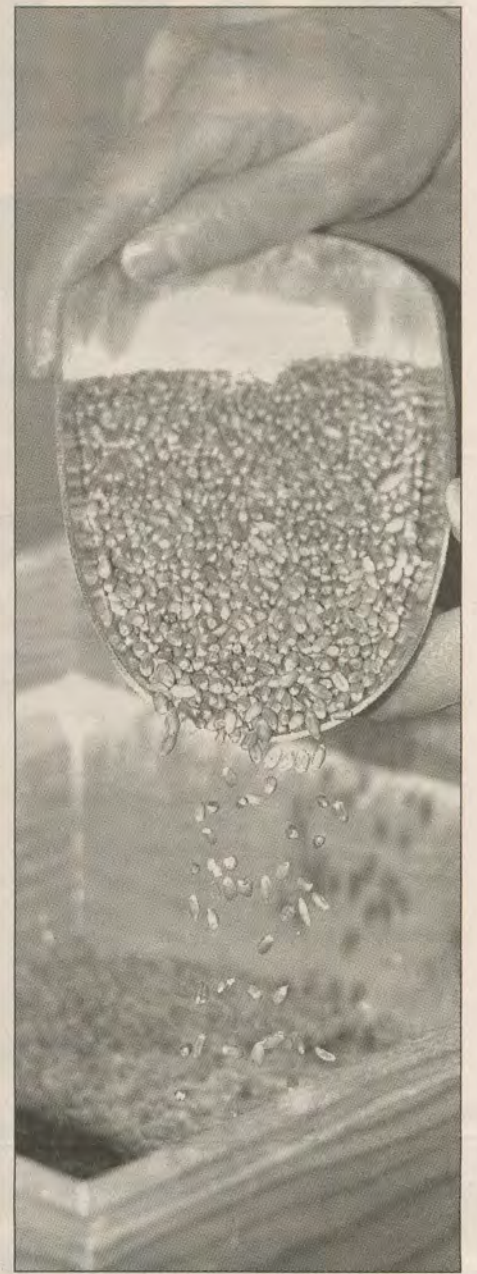


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Pat Reichert's hands at work at her mill.

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BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Calling someone a WWOOFer 10 years ago may have resulted in more than a few strange looks if not worse, but a new generation of back-to-the-landers intent on seeing the world, has brought the practice into the mainstream.

"There's been a real sea change in the past several years," said Lorraine Lowry, a long-time Toronto resident who arrived on Salt Spring as a WWOOFer in 2002.

Lowry began WWOOFing during a trip to Australia and Tasmania back in the 1990s.

The experience of working on small farms in exchange for room and board was an affordable way to mix with the locals, an experience often inaccessible to the casual backpacker or tourist.

Interacting with farmers and fellow WWOOFers from around the globe offered an unforgettable travel experience, though it wasn't until Lowry began WWOOFing in Canada that she became infatuated with the politics of local food production and realized she had a yearning to promote sustainable agricultural practices.

Within weeks of arriving at Wave Hill Farm on Salt Spring's south end, Lowry realized this was exactly where she wanted to live.

"At first I thought I'll just spend the summer out of Toronto and go back refreshed if nothing else," she said.

"I guess I was open to the concept because I'm still here."

Lowry may have exchanged her ticket to WWOOF several years ago, but the volume of new experiences, ranging from picking purple potatoes to raising chicks and hewing wood, convinced her to remain on the farm as a full-time farmhand.

"Had I landed at a different kind of farm, my life may have been completely different," she said. "This has been a huge opening for me to learn about things I'd never really thought about.

"I've developed a whole other avenue of interests and I really like the gumboots," she added.

Since the WWOOFing program was developed in England in 1971, the program has grown to provide opportunities for young and old, individuals and families in more than 35 countries on every continent with the exception of Antarctica.

A quick glance at the WWOOFing website, www.wwoof.org, offers opportunities for people to help out at wilderness camps in the Northwest Territories, work on organic farms in Japan or tend olive trees along the Mediterranean coast among other options.

Canadian WWOOFers seeking an international experience are requested to determine specific visa and language requirements before they set off. Farm visits can range from one week to several months, depending on the season and host.

Online discussion forums are a valuable resource for would-be WWOOFers researching where and when to schedule their trips.

Part of the WWOOFing experience, Lowry said, involves an ele-

ment of mystery when it comes to farm accommodations, work expectations and the climate of a given region.

Wave Hill Farm co-owner Rosalie Beach estimates she's hosted about 60 WWOOFers on her 160-acre organic farm and sustainable forestry operation near Fulford since she and her partner joined the program 15 years ago.

"It's a great way for them to learn and a great way for us to get some help," she said.

Between fashion-conscious 20-somethings in high-heeled shoes, young parents with children in tow, adventurous grandmothers and agricultural students, Beach has witnessed nearly everything.

One Wave Hill Farm WWOOFer went on to become the head gardener at Balmoral Castle, where she is helping Prince Charles develop an organic vegetable garden.

Regardless of where people come from and what they wish to draw from the program, Beach said, she's noticed people have expressed a growing interest in how food is produced and where it comes from.

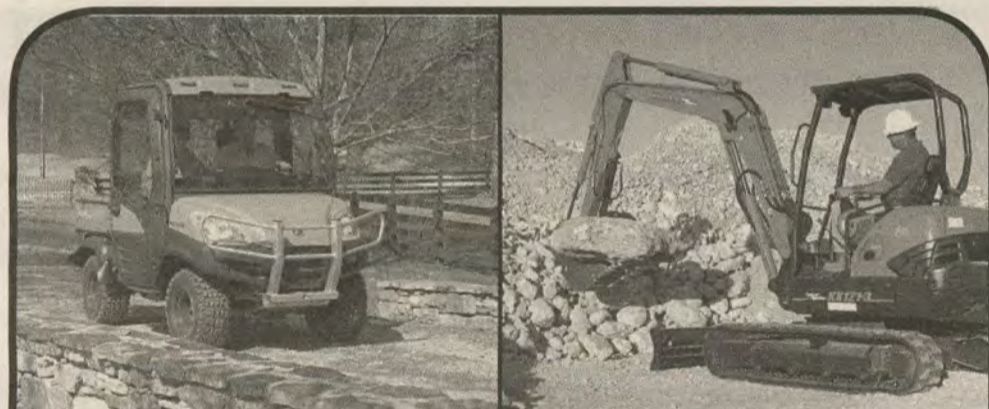
"They want to learn about living simply on the land and eating locally and organically," she said.

While Rosalie and her partner Mark Whitear get to teach their visitors the ins-and-outs of market gardens and forestry, experienced WWOOFers from Asia, Europe and North America can often lend them information about what like-minded farmers are doing elsewhere.

"As farmers, we don't get to travel, but the world comes to us instead," Beach said.



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Former WWOOFER Lorraine Lowry tends to her flock on Salt Spring's Wave Hill Farm.



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An Area Farm Plan for Salt Spring Island

Our Vision:

“That Salt Spring Island become a place where agriculture is a strong, vital and productive part of the local economy, and is carried out in a manner that protects and promotes a sustainable community.”

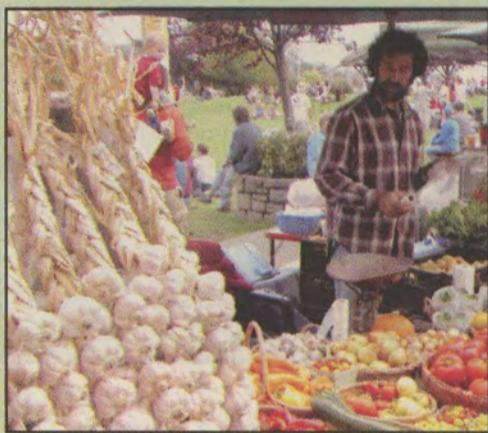


What's the Plan?

Farmers are solitary people. We love our animals and we carefully tend our crops. And yet, in order to revitalize agriculture in our community, we know we have to work together. That's why the three key recommendations of the Salt Spring Island Area Farm Plan all speak to the need to collaborate, cooperate, and coordinate.

1. Establish a Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance.

Not a big bureaucracy, but a small, community-based and farmer-directed office. One that would represent agricultural interests, inside and outside our community, with government, with merchants, with new farmers, and with each other. Its first job would be to implement the recommendations of the plan. In time, it would become the place to go for information and resources, to help with marketing and promotion, and to locate funding and other assistance to support agriculture. To link farmers with farmers, and farmers with consumers, and farmers with retailers.



