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The winners were:

Best overall:

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Best Use of Lights:

1. Love My Kitchen
 2. Admirals
 3. Stone Walrus
- HM: B-Side

Most Creative:

1. Love My Kitchen
2. Mouat's Clothing
3. Soapworks

Best use of Materials:

1. Island Savings
 2. Love My Kitchen
 3. B-Side
- HM: Ganges Gas/ Soapworks

Ganges window shopping: Christmas light-up contest

Columnist takes islanders on scenic decor tour

BY PETER VINCENT
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

For reasons unbeknownst to yours truly, the Driftwood requested I spend a blustery Friday night battling the elements, clipboard in hand, evaluating Christmas window displays for the paper's annual Light-Up contest.

About a dozen downtown businesses have thrown their hats into the ring this year, vying for the much coveted "Best Overall" window display award, the payoff being bragging rights for the year and scores of nose prints on the glass from curious onlookers.

The task was not mine alone. As the sole male in a group of six judges, I suspect my role was more to provide a modicum of security than for any aesthetic instinct

I may possess. Two lovely women and their three beautiful teen offspring wandering around the back alleys of Ganges on a payday Friday night? Alone? Not likely.

The official results that appear at left were tallied up over pizza and beverages at the Salt Spring Inn. The following are the unofficial contest winners, in no particular order, with trumped-up categories taken from my rain-soaked notes. I alone bear sole responsibility for the following meandering and hope it will be read with the fun and positive spirit intended, my twisted sense of humour aside.

The "Smallest Carbon Footprint" award goes to the Lady Minto Thrift Shop. The operative word here was "thrift," as said shop had turned off its display lights and gone home for the night. By the glare of two sets of automobile high beams, we were able

to make out a lovely little Christmas display.

Mouat's Clothing wins this year's "Edgiest" award, with its "still life" urban theme featuring stickpin mannequins encircling a sparsely decorated tree. There, at its base, is a cosy winter jacket made out of a material that looks suspiciously like the fur of a domestic animal. On closer inspection, we were all relieved to discover the material was actually faux fur. This window is my hands-down favourite.

Moving to the "Most Obviously Commercial" award, we find Old Salty, with a window full of Christmas stuff nicely highlighted by "20 per cent off" banners. I must confess that I secretly went back the next day and blew a hundred bucks on some great Christmas gifts.

The Boardwalk Greens Shop has been a winner in the past, including a "Best-Overall" title in 2005.

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SEASONAL CELEBRATIONS

Islanders feel like welcome guests

Victorian Christmas finishes tour

BY CAITLIN A. CUNNINGHAM
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Salt Spring's own Fiddler's Hatchery is on tour this season, with a Victorian-themed show called A Victorian Christmas.

Complete with parlour dancing and tunes to delight the whole family, the troupe is touring the Gulf Islands.

Their wonderfully intimate show is quintessential of the community on the Gulf Islands — Carolyn Hatch and Kim Hunter dreamed up a script com-

plete with singing, dancing, poetry and of course those well-loved Christmas carols.

The Victorian theme spearheaded by the costumed performers takes you back to the crackling fires and holiday entertainment with friends and family of the Victorian era.

And guests you will be at the Fiddler's Hatchery drawing room Christmas. Calling the troupe "fiddlers" does not do the range of their performances justice. They truly draw their audience into another time and place, until the audience becomes the guests of their holiday party.

This past weekend's Pender and Duncan shows were

met with great accolades. Guests of all ages loved and enjoyed the interactive show.

If the laughter and smiles were not enough, Bruce McConchie of Pender Island said, "[I] felt the musicians' enthusiasm made the production very enjoyable."

McConchie also noted that many of the audience's younger members were aspiring musicians and found the production inspiring. In Duncan, audience members were heard to say, "Wonderful!"; "amazing"; "the most Christmas fun we've had in years!"

Hot apple cider, baked

goods and popcorn complete the festive scene. This show, turned Victorian Holiday party, is one not to be missed. Pender Island and Duncan performances have already passed; the troupe performs next on Mayne Island, Thursday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m., followed by their final stop at ArtSpring on Salt Spring on Friday, Dec. 5, again at 7 p.m.

The Fiddler's Hatchery has been very active in community performances in their efforts to raise money for a trip to New York City.

Tickets are sold at the door of the Agricultural Hall on Mayne Island and at the ArtSpring ticket centre.

Everyone honoured with Vincent awards

LIGHT-UP
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This year the shop garners the "Corona Beer" award for its excellent use of lights festooning a potted palm tree.

"Best Children's Display" has to go to West of the Moon, where lights and Mardi Gras beads are casually tossed over piles of really great toys, from stuffed animals to Knights of the Round Table toy soldiers. This is followed closely by Harlan's "Best Use of Chocolate" award. Again, this spot will prove to be a favourite for children and dentists alike. In fact, I had to pry some of the salivating judges off the window glass.

Moving across the street, we nudged aside gas attendants and skateboarders to better view the Best Use of Propane Tanks display, all gayly lit up with Christmas lights and some nicely done Yuletide origami stuck to the windows.

Once again, Love My Kitchen has outdone itself. Last year it was lots and lots of baked goodies (bribery works in these contests). This year, the owner appealed to our baser interests, with dozens of Christmas baubles hanging down at eye level. What tree would be complete without an ornament of Santa riding his Harley Davidson, or that sparkly spiked high heel (which will no doubt find its way into my permanent collection)?

As busy as the previous window was, the Admiral's Specialty Foods display next door was as simple and delicious as the food it sells — ethereal gauzy red gift boxes quietly illuminated by the most humble of clear Christmas lights. Admiral's wins the "Most with the Least" award.

Soapworks garners the coveted "Bad Santa" prize this year, with its near life-sized papier maché likeness of Saint Nick (done by Fulford's own Bill Rhodes). Santa, with his caved-in chest and enormous beer belly, appears to be shielding his beady little eyes from the glare of the overhead spotlights. Is he peering or leering out the window? A must see!

Humping our way up Ganges Hill, we found Embe Bakery, with their windows not displaying yummy pound cakes and mince pies but rather stylish Munch-like abstracts depicting candy houses and gingerbread men. Be sure to look in the corner, where one of the gingerbread men has had his right leg torn off, eliciting a reverse happy face.

Making our way past the Ganges sewage plant, (which thankfully did not enter this year's contest), we found ourselves at B-Side Clothing, where the proprietor was just closing up shop. Again, a great little display, made all the more by the faux fireplace rescued from the Blackburn Road transfer station, dusted off and cleaned up. B-Side gets the "Best Use of Discarded Mate-

rial" prize hands down.

It must have been a blast putting together the Island Savings Credit Union windows. Most of the windows sport giant snowflakes made of those plastic thingies that keep six packs of beer together — you know, those thingies that we are told garrote sea gulls and other marine creatures? Plastic cider jug bottoms fashioned into Christmas ornaments and flying wine corks complete the "Breathalyzer" motif. Here's to you, Island Savings!

Now thirsty, cold and hungry, our gaggle of judges edged closer to the final destination, where we looked forward to hot food, cold beverages and lively debate.

But first a quick look at the Village Cobbler, who won the "Best Use of Slippers in a Christmas Manger Scene" award, and to Stone Walrus Gallery, where the dazzling blaze of Christmas lights nearly sent two of the judges to Lady Minto with third-degree burns. Stone Walrus garners the "BC Hydro" award this year.

OK, that's it for the Christmas tour. If I came away with one thought this year, it's that I won't be going off-island to find little treasures. Our downtown shops have gone out of their way to bring in really great gift ideas this year. And the bonus is no ferry fares and very little chance of getting trampled by wild-eyed big-box shoppers. Happy shopping!

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ARTS AND CRAFTS

WinterCraft: not 'more of the same'

Seasonal wares ready to enchant at Mahon Hall

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

One of the things I appreciate most about living on Salt Spring is the authentic feeling to the holiday season.

Arriving at Fulford Harbour at night and seeing the tiny village decked in Christmas lights is one of the simple pleasures that brings the warmth of tradition to this cold skeptic; another is attending one of the local craft fairs to find unique, handmade items with a distinct island glow.

The Salt Spring Arts Council's annual WinterCraft show is an ideal example of a Christmas shopping experience that can transform the weariness of commercialization into the joy more suitable to the season. Now in its 33rd year, for two weeks each December the heritage Mahon Hall in the heart of Ganges presents items both tiny and extravagant — plus anything in between — by local artists.

With 82 local craftspeople showing their wares — 15 of them new to WinterCraft — islanders can easily keep their Christmas dollars within the community.

And whether treating friends and family members to the simple luxuries of island-made confections, or splurging on larger one-offs by a favourite artist, there is definitely something for everyone on your list.

