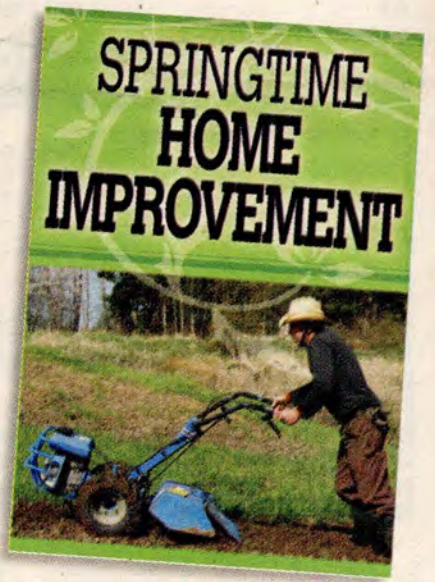




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**FIRE**

## Historic home burns

Department saves home's lower levels

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Firefighters spent more than six hours Thursday night attending a blaze that caused severe damage to an historic wooden home at 301 Epron Road.

Crews were called to what was initially reported as a chimney fire just before 10 p.m. on April 16. By the time firefighters arrived at the scene, the fire had quickly engulfed the three-storey home's shake roof, according to fire captain Dale Lundy.

"When I got there, the roof was fully involved," Lundy said. "The whole roof was ablaze, but everyone was accounted for."

Portions of collapsing roof made it extremely dangerous for firefighters attending the scene, he added.

Lundy said the fire department's preliminary investigation indicates the roof may have caught on fire as a result of sparks from the chimney.

"It looks as though the fire started on the outside of the roof," he said.

Lundy said the family living in the house became aware of the fire when one member heard noises and noticed sparks outside the home.

No injuries were sustained as a result of the incident.

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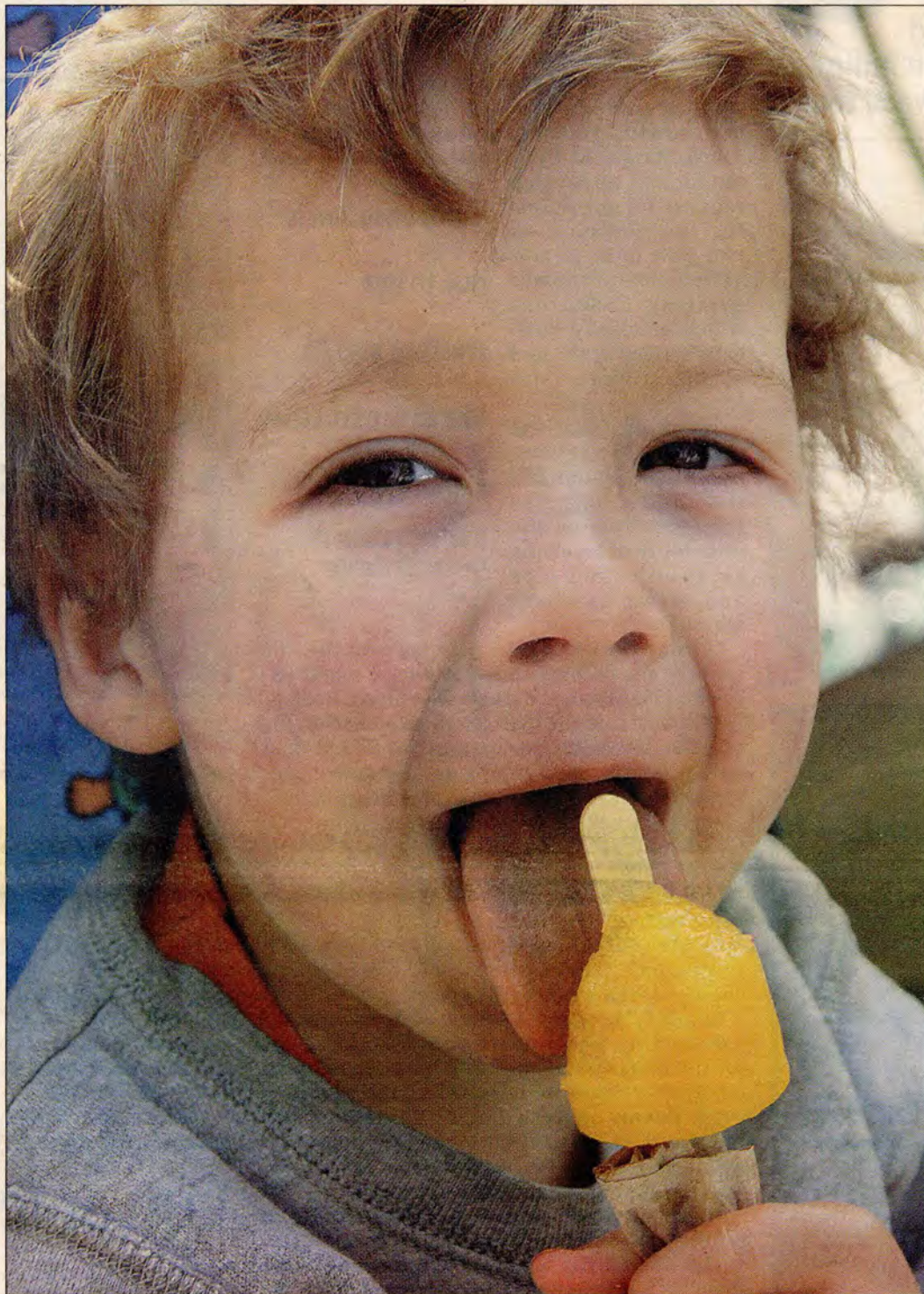


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**TASTY TREAT:** Jamie Charlebois enjoys a taste of spring as he downs a delicious fruitsicle.

**FIRE DISTRICT**

## Voters elect new fire trustees

Fire hall site still top priority

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Voters have elected Grant Eckberg, Richard Hannah and Bruce Patterson to sit on the board of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District.

Results were announced at Monday evening's annual general meeting held at the Ganges Fire Hall. The new trustees take over from Mark Wyatt, Mike Arnott and Wayne Wrigley, who had completed their terms.

A total of 287 ballots were cast in the election on April 20. Patterson, a volunteer firefighter and former trustee, received 249 votes, with Hannah getting 234 and Eckberg 197. Former chair Ted Hinds obtained 60 votes.

Fire board chair Michael Schubart thanked candidates for their participation and commended departing trustees for contributions made during the past three years.

Schubart used Monday's AGM to reiterate that the search for land for a new Ganges area fire hall is an inevitable priority for the board.

"This continues to be the board's highest priority, but in lieu of past failures, we want to avoid any further false starts," Schubart said.

In 2008, voters defeated a proposal to borrow up to \$540,000 for the purchase of a 1.4-hectare (3.5-acre) site for a replacement fire hall by a vote of 789 to 551.

"I think it's important for our community to recognize that if they want the value that this department provides, they have to be willing to accept the financial responsibility to

FIRE ELECTION continued on A2

**AMBULANCE SERVICE**

## Fire investigators rule out foul play

Search continues for new paramedic space

The director of Vancouver Island operations for the BC Ambulance Service assures Salt Springers the relocation of the island's paramed-

ics is not impacting emergency service levels.

Paramedics, ambulances and supplies have been stationed at the Sea Breeze Inne and at the nearby Salt Spring Search and Rescue office on Fulford-Ganges Road since a fire destroyed the former operations base on Kings Lane earlier this month.

"We are operating as normal," Bob Gallaher said in an interview from his office in Victoria. "I want to assure residents that maintaining the high-quality service that they got prior to the fire will continue."

Gallaher said he continues to work with other  
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## NEWSBEAT

### Fire chief thanked ahead of retirement

#### FIRE ELECTION

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support all the volunteers who invest thousand of hours of their time," Schubart said.

"I think it's only fair that they have an appropriate place to operate from and to train," he added.

Schubart noted other priorities for 2009 include the creation of an advisory committee to discuss the finer points of constructing a fire training ground in Fulford now that the "long and arduous" rezoning process is complete.

Schubart said fire district staff have been authorized to develop request for proposals for the purchase of two new mini-pumper vehicles to replace existing resources which "have now basically arrived at the end of their useful service life."

Speaking from the audience, former volunteer firefighter Jeff Outerbridge suggested trustees examine the possibility of receiving a stipend for their time and effort as board members.

"I think the opportunity is long overdue," he said. "Some compensation is due to our trustees and I'd like to see trustees explore that."

Schubart said the matter will be placed on the board's agenda for discussion, but added that, based on prior discussions, trustees have generally agreed they are not in it for the money.

"I think we know full well that you're not in it for the money. That's quite clear," Outerbridge said.

"I think it's time that you were rewarded in some way."

Trustee Tony Kennedy used Monday's AGM to publicly thank Dave Enfield ahead of the chief's retirement later this year.

Kennedy recognized Enfield's efforts to establish training, equipment and safety guidelines for the department and his work to develop an emergency response program for the island.

"He deeply believes that the best of our firefighters stack up with the best firefighters anywhere and he is to be congratulated for achieving that standard here," Kennedy said.

"It's a privilege to have the opportunity to publicly thank [him] for a job well done."

The fire district received 32 applications for the chief's position and has narrowed down the field to a shortlist of eight candidates.

**"Compensation is due to our trustees and I'd like to see trustees explore that."**

JEFF OUTERBRIDGE  
Former firefighter

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PHOTO BY PARIS PATHEIGER

Investigators study the charred remains of the Salt Spring ambulance station last week, before it was bulldozed on Tuesday.

## Investigation continues

#### AMBULANCE STATION

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government agencies to find a more suitable working environment as early as next month.

"We are assessing our short- and medium-term options," he said.

Gallaher's comments come as investigators try to determine the cause of the April 5 blaze. The Salt Spring Island Fire and Rescue Department has ruled out any possibility of criminal activity.

With investigators having collected all relevant evidence, the building was bulldozed on Tuesday.

## Lower level of house saved

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Efforts by a resident to extinguish the fire with a garden hose failed to quell the flames.

"He made an effort, but once the fire gets a hold of things, you need a little more than a garden hose," Lundy said.

The fire destroyed the home's third floor, but firefighters consider their effort a "save" considering that the lower levels were not lost.

"From my standpoint it was a good save and we use that term because of the damage that wasn't done," he said.

The home, which dates to the early 1900s, is on the site of the Chantelu farm, formerly home to sisters Simone and Paulette Chantelu.

Owners of the property had recently completed a series of significant upgrades to the home.

No one from the family returned the Driftwood's request for an interview on Tuesday.

The fire is an important reminder for people to have their chimneys cleaned on a regular basis and to call the fire department immediately if they suspect there may be a fire in their chimney, said Lundy.

"People are a little complacent with chimney fires," he said.

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# Newsbeat

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### FIRST NATIONS & ENVIRONMENT

## Elders' event encourages people to 'look at the land'

Cultural understanding coincides with Earth Day celebration

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Not even a recent cool spring morning was capable of stifling Phil Vernon's enthusiasm for the island's First Nations' history during a short stroll to a heritage site along the northern shore of Fulford Harbour.

At first glance it's difficult to tell if the shallow recess in the stone, only a tad larger than an average cereal bowl, could be anything other than a random anomaly carved into the rock by centuries of tides and harsh weather.

Vernon has identified four such stone bowls, believed to have been formed thousands of years ago when the region's First Nations inhabitants used the beach as an outdoor kitchen with one heck of a view.

As with many historical artifacts, each bowl tells the story of the place this island used to be and the people who once lived here.