2. Establish a community farmland trust.

Its purpose would be to acquire and manage land, to arrange leasehold agreements, and to ensure that farmland held by the trust would be actively farmed in an environmentally and socially sustainable manner. There are many models of successful farmland trusts, whose goal is not only to preserve the land for future generations, but to provide future generations of young farmers with a place where they can grow, raise their families, their livestock and their crops. A farmland trust could help protect land from speculation and development, and could provide a variety of tenure agreements to suit different needs.

3. Establish key community facilities that support the expansion of agricultural activities.

These include the operation of an abattoir, and the establishment of facilities for cold storage, local food processing, and composting. Each of these would ensure that farmers have a place to take their livestock, and to process their food, in a manner that is safe, controlled, and local. The Area Farm Plan does not take a position that these facilities would be publicly owned – indeed, they might well be run by private operators – but we consider it important that they be available in the community on a regular basis so that local agriculture can flourish on the island.

These are only the three key recommendations. Many additional strategies can be found in the complete Area Farm Plan.

Making the Vision a Reality



Our goal is for agriculture to be an important part of the economy of Salt Spring Island. We also want agriculture to be carried out in a way that protects and promotes a sustainable community. If the Area Farm Plan is put in place, in time we will have achieved many objectives:

- More agricultural land will be protected and more land brought into agricultural production;
- Farms will be more economically viable;
- Young people will have increased access to land and have more opportunities to farm;
- More food will be grown and raised, and our food security will increase; and
- We will participate more fully in the regional recovery of local agriculture and sustainable food production.

We depend upon each other. Just as the consumer needs the farmer, so does the farmer need the consumer. To implement a successful agricultural strategy requires that we establish those linkages more closely. Governments, retailers, and marketers also have important roles to play in building a successful agricultural future on Salt Spring Island.

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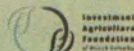
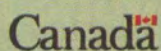


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Reconnecting with the land at Robleys' Sunset Farm

Return visits prompt nostalgia

BY ROGER BRUNT
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One of my first introductions to life on Salt Spring Island was at Sandy Robley's Sunset Drive Farm.

The farm was hosting a sheep seminar sponsored by the Farmers Institute. Margaret Threlfall coordinated the event and Bill Vanderweken demonstrated basic veterinary procedures.

My daughters, ages six and four at the time, were keen to get a lamb of their own; they had already informed me they intended to keep it in a box by their beds for the first year or so.

"We'll look after it, Dad," they assured me. "You'll hardly need to do a thing."

Sunset Farm is on the north end of Salt Spring, tucked away in one of those folds in the hills that catch you by surprise. You round a curve and a vista opens up that almost takes your breath away; split-rail fences snaking up the hills, huge maples against the verdant backdrop of fir, hemlock and cedar, arbutus trees so stately they seem etched upon a canvas.

Set amidst this panorama are ewes and lambs, while Sunset Farm's barn and outbuildings seem rooted in the very land. The farm's horse and two donkeys (far too friendly to ever make good guard donkeys, says Sandy) add to the ambience as they shuffle around the sheep pastures, hoping for overlooked bits of grain.

Sunset Farm raises Suffolk sheep, a British breed and Texal, a Dutch breed.

Over the years Sandy has experi-



Sandy Robley seen at Sunset Farm on Salt Spring.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

mented with many different breeds — at the present time these suit her best. With a total of more than 125 ewes and lambs, this year the farm will produce 300 pounds of wool and hundreds of pounds of meat.

The farm is owned by Sandy Robley. The Robleys came to Salt Spring from the Fraser Valley in the early 80s, and have been raising sheep here ever since. Sandy is a capable, no-nonsense kind of woman, at home on a calculator figuring next year's grain and hay requirements, as she is at helping birth a lamb in a raging rainstorm.

At the seminar we attended, teenage daughter Christy demonstrated most of the sheep-handling techniques. A 4-H member, knowledgeable and confident, she demonstrated how to handle a 150-pound ewe as easily as a lot of girls her age would flip the switch on their MP3 player. Christy has since gone on to attend the University of Guelph where she began working on a veterinary degree. She is presently in third year in Melbourne, Australia — one more year before she finishes, but she comes home every Christmas and does all the shearing and

vaccinations.

"It sure is handy having a vet in the family," says Sandy.

There is something almost palpable about the atmosphere at Sunset Farm; the rough-hewn log posts supporting the heavy rafters of the barn, the motes of chaff dust that rise and swirl whenever a hay bale is pulled from a stack to provide more feed, the swallows' nests plastered against the eaves, the spades and pitch forks, ear tags and clippers that hang from hooks and nails.

Levi, the guard llama is an addition to the farm since my first visit.

"He's an excellent guard animal," Sandy tells me. "Llamas have very good hearing and excellent eyesight. I never worry about dogs harassing the sheep when Levi is on duty."

Another addition to the farm is the much-expanded gift shop.

"We are able to sell all we produce on the farm," says Sandy. "We sell sheep skin rugs and wool, and all sorts of items made from wool and farm curios. All our meat is government inspected so we can sell our lamb cut-and-wrapped right off the farm."

When I had first visited Sunset Farm with my daughters, and on subsequent visits, it always left me with a feeling of deep nostalgia. It occurred to me that those of us who live removed from the land have experienced a great loss, although we may barely be aware of it. An ache deep in our souls that seems at least partially satisfied when we stand inside a barn, or grub into the soil, or catch a fish, or build a shed, or split a block of firewood.

It's a feeling Sandy understands all too well.

"Carrying on the tradition of raising sheep on Salt Spring Island is something I intend to keep on doing. The price of feed and fuel has never been higher but we will keep on going."

It was Salt Spring lamb that made this island famous — talking with Sandy Robley lets you know she intends to keep it that way.



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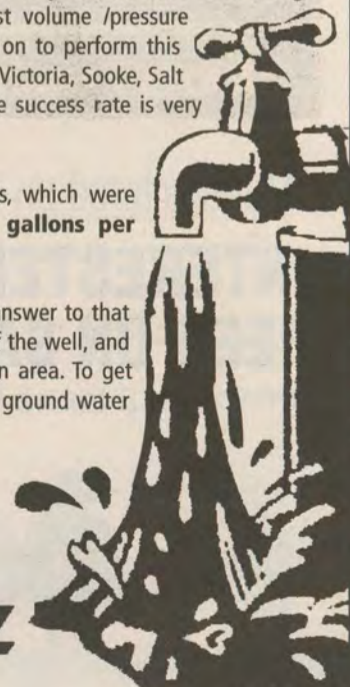
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A long, gentle spring in the garden

Tasks to take on now and later

BY JENNIFER MCKEE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Spring gardening on the west coast can be a very stop and start affair.

On March 21, spring arrived and I sat on the edge of the raised beds transplanting tiny green slivers of onions and shallots.

The morning's frost had melted away and the sun made it seem as if I was far behind the season.

The "incredible edibles" vegetable group all seemed to be ahead of me in tomato starts sitting on sunny window sills and in plastic hoop houses.

A week later I had plenty of time for visiting grandchildren as I couldn't even see the garden for the snow.

Of course this winter weather is only a minor defeat in the gathering of the forces of spring. In my garden the first

skirmish is already over.

The earliest blossoms have already scented warm February days.

Witch hazel has displayed its spicy, spidery flowers on bare branches. The winter honeysuckle bush is all green and white with sweet perfume and snowdrops of amazingly different sizes and leaf colour, some with grey and some with grass green leaves convince you that winter is over.

They are so early you really should plant these where you pass by on the way to the car or the garbage cans. Of course if you belong to the Plant Obsessed League you are out on all days eagerly looking for signs of growth long before blossoms are in evidence.

If you watch carefully you will see the more imperceptible signs. Twigs flush with colour and buds swell. Many leaves and stems just seem more robust and ready to go.

As the snow recedes, patches of brown earth erupt with early flowers

and luscious weeds. Trillium grandiflorum is thrusting through the crumbly soil in the shade garden. The early rhododendrons are showing colour in their fat buds.

The urgency of moving and planting starts in earnest.

I try to organize the garden chores according to the plants' timetables and not mine. The hostas that are infested with grass must be lifted and moved now so they can make leafy skirts in the shade of Rosa "Great Maiden's Blush" and Rosa Glauca.

The asparagus roots must be tucked in their rich prepared trench of soil if we are to enjoy fat green spears two springs from now.

For another truth of a coastal spring is that a hot, dry summer can appear before I am ready and soft yielding earth can turn to cement.

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For me, I am hoping for a long gentle spring.



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Scraping the bottom of the feed barrel a wake-up call for local food security

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

If the escalating food prices over the past six months — due to world grain shortages and rising fuel costs — have rocked your grocery budget, think what your bill would look like if you had 25 dairy cows to feed.