With all its long history in the community, islanders may feel they've already seen all that WinterCraft has to offer, but that is not the case, says longtime participant Pat Webber.

"The events like ArtCraft and WinterCraft have been going on for so long, and many people went for the first few years, so now they think, 'been there, done that' — but a lot of things have changed."

One thing that's new is the look of the hall itself; there's been extensive restoration work as well as fresh paint on the ceiling's beams, giving it a cathedral-like airiness. Managing director Vivienne Pearson has assembled some fabulous decorations, including a red satin ribbon running the length of the hall.

Pearson also pointed out that the items within the hall are far from being just "the usual."

"Our artists are constantly evolving and [the show] is fresh every year," said Pearson. "This year we have a surprising number of new people, so there will be never-before-seen items. But also, the high-profile artists are ever-evolving and bring something new with them."

Gary Cherneff, ceramic artist and long-time member of the council, said all local Christmas craft fairs are important to the community because they support local vendors and put the rental fees back into the halls that host them.

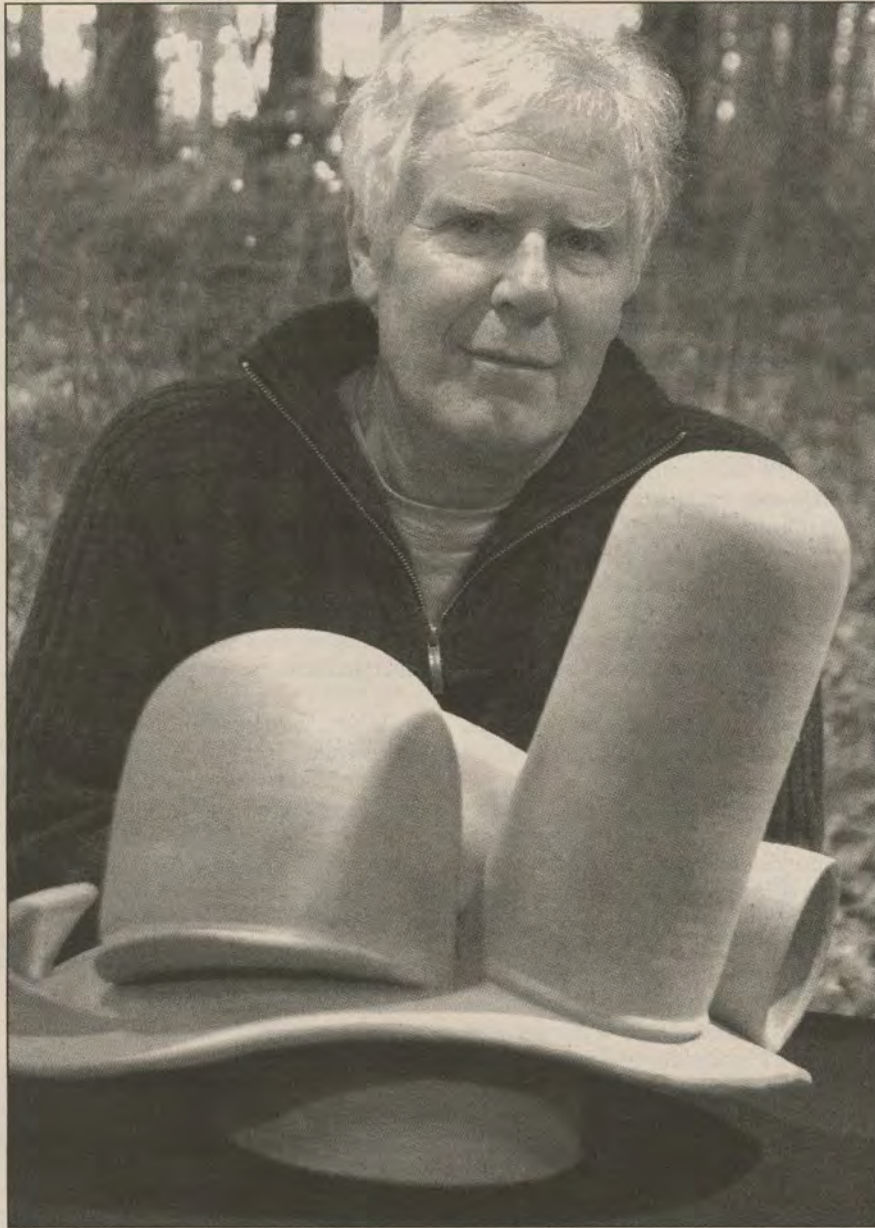


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Gary Cherneff with some of his new work at an open studio held on the weekend. He is one of the returning artists at WinterCraft.

WinterCraft is slightly different from the rest, he said, in that Mahon Hall acts as a gallery for the show's two-week run. All work on display has been juried by the council, while artists pay a commission rather than just a rental fee. These commissions go directly into supporting the arts through the programs sponsored by the arts council.

"The commission is recycled back into projects that encourage arts in the community. [The council's] focus is predominately the arts and its mandate is to support and encourage the arts in our constituency, which is School District 64."

Projects that WinterCraft proceeds support include grants to high school and university students, professional development grants to artists and the Artists in the Classroom project, to name but a few.

Whether to support the local arts community in general or a favourite craftsman in particular, or just to indulge in the

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VIVIENNE PEARSON
Managing director

wealth of lovely treasures within town, now might be time to revisit WinterCraft if you haven't been for a while.

Webber concluded, "I think it's worth a visit, to bring some friends by and have a look around, because I think it's pretty nice. But if you haven't been there for years, you wouldn't know that."

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CONCERT REVIEW

Full house gets smashing treat

Community band and soloist take Stravinsky and run with it

BY GAYLE MAVOR
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

You're 13 years old, you've completed your stand-out solo performance of the second and third movements of Stravinsky's Concerto for Piano and Winds, and you can't see the second half of the sold-out concert because you have no seat. What do you do?

That was the experience for Matthew Stubbs (the Bandonium music society 2008 solo competition winner) Saturday evening at the Salt Spring Concert Band's Stravinsky and Beyond concert.

But just before intermission he presented the audience with a gift; a flawlessly calm performance that showcased a musical prowess far beyond his years, reminding us that innate musical talent has no option but to ring true. Like a universal truth, we know it when we hear it.

During intermission, although master Stubbs admitted to some nerves, there were no visible signs during his performance, and having his Victoria-based piano teacher, Robert Holliston, beside him as page turner may have helped.

While the band required additional practices leading up to the performance, Stubbs had a mere six or seven sessions with the 17 members of the band who accompanied him. Following his piece — and a couple of shy half-bows — he returned to the piano to thrill the audience with a very quick jazz rip, as if the boy inside the black suit maintained

the serious composure inherent in the classical music milieu for only as long as required and then he really wanted to show us how he could shake it up too, ya know.

Why Stravinsky? His New York-based piano teacher David Oei recommended it. His parents, both career musicians from New York, love Stravinsky's challenging rhythms. On the phone late Sunday morning (while Matthew still snoozed) his mother, Laurie Stubbs, said they "played [the concerto] for him, he loved it, and Mitch Howard, [his Salt Spring jazz band teacher], agreed he should go for it; that it would be a challenge for the band but they could handle it."

Richard Moses, a French horn player and the band librarian, set about acquiring the score, but held off paying the \$350 rental fee just in case it proved too challenging and had to be sent back, said conductor Dawn Hage.

"It had obviously been rented the world over with lots of notes that proved very helpful," said Hage, admitting that it was only at the final dress rehearsal that everything really came together.

Call it the magic of adrenaline, but not only did the evening go beyond Stravinsky, it raised the bar on what to expect of a community concert band.

To complement Stravinsky, Hage first chose works by composers she loved. Young American composer Eric Whitacre, known for choral works and unusual rhythms, not to mention his trademark engagement of the audience put us to work snapping our fingers to replicate the sound of raindrops near the end of his score, Cloudburst.

Frank Ticheli's Cajun Folk Songs,

Vaclav Nelhybel's Festivo and the final piece, excerpts from Johan de Meij's Symphony No. 1 of The Lord of the Rings arranged by Paul Lavender, which prompted a standing ovation, showcased a huge range of 20th-century compositional styles.

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composers she loved.**

Prelude, Siciliano and Rondo by British composer Malcolm Arnold, arranged for symphonic band by the late John P. Paynter, was my personal favourite. UBC music professor Stephen Chatman's Walnut Grove Suite incorporated a rollicking march reminiscent of traditional military bands.

The evening also premiered Why Not Kiss the Spot and Make it Well? by former band member Seth von Handorf. Also rhythmically complicated, I was expecting a lighter feel from a piece with such a title.

Hage also described the piece as complicated and as one the band grew to like more and more.

"My sense is that if we continue to play it we'll continue to get more out of it," she said.

