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**TREE HOUSE WOODWORK:** "Natural architect" Chester Ludlow is seen with his latest creation — a hand-crafted work of art at the Tree House Cafe in Ganges. See story, page A5.

## REGIONAL DISTRICT CRD eyes new 'wet waste' program

Program to expand islanders' recycling options

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island residents may soon be able to add discarded foodstuffs to their list of recyclables if a Capital Regional District-sponsored pilot project proves a success.

Alternate Salt Spring CRD director Darlene Steele announced the \$30,000 project at the regular monthly meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on Monday night.

"There's already quite a bit of excitement about this," she said.

"You wouldn't think that banana peels would generate this kind of excitement, but apparently they have."

The new recycling program could mean Salt Springers will be able to recycle the majority of their compostable food items, referred to as "wet waste," as early as September.

"The sooner we can get this happening, the better," Hendren said.

The project follows up on similar initiatives in Oak Bay and Highlands, so much of the groundwork has already been done, explained CRD director Garth Hendren.

"We don't have to reinvent the wheel here," he said.

Final approval for the project, he added, is contingent on passing of the CRD budget later today (Wednesday).

Hendren said a permanent solution to the handling of the island's wet waste is needed ahead of 2012, when Vancouver

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### CRIME

## RCMP investigate attempted murder

Victim airlifted to Victoria General Hospital

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

RCMP officers have charged a 29-year-old Salt Spring man with attempted murder following a gruesome incident on Friday afternoon.

Simon Teskey is alleged to have slashed the throat of a 43-year-old man who was visiting his home on Bullock Creek Road at approximately 4 p.m. on March 20.

According to Salt Spring Island RCMP Sergeant Danny Willis, the attack occurred after an argument broke out between the two men.

Officers took Teskey into custody following the incident after responding to an interrupted 911 call placed from the Bullock Creek residence.

The victim managed to drive himself home following the attack before friends and family members took him to Lady Minto Hospital.

The individual was immediately airlifted to Victoria General Hospital where he underwent emergency surgery.

He was released on Saturday afternoon and is expected to recover from his injuries.

Willis said Teskey is known to police.

"It's a small island, and he's been involved with the police before," Willis said.

Police recovered a weapon from the crime scene but would not state its type due to the ongoing investigation.

The RCMP also would not identify a possible motive for the attack.

Teskey appeared in a Duncan courtroom on Tuesday afternoon after being held in cells at the Salt Spring Island detachment over the weekend.

He faces charges of attempted murder and failing to comply with the conditions of an undertaking.

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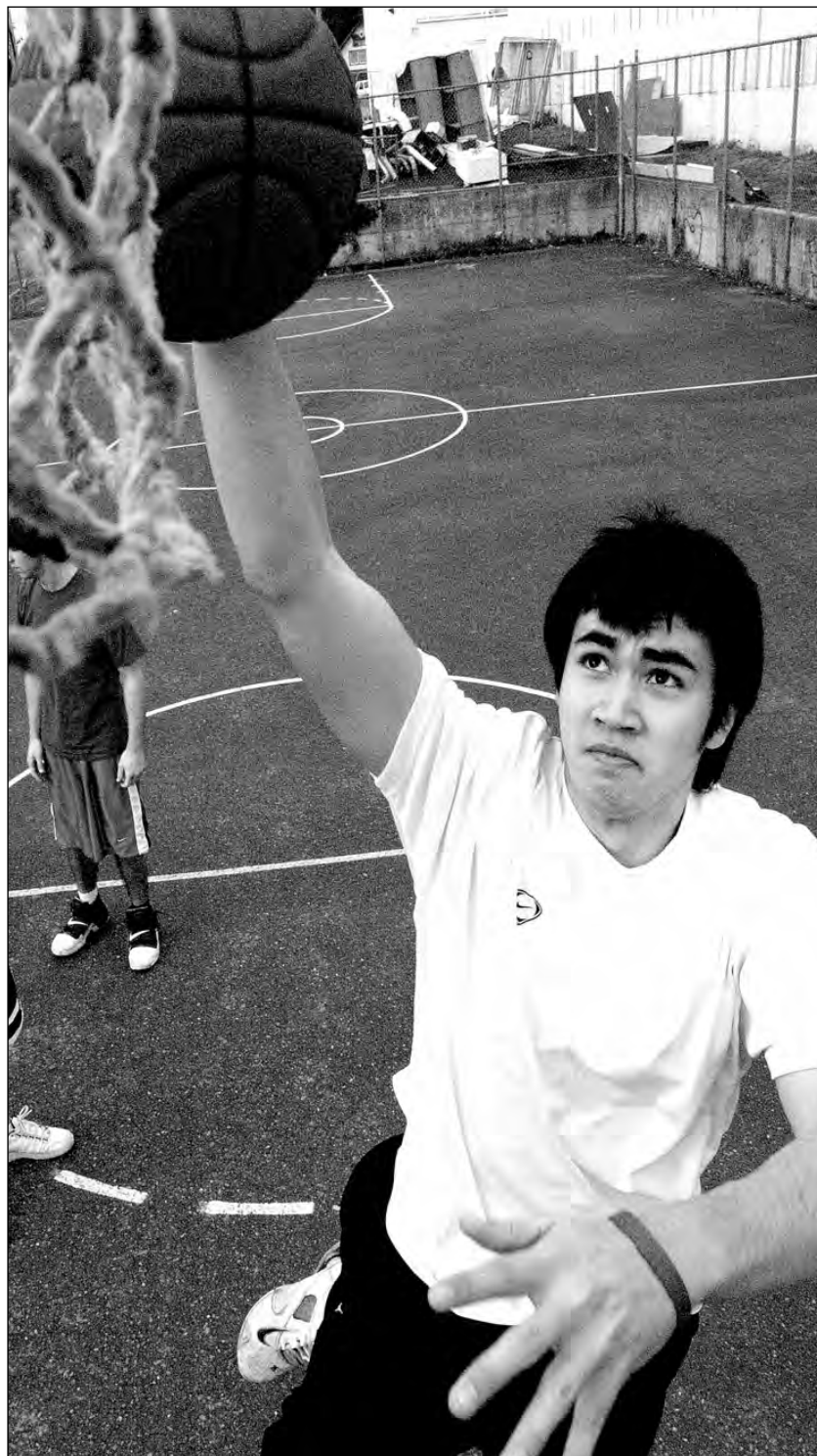


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**BREAKING FOR SPRING:** James Cameron is "up and away" at the Salt Spring Middle School "cage" as local students enjoy their second week of spring break.

## HEALTH

# Paramedics strike looms

Locals calm public's concerns

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A spokesperson for the union representing the province's paramedics guarantees that potential strike action slated to begin as early as April 1 will not jeopardize people's access to emergency services.

"The last thing we want to do is withhold ambulance service to somebody in need," said William Chute on Tuesday. "Nobody wants to see that. We've been upfront about that since the beginning."

Earlier this month, union members voted 96 per cent in favour of strike action should the provincial government fail to meet their demands for wage increases by midnight on March 31.

With negotiations at a standstill, and no agreement in sight,

Chute said the possibility of a strike is all but certain.

"Where things sit right now, not a lot has changed," he said.

"I'm not hopeful that anything will change."

Chute said the union must provide 72 hours' notice before members can walk off the job or restrict services. He explained that the strike will focus on the withholding of administrative services, but did not know how these services on Salt Spring would be affected.

An essential services hearing with the Labour Relations Board of British Columbia, set to conclude on Thursday, will determine which services will be impacted by a potential strike.

Chute said the paramedics are seeking wage parity with other front-line emergency workers in the province, such as the Vancouver Police Department.

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# Pilot project will deal with 'this type of waste'

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Island's Hartland landfill will restrict the disposal of food waste materials.

"We have to develop some kind of mechanism to deal with this kind of waste," he

said. The CRD estimates that food waste accounts for as much as 23 per cent of all waste collected at the landfill. The pilot project will look into the collection, handling and disposal of materials such as vegetable and fruit peels, left over food-

stuffs, paper napkins, cups and plates, coffee grounds, coffee filters, tea bags and plants. "The project is not just to deal with the material and how to collect it, but what to do with it when we're finished," Hendren added. He suggested that a central-

ized collection facility could be located at the recycling station on Rainbow Road. Hendren will host a closed-door meeting with solid waste experts and other interested parties on Thursday afternoon to discuss the best way to implement the project.

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### LIBRARY

# Economic woes boost Salt Spring library's role

Circulation rises as recession fears worsen

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It's more of an observation than an indisputable economic fact, but staff at Salt Spring's public library believe there may be a connection between rising circulation numbers and the economic downturn.

"We are very busy," said library volunteer Lynda McKieve. "There are certainly a lot more books coming in and going out, especially in the children's section."

According to librarian Marilyn Ming, statistics reveal circulation numbers from January 2009 are 28 per cent higher than numbers from January 2007. February's circulation numbers are up 19 per cent compared to February 2007.

Circulation numbers reflect each and every item loaned by the library. Ming said she suspects lower than expected numbers in 2008 stem from the library's lengthy closure as a result of winter flooding.

The library loaned a total of 12,800 items in January and 12,000 items in February.

Also on the rise are requests for the inter-library loans service. Ming said volunteers used to spend three hours a day for six days a week on the program whereas they now spend about five hours a day for six days a week.

"We are always looking for more volunteers," Ming added.

The library hasn't expanded its collection or operating hours and memberships have remained relatively stable. Ming explained that the statistics reveal that existing members are simply checking out more books.

She said the news is especially welcome in light of many commentators' predictions, expressed only a few years ago, that the internet would render local libraries obsolete.

"The killing of the book due to electronic media hasn't happened here," Ming said.

That's partially because local libraries have evolved to provide so much more than books over the past decades.

Aside from accessing all the free music, movies and books one could ever need, members can use their local library's resources to find a job, pick up new skills and network with others in the community.

During an interview in the library's magazine section on Monday afternoon, library patron Jan Lombardi said the inter-library loan service is one of the most under-valued services available.

Lombardi was among those who admitted that his library use had not increased since the economy took a turn for the worse back in 2008.

Though he used to cherish purchasing books for his home-library, Lombardi realized long ago that visiting his local library had so many more advantages.

"A lot of people used to keep books at home to appear intelligent, and that's not happening as much anymore," he said. "Homes are smaller, people have less space and information changes so fast, those books are often out of date."

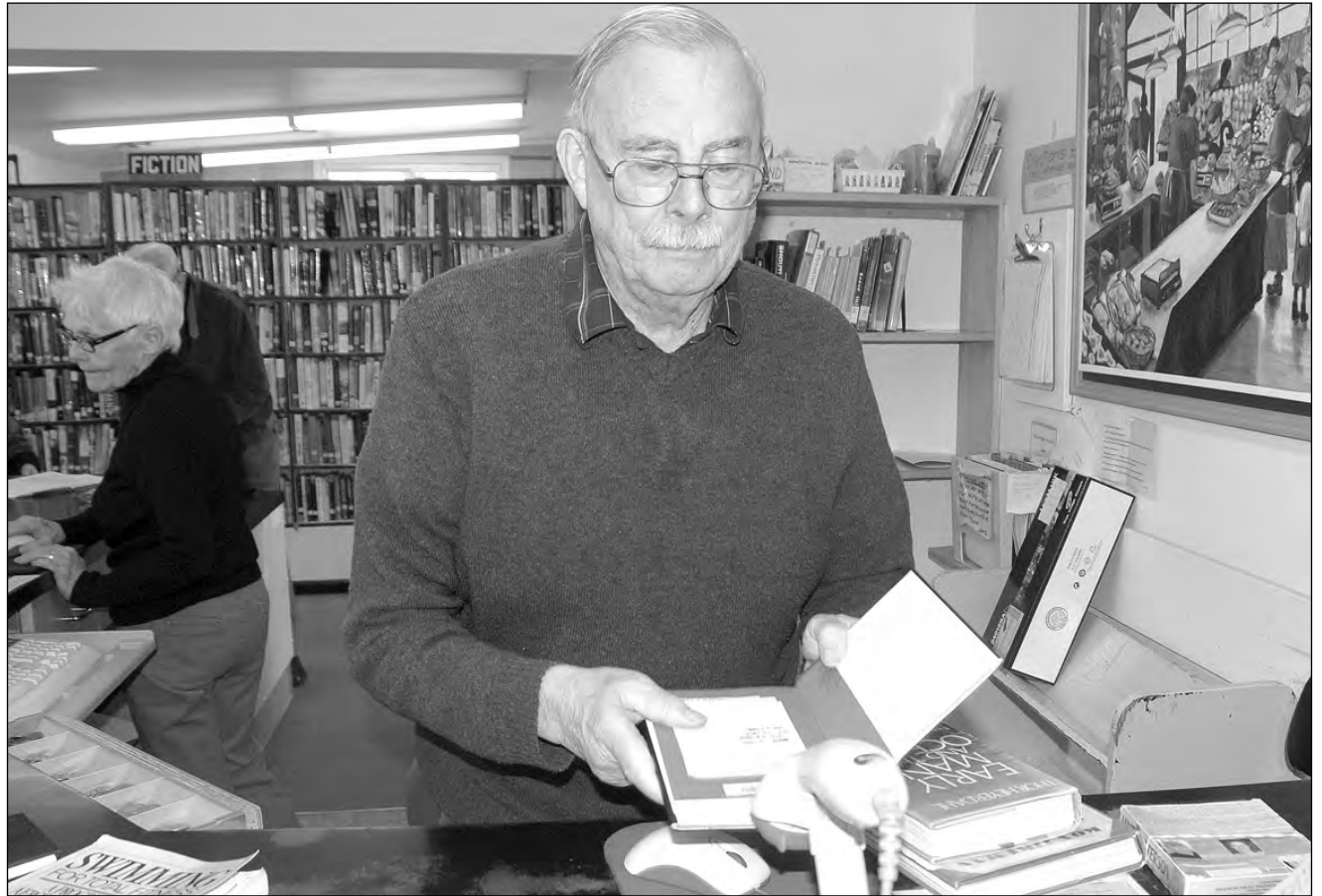


PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Library volunteer Pat Byrne checks out books at the Salt Spring library.

Visiting the library, he said, lets him flip through a wide variety of the latest magazines, newspapers and books on just about any imaginable topic.

Patron Jackie Roussin said she appreciates the library's computer facilities and internet access. Timed sessions in a quiet relaxed atmosphere, she said, make it one her preferred spots on the island to catch up.

"I really find it useful to have all these magazines and newspapers," she said.

"It just blows me away that it's free."

A study conducted in by the Edmonton Public Library during the final six months of 2008 revealed that Salt Spring isn't alone when it comes to reading our way through the recession.

Over the study's time frame, circulation at libraries in the Edmonton area rose by 18 per cent.

The study supports circulation statistics from rural Nova Scotia compiled between September and November 2008 that revealed an increase of 4.5 per cent over the same time in 2007.

Enrollment in library programs, the report continues,

**"The killing of the book due to electronic media hasn't happened here."**

MARILYN MING

Librarian, Salt Spring Public Library

increased by 17.3 per cent.

"In today's context, the role for public libraries has become more relevant," wrote Marzio Apolloni of Ontario's Federation of Public Libraries.

"There is significant evidence to demonstrate that libraries experience an increase of use up to 20 per cent during an economic downturn. People know that no matter what is happening in the economy, they can get information, services and assistance they need from the public library."

## News briefs

### Liquor outlet

Rumours about a liquor store occupying the former Movie Gallery space in Upper Ganges are true, but the new outlet will be run by familiar faces.

Harbour House Hotel owner Jack Woodward said moving the hotel's current liquor store to the Country Grocer complex will give a somewhat larger space and allow the former spot to be

transformed into a few more hotel rooms, which are definitely needed in busy summer months.

Woodward hopes the new store will be open on June 15.

### Ferry service out two days in April

BC Ferries has announced there will be no service between Long Harbour and Tsawwassen for a two-day period covering April 21 and

22. The loss will occur while the Queen of Nanaimo undergoes a regulatory inspection of the double bottom to check for corrosion or cracking, a test done every two years.

Normally a vessel replacement would see the Bowen Queen take on passengers as a relief ship, but that ferry will already be replacing another vessel during the inspection time.

Deborah Marshall, BC Ferries communications director, explained that

the corporation chose the date because the Tuesday/Wednesday slot normally sees the lowest traffic. The timing was also chosen because the days fall after spring break and Easter, but before the start of the busy season in May.

### BC Ferries to raise fares

Passenger and vehicle fares on BC Ferries routes will see increases effective April 1, with a 3.74 per cent

raise on the three major routes connecting Vancouver Island to the Lower Mainland and 10.1 per cent on routes connecting Salt Spring to Vancouver Island.

A news release by BC Ferries stated the increases were made in accordance with the price cap provisions set by the BC Ferry Commissioner in September 2007. However, the removal of the fuel surcharge and recent fuel rebates should make the increase less noticeable. "These rebates will sig-

nificantly offset the forthcoming tariff increases," the announcement states.

The corporation said fare increases are necessary due to the rising cost of operating and capital expenditures.

The new fares will be \$9.45 per adult and \$28 per car for Swartz Bay to Fulford Harbour and Crofton to Vesuvius Bay. Gulf Islands to Tsawwassen will cost \$7.60 per adult and \$30.70 per car. Tsawwassen to Gulf Islands will cost \$14.85 and \$55.15



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## NEWSBEAT

### FULFORD STUDY GROUP

# Traffic worries top evening discussion

Group ponders community's future

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Questions surrounding the traffic chaos and community identity dominated a meeting of the Fulford Study Group on Thursday evening.

"We've got to spread the message that the road through the village is not a highway," said Fulford resident Johan Geritsen.

"There's no doubt that traffic coming in and out of the village is moving faster than before."

Participants suggested the community think of approaching the province's

Ministry of Transportation to consider the installation of traffic calming devices along the stretch of Fulford-Ganges Road leading into the village area.

Meeting participant Ken Lee urged the group to pressure MLA Murray Coell on the issue ahead of the provincial election on May 12.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to get some promises out of him," Lee said. "Unfortunately, rational thinking and conversation don't seem to work with Mr. Coell."

The Fulford Study Group, formed as a result of last year's island-wide Official Community Plan review, is looking for members to "keep the ball rolling" when it comes to addressing matters of importance to Fulford residents.

The group, which meets every month at Fulford Hall, seeks volunteers from the Fulford area to help develop a vision of what residents want to protect and foster in their community.