When Julia Grace, owner of Moonstruck Organic Cheese Inc. tallies up the cost of a daily meal for one of her dairy cows, including hay and feed grains, she finds it has almost tripled over the last 10 years.

"It was a real shock and challenge for our business, but if we succeed we'll be a highly sustainable operation," she says.

Success, for Grace, is not only about managing budget figures. As an advocate for food security on Salt Spring Island, she says her financial woes are a warning of what's to come.

If the island doesn't become more self-reliant by upping the amount of grains and grasses grown here, she says, she fears our local economy will suffer.

"We've all been warned," she says. "But we at Moonstruck are the canary in the mine, we're the first ones to get hit because we're the dairy farmers."

Raised for milk, dairy cows need higher quality feed and grasses than almost any other livestock breed because of their nutritional requirements; a milking dairy cow gives away 50 pounds of food every day.

"One thing we've learned over the years is to never stint on food," she says. "It has to be high quality."

Currently, 90 per cent of a milking Moonstruck cows' daily meal comes from hay and 10 per cent comes from a dairy mash mix that contains barley, millet, oats and alfalfa.

But ideally, Grace says, her cows would eat more grasses like hay — all of it locally grown — and would rely less on grain-based feed as a food source.

"In general cows are made to eat grass. They do better if they get their nutritional requirements from green things. It's better for their bodies, it's what suits them to eat."

The problem for Grace is she has to import all of her dairy feed from off-island locations like Washington, Vancouver Island and various places throughout B.C.

This is not only expensive, she says, but outsourcing is unsustainable and "is the kind of thing that makes an economy fold back on itself."

The cereal grains in the dairy mash mix she orders like barley, millet and oats are driving prices up.

A ton of dairy mash grains that cost her \$275 in 1998 now costs her \$710. And for her next shipment, she says, she will be cutting back on cereal grains and upping the alfalfa content, a cheaper food, from 20 to 50 per cent.

But Grace is concerned the alfalfa comes from Creston, Washington.

"If we could get good quality hay locally, we could decrease our dependence on alfalfa."

Although her grain supplier has been warning her for months that huge production costs were coming, she says, she had no idea costs would be this devastating.

Even more expensive than grains is hay. "It is incredibly expensive to transport," says Grace. Rising oil prices are forcing suppliers to increase prices. "I have to get hay from all over. I have to scrounge around a lot for what I have now."

So even though she would prefer to feed her cows more hay, the price of getting it to Salt Spring forces her to rely on grain mixtures.

"We lean on grain because it's compact and easier to get."

The solution, according to Grace, is to

make more Salt Spring land available for agricultural use and develop a system of growing and sharing grasses among livestock owners.

At one time, she purchased a large part of her hay from the hay lands in Burgoyne Park. But last year, she says, park regulations limited the hay harvest.

"It's a challenge on Salt Spring to find and take care of lands and grow high quality field crops on them," she says.

Of the 2,667 hectares of land available for farming within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), only 1,571 hectares or 59 per cent is being farmed.

Grace says she would like the community to explore ways to grow more grass crops on the island.

"I don't expect this is the top [of price increases]. We're going to have to ride with this and all of us involved in livestock husbandry are going to have to diversify and move away from feed grain."

"We could manage without livestock on Salt Spring but boy they contribute a lot to a farm and farm economy in general. A dairy cow, she gives you milk, she gives you offspring, manure, the best fertilizer in the world. There are lots and lots of things that enrich farm economy when we have livestock."

While Moonstruck is currently the only commercial dairy farm operation on Salt Spring, close to 31 per cent of agriculture taking place in the ALR is geared towards raising livestock that includes sheep, goats, beef cattle, horses, chickens, turkeys, llamas and alpacas.

And outside the ALR, 38 per cent of agriculture is livestock-based.

"There are a number of things we could do to get high quality feed on the island that would give us a buffer against what's happening nationally."

"I think it's critical we get some kind of community-based farmland approach on this island."



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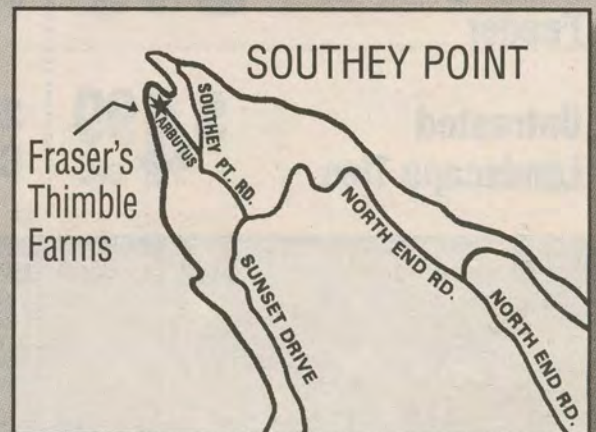
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CONCERTS

Tuned Air concert reaffirms group's talent

Songs for Morning uplifts audience while remembering those lost

BY ANDREA RABINOVITCH,
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The intimacy of the chapel at All Saints by the Sea Anglican Church served the Tuned Air concert Songs for Morning, featuring the premiere of director Bruce Ruddell's Vigil, with a power made more touching by the stellar workings of the material.

Tuned Air gets stronger and stronger with each outing and though the 36 members had to postpone the concert due to illness — one third of the group was felled by any number of nasty viruses that have circulated this spring — it was well worth the wait.

The whole concert led up to Vigil, created by Ruddell, with musical choices having a mourning theme. Uplifting rather than depressing, the first act celebrated some real stand-outs.

"Because We Believe" by Andrea Bocelli, David Foster and Amy Foster-Gillies showcased Howard Kliaman's powerful bass voice, that after training at the Victoria Conservatory of Music for over a year, showed excellent control and polish. Sung mostly in Italian, the choir supported Kliaman in English while his enormous voice soared, raising goose bumps.

Bass Don Zacharias' solo with piano accompanist Chris Kodaly, "There is a Balm in Gilead" arranged by Moses Hogan, soulfully suited the religious setting.

The spiritual "Poor Mourner's Got a Home At Last" highlighted a strong soprano section while "Dry Your Tears Africa" composed by John Williams from the film Amistead, and sung in an African dialect, was a rousing rendition.

As a string quartet is used in Vigil, we got the treat of hearing String Quartet in G, K.387 by W.A. Mozart with concert master Adrian Dolan (violin), Salt Springer Jean Knight (violin), Larry Hobson (viola) and Karen Whyte (cello).

The second act began with Piano Sonata No. 3 by Johannes Brahms, 2nd Movement: Andante Espressivo played by the inimitable Chris Kodaly. Closing one's eyes and letting the notes, struck with such reverence without preciousness by Kodaly's skilled fingers, transported the audience.

After creating the music for Finding Dawn, a National



Director and Vigil creator Bruce Ruddell is seen with members of Tuned Air at All Saints.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Film Board feature film made by Salt Spring Island based Christine Welsh, Ruddell explained to the audience that he needed to process his experience through working on the film about the "Highway of Tears", the term used for the stretch of highway from Northern British Columbia through Alberta and into Saskatchewan where mostly aboriginal women have disappeared.

Vigil was born and Tuned Air had the privilege of premiering it.

Composed in three sections, each section begins with the speaking of the women's names in a searching manner by choir members. With cinematic underscoring by piano and strings, this was as personal and unique to the individual saying their names as it was to those listening.

The lyrics, written by Ruddell, often put down on paper at night, used a couple of reoccurring themes. "Strong Women, Warrior Woman" are words used by Aboriginal women to take back their power.

As a husband and father, Ruddell used "the Watchmen" to establish our responsibility to ensure our loved ones don't end up with the same fate.

If you believe that the dead can connect to our prayers and thoughts, then last weekend those women were honoured as our own loved ones would be.


Members of the choir are looking for funding to tour this piece, and judging by the response at the premiere, it should.

The piece ends with the words "Not Forgotten." We won't.



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ENTERTAINMENT

Blues veteran on stage at Moby's

Eugene Smith on tap

This Thursday the Salt Spring Jazz and Blues Society presents veteran blues vocalist Eugene Smith at Moby's Pub.

Smith combines an eclectic mix of music with a light and humorous style to provide great entertainment. He will be accompanied by Dave Roland on bass, Thomas Kinzel on keyboard and Monik Nordine on sax, while Smith himself will be travelling with tenor guitar, harmonica, jaw harp and djembe.

Smith, a Duncan resident who migrated from Toronto in the 1990s, began his career at the age of 14. Since then he has shared the stage with Bo Diddley, John Lee Hooker, Gordon Lightfoot, David Clayton Thomas, King Curtis, Willie Dickson, Lenny Breau and k.d. lang.