According to Vernon, the liaison between local First Nations and Salt Springers for Justice and Reconciliation, the bowls might be easy to miss, but the stories they're part of have the potential to change the way we look at the world.

"The stories are a gift that we as islanders can receive to help us deepen our connection to the land," Vernon said. "You look at places that we now use for parks and you look deeper into the land and you see the connection, the stories start to emerge and that's one reason I want to tie [Earth Day] in with the Elders' Luncheon."

The Elders' Luncheon will feature a potluck lunch and speakers from the Tsawout First Nation sharing traditional stories about the region.

Vernon hopes the event will rekindle interest in the island's natural and cultural history.

"I think it's about enriching our relationships and our understanding," Vernon said. "If I see the environment as something that's out there, something separate from me, that's a very different relationship than if I see myself as part of the environment, and I think that's where we can, without romanticizing things, look at First Nations culture and see that they do, in fact, have a different relationship to the world around them."

"If you forget where you really fit in the scheme of things, then you are in trouble," he added.

Vernon said evidence from an archeological dig conducted near Long Harbour indicates the island was used as a seasonal food gathering place 5,000 years ago.

"That's taking us back to the time of the Egyptian pyramids and there were established cultures here," Vernon said, looking over the harbour as if trying to envisage the island and its people before the era of declining fish stocks and shellfish contamination closures.

"These people have lived here for thousands of years and

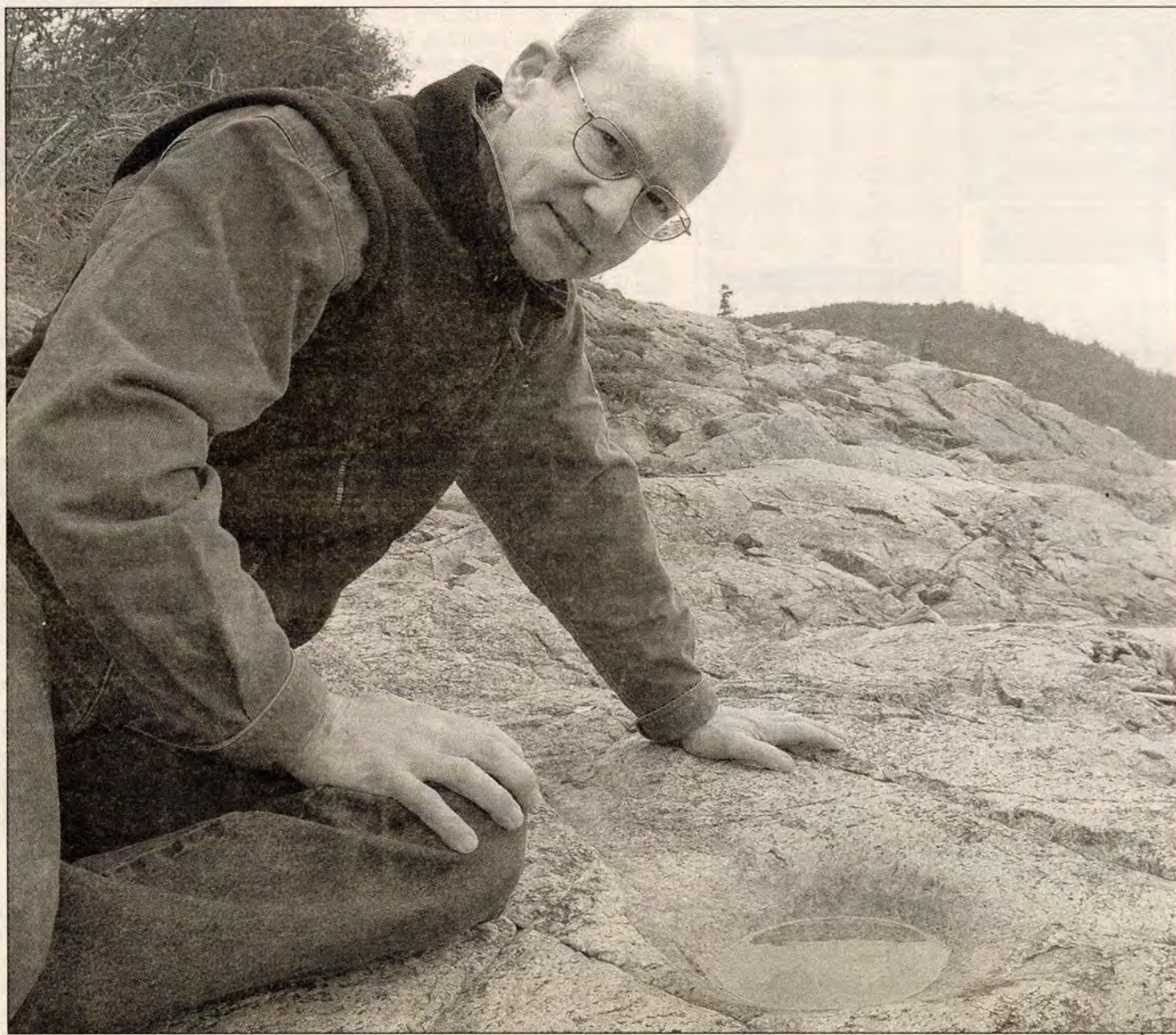


PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Phil Vernon, of Salt Spring Islanders for Justice and Reconciliation, poses beside a stone bowl carved by First Nations residents into the shoreline along Fulford Harbour.

in a matter of 150 years we've nearly destroyed the environment," he said. "Since they're still living here and we're not going away, maybe we can find some sort of a way of talking to each other."

The Elders' Luncheon takes place on Thursday, April 30 at Beaver Point Hall. Doors open at noon with speeches set to begin at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free — just bring some food to share. For more information, contact Phil Vernon at 250-653-9482.

**"If you forget where you really fit in the scheme of things, then you are in trouble."**

PHIL VERNON

Salt Spring Islanders for Justice and Reconciliation

## News briefs

### Election candidates face off April 29

The Salt Spring all-candidates debate for the upcoming provincial election will be held at ArtSpring on Wednesday, April 29 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Sponsored by the Gulf Islands Driftwood, the three known candidates as of April 21 have been invited to participate. They are Liberal candidate and incum-

bent Murray Coell, NDP candidate Gary Holman and Green party candidate Tom Bradfield.

The candidates' nomination deadline is Friday, April 24.

The provincial election and referendum on electoral reform is on Tuesday, May 12.

### Errant driver flown to Victoria

An elderly woman who

lost control of her vehicle and drove into a residence along Fulford's Morningside Road on Thursday remains in a Victoria hospital undergoing tests.

Emergency crews arrived on scene soon after the incident took place at 2:07 p.m. Salt Spring RCMP report that the 87-year-old driver sustained some broken bones in the accident and was flown to Victoria later that day.

The home was unoccupied at the time of the crash and there were no passen-

gers in the vehicle.

### May 2 means summer for travellers

Summer schedules come into effect for two Salt Spring transportation links as of May 2.

For the island's bus system, expanded services will include additional weekday and Saturday trips on the #2 Fulford Harbour route. Route #1, Ganges Local, will see a routing change

via Atkins Road to provide service to Meadowbrook Seniors' Residence.

For fare and scheduling information, call transit information at 250-538-4282, or visit [www.bctransit.com](http://www.bctransit.com).

BC Ferries said Tuesday that in light of the smaller Bowen Queen being on the Fulford-Swartz Bay route from May 2 to June 16 while the Skeena Queen undergoes maintenance, the summertime morning schedule for Saturdays will be in effect as of May 2, rather than late

June as originally set.

An extra morning sailing will be added on Saturdays only.

## FOR THE RECORD

One of the children in last week's front-page photo was incorrectly identified. The girl described as Taylor Adams was in fact Taylor Akerman.



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## NEWSBEAT

### CONSERVATION

# Sensitive plant life threatened

Park plants are protected

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Local conservation experts and nature enthusiasts were alarmed to learn of some damage sustained to a carpet of trillium flowers found in Mouat Park.

An early flowering member of the lily family and one of the first markers of spring in local forests, *Trillium ovatum* is marked by a single, three-leaved white flower that appears between March and May. Its beauty was first recorded in written history by the explorers Lewis and Clark. On Salt Spring the flower is reaching the northern limits of its range, but it is known along the coast into California.

Laura Matthias, an on-staff biologist with the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, said that picking any wildflower can lead to devastating effects for the plant's survival. In addition to their beauty, wildflowers are valuable for their contribution to the complex forest ecosystem, Matthias explained.

"Biodiversity involves all these individual species, and we don't even know all the links between them. It's about having variety and genetic differences."

As with most wildflowers, the trillium is so sensitive that any disruption can easily harm its ability to spread seeds and reproduce. The plant can take an



Trillium flower on Salt Spring

PHOTO BY TOM GILLIGAN

astonishing 15 years to flower, and if the flower is picked it has to start again from the beginning. This fact led it to be one of just three plants ever protected in B.C. with the Dogwood, Rhododendron and Trillium Act of 1948.

While that act was repealed in 2002 and broader provincial legislation on rare plants has yet to be enacted, trilliums like those found in Mouat Park are protected locally by the Bylaw for the Operation of Community Parks.

Parks and Recreation Commission manager Kees Ruurs said that the public should be aware that all park vegetation is protected by Bylaw 2.1(a): "No person shall cut or break or injure or in any way destroy or damage any tree, shrub,

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plant, turf or flower."

So far, damage to wildflower habitat has not been a major problem, Ruurs said.

"It's not an issue we've been aware of — in fact this is the first we've heard of it," Ruurs said Monday. "Which is not to say that we're not concerned by it. In fact, we're very concerned that plants may be damaged, especially if they are protected ones."

Ruurs said he hoped that anyone who may have picked the trilliums did so "innocently," not knowing of the plant's rare status. He also said he hopes biology teachers in schools will teach children about B.C.'s endangered plants and how to recognize them.

Matthias said park visitors should keep dogs and children on the paths and out of the forest area as a first step in ensuring wildflower safety.

For more information on PARC policies, Ruurs invites the public to phone 250-537-4448.

"If anyone has any questions, call the office and we'd be happy to share what can and can't be done in community parks."

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### COMMUNITY BUILDING

## Volunteering: a way of life worth preserving

Volunteer Salt Spring makes it happen

**BY PAT BURKETTE**  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

On Salt Spring, volunteering isn't a way to fill time, it's a way of life. To help preserve that way of life, the Salt Spring Island Foundation gave a third grant this year to the island's volunteer gateway known as Volunteer Salt Spring.

Via a website, [www.volunteersaltspring.com](http://www.volunteersaltspring.com), Volunteer Salt Spring matches individuals with island organizations which list both urgent needs and new opportunities.

Bob Rush, who was instrumental in forming Volunteer Salt Spring, says he would continually read about organizations looking for volunteers in the Driftwood and began think-

ing about the need for a central volunteer clearinghouse.

"I thought if we had a central place where they could go, we could match volunteers with organizations."

But Rush and the group of like-minded people who joined him in setting up Volunteer Salt Spring soon realized having an office downtown was out of the question, and Volunteer Salt Spring's virtual office was born. Turns out that's a perfect fit for all of us folks who love to google, chat and shop online.

Volunteer Salt Spring lists all kinds of volunteer needs online, from side-walkers for the Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association to an acquisitions co-ordinator for the 2009 ArtSpring Treasure Fair. Another mandate is educating volunteers and volunteer organizations on the many aspects

of volunteering.

For Rush, who has a long volunteer service record himself, including a 15-year term as Salt Spring Island Foundation chair, Volunteer Salt Spring is a vital link in the community.

"I feel that the island runs on volunteers. We wouldn't have nearly the quality of life that we do without volunteers."

