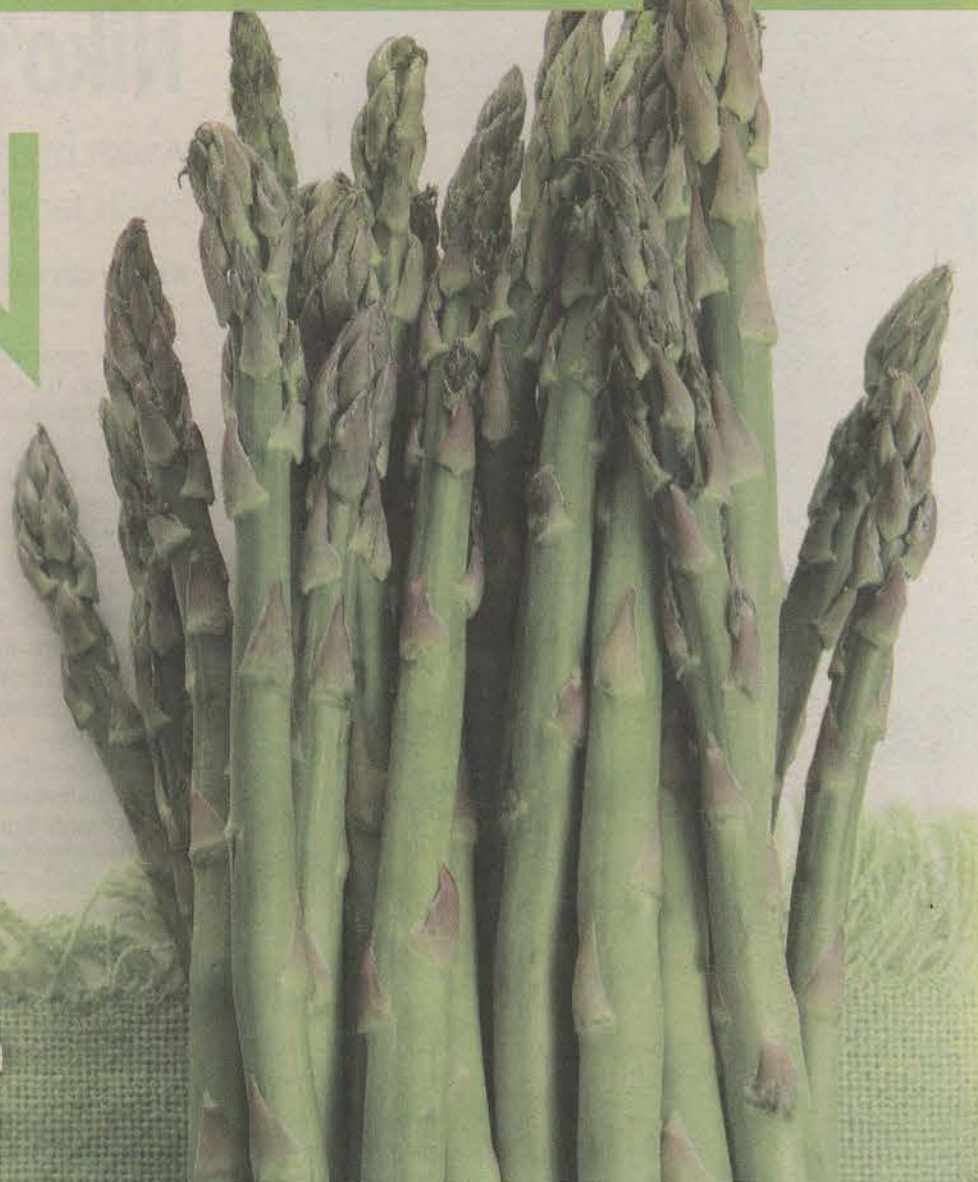


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Inside this Green Edition we tour a Salt Spring community garden project, get some tips on how to cultivate the next generation of food growers and learn how to eat really close to home through Salt Spring Seeds' Zero-Mile Diet kit.

As spring wildflowers and reptiles come to life, we check in on two stars of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy's Species at Risk program — the yellow montane violet and the sharp-tailed snake.

We also learn about the "Kill-a-Watt" device and how some islanders are getting insight into their energy consumption through the Salt Spring Energy Circle concept. You can do it too!

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Niko's edible backyard

A visit to the Bauers' Blue Raven Farm spells family-friendly gardening

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

If five-year-old Niko Bauer is your host, it's straight to the garden to munch on kale, strawberries or hollyhock flowers.

Proud of the home-grown treats at his fingertips, the garden is the first place Niko takes friends who visit him on Blue Raven Farm — a telltale sign for his parents Brandon and Patti Bauer that they're on the right track in raising him to be in touch with where his food comes from.

"It's important to me that Niko has a relationship with what he's eating," says Brandon, who owns the farm with Patti.

And it's clear to anyone who visits him that the garden is Niko's playground.

Last Saturday afternoon, suited up in kid-sized garden gloves, Niko ran from one corner of the garden to the other demonstrating how to plant beet seeds in the greenhouse, use the watering can, dig for worms, dig a hole, plant an almond tree and how to get his dog Roo to drag him across the garden while he held onto a rope.

When asked by his mom why it's important to eat organic fruits and vegetables, without taking even a moment to think about it Niko replied, "Because we stay healthy and live longer."

On his knees in the yarrow patch,

he was quick to demonstrate how to make a poultice by chewing a branch of yarrow, spitting it back out again and packing it around a cut on his finger that he'd acquired earlier while playing.

Working the land is Patti and Brandon's livelihood, so they are in the garden year-round. For them, encouraging Niko to participate in garden-related activities not only reinforces their belief that kids should know where food comes from, but it also gives Niko a way to participate in the garden, as opposed to just tagging along with mom and dad.

The Bauers have come up with many ways to get Niko involved — tactics any parent can employ.

New kid-sized garden gloves and mini-tools like a trowel and

wheelbarrow are a great way, Patti said, to boost a kid's enthusiasm.

"When he gets a new cool tool, he helps," she said.

Patti also suggests getting kids to help plant a patterned "salad quilt" using different shades and textures of lettuces or growing peas over a small wooden teepee.

Planting edible flowers like hollyhock, columbines and the magnificently large Canterbury bell is what Brandon suggests. After picking Canterbury bells, kids can go inside and stuff them with seed pate or smoked salmon dip, using other edible flower petals to make a face and tongue.

In Brandon's opinion, the garden does not have to be a frightening place.

"There's a cultural mentality that outside is a scary place to be . . . all the things that could sting them, bite them or poke them. It's a huge situation our culture has created — a bunch of people who think nature is out to get them."

Niko is clearly at home in his garden. He's as comfortable lounging on a berm as many kids are on the living room couch.

> TIPS TO ENTICE WEE ONES INTO THE GARDEN

- Try new tools and garden gear — it's shamelessly consumeristic, but you don't have to spend a bundle to give your child a reason to get excited about trying their new kid-sized trowel.
- Make a "salad quilt." Have the kids plant different shades & textures of lettuces in squares or to create a cool design.
- Grow peas over a small wooden teepee.
- Pick up a kids gardening book at a local bookstore for more ideas and encouragement.
- Plant edible flowers like hollyhock, columbines and nasturtiums.



Niko Bauer shows some radish seeds he's ready to plant in his garden at Blue Raven Farm.

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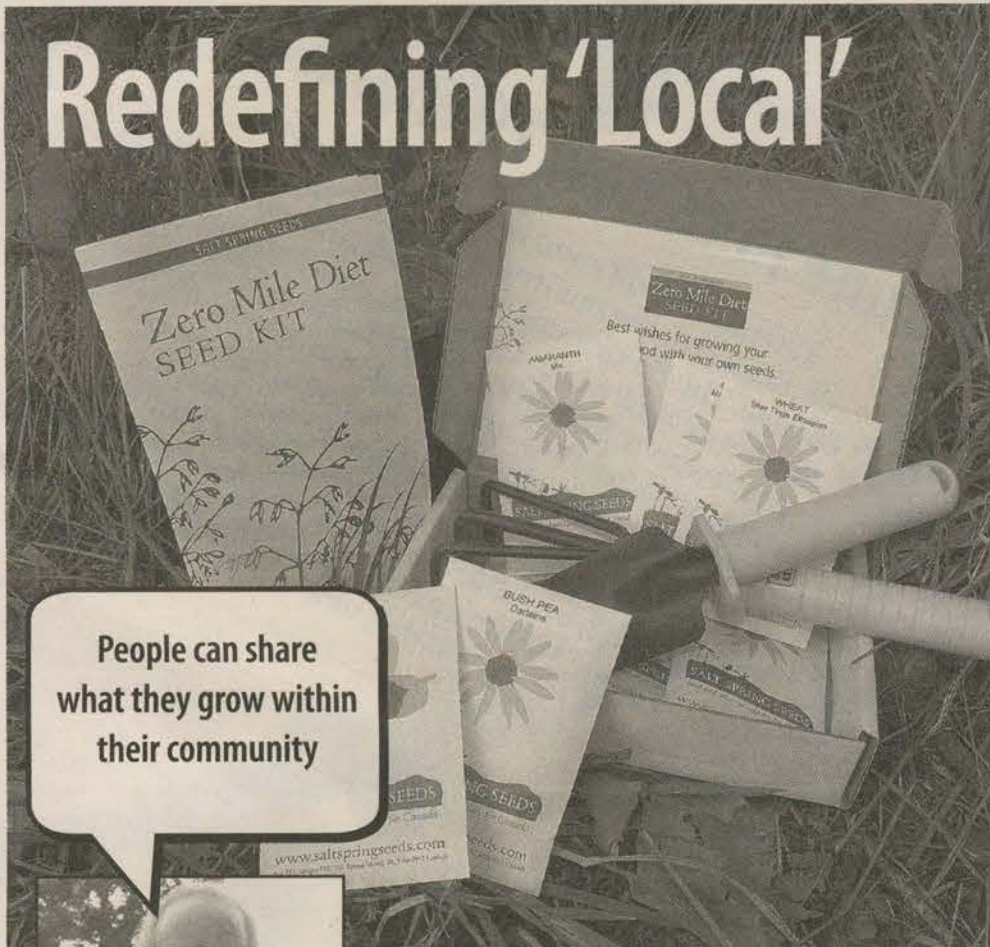
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From 100 miles to zero in one little box

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Forget the 100-Mile Diet — on Salt Spring, we can do better.