He has also recorded for CBC Radio and Television and is a veteran of folk and blues festivals. Locally, Smith holds court with his quartet every Sunday night at the Brig Pub in Maple Bay.

Music begins at 8pm with a \$5 cover at the door.

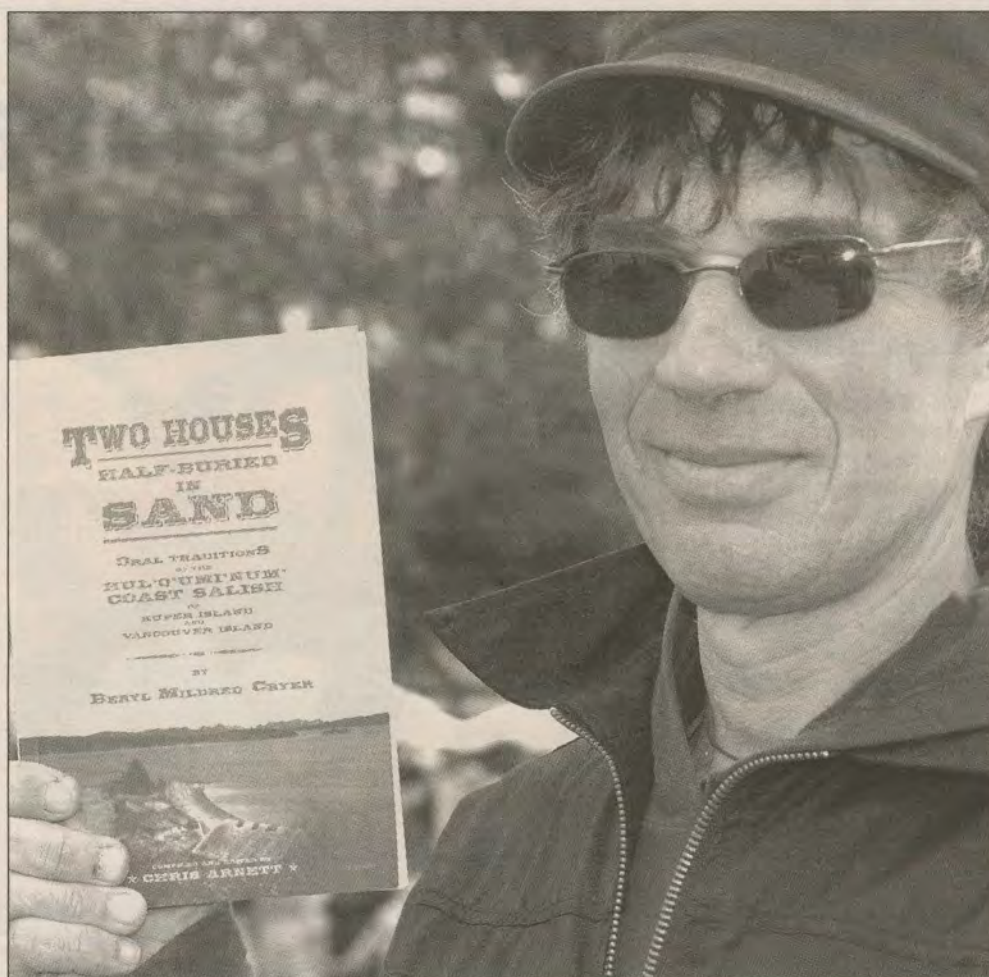


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BOOK SALE: Salt Spring's Chris Arnett is seen in the Saturday market promoting his new book, *Two Houses Half-buried in Sand*.

ART SHOWS

Spring inspires painters to show work

Guild show opening this Friday night at ArtSpring

The Salt Spring Painters Guild launches its annual spring show at ArtSpring with an opening reception Friday, 5-7 p.m.

In a show called Inspiration, guild members have been invited to reflect on how

"Spring inspires us to be alive."

The show is open to the guild's entire membership of over 100 and will take up all three of ArtSpring's exhibition galleries.

Paintings will cover a wide array of subjects, mediums, and sizes.

Artists are expected to provide commentary explaining what inspired them to create each piece. Inspiration runs from April 4 to 20.

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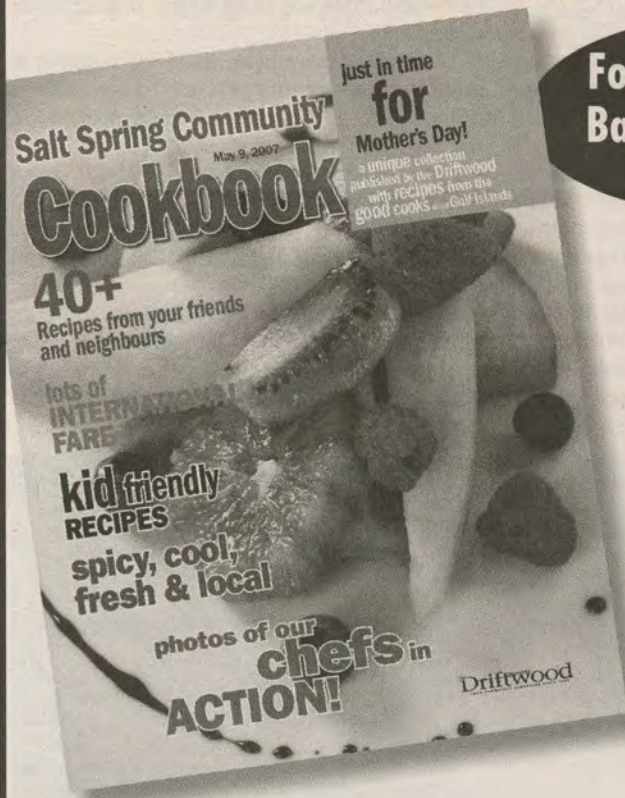
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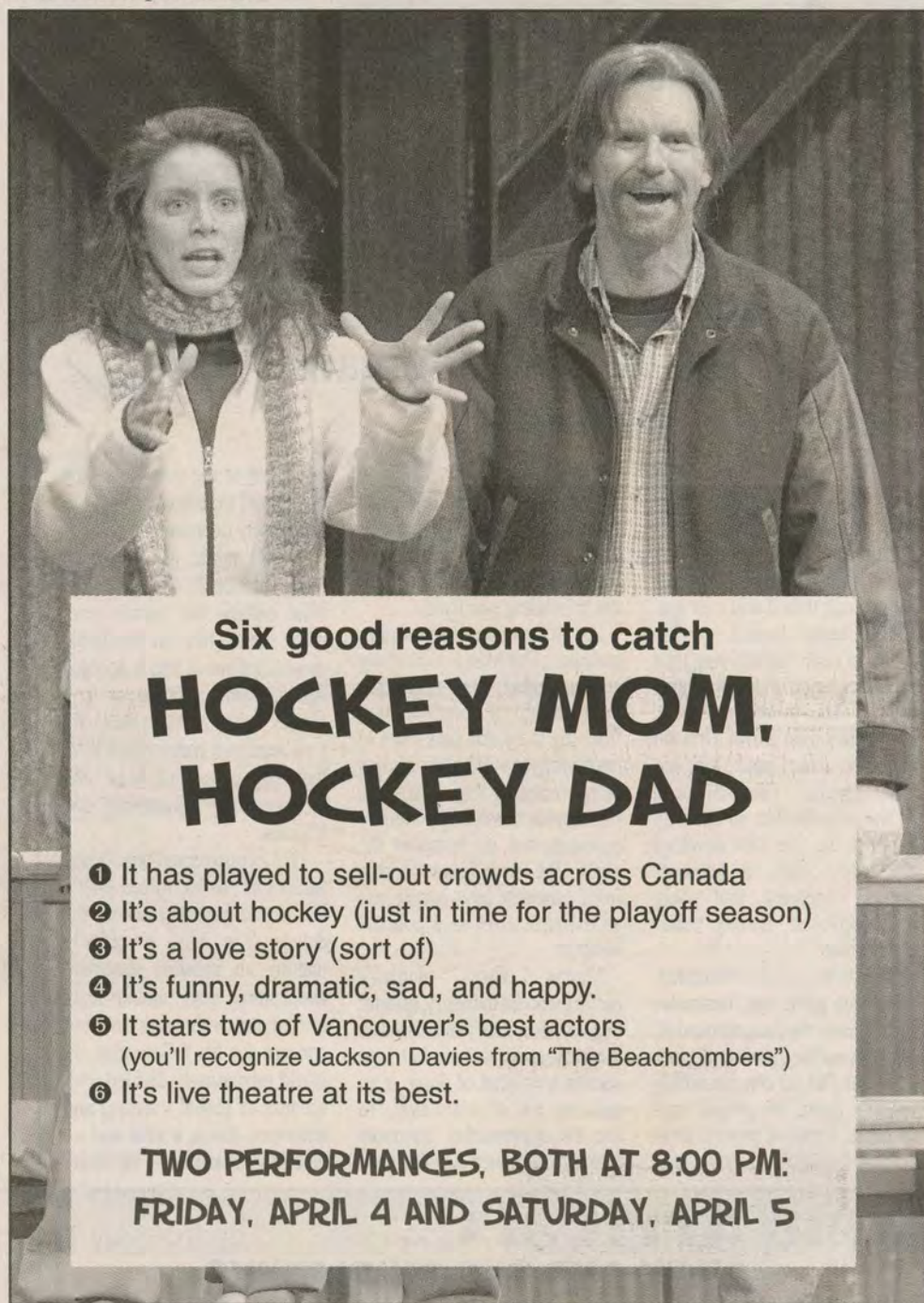
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

SALT SPRING ARTISTS

Island artists join national peers

Two honoured
 with CFA status

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Two Salt Spring artists established their place among their peers by gaining signature status in the Canadian Federation of Artists (CFA) this month.