Gloria McEachern, who coordinates volunteers for Salt Spring Island Community Services programs and Volunteer Salt Spring, couldn't agree more.

"We have an incredible pool of very gifted people on Salt Spring," said McEachern.

She's had plenty of first-hand experience with volunteers rising to the occasion at Community Services. At the Food Bank, which has also received support from the Foundation,

volunteers began noticing that recipients weren't waiting to eat until they got home with their bag of food.

"We saw that people who came to the food bank were pulling out the broccoli and eating it raw right then and there."

Out of that was born the "Let's Do Brunch" program, so that recipients could be fed and still go home with a bag of food.

McEachern would like to see more people using the Volunteer Salt Spring website to take the volunteer plunge, and she wastes no opportunity to encourage some toe dipping. As our interview about the Salt Spring Foundation's assistance to volunteering on Salt Spring came to a close, she admitted she'd been waiting to ask if this writer would like to volunteer.

### DAYCARE

## Community support keeps Tree Frog on track

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Community members anxious about Tree Frog Daycare's possible closure can breathe a sigh of relief, representatives announced this week.

A last-minute funding drive and call for help has resulted in enough resources to move towards restructuring for future financial health, board member Meghan Johnson said Monday.

Eye-catching Toonies for Tree Frog donation jars netted close to \$1,300, while an extension on an overdue line of credit by Island Savings also helped. But it's a substantial donation by an anonymous friend that has put the daycare in the clear for the time being.

Longtime coordinator Lisa Bleskie said she was stunned to receive the call from a local lawyer informing her of the donation. While the gift doesn't mean the end of Tree Frog's problems, it will give the organization a chance to work through them. Johnson and the board are extremely grateful for the reprieve, but warn that much work remains to be done.

"Even before the donation, we were moving forward, with baby steps like staffing, scheduling and recruiting children," Johnson explained. "Now we don't have to micro-manage our money on a daily basis. We have a cushion to work with to plan our future."

One of the daycare's greatest problems has been a lack of qualified early childhood educators. Without licensed staff, Tree Frog cannot take on its full quota of children, which reduces its income.

This problem has been solved for now with the hiring of Jennifer Garlinski, a new arrival to Salt Spring whom Johnson calls "just wonderful."

More help has come with the hiring of an administrative consultant on contract, Jane Krieg.

"She's working with Lisa and the board overseeing administration, giving us proposals on direction, and going over the books to see where we've been financially and where we need to go."

While initial steps are now in place to take Tree Frog towards financial stability, Johnson said community involvement is still greatly needed. A key area is the board of directors, which currently has only three members.

"We need five for functionality, and six or seven would be comfortable. We'd really like to invite people from beyond the parent group," Johnson said.

A board member since January 2008, Johnson said the time commitment is not great: meetings occur on the third Wednesday of the month and take a couple of hours.

For more information or to get involved, call Tree Frog at 250-653-4998.

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EARTH DAY



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Adina Hildebrandt and helpers take part in a creek and shoreline clean-up as part of Salt Spring's Earth Day activities.

# Enthusiasm rules at festival

250 kilos of garbage amassed

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The threat of rain did little to deter volunteers and participants at Sunday's kick-off to "Earth Day week" celebrations on Salt Spring.

Clare Cullen, event organizer and co-owner of Green Gecko Living, said at least 45 people worked on clearing garbage from the Ganges creek and foreshore area, while close to 150 participants enjoyed the activities in Centennial Park.

Armed with garbage bags, latex gloves and safety instructions, three teams set out at 11 a.m. to clear garbage from the Ganges creek area, which salmon enhancement expert Kathy Reimer called one of the most pristine watersheds on Salt Spring. Fish and other wildlife should find the area more welcoming since volunteers removed 250 kilos of garbage from the site.

Cullen noted the "very enthusiastic" crews found some strange and large items, especially around the foreshore area. In addition to the usual beer bottles and plastic can-connectors, 25 rolls of Christmas lights were recovered, some of which still worked. The lights later topped a triumphant garbage bag sculpture in Centennial Park.

Funds for garbage disposal and other festival costs were raised by T-shirt and raffle ticket sales. Despite the large amount of trash collected, it only cost \$26 to dispose of it, said Cullen.

"It makes me think, 'Gosh, people could just spend the little it takes to bring it to the dump instead of putting it in the creek.'"

Cullen added that with such a strong start, plans for next year's festival are definitely in order.

"People were really happy — they were saying they've been hoping for something like this. A lot of people said the creek clean-up was really overdue, but it just took someone to step in and organize it."

With activities for kids including puppet-making with recycled materials and an appearance by Island Savings Credit Union's giant owl mascot named Penny, the event was well attended by families hoping to make a difference. Musicians Billie Woods and Gemma volunteered their time at the mic, providing upbeat entertainment near the community booths for non-profit groups.

A knit-in organized by Jane MacKenzie was also a popular component. Knitters worked with donated "orphan" balls of yarn to produce 10X10-inch squares that will later be sewn into blankets and donated to people in need. MacKenzie intends to continue the practice at other group events such as the Salt Spring Co-op Preschool carnival or the island's fall fair.

For next year's Earth Day activities, Cullen said she would like to expand participation by local groups and would particularly like to see the local farming sector speaking for sustainable living and land management.

# Repeat offender receives fine, driving prohibition

Incident predates new mandatory penalties

A former island resident received a \$1,000 fine and a one-year driving prohibition after pleading guilty in Ganges Provincial Court on Wednesday to impaired driving.

Salt Spring RCMP stopped Phillip Kilback, 38, at a roadside check on Oct. 29, 2006. After Kilback failed a roadside screening test, he provided two blood-alcohol samples of 0.260.

Crown counsel Brad Tomlin

## COURTDOCKET

told the court Kilback's record includes prior impaired driving convictions in 1993 and 2004.

Because the offence occurred prior to 2008, Kilback, who now resides in Nanaimo, is not subject to the new mandatory minimum penalty of 120 days in jail for third-time impaired driving offenders.

In other court news:

• Eben Finer, 22, received a

\$1,000 fine and one-year driving prohibition after pleading guilty to driving while impaired on Feb. 28. Police stopped Finer for driving erratically at 2:45 a.m. He provided blood-alcohol readings of 0.160 and 0.150.

• Dorian Balec, 20, received a conditional discharge and a four-month probation order after pleading guilty to an assault charge from Dec. 27, 2008.

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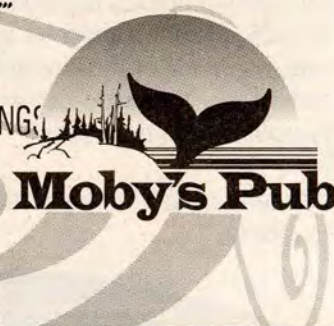
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## NEWSBEAT

# WATERBOARD 2009

Three vacancies on the board of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District were filled by acclamation at the group's 2009 annual general meeting Tuesday night. Marshall Heinekey, Jeffrey Thompson and Michael Woolley participated in a Q&A session with the Driftwood to let Salt Springers know more about how they propose to assist the water district over their coming terms. Thompson and Woolley are starting their second terms, while Heinekey is a newcomer to the board.

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## MARSHALL HEINEKEY

Years on Salt Spring:  
Born and raised



MARSHALL HEINEKEY

**Q: Why are you running for the position of NSSWD trustee?**

A: I have been asked to run twice. The first time I declined because I didn't have a handle on the scope of the water system, having only recently moved back to the island. Over the next two years I began to take an interest — asked lots of questions, had discussions with water board members past and present, attended a water board meeting and assessed whether I could make a contribution. I believe I can, so when I was approached again I put my name forward.

**Q: Why are you the right person for the job?**

A: I have a set of academics (degrees in engineering, education and business) and experience that are compatible to this position. I believe there is a difference between water

preservation and water conservation and I have a strong interest in water conservation. The current NSSWD metered distribution system empowers individual users to control their water usage and to employ a variety of conservation strategies.

**Q: What are three important priorities facing the NSSWD during the next year?**

A: Quality, quantity and cost are three priorities facing NSSWD. The customer wants to be assured that the NSSWD can deliver enough quality water at a reasonable cost to meet their needs.

**Q: What is your previous board, professional or volunteer experience?**

A: BCIT Board of Governors, Canadian Standards Association Committee A23 (vice chair), Centre for Curriculum and Professional Development (Ministry of Advanced Education), Applied Science Technologist & Technicians of B.C., (president), Canadian Council of Technologists and Technicians (president), Foundation for Education and the Advancement of Technology.

## JEFF THOMPSON

Years on Salt Spring:  
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JEFF THOMPSON

**Q: Why are you running for the position of NSSWD trustee?**

A: I am standing for my second term as a trustee. I came to the board with two purposes in my first term: 1. To offer my expertise as a research chemist to the field of potable water management; and 2. To represent the ratepayers of Channel Ridge. I continue with the first priority and I trust that the ratepayers will benefit from a second term

**Q: Why are you the right person for the job?**

A: As mentioned above, I am a retired research chemist who formerly co-owned a marine science consulting firm in Victoria for 10 years. I bring a broad knowledge of metals and their interaction with biological systems. As I have now completed a three-year term as a trustee, I now have a good understanding of how a small waterworks functions.

**Q: What are three important priorities facing the NSSWD during the next year?**


A: We have several issues facing us. We are looking at a future upgrade of the water treatment plant at St. Mary Lake, which will require a major source of funding. In the near future we look toward an amalgamation with the CRD in order to acquire that funding from senior government sources. Such funding would also be required to upgrade existing infrastructure such as meters and mains.

**Q: What is your previous board, professional or volunteer experience?**

A: 1. Ph.D. from the University of Alberta, 1968 (organometallic chemistry); post-doctoral fellowship at the University of B.C., 1968-70.  
2. Twenty-six years with the federal government as a research chemist. Ten years as a consultant.  
3. I was chair of the Canadian National Committee of SCOR (Scientific Commission for Ocean Research) and of the Environment Division of the Canadian Society of Chemistry.  
4. I served as chairman of the Victoria branch of the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada for six years.  
5. I am a fellow of the Chemical Institute of Canada (CIC) and a member of The Society for Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC), a worldwide body.

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# NEWSBEAT

## LIBRARY

# Volunteer honoured as 'Super Trustee'



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Grace Byrne holds her award from the B.C. Library Trustees Association.

Grace Byrne a 'most deserving recipient'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Library volunteer Grace Byrne is thrilled to have received a prestigious award in recognition of her more than two decades of service with Salt Spring's public library.

"There are so many people in the library and they are such a great group to work with," Byrne said after receiving her award at the library's volunteer appreciation gala on Monday afternoon. "That's what has made it such a great job."

From her initial responsibilities of working the desk and shelving books when she began volunteering in 1984, Byrne proceeded to sit on the library board for several terms and even served as head librarian.

"By all reports, your efforts and your leadership have inspired the Salt Spring Island Public Library's evolution from an informal organization to a fully and professionally functioning institution," reads a letter of congratulations written by Andy Ackerman, president of the B.C. Library Trustees' Association.

"Your colleagues have informed me that it was during your term as chair of the library board that the Salt Spring Island Public Library developed its first strategic plan and conducted a successful referendum that guaranteed, for the first time, continuous taxpayer support for the library," he added.

This is the first time the provincial association has recognized a volunteer from Salt Spring Island. Only two or three Super Trustee Awards are presented to nominees each year.

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## MIKE WOOLLEY

Years on Salt Spring: 8

**Q: Why are you running for the position of NSSWD trustee?**

A: I am completing my first three-year term as a NSSWD trustee, much of which was on the up side of the learning curve. A second term is a logical step toward the objective of providing a safe and efficient water utility for the Waterworks' clients. The years ahead will be ones of challenge and change.