One hundred miles better, to be exact. Salt Spring Seeds has just launched a new Zero-Mile Diet Seed Kit containing 12 rare varieties of beans, grains and other staple foods ranging from blue tinge Ethiopian wheat to golden flax, from Amish paste tomato to a heritage bean mix.

The kit offers a virtually complete ensemble of produce and encourages anyone with access to a patch of earth to become more self-sufficient in their food supply.

"By combining them with locally grown vegetables, fruits and nuts," the kit's pamphlet reads, "you could become close to 100 per cent self-sufficient in food."

The idea of a zero-mile diet seed kit came to Dan Jason, owner of Salt Spring Seeds, after he asked himself, "Why a 'hundred-mile' diet when people could grow even closer to home?"

Jason, who has been talking about growing food close to home and running his seed company for some 20 years, knows first hand about local self-reliance.

In selecting varieties for the seed kit he chose those suited for smaller-scale agriculture that are easy to grow and are proficient producers of high quality and substantial food.

The idea is an almost complete diet — a backyard buffet of sorts — that can be grown from the 12 seed-kit varieties, with the beans and grains offering a high-protein component Jason said is often missing from the average vegetable patch.

Jeremy Hudson, a Salt Spring Natureworks employee, just bought a

seed kit for himself and his girlfriend. He was attracted to the idea of growing grains as well as saving money in the long term.

"Seventy per cent of what we buy are vegetables," he said. "We take runs just to get vegetables sometimes, so if we could subsidize that with a complete garden, we will save quite a bit of money."

Jason's seeds are all open-pollinated, meaning wind, insects or birds assist in seed formation as opposed to human manipulation. Unlike many hybrid seeds, Jason's varieties produce their own seeds that can be harvested every year and shared within the community.

In addition to people growing all varieties themselves, Jason hopes community sharing will also take place.

"Maybe one person could grow chickpeas and someone down the road could grow flax. People can share what they grow within their community."

Just released this year, the Zero-Mile Diet Seed Kit has been in high demand locally and across Canada. Natureworks' shelves are continually being emptied of them and an influx of mail orders has had Jason scrambling to keep up with demand.

And fast-paced is far from Jason's preferred style of living.

On more than one occasion, Jason has been spotted shoeless. Most notably by James MacKinnon in the process of writing the 100-Mile Diet. MacKinnon writes, "... Dan dropped back onto his hands and knees, his bare feet as dusty as an apostle's, to continue tamping the roots of tomato seedlings into the soil."

There must be some logic to this, since a shoeless man cannot travel far in search of his next meal.

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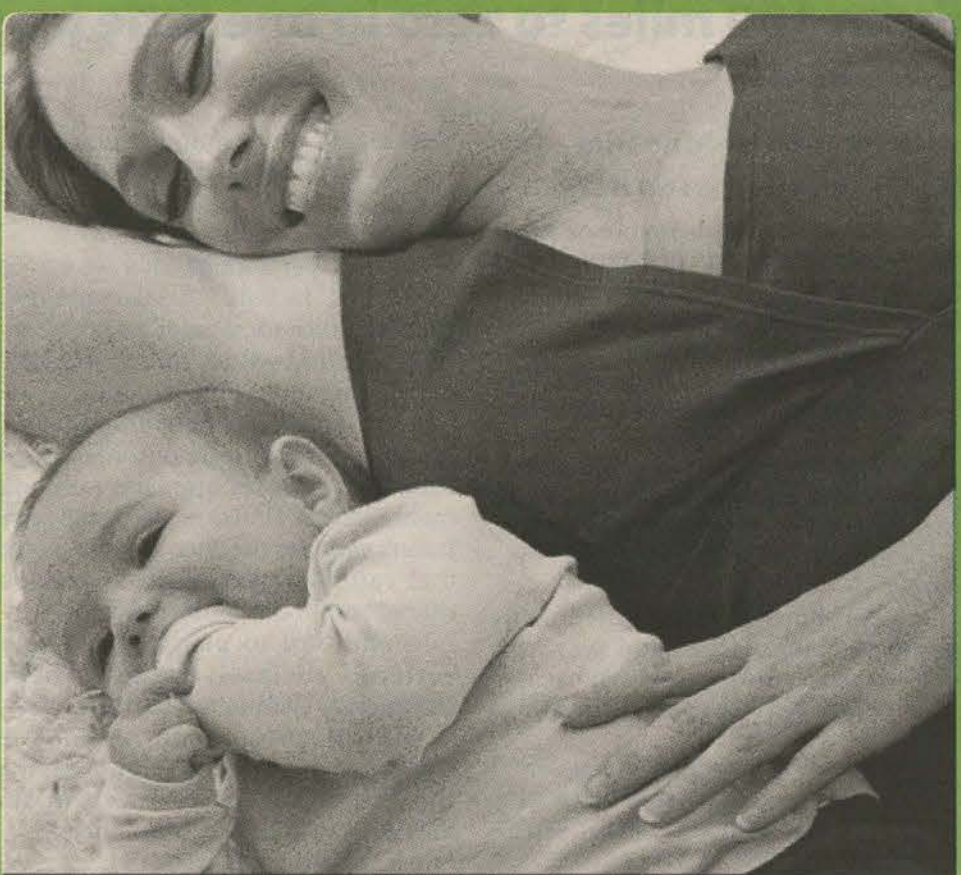
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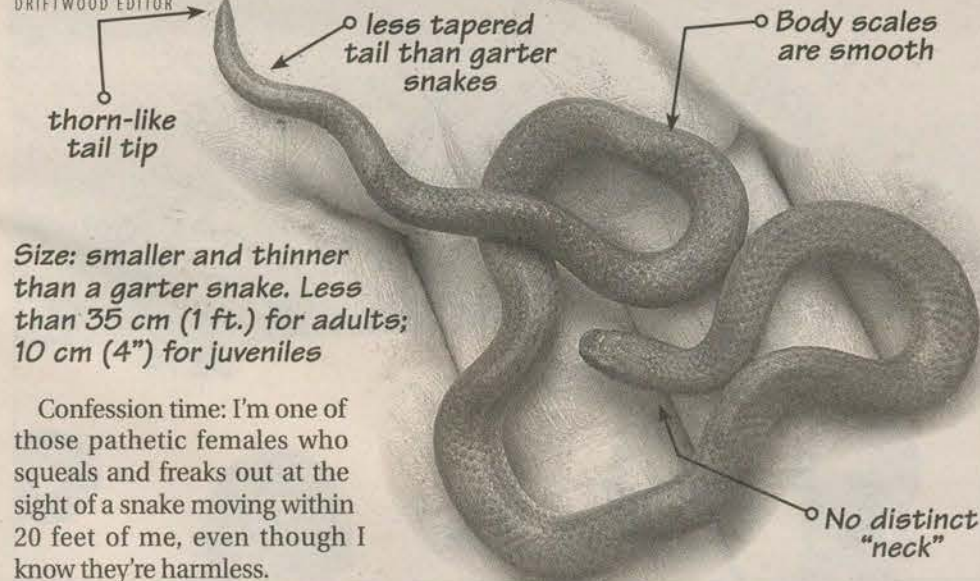


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Those Shy Snakes

At-risk sharp-tailed snake happy at home on Salt Spring

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR



Size: smaller and thinner than a garter snake. Less than 35 cm (1 ft.) for adults; 10 cm (4") for juveniles

Confession time: I'm one of those pathetic females who squeals and freaks out at the sight of a snake moving within 20 feet of me, even though I know they're harmless.

But I'm also a great believer in species conservation and enhancement, which is why contemplating the possibility of having a species at risk like sharp-tailed snakes living on my property is exciting.

On Sunday, sharp-tailed snake expert Christian Engelstoft and Salt Spring Island Conservancy biologist Laura Matthias visited the ridge overlooking Blackburn Valley we share with another family. We put out some "high tech pieces of tarpaper," as Engelstoft calls them, creating a cozy spot for the snakes to hang out under, if they're around.

We've put the kids in charge of peeking under the tarpaper squares every so often to see if they've attracted any sharp-tailed snakes (or garter snakes or northern alligator lizards).

Sharp-tailed snakes are my kind of belly crawler. They don't want to be seen, so they

stay out of sight, hanging out in rock crevices or under decaying wood, or tarpaper, if available.

Because they're egg-layers, they need those sunny south-facing slopes to warm up their eggs. Several sites have now been mapped on Salt Spring and Pender islands, and the Saanich Peninsula.

For more info about the sharp-tailed snake, drop by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy office in Upper Ganges Centre, where you can pick up an excellent Sharp-tailed Snake Identification Guide. It clearly points out the differences between the sharpie and the two types of garter snakes we have on the island: the northwestern and the common. Adult snakes are reddish-brown and the juveniles quite red. If you suspect you've seen a sharp-tailed snake, call the Conservancy at 538-0318.