Participants expressed an interest in developing ways to promote Fulford's status as a "gateway community" and improve upon the village's small, compact and pedestrian-friendly atmosphere.

"We have to think about what we are about," said Margaret Day.

"We've got to develop things beyond the community plan."

For more information about the Fulford Study Group and to learn how to become involved, contact Day at mandmday@telus.net or by calling 250-653-0089.

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### PARC

# Recycling bins slated to return to Ganges

Commission seeks private sector support

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission is looking to the private sector to help fund the installation of up to six recycling bins in and around the Ganges core.

Alternate Salt Spring Capital Regional District director Darlene Steele told members of the Parks and Recreation Commission on Monday that she has contacted

the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce to determine if local business owners would be willing to pay between \$250 and \$500 to sponsor a bin.

Participating businesses could affix their company's logo to the bin in exchange for their financial contribution.

Commissioner Stanley Shapiro voiced skepticism that Salt Springers would embrace the idea of placing advertisements on the new recycling bins.

The move towards a cost-sharing model with the private sector is, however, an approach more and more commissions

throughout North America have adopted, said PARC manager Kees Ruurs.

The \$5,000 initiative is the result of a recycling survey conducted by the Institute for Sustainability Education and Action in 2008.

Steele said details as to who will collect materials from the bins remain open to discussion.

It is hoped they will be installed in time for the summer tourist season, she added.

The recycling bins will be located in Centennial, Rotary and Mouat parks.

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**EYE ON THE SEA:** A group of intent sailboat racers converges on a dock in Ganges as they race their remote control sailboats on Sunday.

## CONSTRUCTION

# Tree House gets a facelift

Ancient plum tree centre of the new, natural design

BY AMY GEDDES  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The famous, old plum tree at the centre of the Tree House Café has seen its share of good times in Ganges. Now the tree, thought to be more than 120 years old, will likely see many more years, thanks to upgrades the new owners have bestowed upon it.

And customers, and even passersby, are likely to benefit as well from the indoor and outdoor facelifts that have been in progress since Feb. 2009.

The outdoor decking and seating in the branches of the tree have been completely rebuilt with cedar and found Arbutus branches. They're days away from completion.

"The old wood needed to come down because it was crumb-

ing," said co-owner Tereena Lecorre, who took ownership of the café with her partner Mark Lecorre in Sept. 2007.

She says she's heard passersby describe the new handcrafted woodwork as "funky."

New floor, gate, seating and a removable outdoor tarp or "pergola" that will provide cover during drizzly weather will not only allow customers to have more flexible seating options, it will extend the life of the well-loved Tree House Café, Lecorre said.

"We're trying to take care of the tree house so it lasts."

Local deck architect Chester Ludlow, who was contracted by the Lecorres to build the

outdoor area, was busily working at the café on Tuesday.

"[The café] has been upgraded and now it's going to last a long time," he said, adding that he designed the entire outdoor structure with the plum tree in mind.

"I came down and sat with the tree for days to feel what this place will look like," he said, describing the period leading up to the design proposal he presented to the owners who also wished to honour the tree.

The work Ludlow and the other local helpers he mentored during the deck's construction involved more than 1,000 linear feet of hand-cut curves. All the

lines, he said, are soft, beautiful and feminine, an approach he felt would work well with the "mother plum tree." Ludlow's patio upgrade will cost an estimated \$18,000.

Other improvements include a new roof, electrical and plumbing upgrades, a fresh indoor paint job and a retrofitted kitchen with improved ventilation and gas stoves.

"Everyone says it looks great," said café server Kate Hodgeson, who is happy to see the place get a facelift. "The place was almost falling apart before."

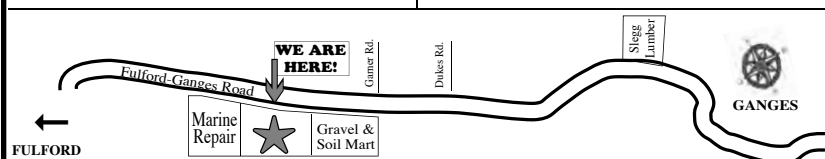
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## NEWSBEAT

### CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

# District grant tops up water council's budget

More funds still required for next year

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BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Board members meeting at the Capital Regional District's monthly meeting in Victoria earlier this month approved two grants-in-aid totaling more than \$6,000 for island-based organizations.

The board approved \$3,000 for the Salt Spring Water Council. The funding enables the group to carry on with its water quality and quantity initiatives until the end of the year.

In January, Salt Spring's newly elected CRD director Garth Hendren announced plans to withdraw funding to the group as a

cost-saving measure. Public outcry against the decision convinced Hendren to reconsider and offer one third of the organization's operating expenses. The balance is supplied by the Islands Trust and the North Salt Spring Waterworks.

Water Council co-ordinator Murray Reiss said he is thrilled to receive the funding, but still unsure as to the group's prospects for 2010.

"It will help it continue to operate for this year but, in and of itself, is not enough for the longterm," Reiss said.

"Confirmed revenue is always nice." The Water Council's

next public meeting is on Friday, March 27 at the Lions' Hall at 10 a.m.

The CRD approved a further \$3,074 to the Salt Spring Island Land Bank Society.

Funds will be used to initiate a septic-tank recovery pilot project on a property near Cusheon Lake.

Hendren said he suspects many island residents will benefit from the new technology if tests can show it is an effective way to restore failed septic systems.

The pilot project is intended to last until the end of 2009.

"There is a very exciting project," Hendren said.

### PARC NOTES

# Market aims to protect young island vendors

Portlock track resurfacing continues

### PARCBRIEFS

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Island Market Advisory Group has implemented new policies affecting child vendors working at the popular Saturday Market at Centennial Park.

According to the new rules, all children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult when selling items or playing music at the market.

Children over 12 years of age will be required to submit waivers signed by a parent to confirm they are in compliance with market regulations.

The changes come into effect following complaints brought forward last year about child vendors and their parents.

Questions arose as to whether children had indeed produced their own crafts and about whether they were being forced to attend the market against their wishes.

Market Advisory Group members have also decided to change the jurying process to promote a less con-

frontational approach.

Instead of proceeding with investigations on a complaint-driven process, the group has elected to jury 10 per cent of all vendors each year.

The jury process seeks to ensure that products sold at the market comply with the event's "make it, bake it, grow it" parameters.

"This will be an opportunity to better understand how things are made," said Parks and Recreation Commission member Gayle Baker at Monday evening's PARC meeting.

In other PARC news:

A \$40,000 project to resurface and upgrade the athletics track at Portlock Park continues.

Grading has made the facility less muddy, but work is ongoing to find an appropriate resurfacing material for the track.

"It is definitely a lot better than it was, but that doesn't mean this is the end of the project," said PARC manager Kees Ruurs. "If we keep [grading the track], we're going to end up with a big hole in the ground."

### TOASTMASTERS

# Rowan Metcalfe takes top Toastmaster speech titles

Five speakers vie for first place

"What's in the name?" touched on the biblical story of The Prayer of Jabez.

Rowan placed first, evaluating Jim's artful speech, with Oni Freeman placing second.

The second round of this spring contest will take place April 2 in Nanaimo, with Rowan Metcalfe carrying Salt Spring's fortunes.

Guests are welcome to attend Salt Spring Toastmaster meetings, held every Monday in the lower level of the United Church, beginning at 7 p.m. sharp. For more information, contact James Falcon at 250-537-2581.

Last Monday night, Rowan Metcalfe captured first place for the island titles in the Toastmaster's International Speech and Evaluations Contest.

In her speech about love and the meaning of the words "I love you," Metcalfe edged past five contestants who were vying for first place.

Dana Pennington placed second, and Bud Bowes placed third.

The test speaker for the night was Jim McClean. His speech entitled

# NEWSBEAT



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

**OVERNIGHTERS:** Navy personnel are among those seen on the dock at Ganges Marina as four naval training vessels arrive late Sunday afternoon.

## EDUCATION

# Early bird gets the worm

Sign up now for SSI Community Ed

Don't miss out. The deadline for Salt Spring Community Education's spring registration is close at hand. In fact, some courses have already begun. Registration forms will be accepted up until three days before the first class; classes begin in April.

The spring lineup of courses, on topics from digital photography to vegan lifestyle, will appeal to a broad spectrum of student interests.

Philip Benson offers "Level 1 Word for Seniors," starting on April 6 for six Fridays, or "Level 2 Word," starting on April 7 for six Tuesdays. Computer skills are a must in today's job market. Benson gives a one-on-one approach with small, friendly classes.

If your passion is gardening, join Jan Steinman from EcoReality farm in the Fulford Valley for "Introduction to Permaculture" on April 2. This will be followed by a hands-on course at the farm for four Sundays starting April 5. To learn more about this effective method of land management,

visit [www.ecoreality.org](http://www.ecoreality.org).

Many people have switched to a vegan lifestyle, which incorporates "living green." Karen Hawbolt and Kimi Hendess present a three-hour workshop on the topic this Saturday. They share over 20 years' experience in the ethical values of a vegan lifestyle.

Simon Henson offers another beginners' digital photography course beginning on March 31 and running for four Tuesdays. Simon goes beyond basic camera operations to the art of framing shots.

Wendy Judith Cutler is back by popular demand to guide women in a self-discovery through journaling in her course "Women Writing Memoirs: Writing Women's Lives." Some spaces are still available. The class begins on May 11 and runs for six Mondays. Cutler orchestrates a workshop series throughout Canada and USA.

Dr. Maggie Warbey will lead a three-hour workshop on April 17 to explore "Overseas English Teaching Opportunities." Warbey provides tips and trends in ESL teaching worldwide. She

recently retired from the University of Victoria, where she taught applied linguistics courses.

Terry Leonard, an exceptional watercolor artist from Alberta, will guide beginners in exploring this medium to develop their personal style. In this small group, students will learn how to master the techniques required to produce inspiring watercolor paintings. Visit [www.creativityatwork.info](http://www.creativityatwork.info) for further information.

Another valuable workshop focusses on the challenges facing local organizations during these times of economic uncertainty. It's co-sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Foundation and Salt Spring Community Education. Tim Beachy, Chief Executive Officer of the United Community Services Co-operative, facilitates this day-long workshop on Saturday, May 2. The workshop is called "Partnerships for Tough Times: how community organizations can work together for sustainability."

Register for courses at Salt Spring Books, or call the community education office at 250-537-0037 and leave a message for course details.

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EDITORIAL

## No laughing matter

There's no denying that the "powers that be" over at BC Ferries have a strange sense of humour.

On April Fool's Day, ferry fares on minor routes are set to increase by an average of 7.25 per cent. Fares between Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland will go up by 3.25 per cent.

At a time when most of us are doing as much as we can to save as many pennies as possible, this latest increase comes as no laughing matter.

To put things into perspective, a group of four people travelling to Salt Spring Island from Victoria will have to shell out \$63.40 before boarding their ferry at Swartz Bay or Crofton. The trip currently costs \$57.25.

Six bucks may not seem like the end of the world, but the announcement does signal a bleak future.

It turns out the April 1 fare hikes are only the latest in an ongoing trend. BC Ferries has set annual fare increases at a steady 5.7 per cent until 2011.

**THE ISSUE:**

Ferry fares

**WE SAY:**

A worthy election issue

The increase neglects to take into account the volatile price of gasoline and other potential price increases the corporation may deem appropriate.

BC Ferries' management like to blame falling profits and declining ridership for the hikes, though it remains uncertain how rising fares will help fill the boats.

Fare increases are bad news, not only for island residents who like to occasionally venture off island, but also for Salt Spring Island business owners who must compete for valuable summer tourist revenue.

With regions like the Saanich Peninsula, Cowichan and Comox valleys coming into their own as competing holiday destinations, it's not too much of a stretch to imagine that day trippers will elect to spend their money on a rural experience on Vancouver Island in lieu of a ferry ticket to Salt Spring.

After all, that \$63 could easily buy a few bottles of wine and a fine assortment of cheese.

Luckily, we'll soon have an opportunity that only comes around once every four years: the May 12 provincial election.

Within a month, Salt Springers will have every opportunity to hear how Saanich North and the Islands candidates propose to handle skyrocketing ferry fares. It's not often we get politicians knocking at our doors, so let's make sure we've got something to say when they come a-calling.



## Eating our way through bad times

BY DERRICK MILTON

Everywhere I turn, I see some self-proclaimed financial guru telling people that in these tough economic times, they should stop eating out.

This penny-wise and pound-foolish advice is pure rubbish! First, one must bear in mind that it comes from the same geniuses that tried to sell us toxic assets and failed to predict the biggest stock market crash in a lifetime.

Our current economic crisis gives us an opportunity to rethink our economic priorities.

It is a chance to support the local economy, local jobs and local products.

It is a chance to redirect our spending towards healthy, environmentally friendly services rather than spending it on "stuff," such as cars, electronics, large houses, furniture and other waste-creating products.

As an example, let's look at an affluent Salt Spring family who can actually choose where to make cuts (I am well aware that the less affluent have no such choices).

Suppose this wealthy Salt Spring family chooses a smaller, fuel efficient car.

They could save \$20,000 on the purchase price, \$1,000/year on fuel, and another \$400 on insurance.

Let's suppose they also choose to buy a \$400,000 home rather than a \$600,000 home, giving them another \$200,000 to play with.

Suppose they shop around for a mortgage that is 1/2 per cent less, saving another \$2,000/year.

Let's also suppose they also choose to buy no new furniture,

### VIEWPOINT

It is a chance to redirect our spending towards healthy, environmentally friendly services

electronics or foreign vacations.

In total, these affluent consumers could have an extra \$300,000 of disposable income to spend over a 10-year period. These spending cuts would have

little effect on the local economy and yet imagine what could be done with these savings!

The extra \$30,000 per year of disposable income from such cuts could provide consumers with an awful lot of fun.

They could: attend every ArtSpring event, eat out at a different restaurant every night of the week, buy exclusively local products, purchase a gym membership, landscape their property, save for a rainy day, go to every movie at the Fritz, buy local art, enhance their family's and pet's health, donate to a charity, get a fancy hairdo, etc.

This type of spending would help the local economy, their friend's businesses and the environment.

It would also ensure that the most vulnerable people in times of economic crisis, the low-wage service workers, keep their jobs.

I must confess that this letter is driven in part by naked self interest, but there is more to it than that.

Suzy Ormand's advice to 200 million people, to not eat in a restaurant for a month, hurts the vulnerable and solves nothing.

There is really only one group within the service sector that deserves to lose their jobs.

I would advise everyone to cut back on financial advisors.

The writer is a local musician, vet and restaurant owner.

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**

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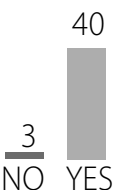
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**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

### Should Swartz Bay-Tsawwassen and Fulford ferries 'connect'?



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# IslandVoices

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**

You wouldn't think that banana peels would generate this kind of excitement.

DARLENE STEELE, ALTERNATE SALT SPRING CRD DIRECTOR

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** How do you know spring has arrived on Salt Spring?



**PETER STARK**

*I'm starting to look at plants and seeds.*



**DIONNE BEML**

*The only reason I know it's here is because I have daffodils that are about three inches tall in my yard.*



**KEN JACKSON**

*The parking lot in Ganges is full.*



**ALEXANDER BOCK**

*Flowers. Just flowers.*



**HERBERT MONRO**

*It hasn't. I'm still wearing these gloves.*

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### Proactive

In recent weeks in the Driftwood I have read letters from locals concerned that Fields is going to disappear from our island. We as a community are losing another convenience that we all find to be a great source of many things from affordable family clothing to stocking stuffers. It is unfair that the County Grocer is the target due to its expansion. I find it unfortunate that many people are unable to see the bigger picture, that there is a much bigger problem than the grocery store wanting to expand. The real problem is the Islands Trust, whose mandate reads as follows, "The object of the Trust is to preserve and protect the Trust area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the Trust area and of British Columbia generally, in cooperation with municipalities,

regional districts, improvement districts, other persons and organizations and the government of British Columbia." An amenity is defined as anything that adds to a person's comfort or convenience, yet due to the policies of the Trust that have land locked us, there is no place for this amenity to move to. There is no place for Salt Spring Coffee, Salt Spring Metal Recycling or a new firehall, among others. It is high time that the Islands Trust came up with a proactive plan that addresses our community's future. One that doesn't impose on rural neighborhoods and affords the honest, hard-working people of our island a place to work from to provide our citizens with the amenities that we all deserve.

**JOHN QUESNEL**  
SALT SPRING

### Spring

Today, my son made black-

berry jam with the berries we saved in the freezer. The berries smelled like sweet summer. We are on the lookout for nettles now. We will use them in soup and dry them for green medicine in the winter. Miner's lettuce is growing in certain secret places in the horse's field. Cultivated greens are scarce in early spring. These wild greens have an exceptional root system that "takes up" more elements from the soil than regular garden crops. Cleavers, known to children as "the sticky plant," is getting ready to make its appearance.

If you are really lucky, you may find some watercress in clear running water. Bring in budding branches (salmonberry or thimbleberry) to bloom for a decorative touch. Look for willow blossoms in wet places. Now is a good time to cultivate a patch of soil and plant some radishes. Plant a few every week for a steady

supply. Use up your dried herbs as teas now. They will help keep spring colds at bay, and soon, you will need your jars for storing new ones.

My five favourite things about Salt Spring in early spring are Watermark Books, the beach, Bruce's Kitchen, spa therapy, and Café Talia.

**WENDI GILSON**  
SALT SPRING

### Library

In the present economic climate, I think it is time to reconsider the building of a new library on McPhillips Avenue.

The taxpayers of Salt Spring paid for land at the Rainbow Road Recreation site. It is estimated that building the library there will cost about \$1 million less than on McPhillips. The library board's own consultant recommended last fall that they reconsider the choice of the McPhillips location.

There is plenty of parking at the Rainbow Road property. The Islands Trust has relaxed the parking requirements for the McPhillips site at the cost of other merchants in Ganges who must obey the law. Our new transit system runs a bus service to the Rainbow site regularly and our growing network of walkways make it easily accessible to all.

There is no shame in admitting that one might have been wrong and that a fresh, new look is in order. But it would be shameful if the library board were to continue to be set on the proposed McPhillips site without further study in these changing times.