Expect a lighter feel with a focus on percussion, ragtime and maybe even bolero at the band's next concert, set for April 25, 2009 at ArtSpring.

SEASONAL CONCERTS

La Nef and soprano Meredith Hall take islanders on musical journey

Quebec group known for period music

ensemble La Nef will be joined by soprano Meredith Hall in presenting a concert of music from the 16th and 17th centuries from England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Brittany and Iceland.

appealingly vibrant." "This will be a fine afternoon of music to set the mood for the Christmas season," says ArtSpring executive director George Sipos. "Tickets are now in limited supply, but we'll do our best to get everyone in to hear these talented Canadian musicians."

Most Christmas music reflects a return to eras when the mystery of midwinter and the Christian story were fresher than they are today.

La Nef was founded in 1991 by artistic director Sylvain Bergeron and the group has made a specialty of performing period and folk music on authentic instruments that include lute, baroque guitar, harp, flutes, bagpipes, viola da gamba, fiddle and percussion.

A pre-concert chat at 1:30 p.m. will be a good opportunity to discover some of the more unusual period instruments that will be heard during the recital.

Of all the Christmas entertainment on offer this December, the one that takes the longest journey back in time is ArtSpring's presentation of a program called A Celtic Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2:30 p.m.

Hall is a fine Canadian soprano whose voice has been described as "clear and

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SEASONAL EVENTS

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It's time for the ninth annual Winterfest, with Salt Spring Centre School students and families inviting the community to join in their seasonal celebration.

Held at the Salt Spring Centre on Saturday, Dec. 13, Winterfest is "a fun and joyous day for families young and old, with creative hands-on crafts, delicious food and live entertainment throughout the day," states a press release.

Winterfest is a fundraiser for the school and a chance to celebrate the season in the lovely setting of the Salt Spring Centre on Blackburn Road.

Highlights include creative

craft-making for kids, such as candle-making, cookie decorating and felt angel charms.

Great entertainment, including Jim Raddysh, fills the day with energy and fun.

Hot, wholesome food is available, alongside scrumptious goodies, which are all home-made. New this year is a magical theatre, and raffle prizes and "pocket people" add to the excitement and fun.

The "Mindful Gifts" feature of Winterfest is growing this year, with a variety of vendors offering beautiful, ethical items for sale.

"We are really pleased to

have Natural Pod returning with Waldorf-inspired toys for the young and young-at-heart. Other vendors include Windflower Moon, Gecko Green Living, Fables and SOLID, as well as the popular Alternative Gifts Market run by the school's senior class to raise funds for charities around the world. All items are either environmentally friendly, socially minded, or supporting non-profit groups and are sure to please."

Admission to Winterfest is free with tickets available for purchase for different activities. Winterfest runs from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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ACTIVITIES
Argentine Tango.
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Stitch Dimension Quilt Guild.
 Quilt art demo with Susan Paynter. Interested new members welcome. SSI Baptist Church (around the back) 7 p.m. Info: ptquilts@telus.net.
Life Drawing.
 SS Painters Guild sessions at ArtSpring from 9 a.m. to noon. Drop-ins welcome. Info: Jose, 250-537-1121.
Winter's Light.
 Salt Spring soprano Rasma Bertz and friends will present a Celebration of Song. All Saints, 12:10 p.m.

Thurs. December 4

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Du Fuego.
 Featuring Stephanie Rhodes & Fiona Kennedy at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
St. Mary Lake Watershed Management Plan.
 First draft presented by steering committee at Lions Hall. Open house, 3-5 p.m.; public meeting, 7 p.m.
Badminton.
 Bring your own shoes and racquets to GISS gym. Thursdays, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Salty Wheels Square Dance Club.
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Fri. December 5

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
A Victorian Christmas.
 Salt Spring Island Fiddlers present dance, music, stories. ArtSpring, 7 p.m.
A Bird in Your Throat.
 Singers Janet Walker and Heather Black perform at the Core Inn. 7 p.m. Fundraiser for SWOVA's Pass it On program.
KC Kelly.
 Blues and more at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Beaver Point Hall Christmas Craft Fair. Friday hours are 5-9 p.m.
Fulford Hall Christmas Craft Fair. Hours are 5-9 p.m.
WinterCraft.
 Annual Salt Spring Arts Council sale of fine handmade gifts. Opens today at Mahon Hall. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
StoryTime at the Library.
 Stories, fun & activities en francais. For children 4-7 years at the library. 1-2 p.m.

Sat. December 6

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Sunyata.
 Dance to Sunyata's music at Falconhead Grill. 7:30 p.m.
Christmas Around the World.
 Choirs, soloists, instrumentals. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. 6 p.m.
Shane Philip.
 One-man global fusion at Moby's. 9 p.m.
Kelly Burk.
 Country-folk rhythm & blues at The Local Bar. 8:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
I Ought to be in Pictures.
 WordPlay presents dramatic reading of Neil Simon comedy. ArtSpring, 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Beaver Point Hall Christmas Craft Fair. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Fulford Hall Christmas Craft Fair. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
WinterCraft.
 Sale runs daily at Mahon Hall. 10-5.
Paws & Claus.
 Bring your pet for a photo with Santa. SPCA fundraiser. Mouat's lower level. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Candlelight Vigil.
 SWOVA-sponsored event to remember all women killed by violence. With music by Women of Note. Centennial Park. 6 p.m.

Sun. December 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
A Celtic Christmas.
 Soprano Meredith Hall and La Nef from Quebec. ArtSpring. 2:30 p.m. Pre-concert chat at 1:30 p.m.
Katie Murphy.
 Performs at The Local Bar. 6:30 p.m. start.
I Ought to be in Pictures.
 WordPlay presents dramatic reading of Neil Simon comedy. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Fulford Hall Christmas Craft Fair. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
WinterCraft.
 Sale runs daily at Mahon Hall. 10-5.
Beaver Point Hall Christmas Craft Fair. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
SS Trail & Nature Club.
 Zeke Blazecka leads a moderate hike to Mt. Erskine from Toynbee Rd. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. with lunch & appropriate footwear.
Badminton.
 Bring your own shoes and racquets to GISS gym. Sundays. 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Single Seniors Christmas Dinner.
 Annual Lions Club-sponsored event. Info: Pat Spencer, 250-653-4700.

Mon. December 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Steve Dawson.
 Salt Spring Folk Club concert with opening act Julia Beattie. Fulford Hall. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
WinterCraft.
 Sale runs daily at Mahon Hall. 10-5.
Edkhard Tolle Practising Presence Group.
 Drop-in. 7:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 250-537-2799.
Toastmasters.
 Group meets Mondays downstairs at the United Church. 7 p.m.
Osho Kundalini Moving Meditation.
 Drop-in. 5:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 250-537-2799.
Salt Spring Dragon Boat Club.
 AGM at Harbour House meeting room. 7-8 p.m.
Monday Life Drawing.
 Drop-ins welcome. Core Inn 3rd floor. 1-3 p.m. Info: José at 250-537-1121.

Tues. December 9

ACTIVITIES
WinterCraft.
 Sale runs daily at Mahon Hall. 10-5.

ACTIVITIES
Wed. December 10

ACTIVITIES
WinterCraft.
 Sale runs daily at Mahon Hall. 10-5.
Argentine Tango.
 Every Wednesday at the Core Inn third floor. Beginners welcome. 8 p.m. Info: Julianna, 250-537-1818.
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 With Robbyn Scott. Antler Ridge Studio, 211 Horel Road. Wednesdays from 5-6:30 p.m. Info: 250-653-4088.

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High School Musical 3 and **Role Models** play next at The Fritz. Watch for Twilight over the Christmas break!!!

CABLE TV
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EXHIBITIONS
 • **Way Leads Onto Way** - Jamie Macaulay exhibition at ArtSpring. Fri., Dec. 5 to Sun., Dec. 14. Reception on Fri., Dec. 5, 5-6:30 p.m.
 • **Fulford Hall, Beaver Point Hall and WinterCraft** Christmas sales open Fri., Dec. 5. (See regular calendar, above, for dates and times.)
 • **Three Artists-Three Mediums** at Cafe Talia. Lisa Lipsett, paintings; Nathalie Carles, jewellery; Ulrike Benner, Art You Wear.
 • Photography by Megan Manning is on display at Salt Spring Books.
 • **Stairs** - new paintings by Stefanie Denz runs at Salt Spring Woodworks. See also the Visitors sculpture by Michael Dennis on the forest trail, and the Sculpture Garden's Family of Man exhibit of monumental cedar and bronze sculpture at the Hastings House and SS Woodworks through October.
 • Shari Macdonald shows new photos at Jana's Bake Shop.
 • Ken Ketchum shows his photography at Island Savings.
 • Salt Spring Fine Art Tour. Pick up a self-guided tour map at galleries and other outlets and see the island's finest art.