MIKE WOOLLEY

**Q: Why are you the right person for the job?**

A: My post-secondary graduation and career path is in engineering in the mining industry. I am a registered professional engineer. My career took me through production, engineering and up

to management. As for water, we miners try to get rid of water.

**Q: What are three important priorities facing the NSSWD during the next year?**

A: A principal objective is a water treatment plant for St. Mary Lake. Funding for this will have to be put in place. Expenses continue to rise. Sound fiscal management to keep cost increases to consumers reasonable is a priority. Maintain a skilled and committed staff and workforce at the Waterworks.

**Q: What is your previous board, professional or volunteer experience?**

A: Councillor, Saskatchewan Association of Professional Engineers. Local school board in rural Saskatchewan (eight years of service, six as chair). Service on parish councils at two churches. Board of management member for a cathedral columbarium business.

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## WILDLIFE

# Owl attack asserts nature's presence in Trincomali area

Bird expert describes incident as 'extremely rare'

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

One islander's evening stroll included a surreal encounter with wildlife when he was dive-bombed by a large owl on Trincomali Heights last week.

Nick Bantock had almost reached the crossroads of Trincomali Heights and Lawnhill Drive at about 9 p.m. on April 14 when a large owl swooped down towards him.

The bird quickly retreated, but then came back again.

"The second time it actually dragged its talons over my head," he said.

Bantock reacted by pulling his coat over his head for protection — but the owl returned a third and fourth time, grabbing hold of him on both occasions.

"It's a really weird experience when it happens to you," he said, but added he also felt a "sense of privilege" at the same time.

Bantock reported the incident to the Driftwood out of concern for kids who may be out walking in that area.

Based on the description of the

**"The second time it actually dragged its talons over my head."**

NICK BANTOCK

owl as large, brownish-grey with a creamy front, Salt Spring bird expert John Neville said it was likely a barred owl.

He also said the dive-bombing behaviour is not unusual if a person is close to a nest or the bird's young, although making physical contact is not the norm.

"I can't be absolutely categorical," said Neville, "but owls, like some other birds, will dive-bomb you as a threatening display, but to actually attack you is extremely rare."

Neville said barred owls, which are the most common owl on Salt Spring, can have a 44-inch wing span, although they weigh only a few pounds.

For Bantock, the encounter was a reminder that humans live in owl territory, and not the other way around.

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EDITORIAL

## Best to ban

Today is Earth Day, marked in Canada since 1990 and for much longer in some other places around the world.

For residents of Ontario, Earth Day 2009 has real meaning because that province's Cosmetic Pesticide Ban Act comes into effect today. Ontario is the latest jurisdiction to use legislation to protect the health of its citizens and the natural environment through the ban of some 250 lawn and garden pesticides.

According to Toxic Canada, one group lauding Ontario's actions, "pesticide exposure has been linked to cancer, including childhood cancer, developmental defects and behavioural disorders. Children are most at risk from pesticide exposure because their smaller, developing bodies are more vulnerable to the toxic effects of pesticides."

For people worried about the green shade of their lawns, a number of non-toxic alternatives to traditional pesticides now exist.

THE ISSUE:

Cosmetic pesticide sales

WE SAY:

B.C. should follow Ontario

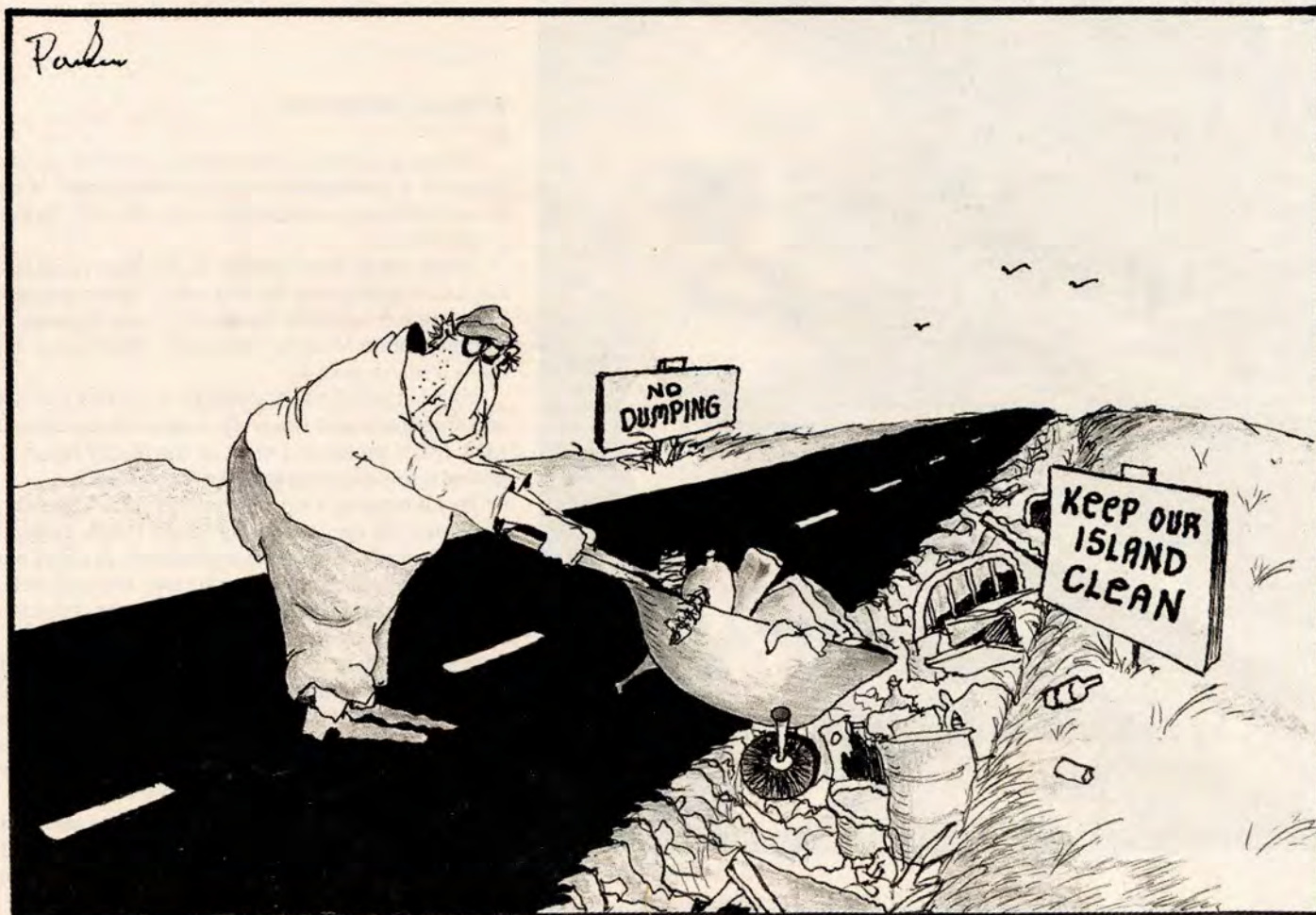
Public education goes a long way to making changes in a society, but it cannot do it all. Waiting for everyone to understand the damage to the environment and human health caused by cosmetic pesticides and waiting for them to stop buying those products is folly in this case. Governments must step in to speed up the process.

When it comes to the pesticide issue, B.C. is clearly dragging its heels. Last year's Union of British Columbia Municipalities conference delegates urged province-wide regulations, and 18 B.C. cities and towns have bylaws restricting cosmetic pesticide use — but they cannot regulate the products' sale. Provincial legislation is needed to make a real difference.

The NDP and Green party platforms contain a province-wide ban, and the Liberals are well advised to follow suit.

According to a 2008 Ipsos Reid poll commissioned by the Canadian Cancer Society's B.C. and Yukon Division, most British Columbians would support provincial legislation to restrict pesticide use. "Approximately three-quarters of all British Columbians believe that pesticides have a negative impact on their health, as well as the health of their children and pets, and similar numbers are concerned about the environmental impacts of pesticides," states the Canadian Cancer Society Advocacy Public Opinion Research Survey.

Earth Day and an election. There's no better time for all parties to make the commitment to ban cosmetic pesticide sales.



TRASH AND OTHER GARBAGE

## The 'happily ever after' myth

BY SAM LIGHTMAN

The other day I lost a sock somewhere around my laundry set.

It's simply, inexplicably gone. Of course, I blame the Trust for this, because if we could just get rid of the Trust all the problems on our island would be solved, we'd all live happily ever after and socks would never disappear.

This is the quality of thinking that appears to prevail these days among those who really do believe that the Trust is the source of all our problems, but most especially those problems exemplified by the Salt Spring Coffee Company rezoning application and, as most recently cited by John Quesnel in his March 25 letter to the Driftwood, the Country Grocer expansion.

For good measure, he throws in the fire hall relocation defeat, even though that was occasioned by a referendum in which the Trust played no part whatever.

Never mind, the Trust must have had something to do with it.

The "environment and amenities" specified in the Trust's preserve and protect objective refers, not to features which "add to a person's comfort and convenience" as Quesnel writes. That definition is appropriate to the description of a hotel offering, and the dictionary makes that distinction.

In the context of an island, however, amenities refers to such features as parks, shoreline, streams and other natural or designated areas which are worthy of being passed on from generation to generation.

As much as I like Fields, it simply doesn't qualify for the Island Trust's mandate to preserve and protect. Businesses come and businesses go; the Trust can't control that.

### VIEWPOINT

**"Never mind, the Trust must have something to do with it."**

Neither could — nor should — a municipal-ity.

With respect to the coffee company rezoning, Quesnel wants it both ways (don't we all!). He wants the Trust to "come up with a plan that addresses our community's future, that doesn't impose on rural neighbourhoods."

If the Trust decides not to impose on rural neighbourhoods, the coffee company is toast (roast).

If the Trust decides to "afford the honest hard-working people of our island a place to work" (Quesnel's words again) by rezoning the property in question, the rural neighbours are toast. And a very bad precedent is set as well. Either way, the Trust is going to make some (more) enemies.

I think about now John Quesnel should tell us how, if he were mayor of the Municipality of Salt Spring, he would resolve the Salt Spring Coffee Company dilemma and the industrial land shortage in general as well. Maybe the other champions of the Islanders for Self-Government group could chime in here, too.

Enough theory, guys, tell us what you will do if you actually start running the island. (You might like to tell us what it will cost us, too; then again, maybe you wouldn't.)

The Trust is currently striving to address the problem of insufficient industrial and commercial land on the island in a way that "doesn't impose on rural neighbourhoods." Constructive suggestions would probably be welcome. Cheap shots from the sidelines undoubtedly aren't.

Now, damn you, Trust, give me back my sock!

*The writer lives on Beaver Point Road.*

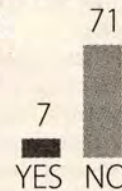
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## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** Which community volunteers are you especially grateful for?