All are welcome at the Salt Spring Public Library AGM, to be held on Tuesday, March 31 at 3:30 p.m. in the United Church Hall on Herford Avenue. Please attend.  
**CAROL DODD**  
SALT SPRING

### Fiddlers

I would like to share with you all the pleasure I had attending one of the final rehearsals of the concert Carolyn Hatch and her fiddlers are giving right now on their tour of New York, including the United Nations.

What a great experience for these students, not only to be able to perform, but to see the wonders there, including the museums, the Julliard, and the New York Philharmonic. I do hope they can repeat their concert here on Salt Spring on their return. Being a violinist myself, I know the work this has involved, so do congratulate them all, especially Carolyn Hatch, on her excellent teaching and organization.

**JEAN WRIGHT**  
SALT SPRING

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## Jobs are the real 'sniff test' in Coffee Co. debate

A couple of weeks ago, I found myself warming a chair at ArtSpring, auditing the goings-on of our Islands Trust. In that cavernous space, with only a smattering of interested parties, the head table of trustees and support staff seemed almost facile, poring over the minutiae of last month's meeting. I expected a larger turnout, given the constant barrage of letters and editorials in this publication concerning the Trust's topic de jour. The Salt Spring Roasting Company's application to relocate was back on the play list.

I was one of a small handful of observers with no axe to grind. The people in front of the microphones were either distraught neighbours railing against the project or Salt Spring Coffee Company reps waving scientific papers above their heads, as if logic and empirical evidence has anything to do with it. This has turned into a good old "Perkins versus the McLeods" donnybrook. Allow me to give you the thumbnail version of the two camps.

The Coffee Co. facility will be constructed well off the main drag. It will be a LEEDS Gold building. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. LEEDS Gold is the highest attainable level. The facility will use about as much water as a family home. It will recycle its grey water. It will have a state-of-the-art septic system whose end product is almost drinkable. The furnace will burn the exhaust coming from the roaster to such an extent that even trustee Ehring is convinced that aldehyde emissions would not constitute any envi-

ronmental or health threat. The excess heat would be used in the proposed greenhouses designed to provide year round local food for islanders. It will set the standard in North America.

The Perkins camp argues that it will be too close to Ford Lake, a lovely little lake more than a kilometre from the proposed site. Given the trouble and expense Salt Spring Coffee Co. is willing to shoulder to ensure pristine waterborne and airborne emissions, I fail to see that the lake is germane to the argument. Traffic? Minimal. Coffee Co. is even building a nice bus turnout for Salt Spring's other pride and joy — the transit system. Would the rezoning set a precedent, opening the door for other, less benign industries? No. The trust looks at these things on a case by case basis. Should the roasting plant be in an industrial park, next to the cement plant? Is it more aesthetically pleasing to have these enterprises located all over the island rather than concentrated in one urban blight area? That's an argument for the future. Overall, there seems to be few rational underpinnings in the Perkins camp.

Yet initially I found myself sympathetic to the opposition, mainly on philosophical grounds. Did our bucolic, pastoral Camelot need such an ambitious company? Was this not the antithesis of what we define as the

island life style? Was the developer of the ill-fated Bullock Creek not somewhat on target when he gave us the moniker "Island Goofers?"

And then the economy went down the toilet — globally, nationally, locally. We are in a recession that may tip into a depression. I wasn't around for the Depression, but I was witness to a really serious recession in the eighties. My mortgage payment was \$2,200 a month. My entire income that year was \$5,000. I lived in my basement and rented out the upstairs. That was tough. This present meltdown feels tougher. Experience trumps philosophy.

You see trouble all over this island. Fields is shutting down, possibly permanently. J. Mitchell Gallery, essential to many local artists is shutting down. Nobody wanted to take a chance on taking over a gallery in these uncertain times. Restaurants and retail shops are all running scared.

There were no homes sold on Salt Spring Island in January. Zero. Nada. "Houses for Rent" fills an entire column in the Driftwood classified section. Building permit revenue was down 25 per cent in January compared to January 2008. Go into any of the building supply stores and walk right up to the counter. There are more clerks than customers. This is serious, folks.



**Peter Vincent**

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## OPINION

# Support alternative art show locations

BY ANTHONY MATTHEWS

Upon hearing the sad news of the impending closure of the J. Mitchell Gallery in Ganges, a number of things ran through my mind simultaneously.

What will she do now? Will she stay engaged in art related activities?

What of the artists represented in her stable?

What of the Salt Spring Fine Art Group,

## INDEPTH

of which J. Mitchell is a charter member, and its efforts to promote Salt Spring Island as a fine art tourist destination? The Fine Art Tour?

Hell, where am I going to gaze upon the phenomenal basketry and ceramics of Pat Bennett and Bill Boyd now?

In informal musings with artists and gallery directors over the last few days, reactions have ranged from disbelief, to grief, to mere head shaking.

No one wants to predict how this will impact the remaining galleries in what is sure to be a telling year with the current state of the economy.

In this case, a smaller field of gallery offerings does not necessarily equate to a bigger piece of the pie for the remaining players.

On the contrary, it can be likened to removing the leg of a table.

I have always believed there were not enough galleries to go around, to accurately represent

the number of artists living and working on our island, and now there is one less.

Perhaps, then, this is a good opportunity to bring some focus to the alternative art showing locations around Ganges.

These diverse locations have provided some measure of success in showing emerging artists, or artists who are currently not represented by island galleries for one reason or another.

While there is still some stigma as to how important a show is at one of these spaces, they do provide an alternative, and a walk around to some of these will reveal that a number of well-respected and admired artists are currently on exhibit.

Starting at Talia café on Hereford Avenue, the owner has been putting on regular exhibits, fine ones at that, since opening last summer.

Currently on view is Hilario Gutierrez.

Walk through the church park to McPhillips Avenue, which is literally awash in these spaces with no less than five

exhibits. Island Savings has new shows four times a year and currently has a show of paintings by Cody Conner.

Head on over to Barbs Buns for a show of paintings by Mikaela Heydemann.

Cross the handsome new footbridge over the creek to the Salt Spring Coffee Company to view A Mother and Daughter Paint: Patricia M. Macdonald and Alex Macdonald.

These paintings will make you smile.

Head on over to Salt Spring Books and look up, way up, to see An Immense and Unexpected Field of View, 10 new drawings by the exciting young artist Jamie Callum Macaulay.

Before leaving the street, stop in TJ Beans for a continuing exhibit of photographs by Osman Phillips. His work is quintessential Salt Spring.

If a yoga session is in your routine, a stop at the Ganges Yoga Studio will reveal a small show in the lobby and stairs of photographic collage of Salt Spring scenes. Jana's Bake Shop is the last stop

... a walk around to some of these will reveal that a number of well-respected and admired artists are currently on exhibit.

and there this month are photographs by the well-known Shari Macdonald.

While you are out running errands, take a moment to stop by any of these places and thank them for the support they give in encouraging the arts on our fine island.

I invite other businesses to join in and initiate a program of rotating art exhibits.

*The writer is a Salt Spring resident.*

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### Outraged

Born and raised on Salt Spring Island, I have always felt proud to be a member of such a strong, secure and trusting community.

I feel it is an absolute outrage

for any member of this community to have to feel apprehensive and scared to leave their belongings on their own property in fear that they may be violated, that they may be stolen from — that their belongings may not be there when they return.

This is not the Salt Spring I know and love.

I am asking whomever stole this bike to return it immediately — or \$700 can be dropped off to the post office at GVM.

Find some courage and strength in yourself and do the right thing.

**MARY PIPERNO**  
SALT SPRING

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## RANTS and Roses

### Roses

Most thankful roses to those who aided my mom after her fall in front of the Salt Spring Inn on Friday, March 13. Special thanks to the first responders, ambulance and fire, Colleen Shantz, Dr. Woodley, Robin Dupuis and the rest of the staff at Lady Minto. Your care and concern were very much appreciated. Ann Marie Davidson

Roses to the U13 Girls Small & Mighty soccer team and their dedicated coaches. "Small and mighty does not even begin to describe your untiring determination and heart. Playing an entire season with a minimum number (11 at the most) of players and making your way to the first place position in the league is in itself a stellar achievement. You started cup play one member short, continued through the loss of two more key players, and went all the way to the end of the second 10-minute overtime, only to be beaten by one point in the last two minutes of the game. Kudos to Maggie for taking on the position of goalie and holding off scoring until the bitter end. What an inspiring group of young ladies! No one deserved to win more than you. Your skill, steely determi-

nation, fierce desire and passion for the game is credible to the wonderful coaching you have in Lynn, John and Richard. And the support of your parents is something you girls should all be proud of.

Roses to my realtors who put people before profit: thank-you Anne Miller and Phyllis Bolton for your incredible heart, professionalism, integrity, knowledge, work ethic, support and guidance. I look forward to our continued relationship outside of business. Thank-you for helping my family move onward, and for filling my loved home with great new people! Tiffany Wightman

Roses and more to Star Barks for donating dog biscuits to the Crofton ferry terminal for all the dogs heading to Salt Spring. It's the highlight of their trip.

Bouquets of Salt Spring wild flowers to the kind folks who spoke Thursday with the learners from the Faculty of Tourism, Royal Roads University. Many thanks to Denise and Jackie, Salt Spring Cheese; Peter McCully, The Driftwood; Dr. Stan Shapiro; Mickey McLeod, Salt Spring Coffee; Linda Quiring and Amy, Salt

Spring Soapworks; Alex Fischer, Bateman Studio; Sue Coates, Salt Spring Winery. Janice Harley

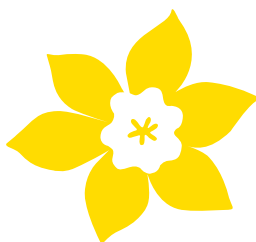
Roses to everyone who attended, supported and helped make Pegasus Gallery's spring show a success on Friday night. It was a fabulous evening! Ian and Claire Sigvaldason.

Roses and doggie biscuits to my "papa," who came to let me out and take me on a nice long walk while my "maman" was stranded in Crofton when the ferry broke down last Tuesday. Thank you for rescuing me. Woof-woof, Milou.

A grateful "thank you" to the kind lady who returned my new, special spectacles recently purchased in the UK. Chrissy

Two glasses of Guinness to Bob McIvor and Michael Aronoff on behalf of the residents of the Extended Care Unit of Lady Minto Hospital for an enjoyable hour of Celtic music on March 18. Thank you also to Kelly from Country Grocer for her thoughtfulness and expertise on preparing special cookies for the occasion. It was a wonderful afternoon.

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# OPINION



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**SERENE SCENE:** Kayakers enjoying a paddle on St. Mary Lake create a colourful reflection.

## Imperfections of Roberto Luongo

For an athlete who makes an average of about \$7 million a season, there's bound to be some criticism whenever he or she makes some kind of a slip-up in front of the piercing eye that is the public.

So does it come as any surprise that the Vancouver Canucks' goaltender and team captain, Roberto Luongo, has been taking recent heat from the media for letting in what they describe as "soft goals"?

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to recognize the weakest area of Luongo's game. It's no secret that when he tries to handle the puck outside of his crease, bad things tend to happen.

That said, it's also general knowledge that Luongo is the best thing to happen to the Canucks since sliced bread, so any talk of him not being the "real deal" is complete and utter crap.

But no matter how big of a contributor and superstar you may be, when your annual salary is higher than that of U.S. President Barack Obama, you're guaranteed to come under some kind of scrutiny when things don't go according to plan.

From a media perspective, the "soft goal" argument seems legitimate and understandable. Most fans will even admit that Luongo has not been the sharpest they've seen him in the almost three seasons he's

played in Vancouver.

The tip of the iceberg was a goal that came this Sunday, March 15, against an abysmal Colorado Avalanche team.

Luongo attempted to play the puck behind the net and ended up giving it away to Avalanche forward Darcy Tucker, who capitalized on the easy target.

The previous week, Luongo also gave up poor goals against the Los Angeles Kings and Anaheim Ducks, including an embarrassing 50-foot shot from a player who can't even score goals in his wildest dreams, Kings defenseman Denis Gauthier.

With all the conclusive evidence, there's not a shred of doubt in anyone's mind that Luongo is no Marty Turco when it comes to puck-handling.

But as long as he's stopping the puck when it really counts, who cares?

Anyone who's ever watched Luongo play can tell you that he's a perfectionist and that he'll go back and do the same thing 1,000 times just to get it right once.

So, as you can imagine, anyone who is that particular about their performance probably doesn't appreciate a group of reporters coming up to him and asking,

"Hey, Roberto, so what's up with those bad goals you've been letting in lately," or some

more professional spin on the same question.

But you have to love the response they got from him, which basically said, "I'm Roberto Luongo. Check my record."

If you do check Luongo's record, you'll see that he's been pretty much money in the bank since the Canuck disaster that was the month of January.

He's been a huge reason the Canucks have managed to set a new franchise record by winning 11 straight games at GM Place.

The last win earned him a shutout against the St. Louis Blues. He's also made the occasional highlight-reel save with timing that would even make Anastasia Davydova and Anastasia Ermakova, the 2004 (Athens) and 2008 (Beijing) Summer Olympic gold medalists for the women's duet synchronized swimming event, jealous.

The point is, despite everything that's happened, with his wife having a baby last season, and with him coming back from the first real serious injury he's had in his career this season, Luongo is a hell of a player.

Hands down, he's the best player on the Canucks roster right now.

But people will do what they always do when they become bored with the way things are... complain.

People are quick to point out imperfections, but when it comes to solving them, that's a different story altogether.

construction clutter for some time.

Dump for free? How can that be? Well, there's no overhead. Somebody else owns the property, so taxes and all that are taken care of. There's no staff. You just pull over and dump whatever you like at the roadside and it simply rolls conveniently out of sight — sort of. There's no clean up or transfer. Your garbage just joins the midden dumped by the clandestine clientele over the years.

Best of all, there are no restrictions on the material you can dump off at Stewart Road. The neighbouring properties along the crescent accept tires, paint cans, motor oil, dead batteries,

drywall and other construction debris. Not long ago, one guy hastily threw 13 garbage bags full of blown-in insulation out of the back of his vehicle. Just think of the money he saved!

We recommend you use the crescent at the bottom of the hill to turn around first so your vehicle is positioned for an easy getaway... er, exit.

If Stewart Road is not conveniently located, simply find a nearby, undeveloped property with the driveway cut in, or a dark, un-populated road near you.

Then just pull over and take a dump.

**TANZOLO FORCHESE**  
SALT SPRING



**Patrick Cwiklinski**

### LET'S TALK SPORTS

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### Talking trash

Only a few islanders know about it, even though it is open 24 hours a day, including holidays.

It has a great view, lots of parking... and no witnesses.

What are we talking about? We're talking trash! Your trash, and where you can dump it for free.

One prime location is the unmarked crescent off of Stewart Road, just north of Peter Arnell Park, where people have been dumping their difficult to dispose of household hazards and

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#### THE ELECTION OF THREE TRUSTEES

Notice is hereby given that at the Annual General Meeting, to be held on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009, three trustees are to be elected. Two trustees to serve for a period of three years and one trustee to serve for a period of one year. Nominations of candidates for these positions must be made in writing, duly signed, seconded, with signature of agreement by the nominee, and delivered to the District Office, 761 Upper Ganges Road, at or before 12:00 noon, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

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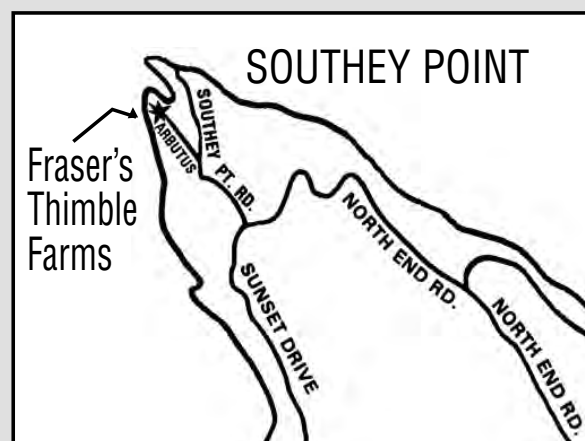
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# NEWSBEAT

## GARDEN CLUB

# 'Plant geek' takes garden club podium at talk today

Meaden Hall at 7 p.m.

Salt Spring's Garden Club will meet again Wednesday, March 25 (today) with a presentation by Philip MacDougall.

"Past president of a number of horticultural organizations on the eastern seaboard and most recently chair of the NARGS Western Study

Weekend in Vancouver, [MacDougall] has no commercial ties to horticulture but instead fits the criteria for true plant geek," states a recent press release.

Although MacDougall holds a graduate degree in plant biochemistry, he now works as an RN at the B.C. Cancer Agency, "enjoying gardening too much to attempt to make a career

out of it." Extensive travels have taken MacDougall on "botanical reconnaissance trips" throughout North America, Asia, Australia and most recently to Chile and Argentina.

According to press material, the food, people and plants of Taiwan have made it one of his favorite destinations.

"Long associated with the worst

excesses of industrialization, the phrase 'Made in Taiwan' conjures up images of cheap plastic pouring out of the most densely populated country on the planet. Yet on the East Coast, pristine mountains rise 4,000 metres vertically from the sea. If China is the mother of all gardens, then Taiwan is concentrate of 'mother,' with over 4,000 species of flower-

ing plants — 40 per cent of them are found nowhere else on the planet."

The gardening group invites attendees to join them on an exploration of the flora of Taiwan at 7 p.m. at Meaden Hall.

"You may see some old friends that grow in your garden, many more you'll only wish were your compatriots."

## THE ENVIRONMENT

# Rafe Mair on SSI to discuss B.C.'s rivers

Hydroelectric licenses questioned

Former Social Credit Party Minister of the Environment Rafe Mair will discuss the licensing of B.C.'s rivers at the Community Gospel Chapel this Friday, beginning at 7 p.m.

In press materials, the outspoken former CKNW talk-show host warns that "the ongoing privatization of B.C.'s watersheds will result in soaring energy costs and environmental degradation."

Mair, who once served as a cabinet minister in Bill Bennett's government, is now the spokesperson for the Save Our

Rivers Society, a coalition that is publicizing the economic and environmental impacts of the B.C. Energy Plan.

"This is the most important challenge the people of British Columbia have faced," said Mair.

The sale of B.C.'s rivers is happening right now, states the press release:

"The Plan, passed without public awareness or debate in 2003, prohibits BC Hydro from developing new power sources while granting all new hydroelectric licenses to private multinational energy corporations like General Electric.