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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 3

5 PM	:00	The Simpsons	C'est ça la vie	Martha / (25) Maggie	(4:00) NHL Hockey - Atlanta vs. Ottawa (Live)	CHEK News	Happy Days	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	'A' News	The Tyra Banks Show	My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Nightly Business	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:30) Poker After Dark
	:30	Wheel of Fortune		(35) Arthur			Growing Pains	Global National		Phoenix World News			The King of Queens	The Simpsons	ABC World News		BBC World News		CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants	Pratt & Taylor (Live)
6	:00	News	Le Téléjournal	Think Big		News	Dharma & Greg	News	News			CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	
	:30			Wild at Heart	NHL Hockey - Dallas vs. Edmonton (Live)		George Lopez			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	The King of Queens	Family Guy		KING 5 News				iCarly	Sportsnet Connected
7	:00	Coronation Street	Virginie (N)	Into the Wild		E! News	Scrubs My Extra Mile	Entertainment Tonight	eTalk (N)	Matchmaker	Instant Star [Part 2 of 2]	Law & Order: Special	Deal or No Deal	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Magnificent Mind at Any Age With Dr. Daniel Amen	Fast Food Junkies	Entertainment Tonight	Malcolm in the Middle A.A.	Best Damn Sports Show Period
	:30	Jeopardy	L'Épicerie	Meerkat Manor		The Insider	According to Jim	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Daughters-In-Law	TMZ	Victims Unit Nocturne	Deal or No Deal	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition			The Insider	Home Improvement	
8	:00	Little Mosque (N)	Le match des étoiles	Indian School		Secret Millionaire (P) (N)	The Practice Save the Mule	Bones	So You Think You Can Dance Canada Top 4 (N)	Monk	Friends	Stylista Clip Show	Secret Millionaire (P) (N)	Pushing Daisies	Christmas in Rockefeller Center (N)			News	Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer	Malcolm in the Middle	Hockeycentral (Live)
	:30	Sophie (N) [Part 1 of 2]		Indian School							Friends			Comfort Food (N)					Fresh Prince Bel Air III Will	Canucks TV This Week	
9	:00	the fifth estate	M pour musique	The Nutcracker	SportsCentre		Third Watch Officer Involved	The Grammy Nominations Concert Live! (N)		Sabor Latino	Private Practice (N)	Stylista Model Behaviour (N)	Stylista Model Behaviour (N)	Private Practice (N)	Life Evil...And His Brother Ziggy (N)	Celtic Woman The Greatest Journey		CBC News: The National	The Grammy Nominations Concert Live! (N)	Futurama	The Ultimate Fighter 8
	:30			UEFA League															Prank Patrol		
10	:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal		Poker Night	Victoria's Secret (N)	The Daily	The Guard The Big Day	Law & Order Knock Off (N)	Hola Que Tal	Dirty Sexy Money The Summer House (N)	I Love Money	Seinfeld	Q13 News	Dirty Sexy Money The Summer House (N)	Law & Order Knock Off (N)	Holiday Special	Fast Food Junkies	Victoria's Secret (N)	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected
	:30					Diya						Seinfeld								Adrenaline Trail Blazer	
11	:00	News / (05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Montreal International Jazz Festival Al Jarreau	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Electric Playground	Frasier	Family Guy	News	News	Rodney Yee: The Practical	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected
	:30									CTV News	CTI News	(35) The Tonight	CityNews International	Frasier Docudrama	King of the Hill	(35) News Nightline	(35) The Tonight		(35) The Late Show	Ghost Trackers	
12 MID	:00	(05) Arrested	La zone	Indian School	Off the Record	Chelsea Lately (N)	Paid Program	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) Daily Show (N)	Jai Fiji	Show With Jay Leno	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	That '70s Show	RENO 911!	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	Show With Jay Leno		The Hour	With David Letterman	Malcolm in the Middle	The Ultimate Fighter 8
	:30	(35) Hour 22 Mins	(45) Fosse aux lions	Indian School	Can. Sportfishing	(35) Late, Late Show	Credo	(35) Late Night Poker	(35) Colbert Report (N)	(35) Conan O'Brien			South Park	TMZ	(35) Conan O'Brien	Stay Rich Forever		(35) Late, Late Show	Futurama		

THURSDAY DECEMBER 4

5 PM	:00	(4:00) NHL Hockey - N.Y. Rangers vs. Montreal (Live)	C'est ça la vie	Martha / (30) Maggie	NFL Football - Oakland vs. San Diego (Live)	CHEK News	Happy Days	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	'A' News	The Tyra Banks Show	My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Nightly Business	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	(4:30) Poker After Dark
	:30			(35) Arthur			Growing Pains	Global National		Phoenix World News			The King of Queens	The Simpsons	ABC World News		BBC World News		CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants	Pratt & Taylor (Live)
6	:00		Le Téléjournal	Kratts' Creatures		News	Dharma & Greg	News	News			CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	
	:30			Working Animals			George Lopez			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	The King of Queens	Family Guy		KING 5 News				iCarly	Sportsnet Connected
7	:00	CBC News: Vancouver	Virginie (N)	The Leading Edge		E! News	Scrubs My Bright Idea	Entertainment Tonight	eTalk (N)	Matchmaker	Instant Star	Law & Order: Special	Deal or No Deal	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Monarchy: The Royal Family At Work The State Visit	The Brain That Changes	Entertainment Tonight	H2O: Just Add Water	World Poker Tour
	:30	Jeopardy	Ici Louis-José Houde	Big Ideas for Planet		The Insider	According to Jim	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Daughters-In-Law	TMZ	Victims Unit Slaves	Deal or No Deal	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition			The Insider	Prank Patrol	
8	:00	Coronation Street	Enquête	Michael Palin's Hemingway Adventure	SportsCentre	My Name Is Earl	Smallville Plastique	Survivor: Gabon - Earth's Last Eden (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Young Man With a Horn (N)	What's in Vancouver? Kirdaar	"Santa Baby" (Com, '06) Jenny McCarthy.	Ugly Betty Bad Amanda (N)	Smallville Plastique	Kitchen Nightmares Mixing Bowl	Ugly Betty Bad Amanda (N)	My Name Is Earl	Great Performance	CBC News: The National	CSI: Crime Scene Young Man With a Horn (N)	Futurama	Best Damn Sports Show Period
	:30	Wheel of Fortune				Kath & Kim Sacrifice (N)														Prank Patrol Lost Dog	
9	:00	BC 150th Anniversary Special	Grosse vie Le grand rire C.A.	Art of the Heist	Poker Million	"The Road to Christmas" (Com, '06) Jennifer Grey.	Supernatural	The Office (N) Billable Hours	Grey's Anatomy All by Myself (N)	Dheeyan Ghar Sadabahar Naghmae	30 Rock Jack-Tor	Supernatural	Kitchen Nightmares Secret Garden	Grey's Anatomy All by Myself (N)	The Office (N) 30 Rock Reunion (N)	s Hitman: David Foster and Friends		CBC News: The National	CSI: Crime Scene Young Man With a Horn (N)	Futurama	Best Damn Sports Show Period
	:30										30 Rock Reunion (N)									Prank Patrol Lost Dog	
10	:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Vertical City		Grey.	The Daily	B. Walters Presents (N)	ER Let It Snow	Desi Uncle	Eleventh Hour Titans (N)	Friends	Seinfeld	Q13 FOX News	B. Walters Presents (N)	ER Let It Snow		The Brain That Changes	Eleventh Hour Titans (N)	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected
	:30			Design: E2 Green for All			Diya			Desi Rhythms		Friends	Seinfeld						Magnificent Mind at Any Age With Dr. Daniel Amen	Adrenaline Project Mush	
11	:00	News / (05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	School of Secrets	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Realty TV	Frasier High Crane Drifter	Family Guy Chick Cancer	News	News	Rick Steves' European Christmas	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected
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12 MID	:00	(05) Arrested	La zone	Michael Palin's Hemingway Adventure	Off the Record	Chelsea Lately (N)	Paid Program	(05) Ent. Tonight	(05) Daily Show (N)	Punjabi Vibes	Show With Jay Leno	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	That '70s Show	RENO 911! (P)	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	Show With Jay Leno		The Hour	With David Letterman	Malcolm in the Middle	Pratt & Taylor
	:30	(35) Can. Reflections	(45) Fosse aux lions		Racing	(35) Late, Late Show	Credo	(35) E.T. Canada	(35) Colbert Report (N)	(35) Conan O'Brien			South Park	TMZ	(35) Conan O'Brien	Monarchy: At Work		(35) Late, Late Show	Futurama		