**KARLEY CRONK**

*I think the food bank is an essential part of any community. The flowers planted alongside the roads are also nice.*



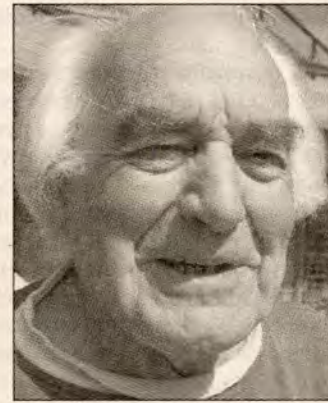
**SARAH SMITH**

*The Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary volunteers because they bring more money to our hospital and help keep it open.*



**SANDI BALLANTYNE**

*The library volunteers because the library is an important source of information and everybody uses it.*



**SCOTT MCNUTT**

*I think the firefighters are the best. They're necessary and can always get there in a hurry.*



**MURIEL MCLINTOCK**

*Salt Spring Search and Rescue. I think they do a wonderful job and they never ask for anything. They are a community treasure.*

## Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication. **Read and reply to letters online at [www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com) under the Opinion tab.**

### Missing plaque

Is there anyone who can solve the mystery of the plaque which has disappeared from the large rock in the Peace Park?

The rock has now been moved to the corner of the park nearest Embe Bakery to make room for the Japanese gate. The plaque was dedicated in 1992 when the Peace Park was first established by Voice of Women.

If anyone knows of its whereabouts, it could be dropped off at the Driftwood office.

**LOIS SPRAGUE, FOR SALT SPRING VOICE OF WOMEN**

### Volunteers appreciated

As this is Volunteer Appreciation Week, Salt Spring Community Services Soci-

ety would like to thank our many generous volunteers for showing up each week and doing all that you do: Cooking and serving food at Let's Do Brunch; handing out food at the Food Bank; raking and pulling weeds at the Community Garden; assisting people climb the wall; helping people learn to read; driving Christmas hampers to people during a snow storm.

We so appreciate what you do for this agency. We are successful at what we do because we have your support, and we are very grateful.

**GLORIA MCEACHERN, SS COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### Bailed out

Reading Michael Friedman's opinion article on the free-market economy in last week's Driftwood brought to mind the old adage that "capitalism can never fail

because it will always be bailed out by socialism."

Nevertheless, I'm glad to see that Michael's compassion for those hit by the economic downturn tempers his belief in the "free-market economy." The "matter of compassion and the practical purpose of maintaining aggregate demand" must be a bitter pill to swallow, even when sugar-coated by calling them "investments" rather than "bailouts," given that government bailouts of failing companies are such a severe distortion of "free" markets.

Free-marketers used to howl about attempts by governments to pick winners in the marketplace — they've been strangely quiet about that lately. But surely, if the system is to work as Michael believes, no company should be too big to fail. It is in this way that inefficiency, poor management and a lack of

innovation are weeded out of the system. Indeed, Michael must celebrate the failures as much as the successes, because they demonstrate that capital is being properly allocated.

So too must he rail against that other huge distortion of the "free" market system, defence spending in the United States, since most of that annual near-trillion dollar expenditure is made without the rigour of the market.

Michael's thinking on the environment is similarly muddy. Certainly a tree is more valuable as lumber than as firewood, but in a market economy that assigns little or no value to the environment, that tree only has value after it has been cut down, and the greatest rewards will accrue to those who can cut it down more quickly and efficiently. Yet in his mind, if environmen-

tal degradation occurs it is because of under-regulation by governments, presumably the same governments that he accuses of over-regulating the financial markets.

For Michael, the huge income disparities that are a feature of free-market economies are inevitable and the reports of the suffering experienced by those at the lower end of the scale are exaggerated. The level of happiness of people living in different countries is measurable, and varies considerably from country to country. Michael might be interested to learn that it is actually greatest in places with the smallest income disparities. And the disparities in those places are smaller because those countries have learned that government regulation is necessary to correct the problems of unrestrained capitalism.

If this economic down-

turn teaches us anything, it's that the market economy is a powerful productive force, but it is far from free anywhere in the world, and that it works best when it is regulated to serve the needs of everybody in society, not just those at the top.

**BRIAN SMALLSHAW, BAY RIDGE PLACE**

### Still thriving

I read with interest Michael Friedman's April 15 article and would only add that socialism cannot possibly kill capitalism. Why?

Every single socialist nation on earth has a "black market" and as long as people exist, there will be a need for goods and services not provided by the almighty state (which we pay for in the form of taxes).

**PETER RAMSEY, SALT SPRING**

**MORE LETTERS continued on A10**

# Elder care crunch a disaster waiting to happen

"You had better get married and have some children, Peter," she used to chide. "If you don't, who's going to take care of you when you're old?" I would scoff at Mom's advice. Not so much anymore.

Last December my mother had a small series of niggling strokes . . . not one of those massive eruptions that leaves a victim bedridden and paralyzed. One morning, she was discovered in the hallway of her condo building trying to recall which was her apartment. There were no outward signs of medical malfunction, just the scrambled wiring in her short term memory — reason enough for the doctors to pronounce she was incapable of living on her own, incapable of "assisted living," relegated to what is known as a "residential care facility."

Since then, she has been a paying guest at the Nanaimo Seniors' Village, one of the many private, for-profit facilities popping up all over the province. According to a new report put out by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA), since 2001, there has been a 20 per cent increase in these private facilities and a decline of over 11 per cent in non-profits like Salt Spring Island's Greenwood's Eldercare Society. Aging has become big business.

"All I want is a little apartment with a view to the sea. Is that asking too much?" You wouldn't think so. My mom came over as a war bride. She and my father squirreled away enough money that her savings account was yielding her enough for that

nice little apartment with a view to the sea. That's all gone now. Her new one-room residential care room is just big enough for a bed, basic furniture, a toilet and sink. She pays about \$5,500 a month for this, relentlessly chewing away at the principal and interest of her bank account. She is on a wait list for subsidy money. We are told to expect a three-year wait. Mom will have paid about \$200,000 by that time.

"How can my family leave me here like this?" We find these notes on the bulletin board in her little room.

There was a Norman Rockwell time when there would be three generations living in a big old house on a tree-lined boulevard in a town called "Pleasantville." There was always someone home — always someone to look in on the crazy old aunt in the parlour. With a 50 per cent divorce rate, with more and more people choosing either single life or life without children, the nuclear family has become the stuff of nostalgia.

The hard reality is that I live alone in a small house and need to work outside my home for the foreseeable future. My sister and her partner still need to work to make ends meet. In a perfect world, the Nanaimo Seniors' Village would take care of Mom's day-to-day needs. The truth is that there are doctors' and dentists' and specialists'



**Peter Vincent**

### HEAD TO HEAD

appointments. There is dirty laundry to be picked up and washed, trips to drug stores and sundry shops.

For better or worse, my sister lives five minutes away from ground zero and thus is the one behind the wheel driving to the various appointments and attending to the laundry. I burn one, sometimes two days a week ferrying over to Vancouver Island to do what I can. Lives have dramatically changed.

"Is anybody there? Somebody please help me!" That's the lady in the room next to my mother's. Elsa is functionally blind. Elsa rarely has visitors. When she hears someone stroll past her door, she cries out. Everyone is used to her. Staff walk by without so much as a glance into the room. You can't blame them. The staff members are really, really busy. These privately owned seniors centres are walking a very thin line between profit and loss, and that means squeezing as much as you can get from the staff. That in turn leads to a large staff turnover, which is tough on the residents.

The CCPA study states that today "in assisted living there is approximately 1.5 hours of care, per resident, per day." The same study indicates that "4.1 hours is the minimum required to prevent adverse outcomes and 4.5 hours would actually improve quality of life." My sister and I do

our best to make up the three lost hours. There has been a 60 per cent increase in the death rate at these resident care facilities in the last eight years.

The government is really up against the wall in elder care. In 2001, the Liberals promised 5,000 more beds for seniors by 2006. They extended the date to 2008.

And still, by many accounts, the government is around 1,300 short of that number. According to the study, the population of those aged 85 and over has gone up an incredible 43 per cent since 2001. Adjusting to these new numbers, the 2001 target of 5,000 beds needs to go to 6,815 just to tread water. There is a grey demographic explosion out there.

If health care costs keep rising by eight per cent per annum as they have, by 2017 the cost of health care will eat up 71 per cent of the entire provincial budget, up from 41 per cent today. With education taking another 28 per cent, that leaves one per cent for everything else. If you don't think this is a disaster waiting to happen, think again.

These are all frightening numbers, but at the end of the day, it's that blind old woman in the chair crying out for help. You and I will be there all too soon. It is the action we take now that may mean the difference between a room with a view to the sea or our sunset years in squalor.

This time around, when a politician cries crocodile tears for the elderly, demand hard numbers. Demand hard answers.

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## Support Murakamis

When complaints of a controversial nature are made to the Islands Trust — due to anonymity, neither the “offender” nor the community is afforded the opportunity to view the complaint in context.

This leaves the entire system open to malicious misuse of power by bylaw enforcement officers, business competitors and trouble makers alike.

This is obviously the case with the heavy-handed bylaw enforcement against the Murakamis’ decade-old business practice, without a moment’s consideration shown for the length of time this family has conducted business on the island, the altruistic contributions they have made or the vital role they play in the community.

Who does the system really serve?

The Murakamis have earned our respect and gratitude, let’s give them our support in this matter as well.

**KATHY VENTER,**  
SALT SPRING

## Insect bite

Very often I feel moved to respond to myopic articles and letters by the likes of Peter Vincent and Michael Friedman, but this urge is usually tempered by the thought that, like mosquito bites — which are best ignored rather than scratched — the satisfaction would be short lived and accord them greater significance than they deserve.

However, Michael’s assertions, among others, that the present economic crisis is a result of over-regulation of the financial system and that poverty in wealthy nations is perfectly acceptable because of the existence of thrift stores, food banks

and other charities are such blatant examples of his magical thinking that I simply cannot resist a quick scratch. Every paragraph in his April 15 article deserves rebuttal, but I will restrict myself to the subject of poverty and income disparity: Only those who believe that the market, whose sole purpose is the maximizing of profit, is capable of organizing society in any humane or rational way would contend that poverty is necessary, inevitable or acceptable in a wealthy state.

It is certainly true that, given human nature as currently evolved, the prospect of an increase in personal fortune is a powerful motive force in the creation of wealth and improvement in productivity, but the degree of differential between the upper and lower ends of the income scale is something which should be determined by our government for the best interests of the community as a whole. In fact those countries which do limit this differential — Japan, the Scandinavian and some European countries, have similar economic competitiveness to those who don’t and have better outcomes in terms of health (life expectancy, infant mortality), education, quality of life and personal satisfaction.

Michael may think that the degree of affluence he enjoys justifies the misery that poverty inflicts on so many of our fellows because when he tires of his clothes or other possessions and donates them to a thrift store he is redressing the balance. To me this indicates an unspeakable smugness and lack of imagination about what real poverty means.

It has been said that the prime roles of government are the upholding of the rule of law and the redistribution of wealth — in other words the tempering of the power of the privileged for the benefit of society as a whole. This is what taxation is

— not a punishment, as he believes, but the mechanism by which we, according to our means, contribute to the well-being of our fellow humans, and pay for the privilege of living in a well-ordered society.

Poverty is not a necessity but an aberration supported by unimaginative, heartless and dogmatic men, whose time has passed. Unfortunately for the health of the planet I do not believe that market capitalism will easily or quickly be displaced. But I do hope that the voodoo cult of the free-market espoused by Michael and Milton Friedman can be excoriated in favour of a more humane and rational ordering of our fiscal regime.

In the meantime, perhaps Michael could familiarize himself with what poverty and hunger feels like — volunteer at the food bank perhaps?

**MICHAEL WALL,**  
SALT SPRING

## Good concept, bad location

I am a practical, self-employed builder/designer passionate about sustainability issues for over three decades.