"Instead of generating and selling its own inexpensive

electricity and putting millions in profit back into general revenue, BC Hydro will be forced to buy over-priced, privately generated power. BC Hydro will be crippled under the Plan and B.C. ratepayers will pay soaring utility bills."

Also included in the debate are the facts that, under NAFTA's rules, once B.C.'s rivers are licensed to American corporations, "the door is opened to bulk water and energy exports to America in perpetuity."

More than 600 rivers and streams in the province already have private power applications or licenses on them, including both the Kettle and Similkameen Rivers.

Press material states that the provincial government has passed Bill 30, which prevents local municipal governments from having zoning authority over the development of private river power projects that affect their local river systems and watersheds.

"Once we embark down this slippery slope, we're in this forever ... Our rivers will be butchered to warm California swimming pools," said Mair.

Joining the discussion on Friday, March 27 will be Gwen Barlee from the Western Canada Wilderness Committee. Admission is by donation.

For more information, visit [www.saveourrivers.ca](http://www.saveourrivers.ca).

## NATURE TALK

# Benefits of hedgerows addressed at event

Enhanced by Sat. Walk and Talk

David Bradbeer, Program Coordinator of the Delta Farmland and Wildlife Trust, will talk about the benefits of hedgerows on Friday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m. at Lions Hall.

The event is co-sponsored by The Farmers' Institute, SSI Conservancy and SSI Hedgerow Preservation Society.

Hedgerows that divide agricultural fields and grow along roadsides are being rediscovered as highly important to farm productivity while pro-

viding a home for beneficial wildlife. Statistics show that a hedgerow can reduce wind speed, enhance pollination and increase farm crop performance by as much as 75 per cent. Hedgerows reduce weed invasion, regulate and slow water flow, trap soil particles and therefore reduce erosion, particularly along waterways. Species-rich hedgerows also protect livestock from stress and disease. We are now in the ideal planting season for hedgerows.

David Bradbeer studies agricultural systems to promote food security and biodiversity

conservation and is committed to working with farmers to identify practices that are compatible with food production and environmental stewardship. He obtained a B.Sc. in Agroecology from the University of British Columbia and a Master's degree in Animal Science. As Program Coordinator at DFWT, he is responsible for developing, administering and evaluating the effectiveness of land stewardship programs designed to benefit both agricultural and wildlife interests.

The Delta Farmland and Wildlife Trust is a non-profit organization that is a "Part-

ner in Stewardship" with local farmers and conservationists.

Salt Spring's roadside hedgerows supply more native habitat area than our protected parks, provide natural privacy screens and reduce noise and dust in residential as well as farmland areas.

Friday night's talk will be followed by a Saturday morning Walk and Talk to learn about Salt Spring's farm hedgerows. Space for the walk is limited; register by calling the Conservancy office at 250-538-0318. Admission for the talk is by a suggested donation of \$5. Refreshments offered.

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# Zen circle

The Salt Spring Zen Circle will offer the next in its series of half-day sitting meditations on Sunday, March 29.

Taking place at Ango Retreat, the free mini-retreat will include instruction and periods of sitting and walking meditation. It will take place from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Beginners, as well as experienced meditators from any tradition, are welcome to attend.

The group's teacher, Peter Levitt, who has been studying and practising Zen meditation for close to 40 years, will guide the meditation and give a talk on Zen practice at the mini-retreat.

Although the retreat is free, in the Zen tradition, donations for the teacher are gratefully received.

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**9:00 A.M. Tuesday March 24th, 2009**  
**and 4:00 P.M. Friday April 3rd, 2009**

During which period the nomination documents shall only be received during the office hours of Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Ganges Fire Hall or arrangements may be made to file nomination documents by phoning Thomas Moore at (250) 472-0059.

The three (3) Trustee positions are for a three year term commencing at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held on April 20th, 2009 and terminating at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held in the year 2012.

The Election is to be held on **Monday, April 20th, 2009** at the **Ganges Fire Hall** from **11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.** in the Training Room. An **Advance Voting** opportunity will be held in the Training Room on Saturday, **April 11th 2009** between the hours of **11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.** Candidates shall be nominated by two duly qualified electors of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District. Nomination forms may be obtained at the Fire Hall or from Thomas F. Moore, Returning Officer (250) 472-0059.

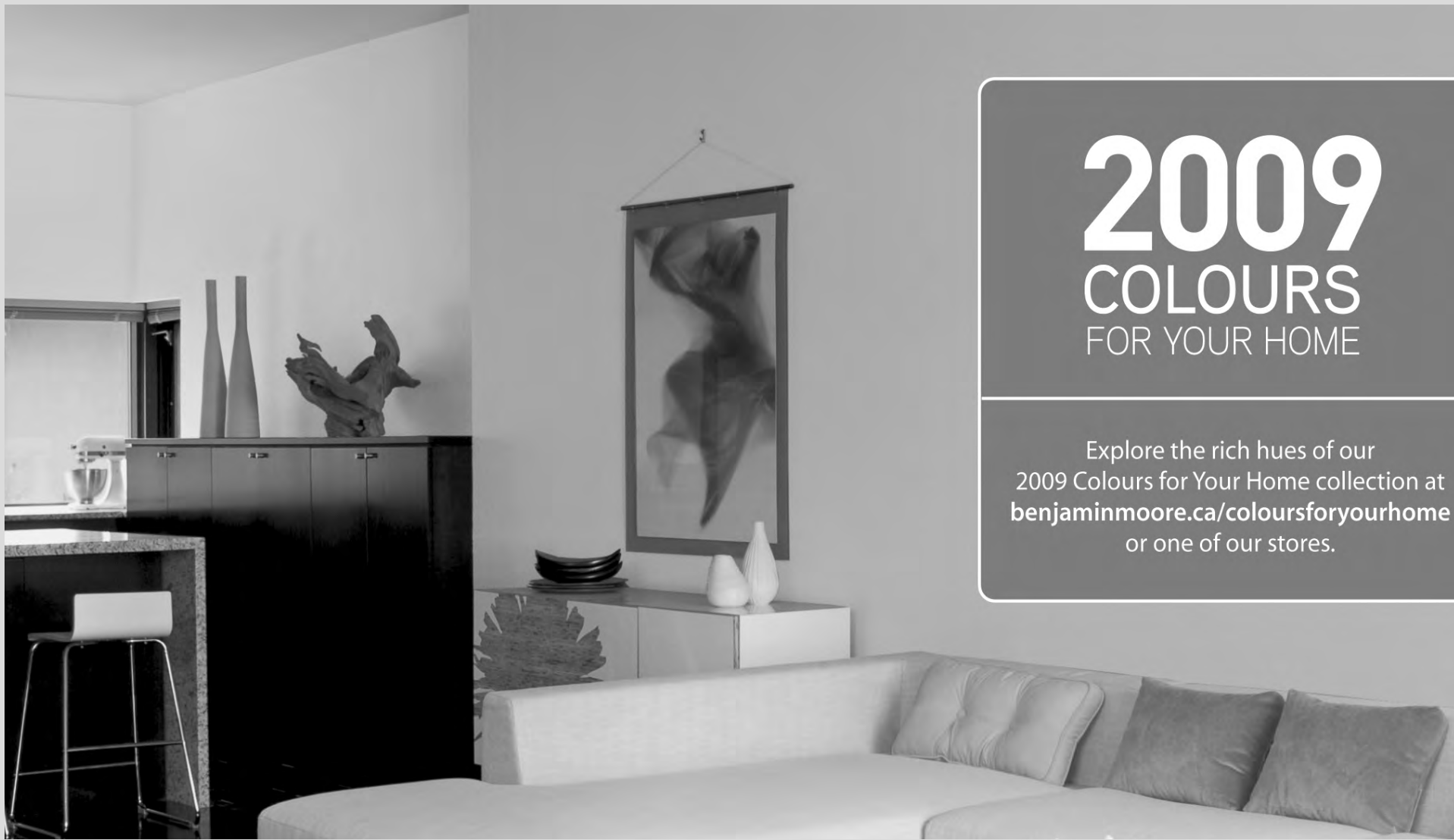
Those persons eligible to vote at this election will have the following qualifications:

1. Be a Canadian Citizen
2. Be eighteen years of age or older
3. Be a resident in the Province of British Columbia for at least six months prior to this election
4. Be an owner of land within the boundaries of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District
5. One vote is also allowed for each board or corporation that owns land within the Fire Protection District. The Board or Corporation must designate one person in writing to act as an authorized agent to vote on its behalf.

If more than one person is registered on title as owner of land then those owners may vote providing they meet the qualifications set out above. No persons may vote more than once with the exception that they may vote as an authorized agent and personally if they own land on a personal basis.

Dated at Ganges, B.C.  
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**MEN'S SOCCER**



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Colin McDougall hits the back of the net and records a hat-trick as Gremio defeats Sooke 6 - 1.

## Gremio dominates Sooke

McDougall nabs hat trick

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Ganges Gremio nailed down another victory in front of its hometown fans on Sunday afternoon, defeating Sooke in a 6-1 rout at Portlock Park.

"It was utter domination, really," said player Ryan Smith. "We just really broke down their defence and, by the half, it was a foregone conclusion."

Gremio took an early lead on the first of three goals scored by offensive sensation Colin McDougall, only to have Sooke

respond with a successful penalty kick attempt just before the half.

"There was no point in that game when we weren't in total control," he said.

"We probably squandered 10 chances in the first half."

Though the score was tied 1-1 at the half, Smith said the atmosphere remained fun, light-hearted and relaxed.

"We said, 'Let's go win this game,'" Smith added.

As the second half progressed, Gremio drew out their lead with goals from McDougall, Smith, Jordan Haenen and Jeremy Moulton.

McDougall received the "goal-

of-the-game" award, thanks to some Karate Kid theatrics undertaken on the lead up to his second goal of the game.

"It was almost like the Matrix," Smith said.

"Their keeper came up and really didn't know what to do."

Sunday's victory gives the upstart Ganges Gremio squad a 5-2-6 record.

The team is in fifth position in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's division 5A with 21 points.

Gremio has one game remaining in its regular season schedule, though a time has yet to be confirmed.

**FC SOCCER**

## Salt Spring FC ends season on right foot

Win gives fourth-place finish

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring FC overcame two one-goal deficits to tie Cowichan in the team's final game of the 2008-09 season on Vancouver Island Sunday.

"We looked alright considering we haven't practiced or played for three weeks," said player Jordan Morrison.

FC got its first goal soon after Cowichan opened the scoring in the first half. The ball was delivered to Jeremy Morrison's feet on a botched clearance attempt by

the Cowichan keeper, who stood no chance of stopping the return shot.

Cowichan regained the lead early in the second only to have Salt Spring once again draw even in dramatic style,

Keeper Miguel Alvarado netted his first goal of the season after he was assigned to take a penalty shot midway through the second.

Salt Spring FC players continued to dominate the rest of the game but couldn't find their way into the Cowichan goal.

The tie means FC (7-5-6) finishes the season with 27 points, enough to clinch fourth place in the Vancouver Island Soccer

League's second division.

Morrison said he is content with the team's performance over the course of a season that had its fair share of ups and downs.

"It was a better season than we had in the past and a lot more relaxed," he said. "Our goal was not to get relegated and not get promoted and we accomplished that."

Morrison added that he hopes this year's players will all come back and add their experience to what could be a very successful 2009-10 season.

He said the team will take several well-deserved weeks off before players start training for May's Challenge Cup.

**TENNIS**

## Free program gets groovy, urban kids swinging

Overwhelming interest in a free program aimed to teach tennis fundamentals to young boys and girls has convinced the program's co-ordinator to extend the program through the summer.

Marianne Banman said registration for Friday's Groovy Girls and Urban Boys camps filled up

so quickly that she's started collecting names on a waiting list for future classes.

Banman said the relatively low cost of gear makes the sport a great way to get kids physically active.

"The social aspect of tennis has benefits too as new friend-

ships are made on and off the court," she added.

Classes are sponsored by Tennis BC, Tennis Canada and the 2010 Legacies initiative.

Banman can be reached via e-mail at mmbanman@telus.net for more information about the program.

**SAILING**

## Round Penders sail race deemed worth repeating

Simmons finished two-day event in first

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Organizers are calling the inaugural Round Penders single-handed sailing race an enormous success following the two-day weekend event.

"Overall the weather was pretty good and it was a great event," said fleet racing captain Peter McGovern.

Eleven boats departed Ganges Harbour for Port Browning amid light winds on Saturday morning.

With winds picking up through Captain's Passage, Electra (Kibble), Imp (Slakov) and Boomer (Simmons) made it to the front of the pack.

"The benevolent leader of the race's fleet captain Pete McGovern had decided that the fleet should race clockwise around Pender islands and have to go through Captain's Passage on the way, but left all other obstacles up to the racers including the numerous freighters parked in Plumper Sound," noted Scott Simmons in his post-race report.

Simmons commended the Salt Spring Sailing Club's newest members who posted strong showings, notably Eric van Soeren aboard Paramour and Gyle Keating aboard Empezar.

Departure from Port Browning on the second day saw rising winds reaching up to 12 knots.

"Some of the foolhardy souls decided to fly their spinnakers," Simmons said. "Being one of them I found myself boxed in between Keating's Empezar and Mario Tello's Tara's Whisper."

With the fleet rounding the south end of Pender, sailors were greeted with sustained winds of 12 knots.

"The whole fleet was tacking back and forth under the Pender Bluffs. It seemed as if we would all be back in no time, but the wind gods decided to go for coffee and have a little time out," Simmons added. "Some had to motor in and some managed to sail in. We all made it back at about the same time. All and all we had a great time."

Simmons ended the two-stage race as the official winner but said the event's success and close competition made every sailor a winner. He said the event's popularity and success bodes well for running the event in 2010.

"I'm sure next year we will have 16 boats out for this race," Simmons added. "The thing about single-handed racing is you cannot blame the crew or drag them in the water and slow yourself down. The skippers get to prove to themselves that they can drive the boat to the maximum."

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**Brian Bleskie**  
**March 29, 2007**

In the hearts of those who love you, you will always be here.  
**We miss you.**  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad & Lisa

#### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### COMING EVENTS

**A MYTH FOR OUR TIME**  
 An exploration and interpretation of Lord of the Rings films: their relevance in understanding our place in this world of constant change and upheaval.  
 Mar. 28 and 29, 1-5 pm  
 Ango Retreat, 340 LePage Rd.  
 \$30.00 each day  
 Lorelee Scaife,  
 Jungian Astrologer  
 Registration and Info:  
 250-537-4074

**BC SPCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
 Monday March 30  
 10:00AM, Mahon Hall,  
 114 Rainbow Road  
 For further information on the meeting or to obtain a copy of the draft agenda, please contact Brandy Glovka  
 saltspring@spca.bc.ca  
 (250) 537-2123.

**CAUGHT IN the Middle:** 8 week Parent/Child Support Group to help families overcome issues related to divorce and separation. Running Wed. 5:00-6:30pm Mar. 25 to May 13. Light meal will be provided. Call Maryanne at 250-537-9938

"RITES OF Spring" original art show and sale, by SSI Painters Guild. April 14-28 at Art-spring, 10am-4pm. Contact Nixe Gerbitz 537-5994.



#### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COMING EVENTS**  
**CENTRAL COMMUNITY HALL**  
 Annual General Meeting  
 Sunday, Mar. 29th  
 @ 1:00pm  
 Public Welcome  
 Info: Call Valerie Hutton  
 250-537-0049

FOR A complete listing 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.gulfislandsdriftwood.com. Use the calendar for event planning and to make sure your date doesn't conflict with someone else's.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3.** Hedgerow talk with David Bradbeer from Delta Farmland and Wildlife Trust. He will give an illustrated talk on hedgerows, biodiversity and good farm practice. 7pm Lion's Hall.

**JANIE MAXIMICK:** Author of laugh-out-loud Fiction! Get hooked on her eccentric characters and their hilarious antics. 'Paradise' series, Book 1, 2, 3 available on the internet at www.janiemaximick.com

#### DEATHS

### Carol Downing

Dec 9, 1940 - March 17, 2009  
 Will be sadly missed by son, John Downing and wife Carrie of Vancouver, daughter Andrea Pringle and husband John and grandchildren Jeff & Jody, brother Stewart Leslie and family of Vancouver, and sister Barb Leslie of Prince George.

Carol was a great supporter of the SPCA, so in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the local SPCA or the South Okanagan Rehabilitation Centre for Owls (SORCO, Box 1166, Oliver, BC, V0N 1T0).

A celebration of Carol's life will be held at 2:00pm on Saturday, March 28th at Pringle Farm on Sunset Drive. All friends and family welcome.



### Iris Pattison (nee Goodrich)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Iris Pattison March 14, 2009 at Kelowna General Hospital.

Iris was born September 26, 1922 on Salt Spring Island, B.C. She will be lovingly remembered by daughter Wendy Remesz, son-in-law John Remesz, grandchildren Ben and Natasha, family and friends. She is predeceased by her husband Pat in 1977, and her sister Ruth Heinekey. She is survived by brother Ken Goodrich of Ottawa.

Iris was born and raised on Salt Spring Island, left the island in 1945, but returned to Vesuvius Bay in 1973 with her family. Iris left the Island again in 2002 to live in Kelowna with Wendy and her family. While on Salt Spring, Iris was well known as a very accomplished seamstress with many Island clients.

We would like to extend a special thanks to the emergency room staff at KGH. Iris was a gentle spirit whose kindness touched many.  
**A tea party will be held in her honour May 16, 2009 at 2410 Longhill Rd. Kelowna, B.C.**

#### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COMING EVENTS**  
  
**Notice of Annual General Meetings**  
**Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club**  
 Salt Spring Recreational Holdings Ltd.  
 Wed. April 29 5:30pm  
 Clubhouse

GET INVOLVED in the 10th Annual Arts and Culture Week! April 19-25, schools & arts councils in your city are presenting arts events. You can too. www.bcartsweek.org.

**KRAYENHOFF MEMORIAL LUNCH / BRIDGE**  
 Friday, March 27 noon  
 Fulford Hall  
 Tickets \$20  
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**COMING EVENTS**  
**MARCH IS** Landmine Awareness Month. This year is the 10th Anniversary of the signing of the Ottawa Treaty to Ban Landmines. People all over Canada are participating in the Night of a Thousand Dinners to raise money for the Canadian Landmine Foundation. On Salt Spring the dinners are being held jointly by the United Church and the Rotary Club. If you would like to participate or make a donation call Pat or Richard Hanna at 250-537-2358.