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5

5 PM	:00	The Simpsons	C'est ça la vie	Martha / (25) Maggie	NBA Basketball - Portland vs. Boston (Live)	CHEK News	Happy Days	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	'A' News	The Tyra Banks Show	My Wife and Kids	King of the Hill	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Nightly Business	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Fairly Odd Parents	NHL Hockey - Vancouver vs. Minnesota (Live)
	:30	Wheel of Fortune		(35) Arthur			Growing Pains	Global National		Phoenix World News			The King of Queens	The Simpsons	ABC World News		BBC World News		CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants	
6	:00	News	Le Téléjournal	Heads Up		News	Dharma & Greg	News	News			CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	The Mighty B!	
	:30			Time and Place			George Lopez			CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	The King of Queens	Family Guy		KING 5 News				iCarly	
7	:00	Coronation Street	Franco identité	Hockey: A History		E! News	Scrubs	Entertainment Tonight	eTalk (N)	Matchmaker	Instant Star Miss World	Law & Order: S.V.U.	Deal or No Deal	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	the fifth estate	Entertainment Tonight	iCarly	
	:30	Jeopardy		Empires on Ice	NBA Basketball - Toronto vs. Utah (Live)	The Insider	According to Jim The Ring	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Daughters-In-Law	TMZ	Wrong Is Right	Deal or No Deal	Two and a Half Men	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	KCTS Connects		The Insider		Canucks Connected
8	:00	Air Farce (N)	Paquet voleur	The Royal		Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	May to December	"Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"	Ghost Whisperer Pieces of You (N)	Weekly News Forum	Kool Countdown	Greatest Holiday Moments (N)	Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	"Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"	Greatest Holiday Moments (N)	NOW	News	Ghost Whisperer Pieces of You (N)		Hockeycentral (Live)
	:30	Rick Mercer Report								CTS Night Club							Washington Week				Simply the Best
9	:00	Doctor Who The Stolen Earth (N)	Une heure sur terre	Dalziel and Pascoe A Killing Kindness		Deal or No Deal	Enigma	★★ (Fant, '00) Jim Carrey.	Supernanny Prescott Family	Here Comes Ajumma	Don't Forget the Lyrics (N)	Lipstick Jungle (N)	The Story of Santa Claus	Don't Forget the Lyrics (N)	★★ (Fant, '00) Jim Carrey.	Lipstick Jungle (N)	Bill Moyers' Journal	CBC News: The National	Numb3rs Robin Hood	Smallville Persona	Best Damn Sports Show Period
	:30					Deal or No Deal															
10	:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	The Wonderful Horrible Life of Leni	SportsCentre	20/20 (N)	The Daily	Numb3rs Conspiracy Theory (N)	Law & Order	Vitamin	Stargate: SG-1 The Shroud	Crusoe	Seinfeld	Q13 FOX News	20/20 (N)	Dateline NBC	Great Performance s Hitman: David Foster and Friends	the fifth estate	Numb3rs Conspiracy Theory (N)	Dark Oracle Ticking Clock	Sportsnet Connected
	:30						Sandesh					Seinfeld	Wash. Most Wanted							Mystery Hunters	
11	:00	News / (05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal	Riefenstahl	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Electric Playground	Frasier Chess Pains	Family Guy Barely Legal	News	News	Rick Steves' European Christmas	CBC News: The National	News	Mystery Hunters	Sportsnet Connected
	:30			Ravens and Eagles						CTV News	CTI News	(35) The Tonight	CityNews International	Frasier	King of the Hill	(35) News Nightline	(35) The Tonight		(35) The Late Show	Ghost Trackers	
12 MID	:00	(05) Arrested	La zone	The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes	Off the Record	Chelsea Lately (N)	Paid Program	(05) ECW Wrestling	(05) CSI: NY Summer in the City	Vancouver Masala	Show With Jay Leno	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	That '70s Show	RENO 911!	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	Show With Jay Leno		The Hour	With David Letterman	Futurama	The Ultimate Fighter 8
	:30	(35) Kenny vs. Spenny	(45) Fosse aux lions		In This Corner	(35) Late, Late Show	Paid Program						South Park	TMZ	(35) Conan O'Brien			(35) Late, Late Show	Pinky & the Brain		

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

FOLK CLUB

Steve Dawson and instrument arsenal on way to folk night

Award-winner headlines Dec. 8 show

Islanders will soon have the opportunity to tap their feet to the music of guitarist and songwriter Steve Dawson at the Salt Spring Folk Club show taking place at Fulford Hall on Monday, Dec. 8.

Dawson, who grew up in small-town Idaho and spent some time studying at the Berklee College of Music, has won multiple Canadian Folk Music awards, a Western Canadian Music award and Juno music awards for his roles as both producer and musician.

Critics from Rolling Stone and the Village Voice have praised Dawson's gift for melodic, evocative songwriting and soulful vocal harmonies.

His songs have been compared to the short stories of American writer Raymond Carver for their use of language and dark, introspective subject matter.

In 1996, Dawson started the independent label Black Hen Music, which has become a leading record label in Canada, specializing in acoustic-based music of all kinds and including artists such as Kelly Joe Phelps, Jim Byrnes, The Sojourners and Old Man Luedecke.

According to the Salt Spring Folk Club website, "[Dawson's] arsenal of instruments always grows, but includes all kinds of guitars, banjo, ukulele, Weissenborn Hawaiian guitar, dobro, lap steel and,

most recently, the pedal steel. His studio work as a musician adds up to over 50 albums."

In 2008, Dawson released two albums entitled *Waiting for the Lights to Come up* and *Telescope*.

"It wasn't what I set out to do originally," Dawson explains on his website.

"I was getting ready to make a record that would feature a new batch of songs that I had been writing, but at the same time, I was learning the pedal steel guitar, and had been writing ensemble-based music that would feature that instrument."

Dawson decided to create two completely different projects that tied together sonically and shared a similar energy.

Telescope is an all-instrumental release written primarily on and based around the pedal steel guitar, which is a complex form of slide guitar with a series of foot pedals and knee levers that raise or lower the pitches of the individual 10 strings.

The opening act for the 7:30 p.m. show will be singer-songwriter Julia Beattie of Salt Spring.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. (6:30 for season ticket holders), with suppers and desserts available from Fiddlehead Catering. Tickets (\$15) are available in advance from Stuff 'n' Nonsense, Acoustic Planet and Salt Spring Books.

The folk club suggests islanders consider buying a \$45 season pass for the three concerts next year as a Christmas gift.



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SMALL BOWLS: Woodturner Bob McKay displays his art at A Concert of Small Bowls exhibit at his home studio on Grantville Street.

CONCERTS

Singers share passion for living at benefit concert for SWOVA

Heather Black and Janet Walker at Core Inn on Friday

On Friday, Dec. 5, songwriters Heather Black and Janet Walker will sing islanders to life at a special event benefiting the fledgling *Pass it On* program.

"Do you have a bird in your throat?" asks a recent press release for the event.

"A song waiting to emerge and fly? Do you wish for the inspiration to share your stories, your strengths, your sorrows and your songs?"

"The event is set to transport islanders through [the songwriters'] enchanting vocals and empowering words to the place within you, where

your life-light lies, where it waits to be ignited."

Black, from Toronto, and Walker, of Salt Spring and Australia, plan to share stories of personal experience and will sing to shine light on modern-day issues.

The singers will perform solo works, as a duet on banjo and guitar, and with accompaniments from guest musicians.

The evening will include a presentation from Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse (SWOVA) to introduce the *Pass it On* program, a series of healing workshops for young women and girls on Salt Spring.

Light refreshments will be provided, along with a Christmas craft sale of Walker's art cards, prints

and colouring books.

Black and Walker are currently planning a *Bird in your Throat* tour, taking their songs and stories to communities across Canada.

"We hope this event will become a beacon of hope for women from all walks of life to come together and share their unique voice, culture, history, insight and vision for an evening of beautiful music — to bridge the cultural gaps, alleviate fear and isolation and share our voice and our passion for living."

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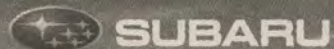
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Oyster: Any of several edible bivalve mollusks of the family Ostreidae, especially of the genera Crassostrea and Ostrea. Cultivated as food, oysters are regarded as a delicacy. Ancient Greeks used to serve oysters as an incentive to drink. Romans imported them from England, placed them in salt water pools and fattened them up by feeding them wine and pastries. Native North Americans on both coasts considered oysters a staple foodstuff. Around the world, in many diverse cultures, they are regarded as an aphrodisiac. Well, so what, I used to say. I had no taste for oysters. When I moved to Canada's west coast, at age 17, I was horrified at all the fuss over these creatures. I had long vowed never to eat one. Little did I know my future husband treated them as a delicacy. He eats raw oysters right out of the shell on the beach, slurps them down, licks his lips, and declares them delicious morsels. I still have never eaten one in this fashion. However, a loving and good wife, I have ventured to eat baked, fried or steamed oysters as they are firm when cooked, offering a much more palatable texture to me. I am one who accepts the challenges of cooking foods I don't particularly favour. Sometimes I can turn them into foods I delight to eat. Whole smoked oysters, hand picked and naturally smoked over aromatic wood, are one variation I was able to eat early in my marriage. Delicious in casseroles, stews, and chowders, they also make great hors d'oeuvres. I decided to develop this smoked oyster soup. If you are still hesitant to eat oysters - as I once was - let me encourage you to widen your culinary tastes. Try this oyster soup. I can eat it now by the bowlful. The difference is the smoked oysters, cooked even before you prepare them. They are the key in this simple and tasty recipe.