Rosamonde Dupuy and Don Hodgins were each voted in as associate members, the first of two levels, after completing a rigorous multi-year qualifying process.

The CFA is Canada's oldest and most esteemed association of artists. It was founded in 1941, and Lawren Harris once acted as the regional coordinator for the West Coast. To attain signature status, members must first be accepted as "active members," and then show their work in at least eight juried exhibitions within four years.

Once this requirement has been met, applicants send the jurors images of 10 works. The artist selects three examples to show the jurors, who then judge in a matter of minutes whether they feel the applicant meets FCA standards.

As Dupuy reports, meeting those standards can be difficult to achieve. Dupuy's initial application last year was rejected by a jury who felt the paintings she chose did not reflect a coherent body of work.

"I was pretty determined to try again," said Dupuy. "I



One of Don Hodgins's racetrack paintings.

knew the paintings were of high quality and the jurors said they were, too — but they needed to be presented differently."

For her first attempt Dupuy selected a portrait, a still life and a landscape; for her winning bid she presented a collection of landscapes painted around the Fulford area. The artist says while she did not tailor her work to suit the jury, she did take what she learned during the first attempt.

"I wanted to see it from their point of view and take a lesson from that; it's a good lesson for people to be able to read your art."

Don Hodgins, who received his signature status on his first attempt this March, agrees that knowing

how to present your work to the jury is crucial. Hodgins paints primarily in oils and watercolours and is known for his images portraying the action of the racetrack. For his CFA application package, he selected 10 portraits of young women and jockeys.

"They only give you 20 minutes [during a live viewing], so you have to bring strong, dynamic pictures."

As Hodgins explains, jurors are seeing up to 50 applicants at a time.

Winning signature status as a CFA associate member brings both personal satisfaction and wider recognition, the artists say. Dupuy, who also teaches, says being able to add the letters ACFA after her name acts

as another credential, much like an academic degree.

"It certainly lends credence to what I do in other peoples' eyes," she said, adding that she can now justify higher prices for her work.

Hodgins says he pursued becoming an associate member in part because he was attracted to the collegiality involved with membership. As well, participation in certain high status shows is only available to the associate and senior members.

Hodgins, who is also cognizant of the value of peer recognition, called the status a boost to the ego as well as "a vote of confidence in your work."

In advice to other artists who are interested in advancing their craft and their careers, Dupuy strongly recommends working more from life instead of from photographs.

"To paint is an interpretation of what we see," she explained, saying to work from photos causes the artist to lose immediacy and passion, creating a copy rather than that interpretation.

"We have a wonderful life drawing group at the Core Inn, or you should get out and sketch from nature."

Another of Dupuy's passions in art can be seen later this fall when she exhibits portraiture at ArtSpring. Hodgins will exhibit his work at the Painters Guild show at ArtSpring opening April 4.

ON STAGE

Renowned play at ArtSpring

Hockey Mom, Hockey Dad runs this weekend

The Vancouver Arts Club Theatre's touring play Hockey Mom, Hockey Dad plays a two-performance run at ArtSpring this Friday and Saturday.

The Toronto Star named it "one of the best plays of the year" in 2003, and the Halifax Chronicle Herald called it "brilliantly comic and touching." Starring veteran Vancouver actors Caitlin Stadnyk and Jackson Davies (who played the policeman on The Beachcombers for many years), the production has been acclaimed all across Canada.

In the play, a single mom and a single dad meet at a small-town arena as they watch

their sons play pee-pee hockey. As we might expect, a tentative romance ensues, though its course does not at all follow our expectations.

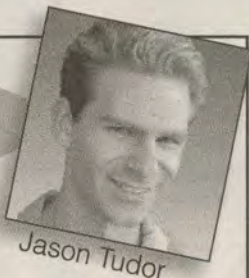
"There is something here for everyone: great humour, plenty of honest-to-goodness hockey, lots of charm and awkwardness in the relationship, and many ideas and feelings to ponder when the play is over," says ArtSpring executive director George Sipos.

"In short, it does what good theatre always does: engages both the mind and the heart."

Hockey Mom, Hockey Dad plays at 8 p.m. both Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5.

Adult tickets are \$25 and the show is eligible for \$5 EyeGo to the Arts student discounts.

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 Horror film The Mist spreads a beautiful message



Based on Steven King's 1985 short-story of the same name, The Mist is an apocalyptic horror film that — like many good fright flicks — deserves more credit than it will ever get.

The terror begins quickly when an eerie, fast-moving mist advances upon a small Maine town. The power goes out, and family man David Drayton (Thomas Jane) and his son Billy (Nathan Gamble) head to the supermarket to pick up supplies. As the mist envelops the entire town, it becomes quickly apparent that there are malevolent, hungry beasts everywhere.

The crowd in the supermarket, fearful of going out, buttresses itself against the dangers outside. As it becomes more and more apparent that no one is coming to save them, the people start to panic. Factions evolve, most notably that of a local born-again

Christian who uses the occasion as evidence of an Old Testament apocalypse. Now it's a question of who is worse: the deadly man-eating monsters outside, or the impending war inside.

For all the huge bugs and gory maiming, The Mist is a carefully written effort that takes the most clichéd of King's themes from the story and uses them to masterfully evoke how human beings react to fear. While the monsters in this film are literally monsters that go bump in the night, the real horror comes from exposing how people use an external terror as a political weapon.

Marcia Gay Harden's performance as the angry, spiteful hag who is initially dismissed as the local crazy woman but later seen as a prophet of doom is an amazing job of overacting. To see the supermarket survivors resort to violence against each

other just at the very time they must band together to survive is immensely depressing.

It's all made just so much more powerful by how The Mist entraps the viewer with what seems like an inevitable downward spiral into a doomed future, pushing the agony to a climax more horrific than any I've seen in a mainstream film, then throws a final twist that is somehow devastating and hopeful.

This controversial conclusion smacks of "ha ha, fooled you!", but if you pay attention to the details, The Mist is actually making an insistent statement about how man should react to fear not with more fear but concern for his fellow man. In world increasingly divided over specters of global warming and terrorism, this is a vital and — dare I say beautiful — message.

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From riding unicycles, to experimental jazz, building mud houses, walking on stilts, making clothes and art, growing food, blowing into big brass instruments and dancing just to keep warm, the locals of Lasqueti Island know how to keep themselves and others entertained.

On Saturday, April 12 an eclectic assortment of Lasquetians are coming to Beaver Point Hall to present "Lasquirkus — The Lasqueti Circus," an all-ages event described as the wackiest variety show this side of the Georgia Strait.

"We are catapulting our-

selves out of the forest and into other communities to make contact with the outside world and to show them what we've been up to," said event organizer and bass drum player Jen Gobby, in a press release.

"We aim to entertain and inspire our extended west coast community, with the sense of hope found through laughter, joyous music and the inventive, resourceful spirit that is Lasqueti Island."

The Lasquirkus event begins at 4 p.m. with a slideshow and open circle discussion about "Building a Better World" hosted by the Mudgirls Natural Building Collective.

The Mudgirls are a group of women building low cost sustainable housing on the west coast.

A potluck dinner follows the discussion at 6 p.m. — participants are encouraged to bring their own local homemade specialty. Dinner is accompanied with live

jazz by Zygoat, and offers a time to browse and purchase some of the Lasqueti-made arts and crafts and fashions on display.

At 7:30 p.m., the mischievous duo Clever Trever and Mr. P. take over the stage with The Suitcase Show, a magical, musical slapstick comedy that surprises at every turn.