**PAINTING CLASSES:** 1st hour free to new students. Watercolour or acrylics. Mid April to June. Small classes. Beg. and Interm. welcome. Call Val Konig 250-537-4660.

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### Jacqueline Anne Booth

August 13, 1954 – March 20, 2009

Jacky was born in Epsom, England and, with her daughter Clea, was a long time resident of Salt Spring Island, British Columbia. Jacky died very suddenly and unexpectedly while visiting with her family in Florida.

Jacky was dedicated to preserving the natural ecology of Salt Spring and the marine ecology of the west coast of Canada. She was a member of the Advisory Environment Committee for the Salt Spring Island Trust and worked tirelessly to maintain the sense of community which was so important to Salt Spring life.

She was a founding member and unflinching volunteer for several local environmental conservation initiatives. She was one of the founders of Fulford Elementary School's Nature Club, sharing her fascination with life in the ocean with a generation of school children on Salt Spring.

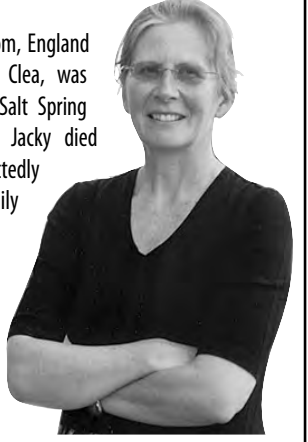
Jacky, as principal of Jacqueline Booth and Associates, was a highly respected and acknowledged expert in the management of coastal and marine biological resources, consulting to a wide range of federal and provincial government departments and environmental organizations. Jacky was a pioneer in the application of GIS to this science.

Jacky had a great capacity for generosity, and shared all she had unstintingly with those around her. She was always there to help, and her sharp mind and technical expertise were precious island commodities. A devoted mother, daughter, sister and friend, Jacky will be missed greatly by her daughter Clea Booth Mihalik, a student at Gulf Islands Secondary School, her parents Jim and Margaret Booth of Toronto, her sister Gillian and Gillian's partner Ed, and her nieces Jackie, Maggie and Heather Vandermeulen. She was pre-deceased by her brother John.

Jacky's life on Salt Spring Island was filled with loyal friends by whom she will always be remembered with love.

A celebration of Jacky's life will take place on Salt Spring Island and will be announced in an upcoming issue of the Salt Spring Driftwood newspaper.

Condolences may be sent c/o Gillian Booth at gillianbooth@cogeco.ca



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**SSS BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION**  
 Annual General Meeting  
 Wed. Apr 1st  
 SSI Golf & Country Club  
 6:30pm to 9:30pm  
**Election of Officers**  
 --Burgers and beverage available--  
 For more info:  
 250-537-2882

#### DEATHS

**SSI GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB** Opening Day Tues. March 31st. 9 holes of golf. Shotgun start. Scramble at 10am followed by Luncheon & Fashion Show. All Lady Members and Guests welcome. Tickets in Pro Shop.

#### DEATHS

**SPANISH CLASSES** every Thurs. in Ganges: Apr. 9th 3:30-5:30pm. Conversation, reading, grammar. \$120 for 8 weeks. Limited space. To register: Evelyne 653-2067

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**WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR THE GENEROSITY OF OUR many community partners,**  
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 -Our Current staff: Sherry Moy, Andrea Hollingsworth, Barbara Robinson, Sandra Buyze, Lorill Gabriel, Jordan Morrison, Amy Mistal, Tess Davignon  
 -Ganges Village Market/Country Grocer (for their most generous support and contributions always); Sarah Smith (Country Grocer) for the most beautiful cake ever!  
 -Community Gospel Chapel; Hairy Kids; Gail Beattie (Kitchen Supervisor Extraordinaire)  
 -SSI Fire and Rescue and Saltspring RCMP (Cst. George Phipps) for the cool vehicle and equipment tours  
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**MONDAY**  
9 - 10:30 am Mixed Levels - with Raven  
4:30 - 6 pm Mixed Levels - with Dorothy

**WEDNESDAY**  
7:30 - 9 pm Kirtan\* (Chanting)

**THURSDAY**  
9 - 10:30 am Mixed Levels - with Raven\*  
4:30 - 6 pm New class! Beginners/Level 1 - with Dorothy

**SUNDAY**  
11:30 - 1 pm Intro to Yoga\* - SSCY Staff at Ganges Yoga Studio most Sundays (call 537-2444 to confirm)  
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**Sunday March 29, 7:30pm**

Rainbow Road Pool 250.537.1402

**SALT SPRING ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION NOTICES**

The annual general meeting of the members of the Association will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at the Lower Hall of the Salt Spring Island United Church, 111 Hereford Avenue, Ganges.

A resolution to amend the bylaws of the Association will be presented for approval by the members of the Association present at the annual general meeting to be held at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2009. The full text of the proposed resolution will be posted in the Library, 129 McPhillips Ave., Ganges, between the publication of this advertisement and the annual general meeting.

**Salt Spring Island Public Library**

**Ready, Set, Learn**

A program to help 3-year-olds get ready for school

Each elementary school will host one event to share information with families that they can use to help their children achieve their best.

There is no charge and families are welcome to attend any of the sessions.

**School District 64 (Gulf Islands)**

Fernwood Elementary School  
Friday, April 17, 2:00 to 3:30 pm  
Contact Richard Bennett at 537-9332

Fulford Community Elementary School  
Monday, April 6, 4:00 to 6:00 pm  
Contact Shelly Johnson at 653-9223

Phoenix Elementary School  
Tuesday, March 31, 1:00 to 2:00 pm  
Contact Oscar Hanson at 537-1156

**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

PROPOSED BYLAWS  
439 & 440

Re: Reconfiguring and Expanding  
**Salt Spring Marina**

Saturday, April 4, 2009  
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

**Moby's Pub**  
124 Upper Ganges Road  
Salt Spring Island

584 RAINBOW Rd. Rezoning. For the neighbours: the results in the Draft Hydrogeology Report have come back positive for a sustainable water supply for Brackett Spring Family Housing without negative impacts in the area. The well we can use requires iron to be filtered and a UV system will be installed as a precaution. Testing will be undertaken on a regular basis. Please call 653-4573 for a copy of the final report; also please leave your contact info so we can organize a neighbourhood meeting to discuss the results. Some copies will be left at the gate too. Thanks, SSI Land Bank.

YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR CLASSIFIEDS  
Call 310.3535

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS**

Re: ESTATE OF GORDON CECIL SCARFF, also known as CECIL GORDON SCARFF, LATE OF SALT SPRING ISLAND, BC

NOTICE is hereby given that creditors and others having claims against the estate of the above deceased are hereby required to send them to the undersigned at 3rd Floor, 612 View St., Victoria, BC V8W 1J5, before April 20, 2009, after which date the Executrix will distribute the said estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she then has notice.

**AUDREY SHAW, Executrix, By her Solicitors HORNE COUPAR**

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Applications for Grants-In-Aid to assist community groups with parks and recreation related projects or programs, which directly provide additional recreation facilities, equipment, services or programs, are considered twice each year - in the spring and in the fall.

The deadline for the current applications is **Tuesday, March 31, 2009.**

Application forms and guidelines are available on our website [www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc](http://www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc) or at the PARC office. Call 537-4448 or email [parc@saltspring.com](mailto:parc@saltspring.com)

EDUCATION/TRADE SCHOOLS

**GLASSES FOUND** March 18 outside Thriftys. Owner may claim at the Driftwood.

**LOST DOGS:** on Mar. 21st on Beaver Pt. Rd. A black/tan shepherd cross named Doug, and a black/white spots border collie named Tuffy. Both are friendly. Any information please contact Brent Baker 653-9721 or Bev Byron 653-4450.

**LOST: GERMAN** shepherd, male, neutered, name is Highway, Dukes Rd. Sat. 653-9601.

**LOST: PURSE** (camouflage), wallet, Ipod & camera bought with my babysitting \$\$\$. Please call with info. 250-537-8798

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**SUMMER DAY CAMP LEADERS**  
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Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission is looking for innovative and enthusiastic leaders to create a fantastic experience for participants of its 2009 Camp Colossal summer daycamp program. Camp Colossal is a 42 day, Monday to Friday program, that takes place in July and August with a focus on local outdoor activities and crafts for children in the 5 to 12 age group. The Camp offers a number of off-island day trips to venues such as the Butterfly Gardens and the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre.

This is a bargaining unit position (CUPE Local 1989). Camp Leaders will be employees of the Capital Regional District (CRD) and are paid every two weeks at a rate of \$12.30/\$13.70 per hour plus 11% in lieu of benefits (\$13.65/\$15.21 per hour).

First Aid Certification, a Class "4" B.C. Drivers Licence and a clean driving record are mandatory. Lifeguard Certification is an asset.

Reply in writing, on or before April 10, 2009 including a resume and references, to:

**Camp Colossal**  
Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission  
145 Vesuvius Bay Road  
Salt Spring Island BC V8K 1K3  
Email: parc@saltspring.com

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

**Maternal Child Health Family Visitor – One Position**

The Inter Tribal Health Authority currently recruiting for (1) Family Visitor (.6 FTE) in the Tseycum/Victoria area for our Maternal Child Health Program.

The FV provides local support and advocacy to families with children up to age 6.

You have extensive knowledge of services available to pregnant and new mothers. Abilities include conducting home visits and assessing client needs; supporting access to services; writing appropriate case notes. Candidate will have excellent communications skills and a good understanding of First Nations culture, practices and health care priorities.

Must pass a criminal record check, possess a valid Class V driver license and own a vehicle.

Applicants of aboriginal ancestry are encouraged to apply. A full job description is available at [www.intertribalhealth.ca](http://www.intertribalhealth.ca). Please submit your resume and cover letter describing how you meet the requirements of the position by April 1, 2009 To: Stephanie Harris Fax: 250-753-5224 – email: [stephanie@intertribalhealth.ca](mailto:stephanie@intertribalhealth.ca) – or Mail: 534 Centre St. Nanaimo, BC V9R 4Z3.

*Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.*

HELP WANTED HELP WANTED

**SALT SPRING ISLAND COMMUNITY SERVICES SOCIETY**

**Has the following part time job opening:**

**Emergency Mental Health Response Practitioner, on-call after hours, rotating shifts Monday - Sunday 4:00 pm to 12:00 am.**

The EMHR professional responds to mental health emergencies on Salt Spring Island after hours. This position requires being on-call Monday-Sunday nights on a rotating basis from 4:00pm to 12:00am and responding to call outs as is realistically possible. Referrals are responded to on an urgent basis either via telephone contact or professional visit. Clients and family members are interviewed at the Lady Minto Hospital for assessment, consultation and referral. This position requires a close working relationship with the on call physicians and first responders including the RCMP and hospital staff.

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**Apply by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009, 4:00 pm with resume and cover letter to**

**Cheryl Bell-Gadsky**  
Director of Adult Services  
Salt Spring Island Community Services Society  
268 Fulford Ganges Road  
Salt Spring Island, BC  
V8K 2K6

HELP WANTED

**CLEANER FOR** medical clinic, approx. 3-4 hrs/wk. Cleaning and disinfecting must be done to current medical cleaning standards with attention to details. Names and contact information for 3 references are required. Pay to be negotiated on experience and abilities. Criminal record check required. Bondable. Drop off resume at the Salt Spring Family Health Clinic in the Upper Ganges Centre by March 31st.

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

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**TUESDAY 10 AM**

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**CHILD'S EVENFLO** car seat, free. Up to 9 Kg., front & back facing. 250-537-1885.

**DOUBLE-GLAZED windows**, aluminum frame, all sizes. Also 26ft. Hurston glass hull in exc. shape. 250-537-9858.

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**LARGE BAG** of cotton batting. 250-537-2922.

**LARGE METAL** single pane window 61" x 52"; 1 Ford truck 15" tire with rim; 5 gal. compressor with motor & valve still works; 2 slabs granite counter-top 37" x 44" & 2" x 40"; metal poles from collapsed Costco canopy. 250-537-1985

**METAL DOUBLE-GLAZED** windows, various sizes. Call 250-537-1421.

**QUEEN-SIZE MATTRESS** with sep. memory foam top, box spring & frame. 27" Panasonic color TV/stand, good color (1992). 250-537-9308.

**THIS CLASSIFICATION** is for free recyclable items only (sorry no animals). There is no charge to place items in this classification. Ads can be submitted in person at the Driftwood office, 328 Lower Ganges Road by Tuesday 10 am or by phone 250-537-9933, fax 250-537-2613 or e-mail: driftwood@gulfislands.net

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**FIREWOOD SALE:** Unseasoned Fir, Arbutus, split & deliv. \$180/cord. 250-537-2733.

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**SUN. MAR. 29,** 185 Horel Rd. West (off Fulford-Ganges). Weather permitting: misc. building & household stuff & lots more. 10am (no earlier)

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**RENTALS**

**HOMES FOR RENT**

**3 BDRM** house, with lower level, self contained. Can be used as separate suites. Beautiful view, close to town \$1500/mo. Ref. required. Please respond to Box 7 c/o Driftwood Publishing, 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V3

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**3 BDRM 2 BTHRM** EXEC TWNHSE 5 APPL UNFURN NS NP \$1425. + UTIL MID ISLAND 105674

**3 BDRM 1 BTHRM** SCHOOL YEAR LEASE 1 SEPT - JUNE 30, 2010 PARTIALLY FURNISHED NS NP \$1350 + % UTIL SOUTH END 121075

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

### Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Sometimes forging ahead requires that we go within. Inner blocks create outer blocks. Clearing inner doubts, confusion, indecisiveness, and self-recriminations and so on, is the way of the spiritual warrior. When this is done the outer world flows more smoothly. This ancient knowing is upheld by modern physics as well as psychology. Sometimes, the inner work is simply about being clear about what you need and want, and knowing the difference between the two. Take a bold and pioneering approach and go within to flow without.

### Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

Revolution is in the air. It is on the news and it is likely occurring in your personal life as well. This can prove very refreshing or stressful; which one it is, is actually up to you. How you meet your day, your attitude and decisions, are yours to choose. This is a time of responsibility and accountability. The more you are willing to take clear and calculated risks the better. Be careful of dishonest or underhanded actions of any kind, they are likely to backfire in a big way. Take the initiative to stimulate a network of friends and allies.

### Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

Your individuality is shining these days. You may feel assertive and determined to learn new skills. Finances and other practical considerations are motivating your focus. Your mind is open to possibilities and your sights are set on the future. Set the intention to heed the voice of your higher mind - your intuition. Aim for the ideal, yet be careful of over idealistic notions. Unity begins by centering in the heart. Once this is established, reach out to align your energies and resources with those of others for mutual benefit.

### Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

The time has come to assert a more determined push to get what you want. Set intentions and make moves to approach authority figures for favours and earned rewards. There are good signs that you will get what you want and deserve - a time of returns. Use this energy as well to decipher new and inspiring directions for the future. Plant your seeds today even for dreams and goals in the distant future, so that you're subconscious has plenty of time and opportunity to guide you to success. Energy flows where attention goes. Activate the magic, with assertion, focus and resolve!

### Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

The time has come to explore some new horizons. Some of this will involve other key players. Do what you can to stimulate new connections and forge new alliances. Many new insights, epiphanies and realizations are available to you now. These will help you to see and understand the inner workings of things. Knowing the inner mechanics will guide you to know how to best work with the new understandings and what is required of you to feed and nurture the process. Be willing to dig deep for answers, insights and connections that count.

### Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

Movement and change is underway in your world. You feel called to act to make certain dreams reality. You may have to exercise a lot of faith and take risks to succeed. Intend to take a cooperative approach and accept that with change come endings, as well as new beginnings. With your power potential and leadership on the rise, it is important that you tune-in and make those key choices and decisions that will support you. Since you can't please all the people all the time, do not try too hard to do so. Cooperate as necessary, yet be strong in your independence.

### Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Beauty is in the air and your eyes are filled with it. In addition to the spring buds, the New Moon seed will also sprout new relationships in your world. These may well be romantic, but friendships, business alliances and creative connections in general are also featured. Some of the attractions and connections may be brief and you may have to make some extra efforts to make lasting connections and impressions. At deeper levels, focus to clarify and perhaps outline your goals and dreams now; this is the basis of the power and magic of intention.

### Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Your sense of independence is growing with each new day. At best, this is a source of creative inspiration. You may still be reaching for the clear realizations and confidence you desire to take bigger steps and leaps yet, but it is a good start. Others or outer sources of any kind may well prove inspiring so be open. Whatever you feel will stimulate and inspire refinements and improvements in your expressions, is probably worthy of your time. While this may include nurturing new connections and alliances, taking an independent approach is especially important.

### Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

The fires of Aries are sure to ignite your own. Whether by inspiration or circumstances, you are being moved to shake things up close to home. This could imply a spring clean-up, renovations or change of residence and location altogether. Accepting this phase of the game will go a long way to helping you embrace, enjoy and trust the process. You may have a long list of errands, people to call and see and so on so play along and pay attention with intention not to get scattered or spread yourself too thin. Roll with the waves of change!

### Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Many new initiatives close to home should be keeping you busy now. Fortunately, your energy levels are probably running high. Many new insights and discoveries subject to research are coming your way. Your learning curve may be steep these days but you are wise to persevere; whether you are learning new subjects or simply getting key information and answers. If you are looking to make important and perhaps large investments, now is a good time to shop, but save the actual date for late April or early June.

### Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

An adventurous spirit is on the airwaves and you are destined to tune-in to it. It may be just what you need to break free of lingering ruts and stagnant patterns. Going to new places and/or learning new ways to make money may be high on your mind. Whatever else you have happening, this is a good time to be laying a new foundation in this regard. Multiple streams of income based on exercising a variety of skills of talents is the wave of the future and it is washing in already now. Keep an open mind and explore the possibilities to diversify and add to your income streams.

### Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

The Sun in Aries marks an important time for assessing your priorities. Knowing what you want and taking initiatives to go for it is ever important; merely thinking or dreaming about it is not enough. New levels of leadership are calling, yet you must be willing to put in the extra efforts to lay claim to it. This basically includes deepening your commitments to learning as necessary. It may well also include, shedding old skins of self-concept, beliefs and attitudes that limit you. Focus decipher priorities and to advance your position.