Shopping list:

- Butter
- 1 onion
- 2 carrots
- 1 lemon
- Dried fine herbs
- powdered coriander
- Milk
- Flour
- Chicken broth
- Fresh Spinach
- 2 cans smoked oysters
- Garlic

In a skillet for 5 minutes, sauté in 2 tablespoons butter, 1 chopped onion, 2 diced carrots, 1 teaspoon lemon zest, 1 tablespoon dried fine herbs (parsley, tarragon & chives), 2 cloves garlic minced, & 1 tablespoon powdered coriander. Set aside. In a small bowl whisk together 2 cups milk & 3/4 cup flour. Add all above ingredients to a medium size pot with 2 cups chicken broth & 1 cup chopped fresh spinach. Cook for 15 to 20 minutes over medium heat or until thickened. Now add 2 cans undrained smoked oysters. Heat for another 5 minutes being careful not to boil. Serve. For a fabulous presentation, this smoked oyster soup can be ladled into small casserole dishes & topped with puff pastry then baked until golden brown.

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SEASONAL TEAR: Skylir McHugh Cardwell's visit with Santa started off with a little uncertainty and ended in a full-blown wail. The youngster was one of dozens who met with Santa at Mahon Hall Saturday for Driftwood-sponsored photos.

PUB MUSIC

Popular global fusion act back at pub

Moby's makes it three in a row with Da Fuega, KC Kelly and Shane Philip

Moby's continues its run of great music with Da Fuega on Thursday night, Salt Spring blues man KC Kelly on Friday and one-man phenomenon Shane Philip on Saturday, Dec. 6. Da Fuega is island singers Stephanie Rhodes and Fiona Kennedy, joined by musician friends. "The girls do a compilation of their own music and some great rock and roll covers," said Moby's manager Jim Burrows. "They are really devel-

oping a fun Thursday on the opposite Thursday to Moby's Blues Jam with Dave Roland and friends." Kelly is a well-travelled blues and slide guitar performer whose latest CD is called Kingdom Come. A \$5 cover is in effect on Friday night, but it's waived for those who come early for dinner. Saturday night's act is a self-taught musician who borrows from folk, reggae, blues and beyond, plays seven instruments — usually at the same time — including the Australian didgeridoo, African djembe and Hawaiian Weissenborn guitar. "The result is, to say the least, a global fusion,"

states a recent Moby's press release on the event. According to Philip's website, "Swelling in primordial pulses and whooping whoops, the tacit tones of Shane Philip's didgeridoo hold the power to still listeners into silence or encourage audiences to rise up in a tribal swell of intoxicating spirit — with sometimes but a heartbeat in between. "Meanwhile his hands will be skillfully juggling between shaking up rhythms with his aslatua, driving the dance floor with his djembe and sliding out grooves on his Weissenborn-style guitar while his foot taps in earthshaking electronic

kicks wherever they might fit." With three current CDs to his name, including his latest 2008 release In the Moment, Philip performed at Moby's in August to "a sold out show and a hopping dance-floor." Showtime is 9 p.m., with a \$10 cover. For more information on the artist, visit www.shanephilip.com or www.myspace.com/shanephilip.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Human yearning compels artist-philosopher's work

Jamie Macaulay's Way Leads Onto Way exhibit opens Friday



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ARTBEAT ON THE ROCK

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Every picture contains a story, and even an abstract painting evokes feelings which can be translated into a narrative. Not many paintings, however, contain the rich philosophical underpinnings that Jamie Macaulay's do.

To gaze at one of his landscapes is to enter a dialogue with the ancient thinkers of Western civilization; to grapple with the motivating fears and desires upon which society turns.

It's not that surprising that ideas from Plato's Doctrine of Eros infuse Macaulay's work. He graduated in philosophy from the University of Victoria, specializing in 19th- and 20th-century French and German schools.

In fact, the self-taught painter only came to his art through the desire to find other courses that met his interests, hence finding art

theory.

Many of Macaulay's works delve directly into the mytho-poetic, with titles such as Persephone's Grove and Ithaca and the subject matter to match. But as he explained in his airy hilltop studio, he doesn't create his paintings to expound the ideas learned in philosophy and literature. Rather, he uses his lasting and profound interest in these topics to help understand and explain his creations to himself.

Macaulay's artistic process reveals why the deep layering of cultural references is applicable to his art. A painting can take him two years or more to complete, during which time he will take it up and put it away for long periods.

"I keep trying and retrying until it comes to its present manifestation," Macaulay explained. "I might be work-

ing on an image for a long time, in a completely different capacity, until it can finally be laid to rest."

"Work informs more work, which leads to more possibilities."

In his landscapes, Macaulay begins with a simple schema of sky and land, or water, and then goes back to add more elements at different times. His work is imaginative rather than realist, coming from the same perspective of the uncanny as the original, dark fairytales.

A grove of trees, for example, has multiple implications: the sacred place of the shamanic tradition is linked to the passage of souls from one point to another.

The focus on the place of passage or transcendence goes back again to Plato's theory of humanity as divined in Homer's Odyssey: essentially, as humans we are propelled by a feeling of exile from our home and a desire to return to it.

In Macaulay's interpretation, then, the landscape is partly a genre that contains certain conventions, but it also contains the seeds of this deep human yearning.

"The world is an undomesticated wilderness at the same time as it is a home for us," he noted.

One painting currently at rest in his studio lends its name to Macaulay's upcoming show at ArtSpring. Way Leads Onto Way is a pictorial riddle you could spend hours unravelling, with elements that come together in a playful surrealism.

Against a West Coast background reminiscent of the view of Galiano in Active Pass, a collection of characters point to life's dark and light aspects. In the foreground a crowned figure plays cards with some ruffians, while tiny medieval carnival players dance at their feet.

The scene is Hieronymus Bosch mixed with modern characters, including Max from Where the Wild Things Are. A background figure's features and attitude evoke Picasso's Les Femmes d'Alger, while a brick wall

and swinging lamp suggest a contemporary "dive" bar. Robed, despairing figures like dispossessed monks also resemble the thuggish card player playing against the king; he is, perhaps, a lost brother.

Way Leads Onto Way suggests the evolution of art in Western society, referenced by nods to different schools and influences.

"I might be working on an image for a long time, in a completely different capacity, until it can finally be laid to rest."

JAMIE MACAULAY
Artist

It also speaks of our journey in life: the physical path on which our feet lead us and the events our choices bring to us.

Macaulay's careful attention to tradition, and the way his own actions reflect what's gone on before, are the result of a complex mind, but at the same time his images are able to draw upon those traditions without the viewer having to know all about them.

As he observed about his philosophical background: "The theoretical aspects of art are not what really interest me, although thinking about them might lead me in a certain direction. I'm also compelled by the seductiveness of paint."

Macaulay will be presenting a cross-section of his studio work over the past two years in the Way Leads Onto Way exhibition, showing at ArtSpring from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Sunday, Dec. 14.

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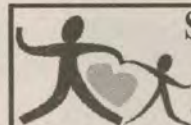
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People & Community



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CINEMA CELEBRATION: The past and present meets to celebrate 30 years of cinema on Salt Spring as, from left, Michael Levy (current owner) cuts the cake with past owners Louise Nye and Danny Evanishen.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

StoryTime holds first French session at library

Solstice and Lucia Day other themes of the month

The year 2009 may be coming to a close, but there's still time for new activities at the weekly StoryTime at the Library gathering.

On Friday, Dec. 5, the library will hold its first story time session for

young children "en francais."

"Kaz [Amaranth], our French-speaking storyteller, is a vibrant presenter in both English and French," states a library press release.

"The next week we move to Scandinavia to celebrate Lucia Day with a few words of Swedish language for added value. Finally, on Dec. 19 the

winter solstice is our theme. During the long dark nights surrounding the winter solstice on Dec. 21, story telling is a favourite entertainment in many countries."

StoryTime at the Library runs Fridays from 1-2 p.m.

It will take a break over the holidays and resume on Jan. 9, 2009.