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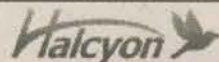
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BY JAN SLAKOV
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Andrew Haigh, co-owner of Salt Spring Books whose home is one of the main attractions on the annual Eco-Home Tour, knows that it's not hard to reduce energy consumption and still have great quality of life. He came up with the idea of Energy Circles as a way to inspire people to take action in their own homes.

"Anyone is welcome to organize an Energy Circle meeting in their home, church or other meeting space and we'll provide a resource person to show people different ways to conserve energy and save money at the same time. If the idea works well here, it may well spread to other areas too," says Haigh, who is one of the Energy Circle resource people.

Ron Watts, who hosted a circle in December, was really inspired by the interest and large turn-out.

"The energy circles give us an informal forum to share conservation ideas among our friends and neighbours and help bring

awareness to the larger issues. Our initial meeting has continued to spark discussions through emails and at local potlucks that has gone on to cover the larger issues of long-term energy/food security island wide as we reach peak oil."

As a recent circle participant, Joanne Montrichard is well aware of the urgent need for action.

"It's impossible to know exactly what the future holds, but one thing's for sure: the more we do now to cut our greenhouse gas emissions, the better things will be for our children and all the other beings we share the earth with."

She really appreciated getting to meet with experienced people who she can go to any time she has a question.

"We were joking that this group was like 'AA' for energy users, but maybe the analogy is not that far off. We really need to change our mindset. The accepted wisdom has

been that we're energy consumers, that consuming is perfectly benign. Now I'm learning to see myself more as a conservator. I remember my parents were always aware, going around turning the thermostat down or turning off lights and stuff . . . We've gone through a wasteful era and I'm eager to see that come to an end."

Montrichard particularly appreciates meeting others she can turn to with her practical questions.

"I like the 'nuts and bolts' approach. As an example, we learned how to use this 'Kill-a-Watt' device to measure how much electricity various appliances use. We also learned about using power bars to 'unplug' appliances that draw electricity even when not in use, about recycling the different types of light bulbs and so on."

As Watts commented, "Much of what we can do as a society to effect change comes first from conservation and is within our control."



PHOTO BY AMY GEDDES

Salt Spring Energy Circles founder Andrew Haigh with a Kill-a-Watt device that measures how much electricity appliances use and a demo board of LED light fixtures.

For more info . . .

- » With hopes that Salt Spring can at least keep its energy usage from climbing, organizers of Salt Spring's Energy Strategy and the Institute for Sustainability Education and Action (I-SEA) hope many more people will take advantage of the Energy Circle program.
- » If you would like to find out more and possibly join or host a circle yourself, contact coordinator Jan Slakov at 537-5251 or drop into the I-SEA office downtown at 124 Lower Ganges Road to pick up an Energy Circles package (open Tuesday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
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Mount Tuam's treasure

Threatened violet abounds on Salt Spring site

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Mount Tuam is home to Canada's second largest population of yellow montane violets (*Viola praemorsa praemorsa*) in Canada, according to a recent survey conducted by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy (SSIC) in coordination with the Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team (GOERT).

The federally threatened species, protected under the federal Species at Risk Act (SARA), is known to exist in only two regions in Canada: the east coast of Vancouver Island and Salt Spring Island.

In an effort to map and count just how many exist on Salt Spring, volunteer consultants as well as GOERT and SSIC staff painstakingly counted 19,278 plants in 206 hours on Mount Tuam last spring — all within a short window of time when the violets were up and before they were overtaken by grass, writes survey coordinator Robin Annschild in *The Acorn*.

Habitat destruction is the most direct and immediate threat to several populations of this species, according to Environment Canada's species-at-risk website.

Annschild and her survey crew built a number of enclosures on Mount Tuam that keep sheep from disturbing the violet's habitat. In the next few years, comparing how those violets fare with the ones outside the enclosures will give biologists an idea of how grazing sheep impact growth of the yellow montane violet.

Leaves emerge in early spring, but when not in flower the plant is difficult to locate. It is generally visible for only a short time in the spring while its flowers bloom during April and May. It can be identified by its yellow flowers and hairy, dark green and egg-shaped leaves, with slightly serrated edges.

For more information on the yellow montane violet, visit www.speciesatrisk.gc.ca or contact the Salt Spring Island Conservancy at 538-0318. If you think you've seen the flower, that grows in Garry oak meadows and woodlands, call the conservancy office or send an e-mail to ssiconservancy@saltspring.com.



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Yellow Montane Violet — found in Garry Oak meadows and woodlands.

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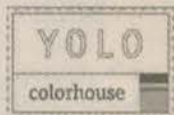
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All together now — in a garden plot

Working the soil creates community

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Long before solar panels and rainwater harvesting systems became all the rage among the energy conscious, Jim Sinclair was hard at work carving out a homestead built on self-sufficiency and determination.

He milled his own lumber, built a home, dug an irrigation pond, planted an orchard and prided himself on his family's home-cooked meals, home-made wine and featherweight environmental footprint.

Before selling their 10-acre property on Old Divide Road in 1989, he and his former wife arranged to have a friend film their final days on the property.

The half-hour video shows the couple sharing meals with friends, tending gardens and walking their property's wooded trails.

"The idea is to feed the hungry and give people help through life with a bit of exercise and companionship."

JIM SINCLAIR
Community garden manager

"I think I was still in a state of shock at the time," he said, while watching the video at his modest home at Pioneer Village in Ganges last week.

Sinclair may no longer have the kind of space he'd grown accustomed to when he moved to Salt Spring, but that hasn't stopped the 81-year-old eco-pioneer from keeping active and sticking to his roots.

Less than a year ago, Sinclair signed on as the garden manager for an upstart community garden project created by the Copper Kettle Community Partnership with help

from a generous island landowner who had some property to spare.

Within a month, Sinclair and a group of 10 gardeners living primarily in Pioneer Village and Croftonbrook transformed a broom-and-bramble-filled patch of land into a nearly quarter-acre garden ready for planting.

For Sinclair, the opportunity to get back out on the land was something he couldn't resist, even if last summer's unpredictable weather created some challenges to the garden's inaugural year.

But come harvest time, the group was able to pull loads of food from the property. Food the gardeners cannot eat themselves is donated to the Copper Kettle Community Partnership and distrib-

uted to the island's homeless or low-income residents.

Sinclair said this year's plans include the creation of larger water storage tanks, individual garden plots and expanding the property's fruit and nut orchard.

There's even talk of constructing a small shed where people can enjoy a cup of tea or cold drink in the shade.

"The idea is to feed the hungry and give people help through life with a bit of exercise and companionship," he said.

That was the idea when the Copper Kettle's Cherie Geauvreau ran the prospect of a community garden past Sinclair and other would-be gardeners in early 2007. Before she knew it, the gardeners were off and running thanks to the generosity of island residents who delivered everything from seeds to truckloads of horse manure.

"It's really been a community effort, but it's still a fledgling garden looking to find its niche in the community," she said. "It's growing."

In an era when people have become so accustomed to the joys and convenience of imported foods, the community garden gives people a chance to reconnect with their food supply, she said.

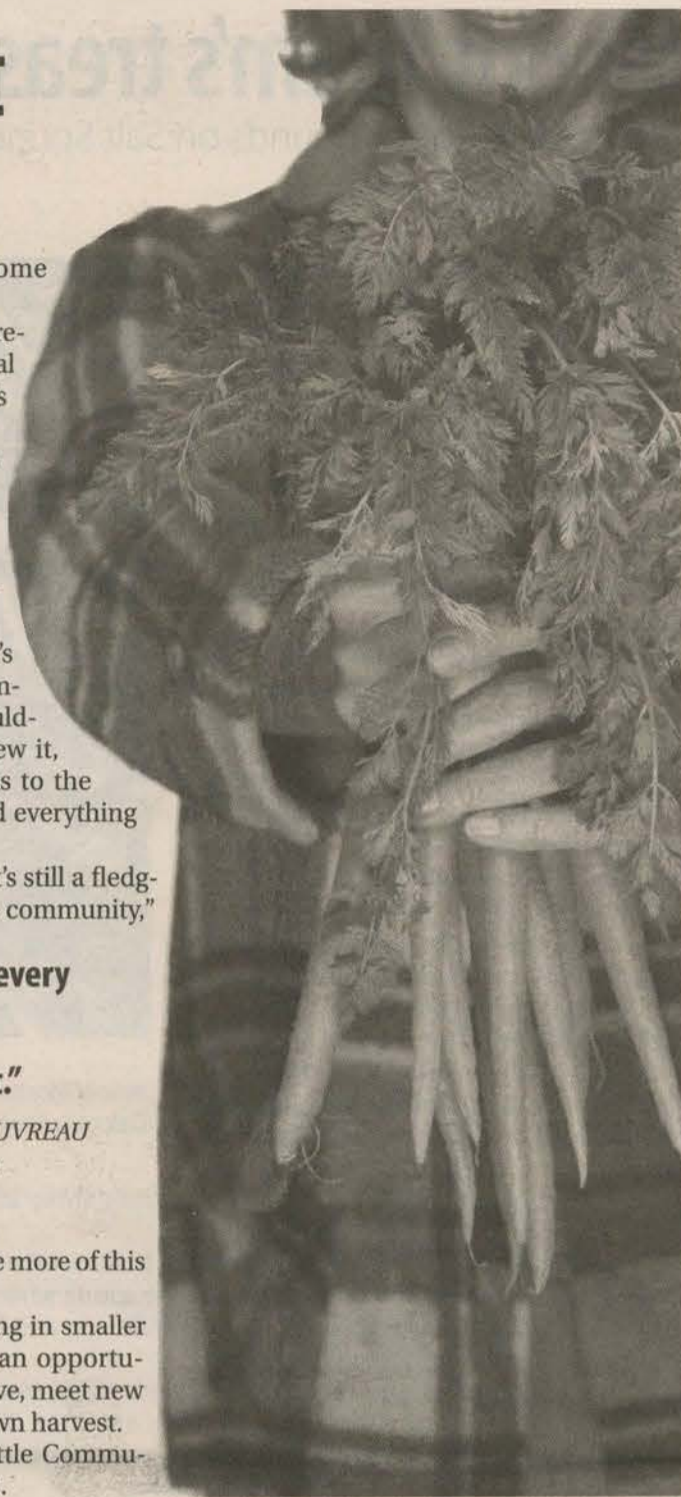
"We need every garden we can get," she said. "We'd like to encourage more of this on the island."