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## AREA FARM PLAN

### Volunteer efforts drive bumper crop of initiatives

BY SEAN MCINTYRE DRIFTWOOD STAFF

**W**hen the Salt Spring Island Area Farm plan was released in January 2008, steering committee members weren't afraid to set themselves a lofty goal.

"That Salt Spring Island become a place where agriculture is a strong, vital and productive part of the local economy, and is carried out in a manner that protects and promotes a sustainable community," reads the vision statement set out by the plan's nine-member steering committee.

The abridged 16-page document

(available online under Plan to Farm at [www.saltspringenergystrategy.org/docs](http://www.saltspringenergystrategy.org/docs)) is filled with ideas on how to overcome a trend that has seen the island's fruit and vegetable output drop by more than 85 per cent between 1893 and 2006.

The report concluded that rejuvenating the island's waning agricultural heritage is reliant on three primary recommendations: establishing a Salt Spring Agricultural Alliance, starting up a community farmland trust and constructing community facilities that

support the expansion of agricultural activities on the island.

It's a tall order, but the dozens of volunteers involved in implementing the plan's recommendations are already well on their way to making them a reality.

"Almost everybody is surprised by the amount of uptake," said Patricia Reichert, a steering committee member and owner of the Salt Spring Flour Mill. "Farmers and shoppers have been hugely supportive. You can feel new energy in the farming community, and that's a wonderful thing."

FARM PLAN continued on B6

# AGRICULTURE

## GROWING LOCAL

# Island abounds with gardening opportunities

'Perfect storm' boosts local food production

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Interest in local food and a growing concern over the safety of imported produce have combined to create the perfect conditions for people who want to grow and eat their own food.

"I think the foodie thing was starting to sink in before there were concerns about the quality and now it's a bit of a perfect storm," said Linda Gilkeson, a Salt Spring Island gardener, educator and author of several gardening books.

By now, it's no longer a secret that home-grown produce tastes better and is better for you than most of what consumers can purchase at their local grocer.

What's more, time spent outdoors working the soil, seeding and tending one's crops is a great way to remain active and calm the mind.

"Growing your own food is a lot of fun and just so darned tasty," she said.

Realizing the amount of effort required to grow even a modest amount of food also adds to the appreciation for what we eat.

That said, Gilkeson is adamant that just about anybody can make a go of a backyard garden.

"Control your weeds with mulches and organic methods," she said. "It's not zero work but way less than you might think and a lot easier."

Thanks to the proliferation of organic gardening classes on the island, many unpracticed green thumbs will get to experience the joys of home gardening this year.

"I do a lot of teaching and training on gardening and my courses have never been so packed," she said.

A good place to start looking for a class is through the island's garden club, the Salt Spring Community Education program or by asking around on the island.

At a recent Community Education course on organic gardening, offered by Harbour House Farm manager Belinda Schroeder, participants needed only a few key words to inspire them, she said:

"You can grow anything here."

In less than three years, Schroeder and her staff have transformed an unused portion of land behind the hotel into a garden that supplies the Harbour House restaurant.

Dozens of herbs, fresh garlic, potatoes, tomatoes and even lemons and avocados come out of the garden these days.

But regardless of a garden's scale, many of the basic prin-



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Gardening goes beyond the vegetable patch at the Harbour House Farm where goats are used to control invasive plant species like Scotch broom.

principles remain the same, said Schroeder.

Choose a handful of fruits and vegetables that are suitable for your garden area. There's no use planting tomatoes and cucumbers if all you've got is a shady corner of the yard.

Consider developing connections with fellow gardeners and neighbours to share produce that's suited to particular growing environments.

Take a few days or weeks before you begin to flip through seed catalogues and envision how much food you want or need per year. Plan out your garden for the long-term so parts of your garden aren't lying fallow during the peak growing season.

Most important is to get out there, get your hands dirty

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LINDA GILKESON  
*Island gardener and author*

and learn from experience.

"Start small for your first year of gardening. You can always expand next year," Schroeder said. "Choose a good space, not all the space."

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## HERITAGE CHICKEN BREED

# Cooing for the Chantecler: a Canadian original

Poultry club gets support for saving chicken

BY AMY GEDDES  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Chantecler, Canada's first chicken breed, was thought to have become extinct in the 1990s. But the bird persisted and is making a comeback.

Now the Salt Spring Island Poultry Club has expressed interest in uniting with hobby farmers across Canada who are working to breathe new life into the heritage breed.

"It would do well here," said Windrush Farm's Margaret Thomson, a poultry club member who is also on the Rare Breeds Canada Livestock Committee.

"It would be a suitable chicken for new poultry keepers, and we saw at the poultry club meeting that lots of new people want to start up."

Many were interested in heritage breeds of poultry, either for their personal supply of eggs and meat, or as part of their farm's business of selling to restaurants and neighbours.

Thomson gave a short talk at Wednesday's poultry club meeting that highlighted reasons why the Chantecler would do well if raised for eggs and meat on Salt Spring farms.

"It has a small comb that tends not to freeze," she explained, "and in view of our recent cold weather, it is very well suited to this climate."

The Chantecler was developed in Quebec in 1908 by Brother Wilfrid Chatelain, a Trappist monk and doctor of Agronomy,

A Chantecler Fanciers International newsletter that urges volunteers to "bring the birds back from near extinction" explains how the breed was first developed in 1908: Chatelain worked for 10 years to synthesize "the five best breeds known for their hardiness, egg laying and meat production: the Dark Cornish, White Leghorn, Wyandotte, Plymouth Rock and the Rhode Island Red."

Canada lacked a breed of its own, so Chat-



PHOTO BY GREG OAKES

Chantecler rooster on Oakesmuir Farm, Guelph, Ontario. Owner Greg Oakes has one of the biggest flocks of Chanteclers in English-speaking Canada.

elain painstakingly worked to develop the White Chantecler, a uniquely "Canadian" breed, that would withstand the cold climate and be used efficiently for both meat and egg production.

"Partridge" and "Buff" varieties were developed later by Canadians. All are now considered rare.

Thomson explained that the Chantecler would work well for hobby farmers on Salt Spring because it is a "dual-purpose bird."

"This bird lays well year-round in our climate and is still fit to eat after an egg-laying career," she said. "The males not needed for breeding would be good to eat after a few months."

A good strain will produce up to 210 eggs per bird in one year's lay. The eggs should weigh about 58 to 60 grams, according to

Rare Breeds Canada.

Bringing the bird to the island would also help reinvigorate the heritage breed.

Thomson says she does what she can to promote the raising of Canada's heritage livestock.

Currently, there are no Chanteclers being raised on Salt Spring, although Thomson notes they were raised on the island at one time.

But Chanteclers are being raised on Denman Island. Gavin Guppy of Mello Meadow Farm on Denman has been raising Chantecler chicks that he ordered from Quebec last year. Instead of selling eggs this year, he has been putting energy into breeding, and is ready to sell chicks to interested Salt Spring farmers.

"A lot of breeds of chickens are disappear-

ing because of commercial production," Guppy said.

"There are better egg layers and better meat producers, but they are hybrids, not pure breeds."

Hybrid varieties, he said, often suffer from

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GAVIN GUPPY

Mello Meadow Farm, Denman Island


poor health due to inbreeding and crowded living conditions.

Guppy, who also has other heritage chicken breeds, said raising rare breeds preserves the genetic diversity of the poultry gene pool.

Plus, he said he finds it just plain "interesting" to raise breeds that are unique or rare. And he says there are others like him.

"More people are getting into raising chickens in their back yards and are becoming more interested in raising heritage breeds."

When asked what he thought of Salt Spring farmers raising the Chantecler, he said, "Any group that wants to keep the breed going is a good thing."



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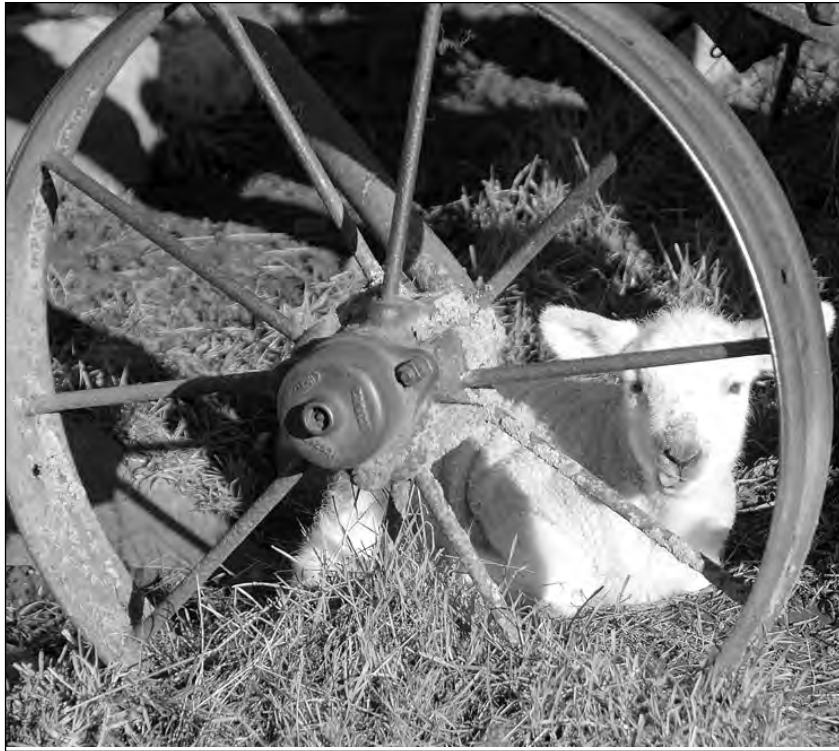


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**ISLAND FARMS:** A lamb at Ruckle Farm finds a comfortable place to rest.

## POULTRY CLUB

# Poultry-raising provides entry into island agriculture scene

New group offers support, education

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

There are as many reasons to raise poultry as there are varieties of birds, but any reason is fine for the organizers of Salt Spring's new agriculture club.

Patricia Donnelly has raised chickens, ducks and other small birds for the past 20 years at her farm on the slope of Mt. Maxwell. As coordinator of the poultry exhibition for last year's Fall Fair, Donnelly was "inundated" with questions from people interested in raising their own birds for the first time.

There are a few different reasons for people wanting to get into raising poultry, Donnelly said, particularly among new residents.

"I think there's a bit of romance about tossing feed out to the birds in the morning; people like that pastoral idea."

At the same time, islanders are getting very interested in where their food comes from and are trying to buy locally whenever possible. What could be more local than an egg that comes right from your own chicken coop?

Based on the interest at the fair, Donnelly and her friend Donna Ateah put out a call for the inaugu-

ral meeting of the SSI Poultry Club, with support from the Farmers Institute, who provided the meeting place. The organizers expected to see no more than eight to ten people and were amazed when 27 people showed up to the first meeting on February 18.

"We kept pulling out another table, then another table. It was terrific," Donnelly said.

A wide range of interest and experience can be found at the fledgling club, which had its second successful meeting in March. In addition to sharing knowledge about poultry, members want to encourage the raising of heritage breeds, promote youth participation, and educate themselves on the problems and regulations of breeding, said Donnelly.

While chickens are probably the top concern, Donnelly said one person is interested only in ducks, there's a man who keeps geese to weed his garden, and someone who raises emus. She herself raises doves and pigeons in addition to other birds.

Even among chickens, the breeds and their purposes are diverse, so the type of bird a person raises is dependent on their own particular needs.

"A lot of it is personality," Donnelly explained. "Different breeds behave differently; some people want a pet that's pretty, and some

people want an egg every day."

For those who are interested in producing eggs, a small output of labour and capital can have easy benefits. A secure home and a covered run will protect birds from predators such as raccoons, minks and eagles. Add feed and a dish of water, and just two chickens will likely produce one egg every other day. In the top producing season, a healthy chicken can lay five or six eggs a week.

Support and education are the goals of the club, which boasts several experienced breeders as well as newcomers.

One goal is to have a sustainable market on the island, so local poultry raisers can find everything they need through buying and selling to one another. The first big event will be a poultry swap-meet at the Farmers Institute, to be held April 5 from noon to 2 p.m.

Members of the public are invited to the event, where people will bring chicks, birds and all sorts of associated equipment. Everyone is welcome to participate.

"It doesn't matter if you have birds or not, and you don't have to be a farmer. And if you just want to stay on top of information, you can contact me and join the email group."

Interested parties can e-mail Donnelly at [ssipoultryclub@gmail.com](mailto:ssipoultryclub@gmail.com).

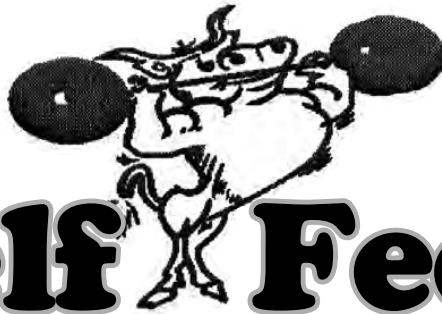


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BY ERIC BEAMISH  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

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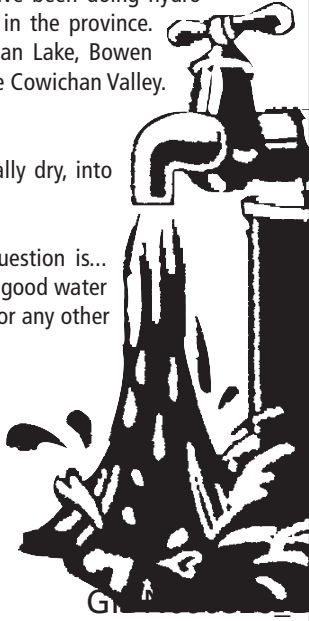
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## Next step is to increase amount of local produce

FARM PLAN continued from B1

Over the past year, Reichert has focussed on developing an island-based infrastructure in which farmers can grow, harvest and sell their products to local consumers. Thanks to the support of larger institutions, including the Gulf Islands Secondary School and the Meadowbrook seniors' residence, local farmers have been able to develop a broader market for their produce.

The GISS Growing Up Organic program has the additional benefit of reconnecting students with the foods they eat by making them aware of what can be grown on the island, and when it can be harvested.

Beginning in July 2008, an estimated 32 island farms contributed to weekly deliveries of fresh produce that eventually made their way to the school's cafeteria. Based on the program's initial success, Reichert said, even more farmers are expected to get involved in the coming year.

"We just had no idea how many farms might actually participate," she added. "When something works well, people want to be a part of it, and that's what's happening."

Now that Reichert has established a core group of interested farmers, the next phase of her plan involves a study of how farmers can add value to their crops.

The food processing feasibility study is the first step towards the creation of a plan that could give local farmers the ability to market everything from tomato sauce to strawberry jam to buyers on Salt Spring and beyond.

"The focus is that we use produce from the farms to start a whole new line of healthy processed foods," she said.

With the relatively small-scale producers Salt Spring has to offer, she added, the key is integrating production, marketing and processing. It's through this economy of scale that farmers stand a chance to earn a living and be a part of the island's agricultural renewal.

**"When something works well people want to be a part of it, and that's what's happening."**

PATRICIA REICHERT, Area Farm Plan steering committee member

With the creation of a farmland trust and an island agricultural alliance, mechanisms now exist to implement more initiatives to preserve farmland and ensure that the land's agricultural output is maximized.

So far, the group's efforts have been given a boost with the help of generous grants sponsored by both governmental and non-governmental groups, but Reichert is well aware that if the local food movement is to sustain itself, it has to start turning a profit.

With the success of the educational campaigns and a growing consumer demand for local produce at island markets and grocery stores, the next step is to increase the amount of food farmers are producing.

"It's really interesting how much more interested the community is in agriculture and what's going on with local food," she said. "Now we need to increase food production so that we have enough to sell."

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# What's On This Week

## Wed. March 25

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**The Who's Tommy in Concert.**  
Rock opera at ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Reflections on Hope.** Free program of music & dance at All Saints. 11:30 a.m.  
**Portrait Drawing.** Drop-ins welcome. ArtSpring. 9 a.m.-noon. 250-537-1121.  
**Teahouse Poetry Collective.** Poetry-writing group. Arbutus Therapy Centre. 6-9 p.m. Info: www.teahousepoetrycollective.com  
**Contemporary Dance Class.** For all ages & levels at Antler Ridge Studio. 4-5:30 p.m. 250-537-5681.  
**Caregiving & Dementia.** With Irene Barnes and Marg Moore. Salt Spring Senior Services Society (across from Country Grocer). 2 p.m.  
**Grossology at the Library.** Microbugs. For 7-10 years. 1 p.m.  
**Ger Lyons - Core Transformational Healing.** Lions Hall. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
**SS Genealogy Group.** Mormon Church, 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd. 7 p.m. Info: Claudia, 250-538-1708.  
**Caught in the Middle.** 8-week parent/child support group on divorce and separation begins today. Light meal provided. 5-6:30 p.m. Info: Maryanne, 250-537-9938.  
**Creative Fire Workshop.** Make & paint turtle pinch pots for kiln firing. Ages 5 & up. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Info: Tracy, 250-538-0144.

## Thurs. March 26

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**The Who's Tommy in Concert.**  
Rock opera at ArtSpring. 8 p.m.  
**Blues Jam.**  
Dave Roland and Friends. Moby's. 8 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Creative Fire Workshop.** Advanced sculpture and hand building skills taught making clay pyramid boxes. Ages 8 & up. 10 a.m. - noon. Info: Tracy, 250-538-0144.  
**Triathlon Group.** Training sessions with Bruce Grey. 6-7:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-6542.  
**SS Trail and Nature Club.** Slide show on wildflowers. United Church. 7:30 p.m.  
**Salty Wheels Square Dance.** Dances at Central Hall every Thursday. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Info: Marilyn, 250-537-5356.

## Fri. March 27

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**The Who's Tommy in Concert.**  
Rock opera at ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Awareness Through Movement Class.** Fridays at Cats pajamas Studio. 10-11 a.m. Info: Anna, 250-537-5681.  
**Hot Yoga.** With Deb LeBlanc. North End Fitness. 9:15-10:15 a.m.  
**Rollerblading.** At Fulford Hall. Fridays, 7:30-9 p.m.  
**Robert Priest.** Author/poet reads from latest book. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.  
**Music Bingo.** Host David Jacquest. Moby's. 8 p.m.  
**Red Tent Women's Circle.** Monthly Intentional Gathering. Arbutus Therapy Centre. 7-9 p.m. Info: Rasma, 250-931-2269.