GRANTS

Refurbished hospital generator fits the bill

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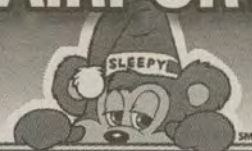
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PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Foundation grant recipients share stories at annual gala

Community charity disburses \$113,000 in 2008

BY PAT BURKETTE
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

To understand the real value of the Salt Spring Island Foundation's charitable donations to worthy community groups and projects, you only had to look at Val Chipman last Thursday night when foundation personnel handed out their fall grants at a reception at ArtSpring.

Chipman was fighting back tears as she proudly watched Amy Fortin and Chris Joynson, two special needs young adults who are part of the Chipman family through the home-sharing program of Community Living BC.

Fortin and Joynson were up at the podium with Annika Lund and foundation chair Carol Biely. Lund was thanking the foundation for a \$4,700 grant to a therapeutic music program which she co-ordinates for 15 special-needs islanders. But program participants Fortin and Joynson did all the talking. Joynson's grin just kept getting wider, while Fortin drummed on her stomach, and enthusiastically ges-

tered her thanks with waves and bows for an applauding full house attending the event.

Lund said that the music program, designed by Pender Island's Ptarmigan Music and Theatre Society, allows a group whose activities are usually monitored by caregivers to cut loose and communicate through the universal medium of music. "It's pretty profound," she explained.

Salt Spring Island Search and Rescue volunteers Derek Capitaine and Alyce Elinor were also on hand to speak about a different type of communication, utilizing the 15 GPS units bought with \$5,000 in foundation funds in the spring.

"They are indispensable," said Elinor.

Capitaine said the units helped personnel stay on the same page as they did real time tracking on Mt. Maxwell in pitch blackness during a dramatic rescue this fall.

"A current project is to hike all the trails on Salt Spring so we can map the trails with the units," said Capitaine.

Making real changes in people's lives is what it's all about for the foundation, which raised \$467,974 from private donors in 2007, and

handed out spring and fall grants totalling \$113,000 in 2008. Twenty-seven grants, including those to the Salt Spring Island Land Bank Society's family housing project, a garden restoration at the Ruby Alton Nature Reserve, the climbing wall youth project, a Community Services resources and services directory and CNIB Talking Books Program, were awarded this year. Grant details are available at the foundation website: www.saltspringisland-foundation.org.

Like many of the organizations they serve, the foundation is staffed by dedicated volunteers. Retiring trustees Bob Brawn and Gladys Campbell, who chaired the foundation's grants advisory committee, were thanked for their service and new grants chair Emily Hepburn was welcomed aboard.

But in her remarks, foundation chair Biely put the emphasis on Salt Spring's generous donors.

"I was really touched by the message I received from the lady who couldn't attend tonight," Biely told the crowd.

"She said this is an event by the community for the community, and she loved to see all the ways her money was put to good use."

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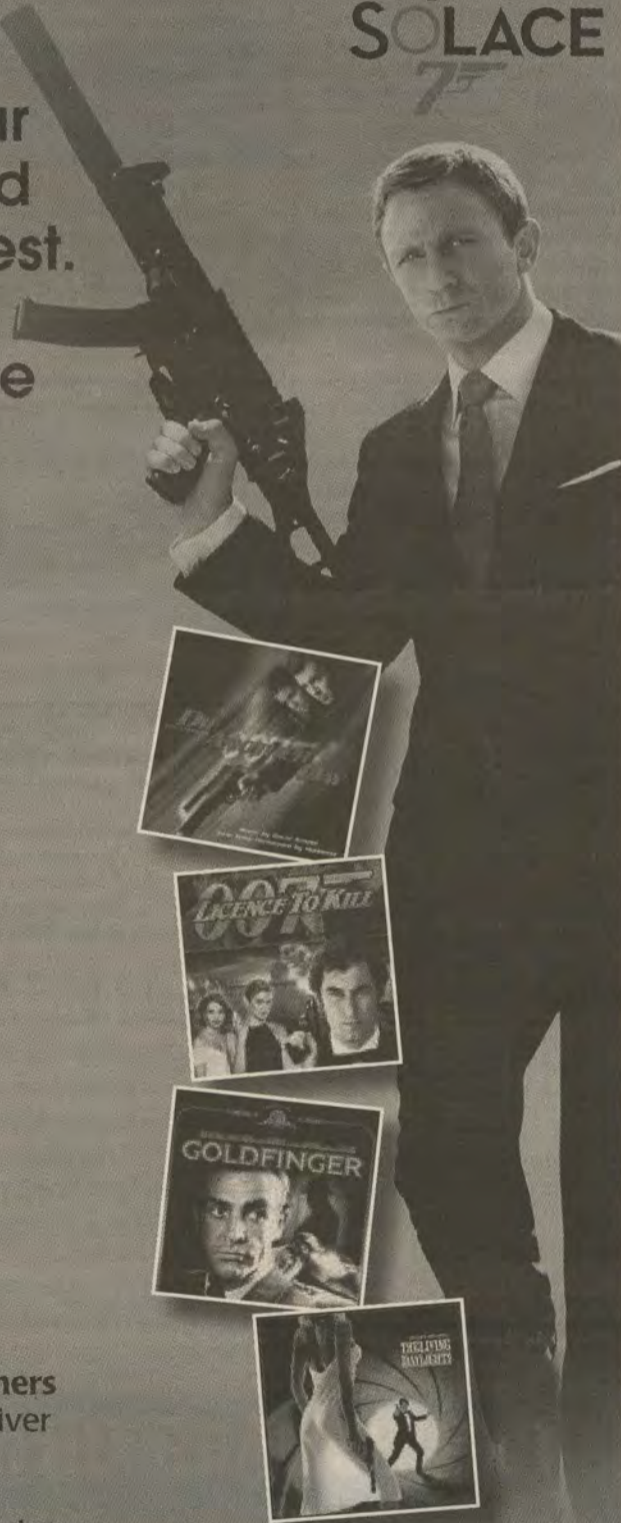
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- Winning entries will be published in the Driftwood in December.
- The name, age, address and telephone number of the writer must be written on the back of each entry.
- Send entries to the Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3, email to news@gulfislands.net or fax to 250-537-2613.
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POWERED UP: Patrick Lee, left, and Emily Hepburn of the Salt Spring Island Foundation, meet with Greenwoods executive director Andrew Brown over the back-up generator a foundation grant helped purchase for Braehaven assisted living residence. See story, page B13.

FUNDRAISING

United Way strengthens link to Salt Spring Island

Local charities reap record rewards

A pair of island organizations are in the fortunate position of being on the receiving end of the United Way of Greater Victoria's largest ever contribution of funds to Salt Spring Island-based groups.

"Just because we are called the United Way of Greater Victoria doesn't mean that we don't contribute to projects in other areas," said Katie Burke, a spokesperson for the United Way of Greater Victoria.

Over the past year, the organization has provided an estimated \$200,000 to Salt Spring Community Services

Society and an additional \$10,000 to Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse (SWOVA).

The funds will help Community Services fund youth and mental health outreach workers, a volunteer coordinator, pursue work on the development of an affordable housing project on the "diocese lands" and provide funding for the organization's core operations and programs.

Funds destined for SWOVA will assist with the group's operating costs.

Burke said the United Way of Greater Victoria funds community groups based on applications received throughout the year.

"They had to apply for it,"

she said of the funds.

In 2007, the United Way offered more than \$2 million to community groups working in the Capital Regional District and beyond, helping to address the needs of tens of thousands throughout the region.

Burke said contributing to the United Way of Greater Victoria is a great way to have funds efficiently distributed to projects and causes of importance throughout the entire region. She added that donors can earmark funds for specific areas.

For more information on the United Way of Greater Victoria 2008 campaign, visit the group's website at www.uwgv.ca/08/.

Excessive eye-rolling is bridge hazard

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Anyone who thinks duplicate bridge is cut-throat and deadly serious should have been at Seniors on Nov. 12 to hear all the laughter. It was fun and games for five and a half tables.

This is not tournament bridge, but just a means of comparing notes about playing the hands you're given. The only thing possibly hazardous to health might be excessive eye-rolling when struck by the thought that "I should have done (whatever)!" when you found out another pair made one more trick than you did, or you missed a game or a slam that others reached.

Those who got it right the most on Nov. 17 were Prem Margoese and Jeff Bell. Almost as sharp were Zelly Taylor and Ian Thomas, followed by Patricia (Fifi) Hewett and Bob Morrisette. Flo and George Laundry nibbled at their heels in fourth place. The rest smiled bravely

BRIDGETRICKS

and swore to do better next time. It's like golf, you know.