At 8:30 p.m. the event switches into high gear as The Bolting Brassicas Marching Band kicks off its set of boisterous songs of revolution, passion and the human struggle.

The band will share the stage with stilt-walkers, unicyclists, jugglers, dancers and more.

Then at 9:30 p.m., DJ beatfarmer keeps the energy going as he takes over with global rhythms to dance the night away.

The cost of the event is \$15 per person or \$30 for the whole family. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.



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A mother Anna's hummingbird flies in to feed one of her two babies. John Sprague took this photograph at his and Lois Sprague's home on Old Scott Road.

LITERARY EVENTS

Black, Schroeder at literary evening

April 10 readings at ArtSpring

Salt Spring's own Theatre Alive! brings another intriguing literary event to ArtSpring on Thursday, April 10 with readings by Andreas Schroeder and local funnyman Arthur Black.

Theatre Alive!, which has hosted a number of literary events on the island for more than 20 years, brings Schroeder and Black together for a literary evening that guarantees to please.

Schroeder has made his living as a freelance writer for over 35 years, writing poetry, fiction, nonfiction, translations, journalism and literary criticism. His 20 books include the non-fiction book Shaking It Rough, the novel Dustship Glory, a book of poetry entitled File of Uncertainties, The Late Man (a collection of short fiction), The Eleventh Commandment (a book of Mennonite Low German stories in English translation) and the historical book The Mennonites in Canada.

"A trilogy of his adult novellas, under the title Renovating Heaven, will be published by Oolichan Books in the fall of 2008," states a recent press release. Schroeder, who was once

chair of the Writer's Union of Canada, currently resides in Roberts Creek on the Sunshine Coast. Press material notes that his books have won or been shortlisted for many awards, including the Governor-General's Award.

"Throughout Canada, Black is known as a man who brings some much-sought-after relief to audiences suffering from convention, seminar or business meeting fatigue," explains press material.

For 19 years Black was the renowned host of CBC's Basic Black and he is currently the author of a monthly column in CARP magazine. He also writes a weekly humorous commentary that is carried by more than 50 newspapers across Canada. Black also has 12 published books to date and is one of only three Canadians to win the Stephen Leacock Award for humour three times.

"A consummate yo-yoist and internationally acknowledged master of the nose flute, Arthur still maintains that he really only wanted to be a cowboy and is not quite sure how he ended up doing what he does."

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DANCE

Family rocks Dragon Boat fundraiser

The Relatives take stage

The Salt Spring Dragon Boat Club invites islanders to shake off their winter blues at the Spring Fling dance at Meaden Hall (downstairs at the Legion), April 5, with rocked-out, live music from local band The Relatives.

With four family members and two generations, The Relatives offer a diverse range of music, with a little something for everyone.

The "music will be a mix from various decades," says Scout Upex, "focusing solely on getting people out of their chairs and onto the dance floor."

Tom Upex started with The Mud Bay Blues Band (featured at the last Dragon Boat dance) before forming the Nelson

Brothers and later joining Art Bergman in Poisoned.

He has played drums and keyboards on stage and in the studio with The Modernettes, Buddy Selfish and los Popularos.

Tom's wife Scout has a musical career encompassing everything from punk to motown to country.

She played her first gig in 1977, and was part of legendary Vancouver punk band, the Furies. Scout has recorded two singles, appeared on many compilation albums, and played with legends such as The Clash, Bo Diddly and the Ramones.

Clay and Jake Upex, aged 14 and 17, play guitar, drums, bass and violin. The brothers bring their knowledge

of what's hot in today's music, adding their own sound to the family band.

The Salt Spring Dragon Boat team is excited about their upcoming season, with profits from the dance going towards competition fees and expenses.

The team will be traveling to Victoria, Nanaimo, Richmond and Kelowna for races this summer.

"There is a great core group," says a press release, "and some fabulous potential new members. Anyone interested in paddling with the team is encouraged to attend. It will be fun, and a great kickoff to the season."

Tickets for the dance are available for \$10 at the door. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.



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J. MITCHELL GALLERY

New work by Salt Spring artists anchors gallery's spring show

Demers sculptures installed as well

J. Mitchell Gallery has announced its 2008 Spring Show, running April 4- 29, will continue "in the gallery tradition of presenting all new work to herald the arrival of spring and the completion of the winter's accomplishments."

The gallery will unveil new works by 34 island artists at an opening reception April 4 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

"Each year, our artists astound us with the imaginative and fresh new

approaches to their work," states a press release. "This year we have new work from 34 of our gallery artists, including artists who have not previously participated in our Spring Show."

New to the gallery under exclusive representation are paintings by Gabrielle Jensen and sculptures by Asha Robertson and Roger Warren.

"Collectors will be happy to see new originals by Carol Evans, a surprise new twist by Jan Sharkey Thomas, the whimsy in Janet Cameron's new work or Lea Maberley's return to West Coast scenes." Fourteen sculptors and

ceramicists exhibit even more variation in medium and style, says the press release. Many of the new works are forerunners of upcoming planned solo shows.

Three "monumental" bronze sculptures by Lynn Demers are being installed in Grace Point Square in conjunction with the gallery opening.

According to the press release, "Lynn's sculptures will add an element of calm and serenity to the square while at the same time, portraying the depth and quality of the work that is done here on Salt Spring."

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"Greening your Business" is the topic of a workshop held by Margery Moore, President of the Salt Spring Institute for Sustainability Education & Action (I-SEA). Moore also consults with several organizations internationally on environmental information management research design and development, and is developing a sustainability data inventory for the Salt Spring Official Community Plan (OCP) process.

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ISLAND HISTORY

Fulford history on tap April 9

Historical Society presentation

The Salt Spring Island Historical Society will have a special presentation at its April 9 meeting, set for the Fulford School gym, beginning at 1 p.m.

This program will include a panel of four people with special knowledge of Fulford. Panel members Barbara Lyngard, Gladys Campbell, Bruce Patterson and Len Crawford will share their knowledge and memories from 1889 to the present day.

Crawford will speak on the period from the early 1930s to the early '40s. He once lived in a house where Bruce Patterson's store now stands. His father was a logger, and his mother, Dolly, prepared meals for the logging crew at their home, known as "Dolly's Boarding House."

Crawford will speak on historic logging on Salt Spring, as well as his memories of living in Fulford and going to the Burgoyne Valley School. He will be bringing copies of his recently published book, *The Way it Was*, as well as photo CDs of early Fulford.

Siblings Campbell and Patterson will share their memories of the changes in

Fulford from the '40s up to the present day.

Their grandparents ran the Patterson store starting in 1930, followed by their parents, and now Bruce. Both Campbell and Patterson have many memories and amusing anecdotes about the community, in which the entire family has been active.

Lyngard has researched the early history of the Fulford village, starting in 1889 when Alfred Raynes secured four acres from the Crown. Her own grandparents came to Salt Spring in the early 1900s. Lyngard used to walk through the woods from Beaver Point Road, close to Stowel Lake, to visit her grandparents on Morning-side Road and to shop at the Fulford store. She will share her great knowledge about the village's earlier days.

Campbell and Lyngard have requested that people attending the special presentation help in their project to preserve the history of Fulford.

They are looking for pictures of Fulford — the buildings, the people and the ferries — and hope such photos are brought along to the meeting. Pictures will be scanned and returned to the owner.