For Sinclair, the garden offers people living in smaller homes or apartments access to land and an opportunity to stretch their green thumbs, keep active, meet new people and reap the rewards of a home-grown harvest.

For more information on the Copper Kettle Community Garden, contact Geauvreau at 537-5863.

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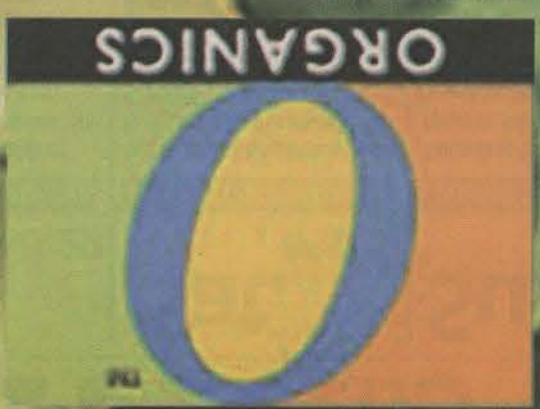
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Simply Organic. Free organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints. 10:10 a.m., followed by muffin & coffee for \$2.
Open Stage. With Stephanie Rhodes at Shipstones. 8 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Estate Planning. Lawyer Jim Pasuta gives presentation and answers questions at SS Seniors Services. 2 p.m.
Painters Guild Portrait Drawing. ArtSpring. 9 a.m. to noon. Drop-ins welcome. See www.sspaintersguild.com.
SS Garden Club. Guest speaker is Ray Beckhurst on hellebores. Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.
OCP Review. Special business meeting of the SSI Local Trust Committee. 9 a.m. to noon; 1-5 p.m.
Ready - Set - Learn. Info session for families of pre-school children. Fernwood Elementary. 1 p.m.
Toy Library. Free loan of toys for 1-2 week. Wednesdays at Fulford school. 10-11 a.m.

Thurs.
Feb 28

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Stage. Fulford Inn. 7-10 p.m.
One Night Stand. Shipstones. 8 p.m.
Film Festival Cafe. Pete Seeger: The Power of Song is shown at Barb's Bakery & Bistro at 7 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Root of Healing. Dr. Longworth teaches mind, body and spirit health technique. Free 2-hr. intro sessions. Mahon Hall. Noon and 6 p.m.
Environmental Action Day. Speakers, workshops on a variety of environmental issues. GISS. Registration for the public at 8 a.m. Events from 9 a.m.-4:15 p.m. and 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Friends of the Salt Spring Library. AGM at SS United Church, 4 p.m.
Fulford Village Study Group. Meets Thursdays in OAP room of Fulford Hall. 3-5 p.m.
Ready - Set - Learn. Info session for families of pre-school children. Phoenix Elementary. 1 p.m.

Fri.
Feb 29

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Baltimore Consort. Acclaimed ensemble performs music from 15th-century Spain. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

West African Dance Classes. Mohammed Andre Durateau of Guinea, Marielle Comeau and Iroko offer live percussion dance classes. Fridays at All Saints. 4:30-6 p.m.
Children's & Teens' Belly Dance Classes. With Oriana. Fridays at The Gatehouse. 3-4 p.m. Info: 653-0028.
Friday Morning Yoga. With Angie Jenkins, with music by Yashwant. The Gatehouse. 9-10 a.m. Info: 653-0028.
Root of Healing. Dr. Longworth workshop at Lions Hall. 10-6. Pre-register & info: Evelyne, 653-2067.
Story Time at the Public Library. It's Only Natural: Mason Bees, presented by Andrea Le Borgne of the SSI Conservancy. For children aged 5-9, 1-2 p.m.

Sat.
Mar 1

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Jazz Saturdays. Lloyd English, Ian Van Wyck, Laurent Boucher & friends. Cafe El Zocalo. 7-11 p.m.
Tripod. Live music at The Local. 8:30 p.m.
Brent Jarvis Trio. Jazz at All Saints. 8 p.m.
Pangea. An evening of music, film & dreams. A Creekside Rainforest fundraiser. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Balancing the Tides. Dr. Longworth workshop at Lions Hall. 10-6. Pre-register & info: Evelyne, 653-2067.
Baseball Registration. At Sports Traders. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Fritz Gets His Wings. Book launch with author Louise Nye at Sabine's book store. 1 p.m.
Wine Tastings. Salt Spring Vineyard opens for first of weekly Saturday tastings. Noon to 5 p.m.
Backbending Workshop. With Lee Mason at Ganges Yoga Studio. 1-4 p.m. Register: 537-2444.

Sun.
Mar 2

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Barley Bros. Every other Sunday at Fulford Inn Pub.
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Mon.
Mar 3

ACTIVITIES

Building Your Own Theology. Seven-session course begins tonight. SS Seniors. 6:30 p.m. Register: Melynda, 537-8327
Monday Life Drawing. Every Monday, 3rd floor Core Inn. Info: Jose Campbell, 537-1121.
Bellydance Classes. Mondays with Liz Redmond at North End Fitness. 7 p.m.

Tues.
Mar 4

ACTIVITIES

West African Dance Classes. Join Mohammed Andre Durateau of Guinea, Marielle Comeau and Iroko for live percussion dance classes. Tuesdays at Beaver Pt. Hall. 6-7:30 p.m. All ages.
Amenity Zoning & Density Transfer. Special OCP review public input meetings. Community Gospel. 1-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.
Toy Library. Free loan of toys for 1-2 week. Tuesdays at SS Elementary School. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Wed.
Mar 5

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Stage. With Stephanie Rhodes at Shipstones. 8 p.m.
GISS Choirs. Perform at Music & Munch. All Saints. 12:10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Painters Guild Life Drawing. ArtSpring, 9 a.m. to noon.
Art Swap Meet & Sale. Sell or swap art supplies. Painters Guild event at ArtSpring, 9 a.m. to noon.
Zen Meditation. Group meets at 210 Cedar Lane every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Info: 537-2831.
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EXHIBITIONS

- Country Life** — an exhibition by Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild members runs daily in the ArtSpring lobby from February 29 through March 31.
- Cody Conner** has an exhibition of work in the ArtSpring lobby through February.
- Salt Spring Coffee Co.** staff members Anthony Matthews, Chris Russell, Louise Goodman, Lou Ellis, Daniel Beckley, Megan Robinson, Gillian McConnell, Sylvie Cazabon, Amanda Wood, Daniel Mattingly and Matt Haydon are having a group show in the cafe through February.
- New life drawings** by Thomas McPhee are showing at Auntie Pesto's Restaurant.
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ISLAND AUTHORS

Fritz the Cat memorialized in sequel

Louise Nye launches Fritz Gets His Wings on Saturday

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The most famous and well-beloved public animal figure in Salt Spring history will be back in the limelight with the launch of a second book in his honour on March 1.

Louise Nye, biographer of Fritz the Cat, offers Fritz Gets His Wings as a possible post-death adventure for the feline, who was killed by a car in February 2007.

Fritz died just two short months after the launch of Nye's first book, Fritz the Cinema Cat. The author was in the midst of performing readings for various school groups, and had read to the Salt Spring Centre School only two days before the cat's death. Both the author and the island children for whom the book was written were therefore confronted with the death on a very personal level.

The inspiration for the new story came shortly after Fritz's death, when a cinema staff member told Nye about seeing the cat's spirit walking up the theatre aisle.

"That's when I realized there could be another book," she recalled.

Nye says Fritz Gets His Wings is intended to play a part in the healing process for all those who knew and loved Fritz, and for those who did not know him but have dealt with other deaths. At the same time, it is a light-hearted story that won't scare children, without evading the actual details of the cat's passing.

"At first I was going to just allude to the accident, but my editor and illustrator, Jo Lundstrom Smith, said 'that's kind of a big thing — you can't just skirt over it.' And for lots of kids, their first introduction to death is through a pet."

While the first book explains Fritz's mysterious past, the sequel proposes his crossing into the even more mysterious realm of the afterlife.

This book, which Nye says "has a little more plot than the first one," begins with the accident and follows Fritz and his new friend Misty on a tour of Salt Spring, during which Misty tries to help Fritz say goodbye to his old life and move on to the next phase. This important supporting character was Nye's own pet, who was hit by a car three months previous to Fritz.

Similar to the first book, during Fritz and Misty's tour of Salt Spring they visit several locations that local children will enjoy recognizing, including all the

elementary schools. The animals also go up Mount Erskine to see the fairy doors, pop soap bubbles and visit the amazing video store that gives out free popcorn.