Nov. 24 saw the Laundrys do much better the next time, reaching astronomical heights with 73 per cent when the average score was 54 per cent. Happy to have 58 per cent were Isabelle Richardson and Jean Elder in second place, with Tilly Crawley and Lynn Thorburn coming third. Jennifer Quick and Gillian Mouat were also above average in fourth place. Hope springs eternal for the remainder who wish they hadn't tried that fatal finesse, or missed bidding the cold slam, or didn't notice a partner's defensive signal.

George Laundry can help newcomers untangle the ins and outs of duplicate vs. rubber bridge, and give lots of info about these friendly Monday night sessions at Seniors, so just give him a call at 250-653-9095 or e-mail pastorale@shaw.ca.



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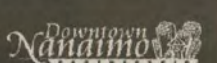
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Communal Living

I had a huge response to my column about litter. It seems I am not alone in my disgust with the folks who throw tons of fast food wrappers to the wind. Do you think if we start a movement back to the days when we ate together as a family around the dining room table, we could get them to join us?

I am willing to do my part, so I climbed the ladder in my pantry, blew the dust off my large crock pot, and started digging around for great slow cook recipes. Even though I work out of my home office and could easily take the time to cook dinner every day, there is something about the aroma of dinner slowly seeping through the house that warms the cockles of my heart.

What could be better than throwing another log on the fire, dishing out homemade stew along with hunks of great bread, and catching up on the day with the family?

Judith Finlayson wrote a great cookbook called 'The 150 Best Slow Cooker Recipes.' Who can resist her Roast Chicken in Tarragon-Cream Sauce, or Shepherd's Pie with Creamy Corn Filling, all served up when the wind is howling and the temperature drops?

Years ago, I was given a cookbook called 'Fat Free, Flavor Full' by Dr. Gabe Mirkin and Diana Rich. You can tell how often I use the book by the battered and splattered pages. I make gallons of One-Step Split Pea Soup, Primo Minestrone and Carrot and Chick Pea Soup, ladle into containers and freeze for the days that run long and all you

want is a hot bath, flannel pajamas and a steaming bowl of soup.

I have requested, from my local library, two interesting books, 'Fix, Freeze, Feast' by Kati Nevi, and 'Once a Month Cooking' by Mimi Wilson & Mary Beth Lagerborg. I know I am not alone in researching fabulous home cooking because there is a long waiting list for each book.

One of my favourite cook book authors is Australia's Donna Hay. All Donna's recipes are simple and

fabulous. My current passion is her 'Off the Shelf, Cooking from the Pantry.' No exotic ingredients here – all simple and at hand. In

each of her cookbooks there are sections called 'tricks and tips' which are shortcuts and 'short order' her instructions for such things as balsamic-roasted red onions or garlic roast asparagus. Simple recipes that lift the ordinary to the extraordinary.

Remember it is very important to buy as many local foods as possible so we cut back on trucking fruits and vegetables across the country. Our new mantra is to buy local!

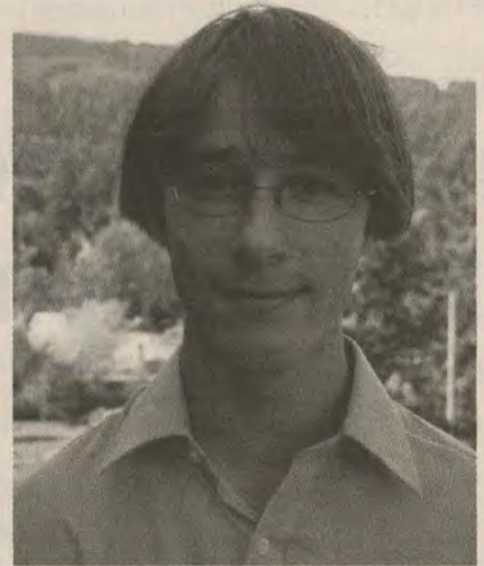
I am writing this on Sunday morning and all this chat about food has created a ravenous appetit ... mmm, should I make Hearty Ribs with Rigatoni or Great Goulash with Potato Dumplings for dinner? maggiec@blackpress.ca



MAGGIE CALLOWAY

LiveSmart Community Heroes

RYDER BERGERUD



As if being a high school student wasn't hard enough, Ryder Bergerud has consistently gone out of his way to take on some of the island's and the world's most pressing environmental and social issues.

"I'd like to help make a positive change in the world," Bergerud said in a September interview for the Driftwood's Great Kids supplement.

At the time, the 17-year-old was making that difference on a local level through initiatives like the Islands Trust's student trustee program and the Global Awareness group at Gulf Islands secondary.

Ryder began sitting as a student trustee with the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee in 2007. As a student trustee, Bergerud gave a voice to students' demands for a greener island by supporting the island's public transit system, recycling programs and initiatives to mitigate climate change in the island's new official community plan.

Engaging other students in the political process isn't always an easy task, but it's essential if there is to be any hope of solving the world's environmental predicaments, he said.

"Most of the work I'm doing now is less individual and more with larger groups of people," he said.

Since the beginning of the school year, Ryder has been a strong supporter of the high school's new Environmental Action Group Encouraging Responsibility (EAGER).

Ryder said members are developing a local sustainable shopping guide with island business owners and intend to begin a series of programs aimed at making consumers more aware of the needless packaging sold with so many products.

The group has literally "greened up" the school by adding plants and trees to classroom and common areas.

It all comes back to making sure students and other members of the community can see and feel the effects of their efforts first hand.

"It's important to show people that they can make a difference," he said.

LiveSmart Community Hero MONTHLY WINNER



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ELIZABETH WHITE - SALT SPRING ISLAND

Elizabeth White's name is synonymous with sustainability on Salt Spring Island.

A founder of the Earth Festival Society (which coordinated the Salt Spring Community Energy Strategy with assistance from other groups beginning in 2003, Elizabeth is also an EnerGuide for Houses Energy Advisor and the go-to person when anyone needs information on home upgrades that can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save energy costs at the same time. She is also an authority on green building issues and sustainable resource use.

Most recently, Elizabeth has:

- sought funding for the solar hot water system and other energy upgrades to the new Murakami Gardens community housing project;
- undertaken preliminary planning for a new "deep green" affordable housing project;
- worked to convince B.C. Parks that it is appropriate to have traditional agricultural activities in Class A parks. (Increasing local food production is key to creating a more sustainable community.);
- provided input to the OCP review process on energy, climate change and affordable housing;
- been doing a local micro-hydro feasibility study to see what the potential is for that kind of alternate energy on Salt Spring (along with Marion Pape of the Salt Spring Community Energy Strategy);
- been involved with the Crofton Citizens Airshed Group and its attempts to reduce air pollution coming from the Crofton Mill.
- served on a food security round table and on the Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance, the group charged with overseeing the implementation of the Area Farm Plan.

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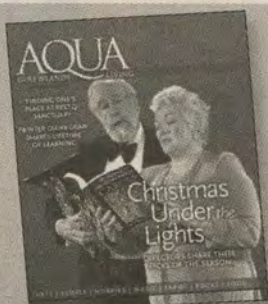
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FIRE KIDS: Honoured with the role of "fire chief for the day" are, from left: Casi Little, Brennan Shaver and Taylor Oliveira. The youngsters spent several hours last week hanging out with local firefighters.

GULF ISLANDS HISTORY

Santa Saturnina symposium set

All welcome to Dec. 12-14 event on Saturna

Saturna Island derives its name from the small Spanish schooner named the Santa Saturnina which carried the first European explorers past the island's shores on June 15, 1791.

While most Saturna Islanders know where the name originates, few are aware of what a controversial little vessel the Santa Saturnina was. The Saturna Heritage Committee is therefore proposing to celebrate the island's unique history by hosting a community symposium on Saturna Island on Dec. 12, 13 and 14.

The symposium's objectives will be "to involve islanders in celebrating and better understanding our unique local

history," states a recent press release on the event.

"Historians debate this story. Some say the vessel started life as pre-fabricated pieces in Macao, China and was subsequently shipped to Nootka on the west coast of Vancouver Island in the spring of 1788. There it was completed and launched as the Northwest America to become the first European vessel built on this coast . . . Some historians say Santa Saturnina was an enlarged and modified Santa Gertrudis (Northwest America). Others suggest that they are distinct vessels. The facts are buried in contemporary journals and letters of the key personalities involved."

The Saturna Heritage Committee has invited selected learned historians, authors, marine artists and nautical history enthusiasts to join local island-

ers for an illuminating weekend of historical exploration and speculation as Saturna Island celebrates its namesake of more than 150 years.

"An additional bonus will be the creation of historical presentations that can be incorporated into displays and resources in our new Saturna Heritage Centre."

A draft program includes a captain's dinner, a marine art display, a potluck dinner and the symposium itself, which will include a period history, introduction of the key players of the time, a Spanish longboat review and a detailed history of the vessels, among other topics.

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