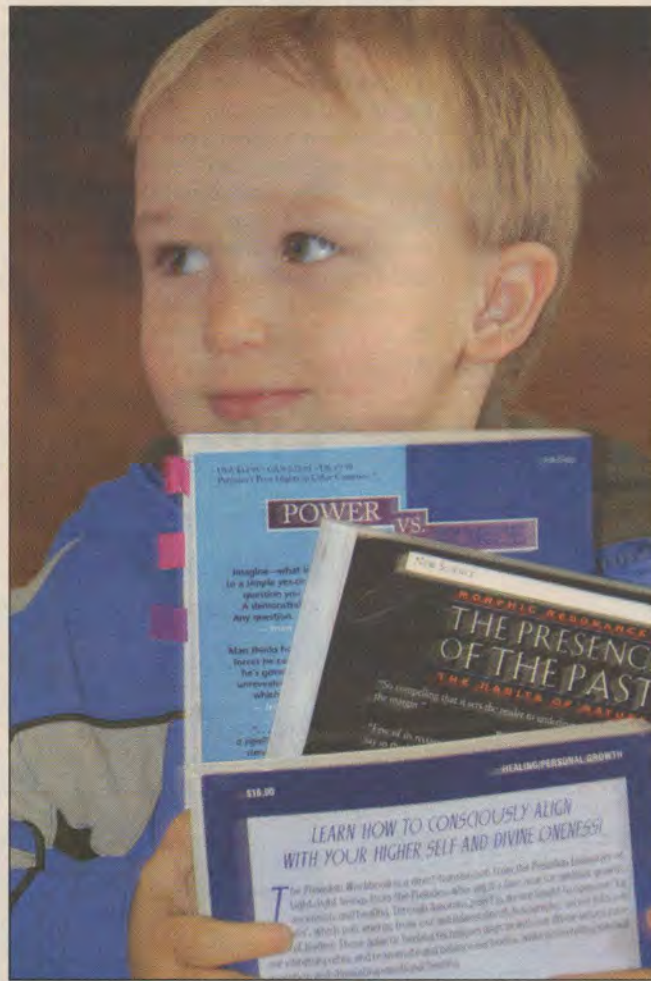


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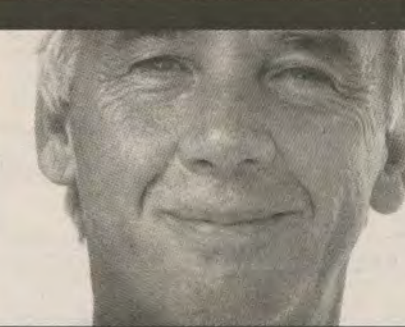
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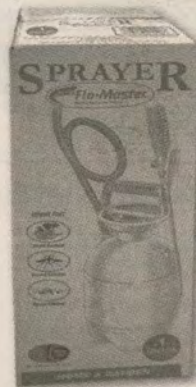
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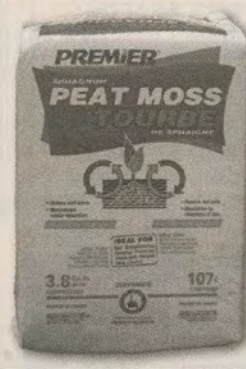
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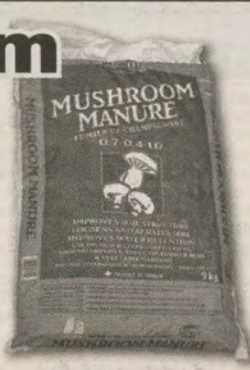
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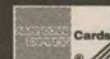
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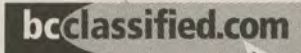
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There will be a monthly
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**7 pm, Wednesday,
 April 9, 2008**
Seniors for Seniors
 Speaker:
Rev. Kim Murrey

COMING EVENTS

The Salt Spring Centre of YOGA

YOGA CLASSES & OTHER OFFERINGS MARCH 31 - JUNE 27

MONDAY		
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4:30-6 pm	Mixed Levels	Dorothy Price
TUESDAY		
7-8:30 am	Mixed Levels	Rupert Adams
7:30-8:45 pm	Restorative Yoga	Rupert Adams
WEDNESDAY		
7:30-9 pm	Kirtan	SSCY Staff
THURSDAY		
9-10:30 am	Mixed Levels	Raven
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SUNDAY		
11:30-1 pm	Intro to Yoga most Sundays	SSCY Staff at Ganges Yoga Studio (phone 537-2444 to confirm)
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Notice of GENERAL MEETING
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5:30 pm
Wednesday, April 23rd
Clubhouse

COMING EVENTS

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5:15-7:15 pm in the Meeting Room behind Lady Minto Hospital

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Lady Minto Hospital, Boardroom (behind the hospital)
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COMING EVENTS

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Salt Spring Island Historical Society
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Wednesday, April 9
General Meeting
 and
"The History of Fulford"

Panel: Barbara Lyngard, Gladys Campbell, Bruce Patterson, Len Crawford
1:00 p.m. Fulford Elementary School
All are welcome!

SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (Gulf Islands)
 A regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held at **Gulf Islands Secondary School** **Wednesday, April 09, 2008** at **1:00 p.m.** Public welcome!
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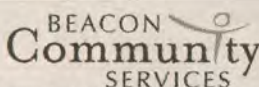
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This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Donnor

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Spring has begun and you feel activated. With Mars in Cancer (March 4 - May 10) you may notice that you are moodier than usual. These highs and lows can be better understood and managed by knowing what sign the Moon is in and what aspects it is making. While you feel motivated, your heart and mind is lingering in a dreamy state due to Venus Mercury in Pisces. This will continue for another week or so. Cleaning, clearing and renovating will continue. As you dig through the past, memories will surface. Hopefully you are clearing the old but it may be hard to let go of certain things and people. Give these things and people the reverent moment they are due, and then let future visions inspire you. Your public and/or professional are opening, focus to learn to catch the waves.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)
Doing work behind the scenes continues. Fortunately, your energies should be running high. Friends who stir your imagination and inspire you are a big attraction for you now. Learning new skills means opening your mind. Learn from the best - those who weave skill and craft effectively. Spring cleaning for you now implies your perceptions, beliefs and relationships more than attending to the material stuff. Take your time to learn more about who to love and how. Everyone needs to be loved according to their individuality. Do you know how you need and want to be loved? Perhaps you have changed and so too have your needs and desires. On my website in the Library then Client Resources there is a Soul Mate Request form. Completing this exercise will help you clarify your values and attract partners if requested.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)
Making new friends is keeping you busy. Deepening bonds with family members is part of the plot. Alternatively, you want to spend your time on inventive projects. Clearing, cleaning and renovating may be necessary as well. Socially, your popularity is gaining momentum. For both personal and professional reasons you are wise to consciously work with this upwardly spiralling cycle. Timing is of the essence and practical considerations are a form of humility. In other words, freedom requires attunement and discipline. With your ambitions soaring, it is important that you pace yourself and make steady efforts. Accept the changes and endings and exercise willingness to try new approaches. This includes entertaining new relationships as well as aspects of your own individuality.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)
Many new beginnings on social and/or professional fronts are now underway. The time has come to push through and onward. Your passion and determination will increase this week. You may notice your moods fluctuating more than usual. This trend will continue through to early May while Mars is in Cancer. Meanwhile, opportunities for work and perhaps travel, especially in connection to education or training, are likely. New cultural interests also gain your attention and you will want to express yourself artistically, according to your nature. Change is the grand law, and it is up for you in a big way. Make use of this cycle and make all those changes you have ever wanted to make. Intend to break through and rise to new occasions, vocations and associations.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)
Exploring new territory is a call to action. Summoning courage may be necessary. Be willing to face any fears and doubts that may

be blocking your progress. The process of defeating these doubt demons may continue through to early May so persevere. This generally implies the task of feeling the fear and doing it anyway. Yes, risk is implied. Be willing to do your homework in the way of research and/or tying loose ends and eliminating anything that no longer serves a useful purpose. As you clear the clutter, your vision will clear and creative insights will have more a chance to surface. At more fundamental levels, tend to your health to gain confidence. This includes the building of new attitudes and healthy habits for long-term success.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)
A decisive break with the past continues as a central theme. You may feel rebellious and ambitious at the same time. You are getting some creative inspiration from external sources. Apparently random circumstances are the way of life to bring issues to the surface to be addressed. These can be mapped and elaborated upon with Astrology, by the way. However you recognize them, opportunities to rise to new levels on certain fronts are available for the aware. Like the seasons, opportunities of all kinds come and go yet their return takes time. Meanwhile, taking risks to exercise your professional power in a variety of ways will bring rewards. A creative approach to marketing may be needed. Learn to get out of your own way by listening, with an open mind, to others.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)
New relationship encounters are activating change, perhaps especially in your career. Social and community involvements are also likely. You may feel the need or desire to improve your service or product or simply to show-up and be counted. This is a good time to explore innovative trends and possibilities. Bringing new creative inspirations into you're your daily routine or to enhance your lifestyle is likely. Your confidence is growing. Powerful changes close to home and/or linked to career are reason to access your confidence. Letting go of status attitudes and so on linked to feelings of security is part of the plot. How much do you do that you do not like to do for the sake of security? Is it worth it or have you simply fallen into assumption and habit? Dare to ask such deep questions.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
Activating some new assertions in your daily routine is keeping you busy. You may feel the urge to make a radical break with the past. At best, creative inspirations abound. Romantic encounters are also highlighted. Yet you may also feel the need for independence. Where this is not so freely given, you will push very hard and others will be forced to yield or else there will be a battle. Your stubborn resolve may well be warranted but it may be difficult to see why at this time. Rewards and returns for past efforts are forthcoming now. These are showing you the quality of your choices and actions. Where the returns are negative, take a good look at how you are wise to make steady and sure adjustments.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
Creative interests combine with practical aspirations now. You may feel the pressure to take hold of the reigns of you destiny. Unstable structures are breaking down. These probably have deep roots and a long history. Consequently, you are probably wise to take a patient and deliberate approach to fortifying your foundation. Invest to renovate and rebuild upon more reliable. Make your whole health you top priority. What ideals and notions do you hold, inherited from the past that simply do not serve you. Show courage and ask others or go to professional who can assist you to gain a clear picture of both your strengths and weaknesses. Defence of negative habits is definitely the path to the school of hard knocks. Break free!