As the book's title suggests, Fritz does learn to let go and move on to the next phase of his journey. But Nye says she has been careful to make her vision of heaven as open as possible.

"I wanted it to be generalized to fit all religions and everyone," she explained. "I didn't want to be preachy or offend anyone."

One key feature is that this heaven doesn't segregate pets and humans. "Everyone is all together over there, just like they are here."

With over 700 copies of the first Fritz book sold in local bookstores in just over a year, Nye can expect an enthusiastic response to the sequel. The original launch at Sabine's book store in December 2006 saw record-breaking sales for a local author at that location, and Nye even ran out of books and had to run a waiting list.

The upcoming launch will be held again at Sabine's (where Lundstrom Smith also works) at 1 p.m. this Saturday. Nye is hoping more children will attend the event, which will include a reading, free Fritz bookmarks and cookies.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

PROFILE

Aaron Ableman's artistic footprint

Performer steps in to raise funds for rainforest

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Today on Salt Spring, 26-year-old traveling performer and artist Aaron Ableman would feel comfortable eating a basil and goat cheese sandwich in front of anyone.

He would confidently tell you that even growing basil and eating it can be an art if expressed creatively.

But when he was 13 and attending what he said was "the worst public high school in California," openly expressing who he was posed a challenge.

"I had to eat my basil goat cheese sandwich in the bathroom because kids would have smashed it," he said.

The school had a pop culture clique scene that he admits getting "sucked into" for a short period of time. But he later found a group of friends who introduced him to break dancing and hip hop: arts he now uses as a tool to break down stereotypical divisions and to inspire youth to come together to overcome adversity.

He recently spent time travelling in India teaching homeless kids to dance and paint collective murals and organized musical theatre shows in orphanages. And on Salt Spring he helped a group of high school students create a collective mural that was displayed at ArtSpring.

While here for a short time on Salt Spring, staying with his family on Foxglove Farm, he will host three Environmental Action Day workshops at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Feb. 28. Then on Saturday he will perform at Pangea: an evening of music, film and dreams — a Creekside rainforest fundraiser he organized.

Although he is a frequent traveller, Ableman has a visible connection with the land here. Assembling his flute on a rocky outcrop overlooking Maxwell Lake, he points out the Tibetan prayer flags he has hung in the trees to purify the wind as it passes over the flags' mantras.



PHOTO BY AMY GEDDES

Performer and artist Aaron Ableman plays his flute by Maxwell Lake — a sample of what's to come at his Pangea event at ArtSpring on Saturday night.

Facing the lake, he plays his flute.

"Can you hear that echo?" he asks, playing the flute again to demonstrate the lingering sound.

He grabs his camera from his pocket to capture the sun's reflection on the water. Explaining that his father is a professional photographer, he said, "I grew up watching for light."

Photographer, musician, break-dancer, painter, videographer, once professional soccer player, playwright — the art of expressing creativity is Ableman's livelihood and it penetrates every aspect of his life.

"The arts are a necessity," he said. "I'm not just talking about 'the arts,' I'm talking about how we cook, how we grow food and we treat each other. That can all be done creatively. Art is a language, a tool used for so many things."

Ableman has travelled to more than 10 countries working on arts-related projects, many involving youth. In Montreal in 2005 he was an art director, singer and spoken word performer at Music Mind Movement,

a project aimed at educating youth through arts and activism.

That same year in California he founded Soul Circus Org., a locally based, internationally active co-op for promoting arts and the environment with children.

Ableman owes his life focus on art, creativity and fostering unity to his parents Michael and Donna, who raised him on an organic farm in California, gave him space to explore the world and his relationship to it and have supported him all the way.

"In many ways I've been blessed to have farm to come back to and family willing to help support things I love."

With the exception of the rough year in the public California high school, Ableman comes from a privileged education. In exchange for his family setting up a farm at a boarding school in central California, Ableman was allowed to attend.

The opportunities he has been given make him want to do something meaningful with his life.

"I want to make use of all the incredible contacts I have


around the world," he said.

In two weeks Ableman leaves for Uganda to participate in and film a project called Stitch Uganda Together, an Action Hero Network initiative that will get students at Forest Hills School in Saint John, New Brunswick and youth in Uganda communicating with each other via web cam. The footage he takes will be incorporated into Pangea: stories of unity and connection, a documentary film he has been working on with six other filmmakers to be completed next year.

"If humanity is going to continue living on this planet in any sort of peaceful coexistence," he said, "we've got to find more creative ways of communicating and relating in general. I think the arts are a key piece of that puzzle."

Pangea: an evening of music, film and dreams for a unified earth will take place at ArtSpring on Saturday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. It features Ableman, Afia Walking Tree, Jamie RT, Iroko, Cleo, Briony Penn and Brian Nash.

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ART SHOWS

Painters take viewers on rural tour

Guild show opens Feb. 29 at ArtSpring

Country life is the theme of the Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild's next exhibition at ArtSpring.

"Originally it was to depict and document the island's barns, but it has been enlarged to include the diversified life in our countryside," explains a recent press release.

"There are so many things to be found in old and new Salt Spring barns, themselves as diversified as the farmers who work the fields."

Old objects such as farm implements, horseshoes, glass bottles and bits of china were found in barnyards, while chickens, pigs,



Spring on Salt Spring by guild member Libby Jutras.

cows, alpacas and llamas provided inspiration from the fields. In the barns

painters have captured old cars, cobwebs, kittens and the odd chick.

Islanders will see painted barns — "from the fabulously interesting old and decaying to new architecturally fascinating" — while the guild also covers the farms themselves, including lavender farms, iris farms, hay farms, sheep and goat farms.

The Painters' Guild invites everyone to view these pastoral works done by talented local painters. Many of the paintings were sketched during the summer on location and the show promises to be an eclectic mix of finished works in oils, watercolours, acrylics, coloured pencils, mixed media and pastels.

The ArtSpring lobby exhibit runs from the evening of Feb. 29 to March 31.

ART SHOWS

Salt Spring artists exhibit in LOOK show

At Bay Centre until March 1

Four Salt Spring Painters Guild artists are participating in the annual "LOOK" show in Victoria this year.

Jacqueline Breault-Speiss, Milan Stevulak, Elehna de Sousa and Margaret Threlfall all have work in the Community Arts Council of Greater Victoria (CACGV) show on the third floor of the Bay Centre in Victoria. A colourful, regional, multimedia show, entries — juried for prizes only — are

displayed in the traditional salon style.

Threlfall was awarded an honourable mention prize in the 2007 LOOK show.

"It's a very inclusive show in age and gender and all things that create community," said Paul Scrivener, executive director of the CACGV. "It's about emerging and established artists networking with each other and the community."

The show, which opened Feb. 7, runs daily through Saturday, March 1.

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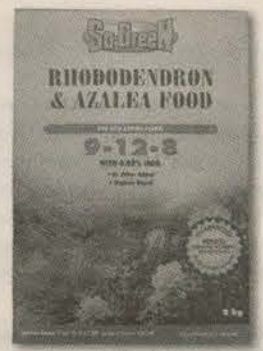
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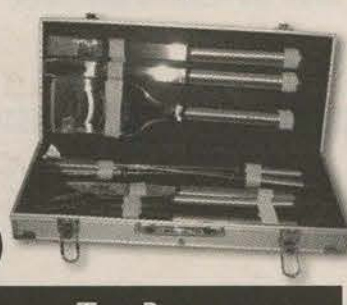
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JAZZ

Brent Jarvis trio serves up treats

Jazz and blues offering at All Saints By-the-Sea

BY MONIK NORDINE
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

On Saturday, March 1, the brilliant young Canadian pianist and composer Brent Jarvis performs at All Saints with his trio, featuring the music of jazz legend Bill Evans and original works from his award-winning CD.

Now based in Victoria, Jarvis originates from Port Alberni. As a child Jarvis played numerous instruments, including the piano, later attended Malaspina University College, and completed a bachelors' degree in jazz performance at the University of Toronto. Since then he has made two recordings for RoadHouse Records — Sequences and Solo Piano — and performed with many of the world's greatest jazz musicians.

Sequences garnered much acclaim and accolades, including being named Best Jazz Album of 2005 by CJAM FM.

I heard Jarvis for the first time at the Douglas Hotel four years ago, where he was performing with Noah Becker during the Victoria Jazz Fest. His dry wit and demeanor reminded me of Montréal pianist Jeff Johnston, and in fact their piano

influences are the same.

Jarvis arrived in Victoria with a well-deserved east coast "buzz" as so many returning artists do, and we quickly became friends. Since then we've crossed paths in the Jaco Pastorius Tribute Band in our respective roles as Herbie Hancock and Wayne Shorter, and in other configurations at Hermann's Jazz Club.

The most delicious of Jarvis' musical offerings is his trio with Buff Allen and Ken Lister and we can expect to hear some Bill Evans classic trio arrangements as well as Jarvis' own work.

Jarvis says that getting to work through Jim McNeely charts (of New York's Vanguard Jazz Orchestra) had a big impact on the way he writes. The angularity and cool attack he's built into these lovely small-group concepts is also reminiscent of Chick Corea.

His own approach to carving an improvisation through the pieces carries assured echoes of a lineage reflecting his respectful studies of Evans, Hancock, Keith Jarrett, Richie Beirach and the Englishman John Taylor. But you can hear he has his own "thing" and a real individualistic approach to form and harmony.

The concert starts at 8 p.m., with doors open at 7:30. Tickets are \$15-\$18, and available at ArtSpring, Acoustic Planet Music or at the door.