## Sat. March 28

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Saturday Live.** Celtic Trio Shag and Harbour play favourites. Moby's. 9 p.m.  
**Alvaro Sanchez and the Chamigos.** El Zocalo. 7 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Drawing & Painting with Stephanie Denz.** Saturday through March. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Info/register: 250-653-2018.  
**Veganism 101.** Community Ed workshop. SS Elementary, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Info: Karen, 250-653-0035.  
**A Myth for Our Time.** Jungian astrologer explores Lord of the Rings. 1-5 p.m. Info/register: 250-537-4074.

## Sun. March 29

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Pascal Roge.** French pianist plays Chopin. Special reception to follow. 3 p.m. ArtSpring.

### ACTIVITIES

**Zen Meditation.** Ango Retreat. 8 a.m.-noon. Info/register: Simon, 250-537-1721.  
**A Myth for Our Time.** Jungian astrologer explores Lord of the Rings. 1-5 p.m. Info/register: 250-537-4074.

## Mon. March 30

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Pascal Roge with Aimee Roge.** Concert of French music on piano for two and four hands. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.  
**Gumboot Gala.** Folk Club finale. Fulford Hall. Doors open 6 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Osho Kundalini Moving Meditation.** Drop-in, 5:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 250-537-2799.  
**Triathlon Group.** Training sessions with Bruce Grey. 6-7:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-6542.  
**Voiceplay.** Mahon Hall. 7:30-9 p.m.  
**Creative Vessels Support Group.** Fun activity, art therapy & discussion helps heal people with challenges of the creative process. Arbutus Therapy Centre. 7-9 p.m. Info: 250-537-5833.  
**Eckhart Tolle Practicing Group.** Drop-in. 7:30 p.m. Info: Amrita, 250-537-2799.  
**Kundalini Dance.** Third-eye chakra session. Core Inn 3rd floor. 7-9 p.m.  
**Floor Hockey.** Fulford Hall. 7 p.m.  
**Hot Yoga.** With Deb LeBlanc. North End Fitness. 10-11:10 a.m. & 11:30-12:30.

## Tues. March 31

### ACTIVITIES

**Ladies Golf Tournament.** 9 holes of golf, luncheon and fashion show. All lady members welcome. 10 a.m.  
**Argentine Tango.** Core Inn third floor on Tuesdays. Beginner's class 6:30-8 p.m., practice follows. Info: Julianna, 250-537-1818.

## Wed. April 1

### ACTIVITIES

**Portrait Drawing.** Drop-ins welcome. ArtSpring. 9 a.m.-noon. Info: Jose, 250-537-1121.  
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**EXHIBITIONS**

- **Pegasus Gallery** begins its spring season with the **Retrospective Works** of **Barbara Cogill Haworth** and **Peter Haworth**, 1920s-1970s. This is a rare opportunity to see this collection of historic paintings showcasing the Haworths' contribution to Canadian art. Opening reception is on Friday, March 20, 5 to 8 p.m. Doors open at 10 a.m. The exhibition continues to March 30.
- **J. Mitchell Gallery** presents **New Work** by **Ian Thomas** from now through March 30, and its **Spring Show and Grand Finale**.
- **Splash! and Splish!** — **Splash...H2O's** fundraising art shows by **Teresa Gaye Hitch** and **Gillian McConnell** are on now display at **ArtSpring** until the end of March. A percentage of funds raised will go towards the new ultraviolet water purification system for the Rainbow Road Pool.
- The March artist at the **Salt Spring Coffee Company** cafe is **A Mother and Daughter Paint: Patricia M. Macdonald and Alex Macdonald**.
- **Strujohemaza** — Collaborative ceramic monster made by **Creative Fire** studio kids is on display at **Love My Kitchen** for the month of March.
- **An Immense and Unexpected Field of View** — Works on paper by **Jamie Callum Macaulay** runs at **Salt Spring Books** until May 15.
- **Cody Conner** shows oil paintings at **Island Savings** until the end of May.
- **Shari Macdonald** shows new photos at **Jana's Bake Shop**.
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### SURROUND ART:

Leonie and Taryn Muldon are seen with some of the art up "for lottery" at a Salt Spring Centre School fundraiser April 1. Tickets are available at Gecko Green Living and Salt Spring Books.



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## ISLAND WRITERS

# Wright, Bateman books nominated

Salt Spring writers up for B.C. Book Prize

Salt Spring Island writers Ronald Wright and Robert Bateman may be adding to their roster of awards and accolades, following an announcement that both have been shortlisted for a B.C. Book Prize.

The West Coast Book Prize Society recently announced the names of finalists vying for recognition in seven categories at the 25th Annual B.C. Book Prizes.

Wright's *What is America? A Short History of the New World Order* (published by Knopf Canada) is in the running for the Hubert Evans non-fiction prize.

This is awarded to the author of the best original non-fiction literary work (supported by Abebooks) which takes into consideration quality of research, writing, insight and originality.

Bateman is both writer and illustrator for his work *Polar Worlds: Life at the Ends of the Earth* (published by Scholastic Canada Ltd.). The book is up for the Christie Harris Illustrated Children's Literature Prize, presented to the best illustrated book written for children (supported by Kate Walker and Company).

According to the B.C. Book Prize website, Christie Harris, who was long considered the matriarch of Canadian children's literature in English, wrote 20

books for young people and won many awards and honours. She was made a member of The Order of Canada in 1981.

The nominees, who will collectively receive \$14,000 in cash prizes, will be honoured at a free event entitled The B.C. Book Prize Soirée on April 18 at the Metropolitan Hotel in Vancouver. The event marks the beginning of B.C. Book and Magazine Week, which takes place April 18-25.

The winners of all seven categories will be announced at the Lieutenant Governor's B.C. Book Prizes Gala on April 25 at the Marriott Pinnacle Downtown Hotel in Vancouver.

For more information, see [www.bcbookprizes.ca](http://www.bcbookprizes.ca).

## CONCERTS

# Upcoming performance will bring Canadian jazz star back to ArtSpring

Jane Bunnett to perform with Cuban/Haitian choral group

The great Canadian jazz musician and bandleader Jane Bunnett, an officer in the Order of Canada and a tireless champion of Cuban music, returns to ArtSpring on Thursday, April 2.

"This is another last minute addition to our programming that we just couldn't allow to pass us by," said ArtSpring Executive Director George Sipos.

"Jane is a legend and her performances are electrifying."

One of the foremost jazz musicians in Canada, Bunnett has gained recognition around the world for her improvisational talent, technical proficiency and writing and band-

leading abilities.

Born and educated in Toronto, she trained as a classical pianist until tendonitis forced her to switch to woodwinds.

An interest in jazz followed, along with studies with pianist Barry Harris, flautists James Newton, Frank Wess and James Moody, and soprano saxophonist Steve Lacy.

According to press material, a trip to Cuba in the 1980s with husband Larry Cramer turned Bunnett's musical world upside down and fostered her passion for the island's musical culture and its people.

Since then, Bunnett has explored the music in every corner of Cuba.

Her most recent project is *Embracing Voices*, a collaboration involving the Cuban/Hai-

tian choral group Desandann, who will perform with her at ArtSpring.

"The first time I heard them sing I had tears running down my face," said Bunnett.

"There was not even a response like, 'I am being moved by this music, and I am going to cry.' They invoked such a physical reaction in me that I was teary and not even aware of the process."

"Anyone who enjoys jazz, or Cuban music, or extraordinary singing, or a just plain overwhelming evening of wonderful music, simply must come to this concert," said Sipos.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and are on sale through the ArtSpring ticket centre, 250-537-2102.

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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



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A selection of artwork now showing at J. Mitchell Gallery. The gallery is scheduled to close at the end of March.


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### GALLERY OPENING

# Final J. Mitchell exhibition draws appreciative crowd of art lovers

Gallery to close March 31

Despite the closing of the gallery, set for just ten days after the show's start, it was with a sense of celebration rather than sadness that artists and friends gathered for the final spring opening at the J. Mitchell Gallery.

While it's certain that the crowd on hand would prefer the gallery to continue on as before, supporters seemed to seize the moment as an affirmation of a very good run.

New work by all of the 30-odd artists on exhibit provides an understanding of J. Mitchell's success. The combination of strong local work and a sophisticated

advocate has been a winning one for the island's position as a serious art centre.

New originals by Carol Evans are always a hit at the gallery, and this season she returns

with scenes from B.C.'s West Coast. In territory famously covered by Emily Carr, Evans' style of realist water-colours offers a fresh perspective.

Known for her ability to capture the delicate qualities of light and its reflection on water, Evans turns her hand to capturing the physical and human characteristics of the coast. Net Loft, Bella Coola depicts a decrepit packing shed and wharf with mountains rising almost immediately behind it.

Mending the Nets with Grandma portrays an elder woman with a young girl, set in sharp detail against a background diffused through mist. The figures are rendered with vivid personality. There's a sense of an ancient belonging to place, despite their modern dress.

Ida Marie Threadkell has an entirely different appeal with sculptures of doll-sized dresses hanging from miniature cedar root trees. The gowns are not small enough to be fairy-scale, but they offer the same magical quality. In silk fusion, dyed earthy yet

delicate tones, these papery creations look like someone has just left them to air out

after a night of dancing. Coco is a gown in muted dusty

rose that includes tiny rosettes along the neckline and a sweet pink ribbon sash. Sophie is a more elaborate dress with flouncy layers, in a coppery rust colour. A sparkling dragonfly ornament on the shoulder contrasts with the large rose petal fungus at the base.

Michael Robb's sculptures continue to move along lines that resonate with a mythic unconscious, but he's also gotten more playful. Lork, with giant ears in textured steel, has a body richly patterned in tones of orange, green and red. Splatters of black, cream and white give the air of a jubilant technicolour kimono. The colours repeat in a softer melding of green and orange in the rotund bird/bee figure, The Great Gork.

J.D. Evans also plays with the colours and patterns of kimono silk in her wonderful abstract paintings. Lost in the Tokyo Train Swirls of blue, cream, red and black, with overlays of fanciful calligraphy. In abstraction, she perfectly

captures the feeling of someone immersed in a rich but alien culture.

Soundings is an exquisite layering of pattern, texture and movement, where acid yellow, red, orange and slate blue emerge to be revealed by the deep black background, which is turned conquered by colour.

Karen Reiss has her always imaginative ceramic work on display. The sculpture Ursa reveals her skill for realistic representation along with playful composition. Here, a T-shaped pedestal (which also recalls the unfolded kimono in shape) is topped with two hands attached by the wrist and reaching upwards and a woman's face revealed inside a bear mask.

Asha Robertson's sculptures continue to intrigue. The artist layers materials that transgress apparent usage, for example, the porcelain flower heads held up by wire with delicate fabric leaves on birch blocks in Lace I and II. Dennice Stambuck confirms a mastery of impressionist colour in scenes from Maui and Ganges, while Bly Kaye gets even more complex with her delicate and painterly collage.

With many more works too numerous to describe, the community is well advised to take a last visit to the J. Mitchell Gallery and reflect on the wealth of talent in our midst.



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This is a free reading hosted by Brian Brett.



## PASCAL AND AMI ROGE - TWO SPECIAL CONCERTS

**Sunday, March 29 – 3:00pm**

Pascal Roge, one of the world's most renowned pianists, plays a recital of both French composers and Chopin. He was one of the most favourite of all musicians who have ever played at ArtSpring, and we bring him back to help celebrate our 10th anniversary year. The concert will be followed by a special catered reception for all who attend.

Adult Tickets: \$45

**Monday, March 30 – 8:00pm**

Pascal Roge and Ami Roge, a fine Japanese-born pianist and graduate of Julliard, will play an all-French recital of music for four hands and other solo works by Debussy, Faure and Ravel. This concert is part of ArtSpring's On Stage series, with good seats still available.

Adult Tickets: \$30

**Thursday, April 2 – 8:00pm**

## JANE BUNNETT AND DESANDANN

Back by popular demand, Canadian soprano saxophonist, flutist and band leader Jane Bunnett, known for her own Afro-Cuban melodies, brings along a terrific Cuban/Haitian vocal group called Desandann for a fine evening of hot jazz and great rhythms.

This is a last-minute addition to ArtSpring's programming, but one we couldn't resist.

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**ART SHOW:** Mikaela Heydemann is seen with a piece of her artwork, now on exhibit at Barb's Buns.

## CONCERTS

# Toronto bluegrass band returns to West Coast

Tour to promote group's fourth album

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Canadian bluegrass favorite The Foggy Hogtown Boys bring their high-energy show back to Salt Spring on April 3rd. The concert at ArtSpring is a tour stop for their newly released album, *The Golden West*.

The group's fourth album combines original tunes and bluegrass favourites, provid-

ing an enjoyable mix that newcomers to the genre and seasoned veterans of banjo and mandolin alike will enjoy.

With Andrew Collins on mandolin, Chris Coole on guitar, Max Heineman on bass, Chris Quinn on banjo, and John Showman on fiddle, the sound is polished and professional, yet the players seem completely at ease with one another. Their vocals are performed with an enjoyable croon that nicely offsets the acoustic instruments.

In addition to their regular gig at Toronto's Dakota Tavern and the ArtSpring concert, the Boys' schedule includes other West Coast dates and festival performances in Israel, New York, Ontario and Quebec.

The constant performance schedule has no doubt helped with the band's transformation into one of Canada's favorite roots acts.

"While no one was looking, the Foggy Hogtown Boys evolved from a group of excellent musicians playing blue-

grass into a great bluegrass band," wrote Tim Perlich, Music Editor of *Now Magazine*.

The band invites everyone to join in the fun as they serve up traditional favorites, lots of great original tunes and songs and some wonderful music from deep within the bluegrass and old-time repertoire.

Music starts at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 3 at ArtSpring. Tickets are \$16 at the box office, 250-537-2102. More information at [www.foggyhogtown-boys.com](http://www.foggyhogtown-boys.com).

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# Pianist Simon Rook headlines M&M event

Beethoven, Alkan and Liszt performed at free April Fool's Day concert

April Fool's Day is, traditionally, a day of trickery.

This year, it will also be a day of music on Salt Spring when the Music Makers of the Anglican Parish offer a free concert with pianist Simon Rook at All Saints' Church.

The concert, part of the

church's Music and Munch series, will feature three of Rook's favourite composers.

He will play one of Beethoven's favourite sonatas, Op. 31 No. 2, nicknamed "The Storm," followed by Chant d'Amour, Chant de Mort by Charles Alkan, the French contemporary and misanthropic friend of Chopin.

The program will end with *Harmonies du Soir* by Franz Liszt, one of the more poetic and transcendental studies.

Rook, a retired Salt Spring music teacher and former ArtSpring and Community Arts Council board member, has performed before Music and Munch audiences since 2000.

Lovers of great chamber music should not miss this concert, stresses press material. The free music begins at 12:12 p.m. in All Saints' Church at 110 Park Drive.

The concert will be followed by an optional lunch for \$5.50. More information at 250-537-2171.

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**SPRING BREAK ART:** Eden Nelson creates a mosaic at ArtSpring during a spring break program run by Luba Nikitina.

## FORMER ISLANDERS

# Local grad's books online

Salt Spring Islanders may not know that local Jane Deacon is also known as Janie Maximick, an author who's written a fictional book series about an RV park in Arizona.

And now, they can purchase and read her books online.

Deacon, who graduated from Gulf Islands Secondary School in 1973 and worked at Island Savings Credit Union and Lady Minto Hospital, has created a series that is described in recent press material as "laugh-out-loud fun, and [includes] plenty of hilarious antics provided by her eccentric characters."

In 2008, Deacon returned from a trip down the west coast to Arizona and New Mexico, where she sold her books directly to independent bookstores. Her sister and brother-in-law have also sold Deacon's books in Mexico, Australia, the South Pacific, Europe, the Middle East and India, among other countries.

"Janie traveled in her 27-foot motorhome from Comox to Arizona a few years ago. Call it a combination of midlife crisis and gypsy Bohemian/Irish descent — in the end it didn't matter — the road was calling . . . She knows RV'ing inside and out from learning the hard way. She did everything wrong at least twice [and] had many misadventures . . . Janie has pondered the possibility that she might have been Calamity Jane in another lifetime."

Her Paradise series has garnered readers of all ages, including those who have never set foot in a travel trailer.

"Her style of writing is uplifting, engaging, and has unpredictable laugh-out-loud humour throughout her storyline."

Recently, Deacon decided to go green by putting her stories online in order to make them more accessible.

Readers can purchase her books and read them online, or they can be printed off. Books one and two are still available in print and can also be purchased on the website at [www.janiemaximick.com](http://www.janiemaximick.com).

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## NEW EXHIBIT

# Babs Cogill Haworth anchors Pegasus Gallery exhibition

Abstract pioneer worked with Group of Seven

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The name Babs Cogill Haworth may not immediately spring to mind when thinking of the pantheon of Canadian painters.

But Haworth, who worked alongside visionaries like A.Y. Jackson, was recognized by the critics of her day as a forerunner of the abstract style.

Selected pieces from her body of work, which spans from the early 1920s through the '70s, are now on display at the Pegasus Gallery.

Gallery owner Ian Sigvaldason has been a fan of Haworth's work for some time, and began seriously collecting her art several years ago.

Although her early paintings, in particular, enjoy the cache of association with the iconic Group of Seven, Haworth has to some extent stayed "under the radar."

This has allowed collectors to purchase works by an important contributor to Canadian art history for quite reasonable prices.

Sigvaldason said he's long wanted to feature Haworth's work and thought the beginning of the 2009 season would be the right time.

The gallery owner's penchant

for finding gems in Canadian art while understanding the collector's market has proven spot on: a quick return to the gallery the morning after the show's opening revealed that about 75 per cent of the paintings had already sold.

A safe investment may be part of the appeal, but Haworth's joyful explorations of colour and medium are appealing in their own right.

Her earlier work, which includes the watercolour painting Caledon Heights, shows the influence of painters like Jackson in the contrasts of bold shadow and light found in the Canadian landscape.

By the late 1950s, Haworth's further exploration of the abstract style can be seen in works like Black on Grey, which pushes the ideas of her earlier paintings to an extreme.

Angular, almost geometric swaths of grey, black and white are offset by flecks of yellow and blue.

Shadow and light are pared down to their sparest forms.

By the 1960s, Haworth's style developed to include a complex reordering of light and colour. Autumn and the Lake has cellular panels of red and orange, divided by thick barriers of grey and black.