The Salt Spring Island Land Bank Society’s proposed rezoning application of the Brackett property at 584 Rainbow Road strikes me as one more addition to the “good concept/bad location” category. A preliminary experiment involving society members and other proponents walking the two kilometres from Ganges with a couple of heavy bags of groceries each would have shown emphatically the importance of affordable housing close to village amenities. Add in the necessity for a sunny, relatively flat location, village water and some arable land and you have the physical requirements to make this kind of a project successful.

The Brackett property has none of these attributes but is currently working very hard absorbing carbon dioxide, protecting the creek and being a good neighbour to all living things nearby. The OCP does support the importance of preserving tree cover and particularly in A.4 - Community Objectives . . . “to avoid land use decisions that threaten the integrity or sustainability of natural ecosystems.”

Coincidentally, 176 Norton Road has all those physical requirements on a property that is already cleared so is almost perfect for an affordable housing project for the 21st century. Now if only a representative from the land bank society, the Norton Road owner, a Trust planner, an architect/designer trained in new urbanism and a skilled and practical environmental consultant could meet and hammer out a win-win solution. A multi-age development with a mix of rental and sale units designed to use minimal energy with common land for play spaces and gardens. It has been done elsewhere for many years, but oddly enough for a preconceived alternative community, Salt Spring Island developers, planners and home buyers are still attached to the “whack the trees and build the subdivision” approach.

At some point we will have to remove those 1972 sunglasses and acknowledge that peak oil and climate change do exist and give more than just lip service.

**RICK LAING,**  
WILKIE WAY

## Another citizens’ assembly

Michael Friedman may be right, after all, when he argues that “economists have learned the lessons of the past.” (April 15

In Response piece.) But Stephen Harper is not one of the economists who gets it.

Herman Daly, who points out that we must reduce throughput to survive, and that “free” trade has been eroding the powers of governments to protect the earth and its people, gets it. So does David Korten, who is doing invaluable work to provide the solutions we desperately need. Check out the People-Centered Development Forum, of which he is president and founder and [www.yesmagazine.org](http://www.yesmagazine.org). Amazingly, even Thomas Friedman, who supports a doctrine of unfettered capitalism that has been linked to terrible human rights violations all over the world, is finally recognizing the truth. In a March 7 New York Times article, he wrote: “What if it’s [the current economic crisis] telling us that the whole growth model we created over the last 50 years is simply unsustainable economically and ecologically and that 2008 was when we hit the wall — when Mother Nature and the market both said: ‘No more.’”

In Canada, a wonderful beacon towards the “great turning” we require is Mike Nickerson and the Sustainability Project.

We need to change our economy so that it rewards the values Mary Toynbee describes in her Driftwood letter of April 15. Thanks to people like David Korten, the solutions are available to us, although reaching consensus on how to implement them will not be easy. But members of B.C.’s Citizens’ Assembly on electoral reform reached such an impressive level of consensus that I think we need a similar initiative now: a citizens’ assembly on the economy and the environment.

**JAN SLAKOV,**  
DEER PARK ROAD

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# ALL CANDIDATES DEBATE

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# Surgical services needed: nurse

BY VEE INNES

As an interested party in the ongoing "needs vs. wants" debate concerning the Lady Minto Hospital operating room, I would like to comment from the perspective of a long-time operating room nurse at LMH.

I have worked at the hospital since December of 1978. At that time, the OR was of a 1950s vintage, as was the sterile processing area. I and others have pushed long and hard to upgrade this area of the hospital. The administrative area of the hospital was renovated twice before we could even get a fresh coat of paint.

It was only with the help of the hospital auxiliary that we were able to get a washer/sanitizer and no longer had to wash instruments by hand.

At the time I started working at LMH, many areas of the hospital were behind the times. The most pressing area was the emergency room. It was a small room that held one stretcher and very little equipment. This area was the first to be renovated in the '80s, to the four-stretcher area we have today, and has since been upgraded.

Until the new OR suite was finished we needed two of those stretchers for a recovery area on surgical days, which was a great disadvantage to the ER and also the OR patients.

The new recovery area was designed and equipped to be available as an ER overflow area in the event of a major trauma incident with multiple patients.

In the 1990s a plan evolved to upgrade the hospital over a period of time. Included in the plan were a psychiatric room, acute care rooms upgrade, hospice room, the OR/recovery/processing area and pharmacy. These have been completed.

The laboratory and X-ray department are next on the list and, yes, they very much need an upgrade.

Other needs that hospital chief of staff Dr. Shane Barclay cites — physio, geriatric services — staff for extended care, interview room, etc. are all things that, again, are needed. However, it seems unlikely that closing the OR would make any of that happen any faster. The OR budget would be absorbed back to VIHA and we would still

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be waiting for improvements in those areas.

The Lady Minto Hospital Foundation can help with bricks and mortar (and all new equipment). It is not allowed to pay for staffing.

Dr. Barclay makes the case for diminishing or eliminating the surgical service for this community on the premise that the surgery can be better done in Victoria.

In the case of major trauma (i.e. head, chest, orthopedic or vascular), I certainly agree. We have always evacuated these cases. Most emergency general surgery cases can be handled here. Those include appendectomies, bowel obstructions, strangulated hernias, etc. Trauma is not the only emergency surgery.

**I am sure most residents of this island have heard of or been entangled in the extended waiting lists off-island.**

What appears to be lost in this discussion is the most important advantage to having a surgical service at LMH. That is diagnostic surgery and procedures. I am sure most residents of this island have heard of, or been entangled in the extended waiting lists off-island.

Statistics for fiscal year 2007/2008 state that we did 73 in-patient surgeries and 314 daycare surgical cases. Inpatient cases included bowel resections and major gynecology and breast surgery. The daycare cases include endoscopies, breast biopsies, hernia repairs, and gynecological and urology diagnostic procedures. Cases were usually booked within a month and if urgent within a week.

As for poor surgical outcomes because of the lack of practice by the surgeon, that is why we seek surgeons who are winding down their careers and have experi-

ence enough to provide good outcomes. They also have the ability to discern when it would be inappropriate due to anaesthetic risk or the need for intensive care post-op and to send those patients off-island as a result.

When you have done many thousands of surgeries over a period of 30 years, it is not likely that you would lose those skills in the space of a few months or years.

The new operating room was designed with an eye to an expanding population base on the island over the next 20 years. It was also designed to adapt to new advances in equipment development and perhaps new areas of surgery, i.e. for eyes or plastic surgery.

An area of concern for the OR staff is the decision of VIHA to close down our sterile processing function. The obstacle is money for the staffing of a position which was in place until February of 2008.

The physical set-up is as state of the art as the rest of the OR, but because there is no one with a piece of paper saying they are a qualified sterile supply aide, we are now required to send all instruments to Saanich Peninsula Hospital for sterilization.

We have someone who is willing to take the course (funded by the hospital foundation), but there is now no funding for the position. VIHA is willing to pay for couriering our instruments back and forth, which we have decontaminated, and to allow the foundation to buy \$200,000 to \$300,000 worth of instruments to effectively run an OR in this bizarre manner, rather than fund a .8 position and allow us to get on with it.

The loss of the processing function intrudes on the surgeon search as well, since not many surgeons would want to cooperate with the possibility of the instrument they require being stuck on a ferry or waiting to be processed at Saanich Peninsula Hospital.

The community should realize that historically, once a hospital loses its surgical function, it rapidly turns into a long-term care facility with a band-aid station, where the ER "trauma room" existed before.

*The writer is a long-time Lady Minto Hospital nurse.*

## Illusion of location

Regarding "Awesome herring spawn in the harbour," April 8 Driftwood, the great herring spawn is an illusion of location.

What is extraordinary is we have not seen such activity in a few years.

This harbour used to boil with herring as if someone was throwing in six-foot alka-seltzer tablets.

Hiking along the shore revealed the fabulous egg deposits coating the Churchill Road coast extended only from Hastings House to Churchill Point with seabird activity indicating accumulations on Powder Island also.

Daily beach hikes in the last two weeks revealed zero deposits at other locations, as follows: North shore of Churchill Bay; Mud Bay; Fruitvale to the south end of Old Scott Road; Beddis Beach to beyond the Cusheon Creek estuary; Long Harbour; Mansell along Maracaibo shore to across from the ferry slip; Beachside Drive access; Parminter Bay to Sir Echoes Way beach access; south Jack Foster trail access north to Southey Point; Southey Point

west shore south to former Hopping residence on Dogwood; Fulford Harbour ferry slip region; Ruby Alton beach; entire shoreline of Tsawout reserve; Isabella Creek to Isabella Point; Ganges Creek to Salt Spring Sailing Club; Price Road beach south along Rourke.

Now I might have missed them by a day or two, but I suspect the Churchill shore spawn is an isolated incident for the entire island.

If anybody out there spotted or spots another accumulation, they should let the Driftwood know. We should be mapping this stuff.

As a foundation of the food chain, we should decide whether a few should sell herring roe and we will eat Krill burgers or leave herring alone and many will eat salmon steaks.

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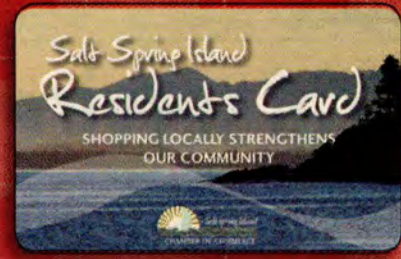
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2. Class A land clearing machine piles always require a permit and the ventilation index must be observed.
3. There will be no incinerators, small hand piles, nor Class A land clearing machine piles allowed from July 1 - September 30.
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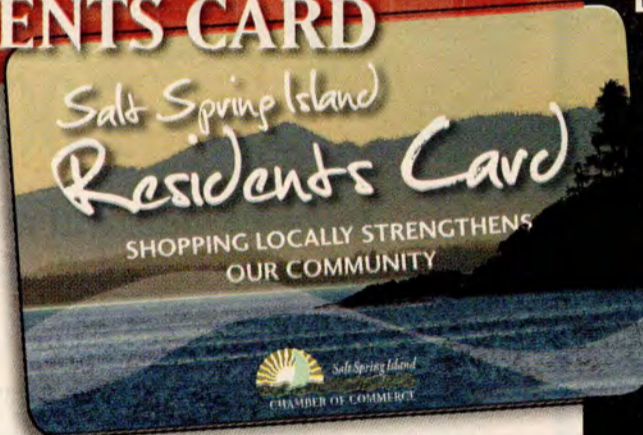


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**Spinach:** is thought to have originated in ancient Persia (Iran). Spinach made its way to China in the 7th century when the king of Nepal sent it as a gift to this country. Spinach has a much more recent history in Europe than many other vegetables. It was brought to that continent in the 11th century, when the Moors introduced it into Spain. In fact, for a while spinach was known as "the Spanish vegetable" in England. Spinach was the favorite vegetable of Catherine de Medici, a historical figure in the 16th century. When she left her home of Florence, Italy, to marry the king of France, she brought along her own cooks, who could prepare spinach the ways that she especially liked. Since this time, dishes prepared on a bed of spinach are referred to as "a la Florentine." You can enjoy tossed steamed spinach with pressed garlic, fresh lemon juice and olive oil, Sprinkled with a little Parmesan cheese, or try one of my favorite ways to eat spinach, as a pasta salad!

Prepare **4 cups cooked pasta of your choice**, drain & chill. Place **1 cup cooked shrimp**, or **prawns shelled** in a medium-sized bowl, add **2 tablespoons olive oil**, **2 tablespoons lemon zest**, **2 tablespoons lemon juice**, **2 cloves garlic, minced**, **1/4 teaspoon ground cumin**, **1/4 cup sweet chilli sauce**. Set aside. Thaw **1/2 cup frozen peas**, wash and dry **1 cup fresh baby spinach leaves**. In a medium bowl, toss all ingredients together & serve chilled.