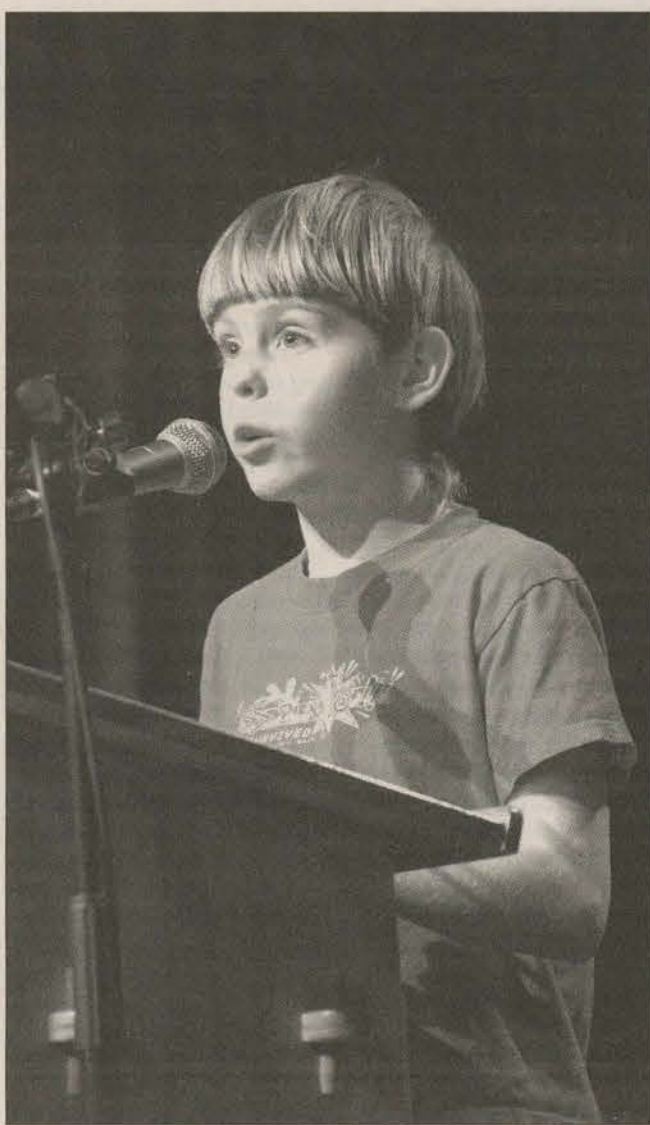


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LITERARY YOUTH: Owen Twaites takes the stage at last Sunday's Give Literacy a Lift at ArtSpring.

WORLD-CLASS PERFORMERS

Music zeroes in on the Spanish period

Early music ensemble best guide possible

North America's most famous early music ensemble specializing in music of the Renaissance is performing at ArtSpring on Friday, Feb. 29.

"The question with early music," says ArtSpring executive director George Sipos, "is always: 'Why should we care?' Romantic repertoire we all know and respond to emotionally, and even Baroque music connects with us in some way, but so-called 'early music' surely is of antiquarian interest only. Well in this case, not so."

The Baltimore Consort will play music connected with Spain in the decade from 1492 to about 1500.

"Arguably this was one of the most tumultuous points in European history whose echoes affect us to this day," observes Sipos.

"While Columbus was on his way to America in 1492, Ferdinand and Isabella defeated the Moors at the Battle of Granada, thus ending Moslem influence in Western Europe till our own time. Not only that, but the Spanish king and queen took advantage of the turmoil also to expel all Jews from the Iberian Peninsula. The large Jewish commu-

nity was dispersed across Europe, leading to the complex diaspora that has characterized European societies into our own day."

The music that the Baltimore Consort will be playing comes directly from this extraordinary point in history — not only Spanish court music of the day but also music of the Sephardic tradition that was uprooted and scattered in those violent years.

"This will be a rare glimpse, through music, into one of those turning points in history about which we can only wonder: what would have happened if . . .," said Sipos.

"Think of it as time travel into a virtual reality. Certainly the Baltimore Consort is the best and most authentic guide we could ask for for the journey."

The Baltimore Consort performed at ArtSpring in 2004 to a sold-out house, but, as one reviewer has commented about the group: "Each of their concerts is unlike the others . . . the early-music movement has no more distinguished practitioners than this group."

Show time is 8 p.m. on Friday.

Tickets are available from the ArtSpring ticket Centre at 537-2102. This concert is also eligible for the \$5 EyeGo to the Arts student admission.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

VISITING ARTIST

Workshop leader makes 'motion pitchers'

Oscar losers get Birstein's art

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Johnny Depp may not have won best actor in a leading role, but he did get to leave the Oscars with a one-of-a-kind piece of ceramic art created by Vancouver artist Suzy Birstein.

The only Canadian artist asked to contribute to the "everybody wins at the Oscars" gift bag, Birstein's ceramic "motion pitchers" were given to 38 of this year's non-winning Academy Award nominees.

Birstein said the U.S.-based company Distinctive Assets discovered her work on her website after Googling "Mexico" and "pottery."

It was right after her first phone call from Distinctive Assets that she came up with the concept of motion pitchers. The result was a set of hand-crafted, Oscar-sized and brightly coloured pitchers, each of them unique in design. She said her initial vision was of tall, slim, curvy figures with the handles emulating an arm.

Birstein watched the Oscars on Salt Spring, missing the first few minutes of the show because she was teaching a ceramic "spirit bottles" workshop for the Salt Spring Potters' Guild.

"How could I be working on Salt Spring the same weekend as the Oscars?" she said. Although she missed a few minutes of the show, she said she enjoyed getting away from Vancouver to watch the show here with creative friends, drinking chilled wine and eating fresh Salt Spring crab.

"The potters guild people were so affirming and exciting for me," she said.

A limited edition collection of motion pitchers can be viewed at Seymour Art Gallery in Deep Cove between May 13 and June 9. The gallery will also show a film by Salt Spring's Dave Henderson with still photography contributions by his sister Kate. The film was choreographed by famous Hollywood dancer Jim Hibbard and features Birstein tap dancing with nine of her life-sized ceramic multimedia figures.

To see more of Birstein's art, visit www.suzybirstein.com.



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Suzy Birstein shows off her "motion pitchers" as she leads a potters guild workshop on Salt Spring.

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MUSIC & MUNCH

GISS choirs set to wow crowd

The next generation of promising Salt Spring musicians gets a chance to shine at the March 5 Music and Munch presentation.

The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) choirs, under the direction of Bruce Smith, just last month wowed a full house at ArtSpring theatre with their accomplished and all-around amazing vocal and instrumental performances.

Next Wednesday Bruce Smith will introduce a recently created girls choir in their first public outing.

Junior and seniors choirs will also perform, adding new songs to those performed at ArtSpring in January.

The new girls choir will sing a madrigal as their introduction, and the junior choir aims to please with songs as diverse as Three Ravens and Can't Buy Me Love.

The senior choir's repertoire contains songs such as Adieu Sweet Amaryllis, He Ain't Heavy He's My Brother, In Remembrance and Voice Dance.

"The Music and Munch series organizers are truly proud and delighted to once again host so many talented young musicians," notes a press release.

The free concert runs at All Saints By-the-Sea Anglican Church on Park Drive and starts at 12:10 p.m. Lunch (\$5.50) is optional and follows the music.

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PETER McCULLY, Publisher, The Driftwood

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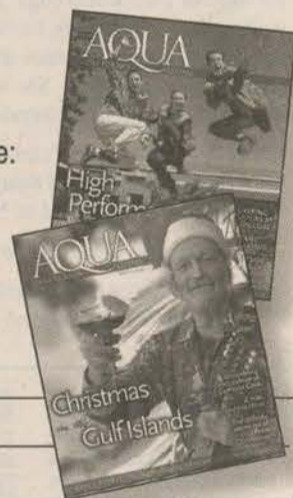


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Babs is survived by her companion, John Mulski, by her sister Marion Bean of Seattle, Washington, and by her niece, Dorothy Gould of North Vancouver, B.C.

At her request, there will be no service held.

Donations can be made in memory of Leona "Babs" Ross to Lady Minto Hospital.

10 CELEBRATIONS

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A surprise retirement party for **Paul Gregory** (SS Community Services) will be held at **5 pm Friday, March 14** at **Beaver Point Hall**. This potluck party will be an opportunity for Paul's friends & acquaintances to wish him well.

20 COMING EVENTS

FOR A complete calendar of coming events check the Driftwood Community Calendar, in our office in the Upper Ganges Centre, 328 Lower Ganges Road, or on our website at www.gulfislands.net. Use the calendar for event planning and to make sure your date doesn't conflict with someone else's.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

PRIVATE
Re: The Estate of HEATHER JOAN EWING, Deceased, formerly of 145 Salt Spring Way, Salt Spring Island, British Columbia V8K 2G3

Creditors and others having claims against the Estate of HEATHER JOAN EWING are hereby notified under section 38 of the Trustee Act that particulars of their claims should be sent to the Executor c/o 9830 Fourth Street, Sidney, B.C. V8L 2Z3, on or before March 21, 2008, after which date the Executor will distribute the estate among the parties entitled to it, having regard to the claims of which the Executor then has notice.

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Re: The Estate of **MARY ALICE BURFORD**, Deceased, formerly of Lady Minto Hospital, 135 Crofton Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 1T1

Creditors and others having claims against the Estate of MARY ALICE BURFORD are hereby notified under section 38 of the Trustee Act that particulars of their claims should be sent to the Executor c/o Box 414, Ganges P.O., Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2W1 on or before March 28, 2008, after which date the Executor will distribute the estate among the parties entitled to it, having regard to the claims of which the Executor then has notice.