More fluid areas bring yellow and orange into white, shimmering in a translation of water's reflection.

This is the farthest removal

from representational landscape painting, yet it takes in all of the aspects that delight the eye in nature.

Low Tide, Bay of Morane, N.S., also uses water and reflection for the source of inspiration.

Here, an azure field is divided by a diagonally oriented jag of black.

The movement goes from background to foreground like a lightning strike.

A rusty orange shimmer dominates the centre, contrasting perfectly with the tone of the cool blue water and the crack's sharp lines.

Yellow Birds is perhaps the most joyful of the works on display: the large canvas introduces flecks of bright orange and gold against swirls of deep and slate blue.

Yellow birds swoop in from the right side, emphasizing the painting's circular motion. The effect is of autumn sky and foliage stirred up by a gusty wind.

Haworth had many important shows in her day, including exhibitions at the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Vancouver Art Gallery and the National Gallery.

She was a leader of artists' associations and the first woman president of the Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolour.

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## ISLANDERS

# Salt Spring-raised performer continues growth

Production company latest step for singer/actor

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A child raised by creative parents could go one of two ways: she could embrace the arts for her own career, or turn away from that life completely.

For Gulf Islands Secondary School alumnus Lauren Bowler, the choice to embrace her parents' love of music and theatre has been clear from the beginning.

The daughter of guitarist Tom Bowler and singer/dancer/actress Sue Newman, Bowler had both the exposure and the talent to pursue a successful performance career based in Vancouver.

She's been cast in the primary roles of many productions, and now takes the leads as the principal of her own production company. Little Lamb Artist Group debuts its first production with The Who's Tommy here on Salt Spring this week.

Bowler's been in Vancouver for seven years now, after first attending the Canadian College of the Performing Arts in Victoria.

"I've been fairly fortunate since then. I've had a lot of work with the Arts Club Theatre," Bowler said.

Modesty aside, she's appeared in staples of musical theatre such as Funny Girl, Cabaret, The Producers, as the title role in Gypsy, and as Eliza Doolittle in My Fair Lady. Bowler's next theatre appearance



The cast of Tommy is ready to rock and roll.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

will be at the Vancouver Playhouse in The Drowsy Chaperone, which will later travel to the National Arts Centre in Ottawa.

At the same time as her busy acting career, Bowler has been singing with Famous Players, a cover band that specializes in corporate

events and frequently travels to Whistler, Calgary and Seattle.

"I don't want to commit 100 per cent of my time to musical theatre, so it's nice to have two totally different outlets," Bowler noted.

Some of her time has also been devoted to movement captured

for Rainmaker Studios: young fans of animated Barbie features have Bowler to thank for her moves.

Add teaching at various arts centres around Vancouver to her itinerary, and it's hard to imagine Bowler would find time to stage a mounting of The Who's rock opera,

Tommy, pulling together a cast of professional musicians from Vancouver, Salt Spring and Victoria.

"Fortunately, January to March are the slowest months of the year for the business, so it was the best time to make it happen."

Bowler's first interest in producing Tommy was to play and hear music that she loves. Initially, the reason to create Little Lamb Artist Group was simply pragmatic: Bowler needed a company name to acquire the rights for the music.

"Once I had this name and licensed the show, I took the opportunity to think, 'What does this mean to me? What do I want to achieve — do I want it to be just this show, or do I want to do something bigger and better with it?'"

As a result, Bowler has included a mandate of working with non-profit groups with programs that relate to the work she's producing.

Her first show, Tommy deals with issues of mental health, abuse and addiction. She's therefore chosen to work with SSI Community Services, which received partial proceeds from the opening night performance.

"People can come and support a new theatre company and also support this organization."

With plans to take the show to Victoria during the summer, and her commitment to her other projects, it's clear Bowler's drive will continue propelling her along new avenues in theatre and music.

The Who's Tommy continues at ArtSpring through Friday, March 27. Tickets are \$20 adults/\$12 youth.

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## ROOTS AND FOLK

# Bob Wiseman on stage

Juno-award winner at Duck Creek Gallery

The featured artist at a Duck Creek Gallery concert slated for April 2 needs no introduction to fans of Canada's roots and folk music scene. Best known as a founding member of Blue Rodeo, Bob Wiseman has won four Juno awards.

His first album, In Her Dream: Bob Wiseman Sings Wrench Tuttle, was voted "One of The Top 100 Canadian Records Ever" in a Chart Magazine poll.

According to press material, the record gained notoriety after the artist was forced by Warner Music Group to delete a song about Pepsi-Cola's collusion in the coup that installed Augusto Pinochet as dictator of Chile. Now, after two decades of writing and performing, Wiseman is touring for his 12th release and marking the 20th anniversary of his first vinyl record.

"He's Canada's Tom Waits," said singer/songwriter Ron Sexsmith.

With creative skills that extend beyond his abilities as a performer, Wiseman has co-written songs with artists like Ron Sexsmith, Mary Marga-

ret O'Hara and Edie Brickell.

Recently, he has also been absorbed with filmmaking and multimedia arts, producing Super 8 films about puppets dying from skin cancer or former bandmates dancing in snow, videos about the treatment of First Nations people in Canada and stop-motion animations about his cousin, David Geffen. The live accompaniment to the screenings has included guest performances from Feist, Kids In The Hall and Sarah Harmer.

Also appearing with Wiseman for his Salt Spring engagement is Marianna Gardias, who's back on the island after many years.

Gardias' style has been described as timeless, ranging from folk to funk with a twist of world music and a dab of classical.

Her Hellenic heritage has influenced her powerful voice with insightful lyrics that journey from Greek tragedy to comedy and back again. Between her soothing piano playing and upbeat guitar rhythms, audience members are sure to be entertained, press material promises.

Music starts 8 p.m. at Duck Creek Gallery, 181 Broadwell Rd., 250-538-1866; www.duckcreekgallery.com.

## GANGES NIGHTLIFE

# Celtic trio to shake up Moby's stage

Moby's Marine Pub hosts the Blues Jam with Dave Roland and Friends on Thursday, March 26. Roland will be joined by a special guest, yet to be announced. Rock drummer Lorne Burns from the Lower Mainland will sit in to lay down the back beat. Music starts at 8 p.m.

On Friday night at 7 p.m., Music Bingo returns with David Jacquest as the entertaining host.

Islanders should prepare for a stompin' good time on Saturday, March

28 when band Shag and Harbour takes the stage for Saturday Live.

The acoustic Celtic trio is sure to stir things up onstage with their renditions of anthems from the old countries, as well as the Maritimes.

A press release states that the group will "put it all out there" at the show, and will offer a playlist of their own favourites.

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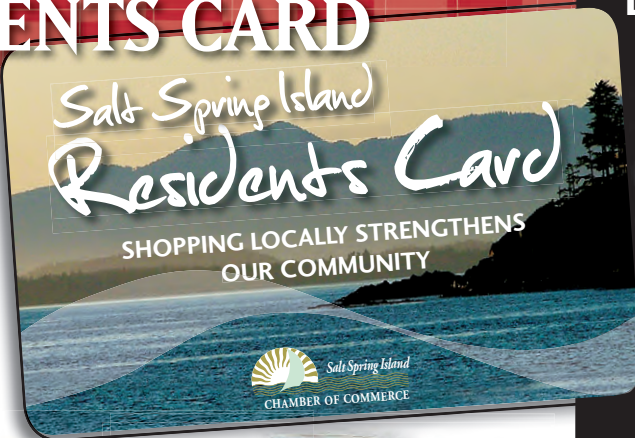


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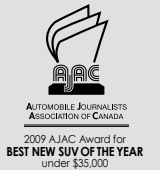
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**SUNDAY SAILOR:** Jenny Wren is the only woman in a "sea" of men racing remote control sailboats. The event had Ganges Harbour awash with small vessels on Sunday.

## YOGA DAY

# Yogathon takes participants to new heights

Salt Springers invited to join nation-wide event

Instructors from across the island will gather at the Ganges Yoga Studio on March 28 for Salt Spring's first-ever Yoga Day.

The event provides an opportunity for yoga lovers of all ages and abilities to come out and try a wide range of yoga styles at reasonable prices.

Classes taking place over 12 hours kick off with a 60-minute sunrise stretch session at 6:30 a.m. Other classes include Ayurvedic, beginner, chair, children's, Kundalini, meditation, mixed-levels, pre-natal, restorative and Vijnan.

Each session lasts for 60 minutes and costs \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. The cost for three courses is \$25 and \$35 for five or more classes.

The best part of the program is that all proceeds from the event go towards Amnesty International's campaign to eliminate violence against women.

Similar classes are scheduled to take place across the country as part of the organization's fourth annual Yoga Day fundraising campaign.

Pledge sheets, available at the Ganges Yoga Studio, can be collected to offset course costs.

Paradise Found Yoga's Nomi Lyonns, one of the event's coordinators, said she hopes Saturday's turnout will demonstrate that there is enough interest on the island for larger-scale yoga-based events in the future.

Her ultimate goal, she added, is to help organize a yoga festival on Salt Spring Island.

For more information on how to participate in Yoga Day, contact the Ganges Yoga Studio at 250-537-2444.

## THE ENVIRONMENT

# Cycling 'specialist' guest at Green Drinks talk

Brian Collier at March 26 event

A local version of the group Green Drinks is meeting monthly on Salt Spring to provide networking opportunities for individuals, businesses and other organizations to gather and share their common interests in sustainable living.

The group is sponsored by The Institute for Sustainability Education & Action, and its March 26 topic will be Sustainable Transportation and Recreation.

The event will host special guest Brian Collier, who is currently president of the B.C. Cycling Coalition.

Collier has had many years experience working with the Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition and the Provincial Advisory Committee for Cycling with the Ministry of Transportation. He is being included in the discussion thanks to the initiative of Island Pathways.

"Brian has spearheaded several significant bicycle infrastructure projects, making Victoria one of the finest cycling destinations in Canada," states press material.

"Brian was part of the team that developed a master plan for the Cowichan River Provincial Park, which includes a significant portion of the Galloping Goose from Duncan to Cowichan Lake.

"This will eventually cross Salt Spring Island and connect to the Lockside Trail on the Saanich Peninsula as we further develop the cycling infrastructure here. Salt Spring has recently completed the functional design for the North Ganges area, a part of this infrastructure."

Members of the Salt Spring Transit and Transportation Commission have been invited to attend the Green Drinks meeting, along with local politicians.

Bob Fenske, chair of the transportation commission said, "I encourage all islanders to attend this event. It should prove to be of great interest to many, and I expect to learn a few things about this alternative transportation mode."

Green Drinks will meet on Thursday, March 26 in the Blue Room at the Harbour House Hotel from 5-8 p.m. Appetizers will be served.

Check out the I-SEA website at [www.i-sea.org](http://www.i-sea.org) to see pictures of other Green Drinks events.

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PEOPLE & COMMUNITY



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**SOCCER SATURDAY:** Salt Spring soccer players in the mini program play "the beautiful game" at Portlock Park.

# No 'compleat bunglers' at bridge, except the fickle March weather

Players aim for 'youth and hope and fearlessness and a wild hungry seeking'

**BY JILL EVANS**  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Back in March 1928, the inimitable Dorothy Parker was playing Auction bridge, maybe at New York's Knickerbocker Whist Club.

She found her partner, "a certain gentleman who shall be nameless — being already possessed of all the other characteristics of one born out of wedlock," to consider himself to be the highest authority of the game, with a penchant for expounding its principles "to all in darkness."

## BRIDGETRICKS

Then she says, "My own bridge is of the experimentalist school . . . There is a youth to my game, youth and hope and fearlessness and a wild, hungry seeking."

She continues to describe how her partner seemed icily displeased with her play during the resulting "lynching-bee," until finally she says, "he suggested that he and the others stop playing and just sit back and watch me do my card tricks."

This is from an article for the New Yorker she wrote 81 years ago entitled The Compleat Bungler.

Some of us do feel like compleat bunglers from time to

time, but on March 2 the winners were certainly spared such ignominy.

There were six and a half tables, which meant a Mitchell movement and two sets of winners.

First among those playing East-West were Gisela Welsh and Blanche Poborsa, and there was a tie for second place when John Woodward and Linda Stafford had the same score as George and Flo Laundry.

North-South winners were Ian Thomas and Zelly Taylor, with Paul Retallack and Prem Margoese in second place.

The cards were the ones playing tricks that night, with many unbiddable slams showing up.

On March 9 the weather was the trickster and pro-

duced a surprise snowstorm, resulting in the cancellation of the bridge game for that night, but on March 16, although the sky was clear, a blizzard arrived from Calgary and whirled into first place with Norbert Schlenker.

This was David Blizzard and they piled up a hefty lead. There were four and a half tables, and second place went to Flo and George Laundry.

Third went to Bob Morrisette and Patricia Hewett, and the rest had to be satisfied with having seen some interesting hands full of treachery.

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**IN TOWN:**

Marnie McAughtrie and Arletta Byers bring out the balloons for a sale at Mouat's Clothing Co.

**TRAIL & NATURE**

# Club releases April schedule

Events include recreational clean-up

The Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club social will be held on Thursday, April 23, 7:30 p.m. at the United Church. Lynn Thompson will show slides of Hiking on Salt Spring Island.

Once again this year, there will be a BC initiative for communities to clean up neighbourhoods, green spaces, parks, trails or shorelines during the week of April 20-26. Members are encouraged to participate simply by making a special effort during our planned outings on April 21 to clean up whatever trail or area of Salt Spring we happen to be on/in. The spring trip this year is to the BC Nature AGM in Duncan, April 30-May 3. Contact Nieke Visser for more information or to make a reservation.

Members should note Sunday, June 7 on their calendars. An exchange trip with the White Rock/Surrey Naturalists to Boundary Bay, White Rock will include birding and a World Oceans Day celebration. Call Teresa for more information, 250-538-0978. The April Schedule follows.

**Hikes**

April 6: Barry and Sheila Spence will lead a hike on Mt. Maxwell,

starting from Armand Way. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the Fulford-Ganges Road/Dukes Road corner at 10:00 a.m. Moderate, but with some steep sections.

April 14: Kees Visser will again lead a strenuous hike with a few rough sections halfway up Mt. Sullivan, then traversing to Bluff Point. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join the group at the Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:00 a.m.

April 21: Lynn Thompson will lead us on a moderate hike to Mt. Tzouhalem to view wildflowers. Leave Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to catch the 9 a.m. ferry to Crofton.

April 28: Fred Powell will lead a long, moderate hike on Hope Hill. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

**Walks**

April 7: Ailsa Pearse will lead a moderate North End walk. This is the rescheduled walk of March 3. Leave ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at the end of Dogwood Lane off Southey Point Road at 10:20 a.m.

April 14: Art and Marg Simons will lead a moderate walk somewhere in the South End. Leave ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at Drummond Park at 10:20 a.m.

April 21: Nieke Visser will lead an off-island walk to Thetis Lakes regional park. This is an easy six-

km walk. Northenders meet at Artspring at 9:00 a.m., southenders meet at Drummond park at 9:20 am. Please proceed to the ferry terminal where we all catch the 9:50 a.m. ferry to Swartz Bay.

April 28: Harry Burton will lead a walk from Beaver Point Hall to Eleanor Point. Harry will provide some historic content. Leave ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at Beaver Pt. Hall at 10:20 a.m.

**Ramblers**

April 7: Leaders' Choice Ramble with Louise Fuoco. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10.00 a.m.

April 14: Duck Creek with Eleanor Lloyd. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m. or meet at the start of the Duck Creek trail on Sunset Drive at 10:10 a.m.

April 21: Harold Page will lead a walk in the Creekside Area. Carpool from Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m.

April 28: Leaders' Choice with Frauke Prystawik. Meet at Centennial Park at 10.00 a.m.

**New Members**

Interested in joining us? Contact Barry Spence (membership) at 250-537-2332 or Zeke Blazecka (president) at 250-653-4782, or come on Tuesdays to the meeting point for the activity that interests you.

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**WORKSHOP**

## 'Going to the page' is new creative process

Writing retreat workshop set

Islanders will soon have the opportunity to experience a new way of cultivating creativity and well-being in their daily lives — by "going to the page" as part of a Life Source Writing Retreat Workshop on Saturday, April 4.

"Writers and healing artists have advocated for regular writing practice as a pathway to creativity, personal growth and increased self-awareness," explains Lynda Monk, leader of the writing retreat, in a press release.

"Julia Cameron, author of the Artist's Way, gave us the Morning Pages; Natalie Goldberg, author of Writing Down the Bones, suggests writing practice — the unedited, 'go to the page and write approach' to cultivating your own unique voice."

Life Source Writing is described as "a reflective journaling practice that supports you to meet yourself, your ideas, your creativity, your questions, your answers — on the page."

The approach is compared to similar reflective practices such as yoga, meditation, prayer or any other self-care ritual.

"Life Source Writing is a powerful five-step process that supports you to 'go to the page,' and helps you be open and available to yourself when you get there."

The process is for writers and non-writers alike and essentially for anyone curious about "going to the page."

Monk developed the practice from 20 years of journaling and professional writing experience, bringing together her knowledge of the writing process as well as personal growth.

Those who may benefit from

the one-day retreat are people working on a writing project, those who are blocked on some form of creative project, those looking for a creative, expressive tool to add to their self-care and personal growth "tool kit," or those who simply want to play on the page.

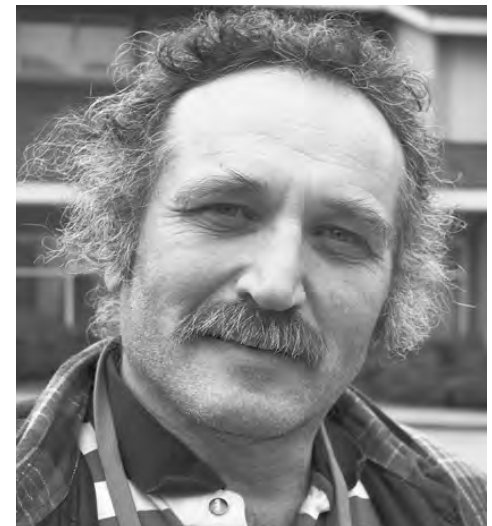
"During this one-day retreat workshop you will learn many journal writing techniques, creative prompts, and how to engage the relaxation response to support your creative flow."

The workshop will take place April 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Gatehouse on Stowel Lake Farm.

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