**Shopping list:**

- Pasta of your choice
- Shrimp or prawns
- Olive oil
- 1 lemon
- Garlic
- Ground cumin
- Sweet chilli sauce
- Fresh baby spinach
- Frozen peas

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Sunday's Earth Day Knit-in participants in Centennial Park were, from left: Carol Burbidge, Stephanie and Una Conradi and Emma Rowlandson-O'Hara.

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# Let's make every day Earth Day

BY JUDI STEVENSON

Happy Earth Day (April 22). Maybe some year this will be the biggest of the holy-days we celebrate — imagine giving gifts to the earth instead of adding to the unnecessary stuff in each other's houses at Christmas and birthdays — but alas, we're not there yet.

The first Earth Day took place on this date in 1970. It was the result of an idea that germinated in the U.S. when Gaylord Nelson, a Democratic Senator from Wisconsin, convinced President John Kennedy to give national visibility to environmental issues by going on an 11-state conservation tour in September 1963.

The Kennedy tour didn't have the impact Senator Nel-

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son had hoped for. But over the next few years, public protests about the war in Vietnam and other issues of world peace and justice caught fire. Nelson thought the same "change-the-world" energy could be mobilized into a large-scale grassroots day of protest about the increasingly obvious pollution of land, air and oceans.

By 1970, it was an idea whose time had come. The first Earth Day was wildly successful, sparking public events, teach-ins and celebrations at thousands of colleges, universities, schools and communities all across the U.S.

Now, Earth Day is said to be the date marked most widely by the most people simultaneously of any holy-day that exists. More than a half billion people in 174 countries participate.

Last Sunday seems to have been the big day on Salt Spring, scheduled so that working folks and families could take part. Which begs the question: why isn't April 22nd an official national holiday? That kind of status would lend a little more power and conviction in the concept.

I hope you all have your own Earth Day celebrations planned for the 22nd. Here are a few ideas.

Turn off your electricity for the day. Don't drive. Try to

come up with a 100-mile dinner menu — it's challenging at this time of the year. Ask a child if s/he is concerned about the future of the earth s/he is inheriting from us. Write a cheque to the environmental organization of your choice. Write a letter to the federal or provincial government about something you care about: deforestation, the tar sands, wild rivers, wild salmon, plastic garbage, public transport. Read an article or a book about climate change by somebody like George Monbiot (you can google him). Google "Earth Day" and you can find about a thousand other suggestions.

But the best suggestion is this: make every day Earth Day. We're running out of time.

# BC-STV forum set for April 27

BY JAN SLAKOV

What is the BC-STV and how would it improve democracy in our province?

This is the topic of a public information session coming up on the evening of April 27 at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

On May 12, British Columbians will elect a new provincial government. We will also vote in a historic referendum on electoral reform. The question:

• Which electoral system should British Columbia use to elect members to the provincial Legislative Assembly?

The existing electoral system (First-Past-the-Post)

The single transferable vote (BC-STV) electoral system proposed by the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform

All across the province, citizens are organizing BC-STV information sessions on the BC-STV option. Salt Spring's April 27 information session will feature former Citizens Assembly member Diana Byford, as well as a short film presentation on how the BC-STV works.

Former Social Credit minister Rafe Mair supports the BC-STV, pointing out that most MLAs now are like "fenceposts with hair" in that their ability to effect legislative change is so limited. Former Richmond councillor and MLA Nick Loenen has listed advantages of the proposed single-transferable vote system (BC-STV):

- fewer wasted votes
- a political culture that is less adversarial and less polarized
- higher voter turnout
- fewer wild swings in public policy
- a legislative role for MLAs
- less party discipline

The Citizens Assembly that studied electoral reform made history. Never before had a government given unelected, "ordinary" citizens the power to review an important public policy and then put the proposal to a general referendum. It was composed of randomly selected citizens from all areas of B.C. with equal numbers of men and women and a wide range of age and cultural background represented. The three primary values that guided its deliberations were: greater voter choice, fairer results that more accurately reflect the wishes of voters and accountability (ensuring

that MLAs are accountable to their constituents). After months of study, presentations from members of the public and discussion, they almost unanimously chose the BC-STV as the most appropriate electoral system for B.C.

In 2005, a majority of voters in almost every riding of the province supported the BC-STV. However, the 58 per cent support for the BC-STV was just shy of the 60 per cent required for bringing in the new system, so a second referendum is being held in conjunction with this year's provincial election.

Even if voters can't make it to the April 27 information session, there are still lots of ways to get informed. Check out the [www.stv.ca](http://www.stv.ca) website or contact Brenda Guiled (mailto:mail@bguiled.com) or Jan Slakov at 250-537-5251.

If you can display a BC-STV lawn sign, please let Jon Healey (jonandjenhealey@yahoo.com) know!

And if your community group would like to host its own BC-STV speaker, that can be arranged too.

Salt Spring's BC-STV information session, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, April 27, will be held in the GISS multipurpose room.



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## OPINION

# Real estate sales shake off the winter shivers

First quarter market update for 2009

## PROPERTY LINES

BY TOM NAVRATIL  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

As spring slunk its way in one month late this year, so did real estate on Salt Spring Island fail to bloom on time. There is actually some correlation between the two — warm sunshine motivates us to do things and move ahead.

We saw a significant improvement in sales volume in March from zippo sales in January and only a few in February, but the quietness of the first two months of the year spoiled it for the first-quarter stats — Salt Spring Island reported only 15 sales in the first three months of the year. For comparison, in 2008 we sold 52 and in 2007 we sold 59 properties in the same period. Overall, 2007 was an above average year, 2008 acted like a lion in the first six months, but finished as the lowest in many years.

Of the 15 properties sold, one was an oceanfront property (sold for \$1.1 million), 10 properties sold under \$500,000 and four properties sold above \$500,000 but below \$650,000. This year seems to be shaping up already as the year of sales under \$600,000.

It seems that April may bring further improvement. As asking prices continue to be reduced and interest rates are historically low, buyers seem to recognize good values and perhaps a dozen purchases were made in the first half of April already.

The Vancouver Sun reported "Real estate sales bounce back" (April 3). There were more than 1,000 sales in the Fraser Valley in March, the first time that level has been reached since July of last year. However, the sales were still down from March 2008 by 24 per cent. Similarly in the Vancouver area, the sales volume in March jumped by 53 per cent from February but it is still down from March 2008 by 24 per cent.

The benchmark price of a detached single family dwelling in March 2009 in the Greater Vancou-

ver area (extends from Squamish to South Delta and Pitt Meadows) was \$649,342, down about 15 per cent from March 2008.

In Victoria the market also gained momentum in March. A total of 602 properties sold in March through the MLS, up by 49 per cent from February. For comparison, there were 707 sales in March 2008. The Victoria Real Estate Board's report notes that the total sales in March 2009 were higher than the March figures during each year from 1995 to 2001, the last "balanced/buyers'" market we had.

The prices in Victoria are stable. The six-month average price of a detached single family dwelling in Victoria proper was \$503,598 (median \$500,000). Salt Spring Island's average price in the same category for 2008 was \$623,492 (median \$544,500) — this, by the way, is only slightly lower than the six-month values in the upscale areas of Oak Bay or the Highlands.

We are in a balanced-with-a-pinch-of-buyers' market. For the sellers, keep your listing shining above others — this includes the price, presentation, ease of showing and being clear and of good faith in negotiations when an offer is presented.

For the buyers, keep and have your realtor keep an eye on opportunities: new listings, price reductions and even sales to be able to compare values. When you find something, act promptly and in good faith. There are no giveaways in the market, there are only good values, better values and lesser values. Yes, it sure is OK trying a lower offer if it is in some relation to the market value, but "lowballing" recklessly is counterproductive and the majority of sellers pull away, no matter what their level of motivation is.

Next time we will talk about the process of buying a property.

Comments? Contact me at tomas@islandnet.com.

Tom Navratil is a Royal LePage Salt Spring realtor.

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### LETTERS

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### Cost of director's absence

I have been astonished to learn that Garth Hendren, our CRD director, does not attend PARC's meetings. Instead, he sends a surrogate. Not just once in a while, but every time.

The surrogate, Darlene Steele, is the alternate CRD director, who's available to sit in when he's unavailable, which is apparently all the time.

She's paid for her services, as is he. No cheap deal here for the taxpayer. She's paid \$87 per meeting

and will attend about 20 per year. Add this up.: \$1,740. Not bad pocket money. He gets paid about \$28,000, one third of which is expense money, which means it's not taxable.

In the previous decade or so, an alternate has sat in at PARC meetings a handful of times.

Not impressed.

SHAN MACPHERSON,  
SALT SPRING

### Litterless lunches the way to go

Our school is doing an earth-friendly lunch on April 23 because we think Earth Day is a very good day.

Earth Day reminds us that all year we need to take care of the earth: the air, the water and all the creatures.

In our lunches on April 23, we will try to bring as much local, organic food as possible.

Also, we are having a litterless lunch. If we need to use plastic, we will re-use it: we won't throw it out into the earth. We will try to use no plastic at all. Instead, we can use cloth to wrap food, or glass jars, etc.

That's why we are challenging all Salt Springers to have a local, organic, litterless lunch this week to celebrate Earth Day.

(And every day if you can!)

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PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Celeste Mallett leads yoga as part of Earth Day activities in Ganges on Sunday.

TRANSPORTATION

# Bus gets award nod

Island system competes with Canada's best

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

In fewer than two years, Salt Spring's transit system has grown from a mere vision into a model for the entire nation.

Salt Spring's Transportation Commission recently received news the island's bus service is among two networks nominated to represent BC Transit in a national competition recognizing exceptional performance and outstanding achievement.

Regardless of whether or not Salt Spring Transit service takes home the top prize at the Canadian Urban Transit Association's annual meeting in Whistler between June 6 and 10, commission chair Bob Fenske credits the entire Salt Spring community for a remarkable

achievement.

"I think the community itself is getting the award," he said.

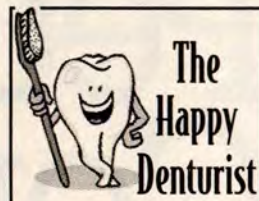
"The way people embraced this system, from ridership to recommending alternate routes, represents a total island encompassing of the transit system."

Dating to 1904, CUTA represents public transit systems across the country in an effort to assist service providers with training, public affairs, awards, exhibitions, technical services, research, statistics and government relations.

"There have been many new transit systems launched everywhere and here we are getting nominated," Fenske said.

"Whether we get it or not, I think it is a significant achievement."

Grace Elasmur, a communications specialist representing the CUTA, said the Salt Spring transit system is among nine nominees from coast to coast.



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Islands Trust

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE Proposed Bylaw No. 441

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing concerning **Proposed Bylaw No. 441** for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained therein. At the public hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions.