James Pasuta
Solicitor for the Estate of MARY ALICE BURFORD

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

Re: The Estate of **JAMES HENRY BURFORD**, Deceased, formerly of 26-295 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 1T3

Creditors and others having claims against the Estate of JAMES HENRY BURFORD are hereby notified under section 38 of the Trustee Act that particulars of their claims should be sent to the Executor c/o Box 414, Ganges P.O., Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2W1 on or before March 28, 2008, after which date the Executor will distribute the estate among the parties entitled to it, having regard to the claims of which the Executor then has notice.

James Pasuta
Solicitor for the Estate of JAMES HENRY BURFORD

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The Lands File Number that has been established for this application is File # 1413945. Written comments concerning this application should be directed to the Section Head, Integrated Land Management Bureau at 142 - 2080 Labieux Rd., Nanaimo, B.C., V9T 6J9. Comments will be received by ILMB until March 27, 2008. ILMB may not be able to consider comments received after this date. Please visit our website: <http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca> under the link: Applications & Reasons for Decision for more information.

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32 MEETINGS

Islands Trust SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING
The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to consider various matters of general business, such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes.
DATE: Thursday, March 6, 2008
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: ArtSpring 100 Jackson Avenue
Starting at 1:00 p.m., up to 45 minutes will be available for the public to discuss local land use matters with the Local Trust Committee. Those who wish to present a more formal petition, or make a delegation to the Committee as an Agenda item, must advise Islands Trust staff at least one week in advance of the meeting so that they can be added to the beginning of the agenda. For information about the agenda, please call the Islands Trust at 538-5600.

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This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

An inward turn to rest, retreat and dream calls you. Inspirations are running high these days overall. Answering the call of duty has kept you busy. It is good to know when to slow down or take time out and be quiet. Network, socialize and tend to business less, in order to rest. Use this time to continue your studies or to nurture your dreams, visions and ideals. While 2008 is largely preparatory for us all, it does involve some major initiatives involving reshuffling of priorities, commitments and relationship realities. One of the most important questions you can ask of yourself is: what can I do to contribute to a greater cause?

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

Your stars are sparkling bright now. Yet you may still feel uncertain about things. At best, this is helping you to experience a more open mind. Sharing your talents is inspiring for both yourself and others. Your popularity may well be growing, hopefully for good reasons. Use this window of opportunity to advance your position. Your deeper challenge includes remaining true to your sense of individuality, yet with a sincere determination to cooperate. Being responsible to the group is the other side of this delicate balancing act. By the way, the fact that your sign is experiencing confusion and uncertainty these days is a reflection of the greater society. Still you can now enjoy an upward spiral!

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

New ideas and cultural interests are activating your imagination. The changes that were supposed to happen are now complete and you are on to a more expansive momentum. There may yet remain some uncertainties and/or unfinished business to attend to. Act now upon the new ambitions you have been dreaming about. Ask for favours and support and you will receive. This is a good time to approach authority figures, whomever you may deem these to be at this turn of your path. If you have been and continue to face certain fears and clean out the old in preparation for the new, then you are on track.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

See a bigger picture now; open your mind, fly somewhere, seek a spiritual guide. Whatever it takes or you feel called to do in order to move along. Change is in the air. While this may be challenging, new opportunities are present as well. Be willing to look for them and make efforts. Choose to let go into the flow of your feelings - the measurement of your personal truth. Learn as you can and must now. This may well include unlearning. Work on your relationships; if they are not working, make repairs or consider new ones. If you lean on tradition and outer forms, you stand to suffer because these area all changing.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

Deepening commitments or bringing existing ones to completion is in focus. These may be with your own habitual feelings about things, especially as these relate to habitual modes of creating security. You may want to see or go to deeper levels. Healing mistakes and misunderstandings will feel good. Meanwhile, business is steady yet you may feel the need to strengthen your base. Opportunities are coming but you will have to meet them. The time is ripe for sales and marketing campaigns. Be open to advice, guidance and inspiration from others on these fronts.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

Improve the quality of your relationships now, both personally and professionally. Your willingness to make extra efforts will be seen positively. Intend to take calculated risks as well. You are in a major cycle requiring all around discipline. The good news is that your creative power is growing. This involves creating diversification. What other talents or expressions seem to be calling? Trust the flow and investigate and get comfortable with the prospects - ever an important step. Intend to push through and beyond limiting beliefs. Exercise diplomacy for harmony.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Gaining security by being fluid and flexible continues. This process begins in the mind. Gain confidence by using your imagination to confront fear of change rather than generating it. Amidst visions of lifestyle change, social and romantic opportunities inspire you. Gain confidence with movement and change. Introduce new angles and rhythms into your lifestyle and habitual flow. Push yourself and others through and beyond limiting doubts. Acknowledge and outline your strengths to gain confidence. Yet, accept that change is the law and work with the shifting times.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Shift soul-searching to re-creating yourself. Both have their place but timing is of the essence. If you have been in-tune you have been deeply contemplating who you feel you are and what constitutes your best direction. Awaken to the possibilities, yet avoid spreading yourself too thin. Take full responsibility for your life - you did co-create it. Blame is the popular way people throw away their power. Aim for a change of perspective. Choose to like yourself and to be happy. The point of power is in the moment.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

The time has come to bring

the next level of your vision, wisdom and/or leadership down to Earth. Balancing a strict practicality with a deep spirituality is important. Your current challenge includes leading by example by facing and overcoming some of your own demons. These are doubt, worry, guilt, blame, denial and generally fear. Outer reality is and has been pushing hard. The paradox of this time includes yielding to meet this force. Life a good marshal artist, avoid clashing in battle and use your opponent's energy to your advantage.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Sparks are igniting your imagination. You are awakening to new realities, not all of which are easy to accept. Ending is a part of life and a new day ever follows because life is cyclic. Expect a deep mix of endings and beginnings this year. Enjoy exploring new horizons. Your world may be opening up as prior perspectives dissolve. What talents can you lay claim to and who can you count on to assist you to open new doors of opportunity? Answer your soul's call to new ventures. You are a few shifts of perspective away from new lands and prospects.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

Building upon a new foundation is keeping you busy. Accept the need and importance of the time required to complete this task. Exercise faith, perseverance and patience - the three wise ones. Write to 'spell' and speak of your dream visions to make them manifest. This brings clarity and grounds your visions and intentions. Good life coaches and counsellors employ this technique because it activates your intuitive imagination and inner knowing. Trying to be 'anything you want' is an illusion beyond playing around with roles; however being 'everything you are' in potential is the way of mastery and fulfillment.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

The Sun in your Sign will move you to sharpen your focus, as though running rather than walking. Yet, you may feel as though you are flying, as in a lucid dream. Pressures from authorities and other hard realities are activating you to reveal your powers. Meanwhile, opportunities to expand your network and business and/or social fronts are coming in now. While having an open mind is good, it is best to yield to inner guidance. If you need assistance with this, ask for it and you will probably get it. Focus upon your ideal outcome, along the lines of your greatest good and higher need.

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Perfect spot for green \$100

On Sunday I joined a group of about 30 people to walk through the rare Creekside rainforest near Cusheon Creek estuary close to the end of Beddis Road.

We followed a path, walking diagonally across the 19.46-acre property, uphill towards the other corner. As soon as I entered this magic ecological paradise, I heard the happy gurgling sounds of rushing waters of Cusheon Creek over rapids down below the path.

Cusheon Creek nurtures coho salmon and cut-throat trout; a rare sight on Salt Spring Island.

The understory is lush with sword ferns and we're towered by stands of old-growth cedar, hemlock and maples, some with licorice ferns clinging in great heights above. Most of these trees are wildlife trees, that is, they provide habitat for other creatures. Numerous holes made by woodpeckers are now used by cavity nesters.

Some of the dead trees and branches are festooned with moss, like decked-out Christmas trees. Even the dead logs look beautiful as nurse logs, providing nutrients for other species to grow as they gracefully decay.

I was shocked when I was told that 450 of these grand trees are earmarked for the chopping block and the land will be subdivided if it is not purchased by the end of this week.

Walking further up the hill, criss-crossed by little running streams from the recent rains, we came across stands of alders and Douglas firs. Some of the alders and big maples had been blown down, exposing huge root systems. This was caused by soil erosion and

lack of wind barrier due to the neighbouring gravel pit still in progress.

Then suddenly I heard birds chirping in the trees. They have not forsaken the forest yet. Together with all other creatures that share their wonderful "home," they're waiting for us to save their habitat.

Last Tuesday, B.C.'s Finance Minister Carole Taylor announced in her "green budget" that she is giving every person in B.C. a \$100 cheque as an incentive to do "something green" for our environment. What are you going to do with your \$100?

Why not pledge it to save our own enchanting Creekside rainforest? There are 10,000 people living on Salt Spring. If you multiply \$100 by 10,000 it equals a million dollars.

The deadline for making a pledge is Friday, Feb. 29. It's not too late! Pledge forms are available from Salt Spring Books, or you can pledge online: www.save-saltspringrainforest.com.

Feel green and see green. Please pledge your dollars!
LING WESTON,
NORTH BEACH ROAD

Brunch celebration

It's hard to believe the Let's Do Lunch program is now officially one year old.

Please allow me to say a few words.