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
How you express yourself in the world is changing. You want to gain control of your life. Breaking free of oppressive forces is a top priority. These may be environmental factors or perhaps other aggressive players on your scene. How can these circumstances or people be seen in a positive light? Life happens 'for' us and not 'to' us and it is a common albeit big challenge to see life in this light. Taking a negotiable approach is ever wise. This requires empathy and creative thinking whereby we actually meet others in the middle for win/win solutions. At worst, you feel the urge to control everyone in your life. At best, your drive will lead you to greater self-awareness. If others lose their loss stands to affect you so you lose as well. Carefully assess the implications of your choices and actions over time.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)
Exploring new angles and modes of expression is leading you to take some initiatives. Drawing upon your untapped powers and resources will prove inspiring yet will require faith and vision. Make extra efforts to secure a stable financial flow. This implies communication, innovation and networking. Your willingness to make extra efforts will prove worthwhile. Intend to clear the clutter and bring more attention to areas of your home and life in general that could use some uplifting. In Feng Shui this basically implies activating your power corners. Your creative intention brings its own magic to the mix.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Activating more of your creative abilities continues. Take the time to make a list of all the things you can do. Aim to define and market your skills. Outer pressures that are pushing can be seen as teachers. Be a good student and do your studies. Calling upon friends and allies with influence and power is ever worth a try. Intend to join clubs and other organizations that will increase your influence. Whether by acquisition of knowledge or simply by association, there is power in numbers. Aim to dig deep into your creative reservoirs to examine what you already have. Like going through old trunks in the basement or attic, treasures are likely to be found.

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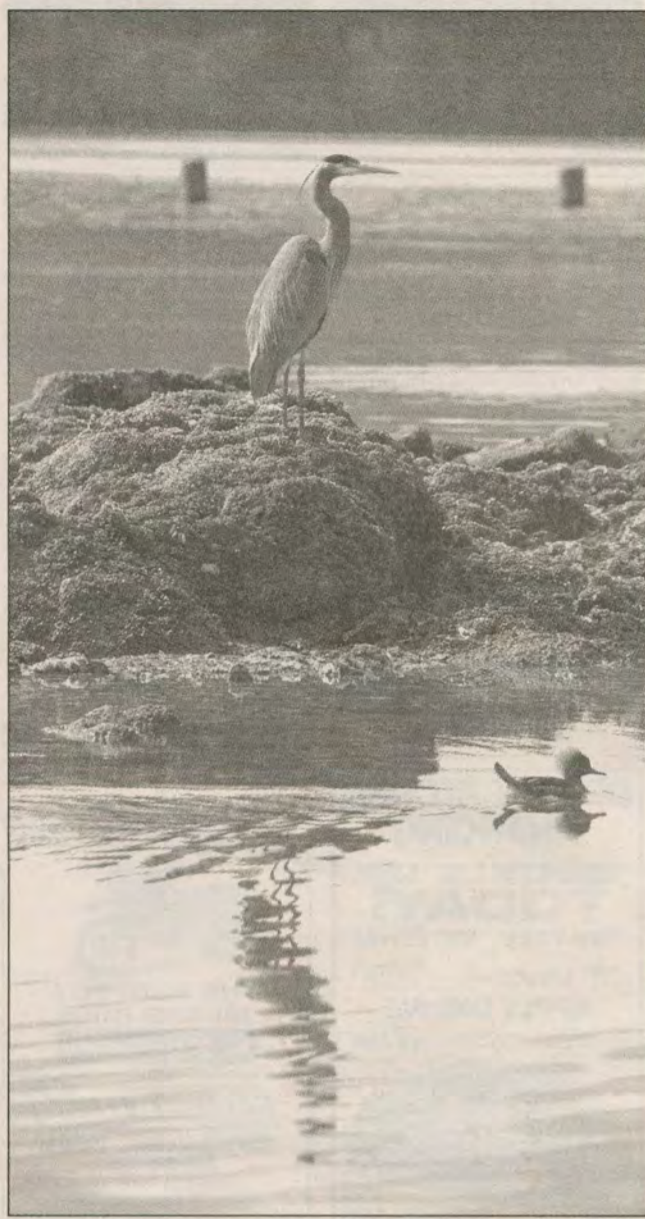
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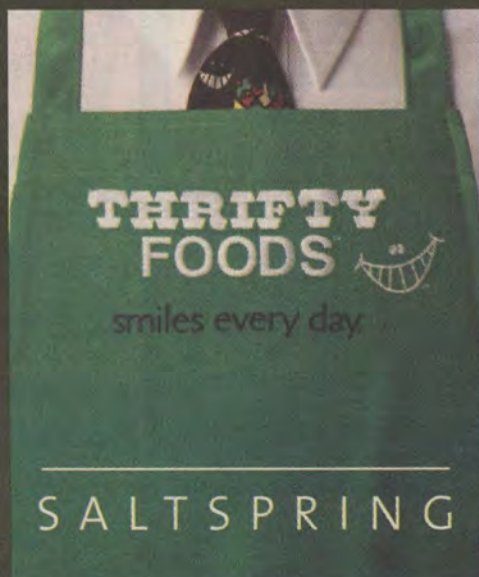
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Jan Steinman demonstrates the use of natural resources such as straw, hay and mud to build energy efficient homes in a Natural Building presentation.

Steinman will discuss how much cheaper these homes can be to build compared to regular building structures, with examples of natural homes on Salt Spring and other Gulf Islands.

The creative side is explored with the Art of Beading with Carol Wagner. Wagner will spend two Saturday mornings showing students how to weave a bracelet with just a beading

needle and beads.

Joan Carrigan, an internationally known weaver, offers a one-day workshop on Weaving a Market Basket. Students will have their own basket to take home.

And Steinman returns, offering his "excellent" digital and manual photography class.

Bruce Wood continues to showcase his skills as chef with two more cooking classes at the high school. Learn to de-bone a chicken and get three exceptional meals, or try Wood's class on spring vegetables and sauces.

Lorraine Hamilton is back with three gardening classes. Shady plants, hanging baskets and full sun containers are the themes. Students can purchase plants to use in containers to be completed and brought home.

Usha Haywood, an instructor from Royal Roads,

will teach a class on Jung and Alchemy: An Inner Journey over four evenings.

Local publisher Marilyn Horsdal provides a follow-up to last term's course on self-publishing, with tips on using a publishing house to complete a manuscript and save money.

Instructor Philip Benson continues to teach computer classes on Excel, Power Point and Word. There are no pre-requisites for Benson's courses.

On May 3, Volunteer Salt Spring teams up with the Salt Spring Island Foundation to present a one-day workshop on Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers. The facilitator, Theresa Kingston, has an excellent reputation for her inspiration and expertise in the non-profit sector.

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TOASTMASTERS

Speech-makers move on to regional contests

Lewis takes Toastmaster title

Andrew Lewis edged past 2007 club title holder James Falcon to claim the local 2008 international speech club title this year.

Lewis delivered his shark attack speech as cool as a cucumber while Falcon treated the audience to a rare glimpse of a lump of coal raised from the debris field of the Titanic. Lewis will now go on to the Area 10 Round in Nanaimo on April 7 to represent the Salt

Spring Toastmasters Club and compete in the international speech contest.

Bob Rogers duplicated last year's first in the evaluation speech contest and will go along with Andrew as the 2008 title holder in that category.

In 2007, Falcon and Rogers both swept Area 10 placing first, and this year Lewis and Rogers will try to do it again. If successful at Area 10, they will again represent six club regions, including Salt Spring Island.

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Penn and Bennett will open the floor for discussing preventative health, conventional, alternative and complementary medicine, and other issues.

Bennett was first elected to the House of Commons in 2007. Prior to her election, she was a family physician and a founding partner of Bedford Medical Associates in downtown Toronto.

In December 2003, in the wake of the SARS epidemic, Paul Martin asked Bennett to become Canada's first Minister of State for public health.

She is currently the Opposition Critic for Public Health, Seniors, Canadians with Disabilities and the Social Economy Portfolio. For more information, see her biography at <http://www.carolynbennett.ca/biography.cfm>.

The soiree takes place Sunday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m., 401 Mountain Road