It's been a year of growth for us at Let's Do Lunch. We've learned what works and what doesn't, what is needed and what we can do without. So we've tweaked the program and will continue to do so to make it flourish the way it has.

After some discussion it was decided to change our name to "Let's Do Brunch." We now offer eggs for breakfast, as well as the soup, etc. This means our hours are now 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Tuesday morning.

First off my thanks go to

Salt Spring Community Services, as they are the "hosts" of the Let's Do Brunch program. They allocated the space for us to operate.

My humble thanks and appreciation goes to Auntie Pesto's Cafe. Every Tuesday for the past year they have supplied our lunch program with fantastic soup. To say the soup is a big hit is an understatement.

Next I would like to thank Jana's Bake Shop, Ganges Village Market and Thrifty Foods. Without them we would not have our goodies, bread, buns, rolls, etc.

I would also like to thank Salt Spring Soapworks for supplying our apple and orange juice and Vita Soy.

Our food bank contributes other items such as coffee, tea, eggs, etc.

I want to thank our volunteer coordinator Melanie Morris for taking me on and having faith in me to do the job. I have learned so much from you and haven't we had some laughs along the way?

And Mundy Hembrey, you make my day and bring sunshine and happiness with you each week. Thank you for everything you do.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank Peter and Kendra for their weekly delivery of all of the above. They have been much like our "letter carriers" — through rain, snow, sleet and hail they've delivered the goodies.

I also want to thank all of the partakers of the weekly lunch. You know who you are, you make me laugh and yet you make me appreciate life even more. Without you my week wouldn't be nearly as fun, challenging and interesting.

Remember, Let's Do Brunch is a community "brunch." It's open to anyone who just wants something warm to eat, someone to chat with or to just hang out for a while. Please come and join us.

DORI SOMERSET,
LET'S DO BRUNCH
COORDINATOR



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YOUNG GYMNASTS: Members of the Salt Spring Gymnastic Club's junior team pose for a photo after a recent competition.

Driftwood Crossword - February 27, 2008

ACROSS

1. Formerly, formerly
5. "Thou ____ not kill"
10. Base 8 number system
15. Behind
16. Daze
17. Level surface
18. Lavish fete
19. Regarding this matter
20. Pianist Blake
21. Augury
22. Music or dance, e.g.
23. Underground passage
25. Endorse
27. Scrap
28. Id's relative
31. Congealed dish
34. Coffee server
36. Sell to the public
39. Like anchovies
40. Greeted
41. Spring back
42. Ostrich's kin
43. Ecological no-no

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53. Loss of hope
55. Bath beverage
56. Marketplaces
59. Boat propeller
61. Heathen
63. Toe dance
64. Lab letters
65. Fix text
66. Woman's purchase
67. Matterhorn's range
70. Shucks!
72. Pen
75. Commit a moral offense
76. Jug
80. Century plant
82. Variety of grape
84. Vaccines
85. Church plate
86. Very perceptive
87. Coal wagon
88. Style
89. Sheltered area
90. Asta's cry
- DOWN**
1. Therefore
2. Paper amount
3. Garage event
4. Conveyance
5. Breastbone
6. Feel pain
7. Slight in a Tarzan flick
8. Numbers game
9. Freshwater fish
10. Undo
11. Detective's guide
12. Artistic grouping
13. Tropical bird
14. Ship side
16. Type of rug
24. Nose parts
26. Frigid
27. Woody Allen drama
29. Martini ingredient
30. Out-of-date
31. Lost
32. Equivalent
33. Electric lamp feature
35. Lasso
37. Black, poetically
38. Lacquered metal
41. "Cannery ____"
44. Showed once more, as a TV program
46. Beloved actor
47. Desiccated
48. Celeb's resort
50. Employee's take
51. Oomph
52. Advance, as cash
54. Shankar's strings
56. Wane
57. Dent
58. Appease
60. Glow
61. Miles ____ hour
62. Pardon
68. Tibetan clerics
69. Luxurious
71. Poker-game starter
73. Chef's need
74. Rip up
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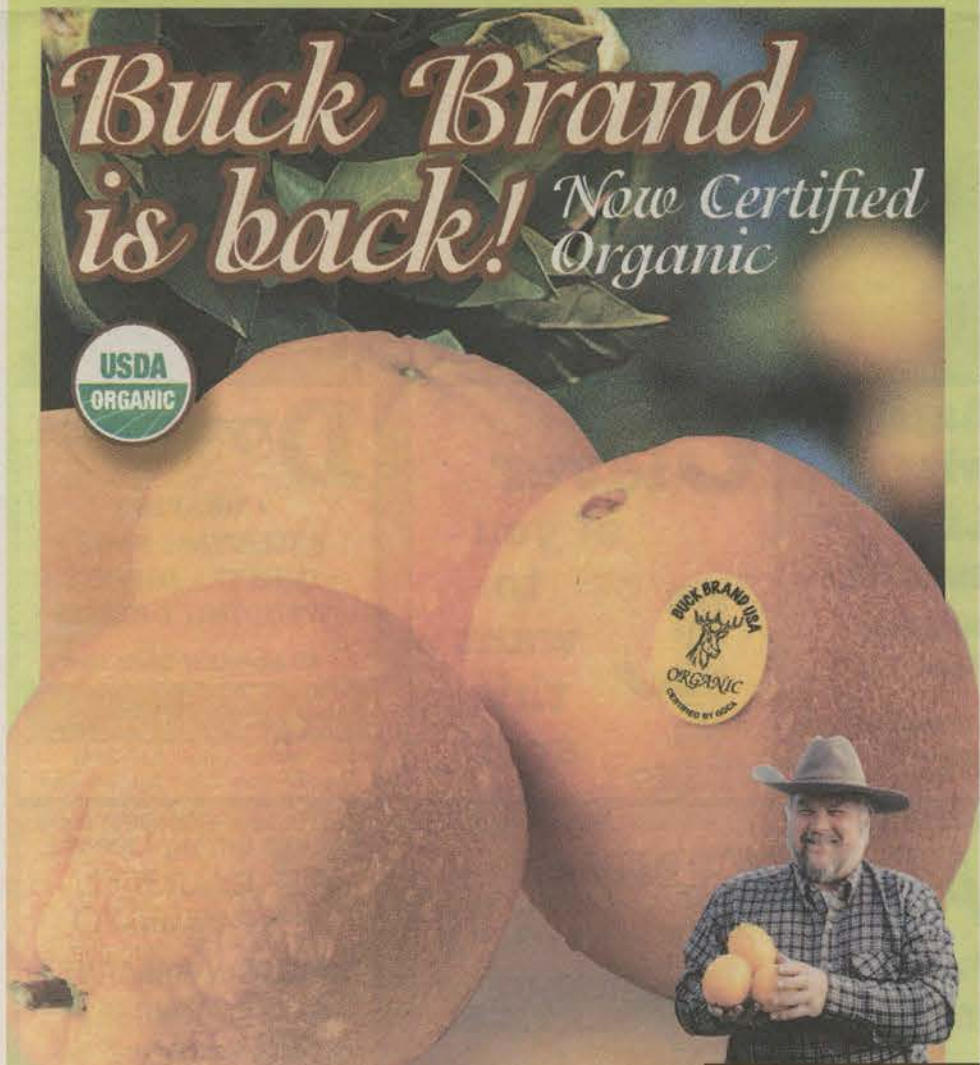
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NIGHT AT THE OSCARS:

Above, Megan Manning-Burton gasps while Andrea Lavezzi weeps, as Meron Moroz hands the Golden Gumboot Award to Manning-Burton, this year's winner at the annual Salt Spring Academy Awards party. At right, spectators Adina Hildebrandt and Kelly Waters cheer on the winners. Hosted by Island Star Video, the event took place at the Harbour House.



BOOK PUBLISHING

Mother Tongue moves into art and literature publishing realm

Fundraising auction set for April

While giant publishing houses like Raincoast Publishing are terminating their publishing departments, (m)Öthêr Tõnguê Press of Salt Spring Island is set to become the province's newest publisher.

For 18 years the local business has been a small, private literary press, but has now "forged forward with a new name and mandate, leaping bravely across the chasm of the perilous trade to become B.C.'s newest art and literary publisher," states a press release.

Mother Tongue Publishing Limited will publish unique and stimulating books about B.C. art history, fine art and literature.

"Artists of the 20th Century, our new and long-awaited

series, is dedicated to recognizing unheralded B.C. artists and igniting an overdue discourse on their artistic and historic significance," states the press release. "The art books published will be for the discerning collector, curator and dealer, as well as for public institutions, students, teachers and historians."

Two books set for publishing in the fall of 2008 will be David Franklin Marshall: Sculptor by Monika Ullmann (the first of the artists' series) and Rocksalt, An Anthology of Contemporary B.C. Poetry, edited by Harold Rhenisch and Mona Fertig.

The latter will be the first published anthology of B.C. poetry in 31 years. Submissions are open to all poets who live in the province. For submission guidelines, e-mail submissions@mothertonguepublishing.com or

visit www.mothertonguepublishing.com.

Mother Tongue Publishing Limited will also hold a B.C. Artists' Fundraising Art Auction on April 24 in support of the new series of books on unheralded B.C. artists. The auction will take place at the Westbridge Fine Art Auction House in Vancouver. The on-line auction and bidding will take place April 1-24 and gallery viewing will be April 19-24.

A complete list of donated historical and contemporary art will be available at the end of March and artists, collectors and curators who donate art for the auction will be acknowledged in every book of the series as patrons and supporters of the arts.

For further information, contact Mona Fertig at 537-4155 or at mona@mothertonguepublishing.com.

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