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 6, 2009  
**LOCATION:** Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island  
**TIME:** 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Public Information Session  
5:00 PM onwards - Public Hearing

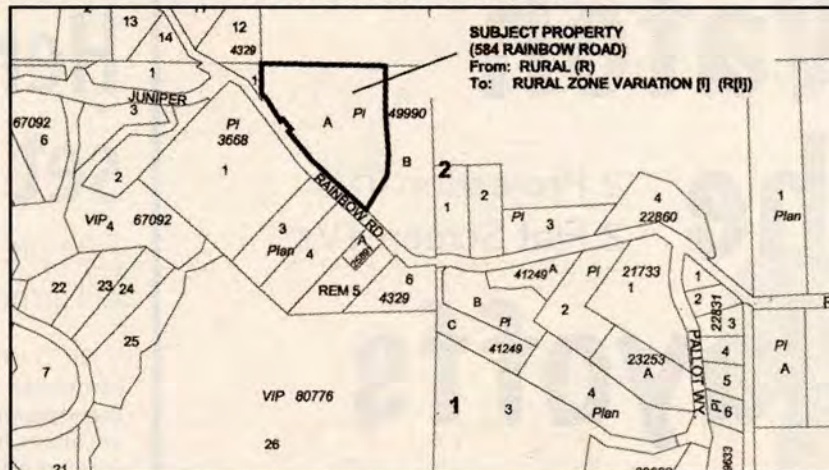
1. **Proposed Bylaw No. 441, cited as "Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 1, 2009" - 584 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island.**

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 441 is to amend Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw No. 355 as follows:

- a. by adding a new Rural Zone Variation (m) - R(m);
- b. by defining the principal uses that include affordable housing and agriculture, the maximum number of affordable housing dwelling units, and exceptions from permitted uses in lands zoned R(m);
- c. by changing the zoning classification of Lot A, Section 2, Range 1 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 49990, from Rural - (R) to Rural Zone Variation (m) - R(m), as shown on the following sketch plan.

As part of the consideration of the bylaw, the applicant is proposing to grant covenants that commit to: implementing various groundwater conservation and management initiatives; providing buffer areas along the northern boundary adjacent to Agricultural Land Reserve lands; and regulating various other site management issues.

Plan No. 1 - Proposed Bylaw No. 441



Copies of the proposed bylaw, and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee, may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Wednesday, April 22, 2009 and up to and including Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 4:30 PM. Proposed Bylaw No. 441 may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website at: [www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca)

Enquiries regarding proposed Bylaw No. 441 may be directed to Regional Planning (Project) Manager Brodie Porter at (250) 538-5601 on Salt Spring Island; or in Victoria at (250) 405-5170. For Toll Free access, request a transfer to the Islands Trust via Enquiry BC: in Vancouver at (604) 660-2421, in Victoria at (250) 387-6121, and elsewhere in BC at 1-800-663-7867. Written submissions may be delivered as follows:

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2. To the **Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing.**

Email comments should not be considered as complying with the requirements of this notice. The Islands Trust does not guarantee that any email comment will be received by the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email comments, if they are opened and received, to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee for consideration, but the public should not rely on email as a means of providing a written comment.

All applications are available for review by the public. Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

**NO REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BYLAW WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

Pauline Brazier  
Deputy Secretary

# RANTS and Roses

## Rants

A vase full of vitriol for all the Roses that overcrowd this section. Rarely do I see a Rant these days! Is everyone wearing rose-coloured glasses? Life is not a bed of roses, folks. Every rose has its thorn! C'mon people, it's time to drop the gardening gloves and let fly, stick a needle in someone's eye, throw a warm manure pie and make the first word in the title of this section apply! Tanzolo Forchese

A dozen black roses with large thorns to the person who apparently needed \$184 so bad as to take tickets and money out of our van! You had to have known exactly where it was. For your information, that money was to help a 13-year-old child go on her band trip to Edmonton. At least you could have left the tickets. ML Hetherington

Boo, hiss to the man who shouted a racial slur at the Murakamis! I insist you apologize. I do, however, want to thank you for reminding us not to become too complacent on our little island in the Pacific. Judy Sims

## Roses

Roses to Thrifty's, Country Grocer, TJ Beans, SS Coffee Company, Oystercatcher, Pieter, quilters, Salt Spring Elementary, Sylvia, Angela, Fulford Elementary, Fables Cottage, Janice and Lisa. Without your generous support we would not have been able to enjoy 10 very successful PALS sessions. With much appreciation from the PALS families and staff.

Roses, roses and more roses to David for the most amazing customer service and to Kim for her kindness and patience. You both make Mouat's Home Hardware just the best store to shop in! Judy

A fragrant bouquet of dry red roses for Robert Lannon, whose kindness, generosity, understanding, support and help were much appreciated.

Gratitude, n. An appreciative awareness and thankfulness, as for kindness shown or something received. A huge thank you to all Salt Spring Island volunteers for the incredible kindness and the gift of your time and energy that you provide to the many organizations on the island. You as volunteers are a vital part of this community and without you most organizations would cease to function. Again thank you, from Volunteer Salt Spring

Roses, roses, roses to Jane Krieg for joining "the team." We couldn't do it without you! Lisa and Meghan

An abundance of Treefrog roses of gratitude to the incredible individual who made the very generous donation to our daycare! Your kindness and generosity mean the world to us. Thank you not only for your donation and faith in us, but also for the reminder that we live in a remarkable community. Love from The Frog to you!

Plates full of roses to the phenomenal quilters from Stitch Dimension, SSI Quilt Guild. They made wonderful bright place mats for all the Meals on Wheels clients this Easter. These quilted placemats were a delight to see and to receive. What a talented community-spirited group, thank you. Catherine (Meals on wheels administrator)

Bunches of roses to Michael, Barb and Juli at The Fritz for hosting our very successful sing-along. Many, many thanks! SM

Mr Lee's class would like to send buckets of soapy roses to Country Grocer and Mouat's for their support in our car wash, and to Barb Bird for her amazing organization. Additionally, the class wishes to send out a great big bushel of gratitude to all of the islanders who came out to support us young kids. We'd also like to thank the Lions Club for their previous contributions. Thank you.

# People & Community

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### SCHOOL NEWS

## Shopmate new home: Ladysmith

Wood program raffle winner

A Ladysmith resident was the lucky winner of the Shopmate Mark V, the deluxe prize in the Gulf Islands Secondary School's wood shop class fundraiser.

Teacher Jim Watkins reported that E. Russet was the winning ticket holder when the prize was drawn on April 1. The equipment had been donated by the Estate of Walter Simpson.

Some \$1,405 was raised to aid in the purchase of a stop saw, which is much needed by the school program.

Watkins extended thanks to Embe Bakery, Slegg's, Windsor Plywood and Apple Photo for selling the tickets.

And as a bonus, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92 recently contributed \$1,000 to the cause.

The GISS wood shop program also has an 18-inch drum sander available for purchase. Contact Watkins at 250-537-9944 for more information.



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### FARMING

## Heritage Foodservice Co-op rep set to aid local meat producers

Free presentation runs at Farmers Institute

On Thursday, April 23, Frank Moreland will speak to sheep breeders and other meat producers about his plans to help local growers add value to their products. The new Heritage Foodservice Co-op is in the late stages of planning, and will soon have its own warehouse and abattoir on Vancouver Island, reports

Margaret Thomson of Windrush Farm on Salt Spring.

At 7 p.m. at the Farmers Institute, Moreland will give a power point presentation of his plans as they relate to sales of local meat.

The driving force behind these plans is the demand for local food, said Thomson. As the "Vancouver Island diet" gathers momentum, Moreland believes that efforts must shift to rebuild the "supply side" of the equation.

As he put it, "It is not a sim-

ple matter to increase food production, and the key to it all is that farmers need to see how any investment they make to increase production will result in a better income for them."

Anyone currently growing lamb, pork, beef or poultry, or thinking of starting to do so, is welcome to the free presentation on April 23. For more information, contact Margaret Thomson at [windrush@telus.net](mailto:windrush@telus.net) or 250-537-4669.

## All possessed talents come in handy

Henry Van Dyke gives insight into April happenings

### BRIDGETRICKS

BY JILL EVANS  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

"The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month," grumped the Victorian writer Henry Van Dyke, and we can certainly second that this year.

April 6 was a "first spring day"

here at long last, and saw not only that longed-for sunshine but four and a half tables of bridge players assembling hopefully at Seniors in an evening before twilight. Terry Wilkinson's arrival on the island is a sure sign of spring too, and she partnered Flo Laundry to a big win. Isabelle Richardson and Jean Elder were in second place, just a point ahead of George Laundry and Paul Retallack.

On April 13, Easter Monday, there were also four and a half tables. George and Paul reared up and surged well ahead of the group this time, with Gillian Mouat and Jennifer Quick in second place.

The third spot went to Zelly Taylor and Ian Thomas, and the rest could heed some advice from the aforementioned Henry Van Dyke, who was not only a poet but a clergyman: "Use what talents you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best."

## PEOPLE &amp; COMMUNITY

## MARINE LIFE

## Killer Whales featured at multi-media ArtSpring event

Transients and residents in focus at SSI Conservancy fundraiser

BY DAVID DENNING  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Susan Berta and Howard Garrett can tell you almost everything you might want to know about killer whales found in the waters around the Southern Gulf Islands.

These scientist-educators, who make their home on Whidbey Island, Washington, have been observing whales and working toward their conservation for the last 25 years.

On Thursday, April 23, Berta and Garrett will provide a fascinating multi-media presentation called Killer Whales of the Salish Sea at ArtSpring as a fundraiser for the Salt Spring

Island Conservancy.

Killer whales, or orcas as they are also commonly known, are probably our most important local wildlife feature. Tourists from around the world flock to our region to see these now-famous animals in their natural habitat. And they contribute millions of dollars to regional economies, Salt Spring's included.

There are two distinct kinds of orcas to be observed in our local waters — "transients" and "residents."

Many islanders are familiar with "transients" due to an extraordinary display of wildlife drama that played out in Ganges Harbour in October 2003. On that occasion, four killer whales attacked a baleen-feeding minke whale for several hours, right in front of a crowd of people watching from the shore.

Those killer whales were "transient" orcas, members of a population of about 400 whales that consider the entire West Coast their home and only occasionally wander through our region in small pods of one to six whales in search of their food — seals, sea lions and other marine mammals.

Our second and more commonly seen type of orca is the population that feeds primarily on fish and makes the Salish Sea its "permanent" home, at least for the months of June through October. These are the "southern resident killer whales," which, as it turns out, are among the most widely known and loved animals in the world.

Tens of thousands of people have "adopted" a killer whale and thanks to the money from adoption programs and other sources,

and thanks to the ingenuity and persistence of killer whale scientists, the southern residents are among the most studied marine mammals in the world.

Garrett and Berta have been in the thick of killer whale studies since the 1980s. In 2001 they co-founded Orca Network, an organization designed to support whale research and education in the Puget Sound region.

Their presentation at ArtSpring will begin with a "killer whale primer," providing an entertaining background to the biology of southern residents, their family lives, feeding, reproduction, travelling habits and the fascinating sounds they make in both feeding and communication.

Calling upon their experience with whale researchers, Berta and Garrett will

report on some of the fascinating studies of killer whale biology, including the use of sniffer dogs to hunt down killer whale poop.

The southern resident orcas are in serious trouble. Their numbers are down from historical levels of more than 130 to only 84 or 85 living animals. Both federal governments of Canada and the U.S. have declared this population endangered. The presentation will report on the status of the southern resident community and how we can help promote its conservation.

Thursday's presentation begins at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 for adults and \$6 for youth from ArtSpring.

#### Nature Zodiac Tours

#### Follow Killer Whale Talk

Ian Gidney has run nature and whale-watching zodiac tours from Ganges Harbour

since 2006 with his business, Go Wild Zodiac Tours.

This year, he has donated three zodiac nature tours to help raise money for the Salt Spring Conservancy. The trips will travel through the Southern Gulf Islands stopping at locations of natural history interest and surveying the haunts of the southern resident killer whales and the new national park. Thermal cruiser suits are provided for passenger comfort. Bring binoculars, cameras and snacks.

If killer whales or other marine mammals are in the area, they'll be part of the tour using strict whale-watching guidelines. The 3.5- to four-hour tours leave Moby's dock at 10 a.m. on April 24, 25 and 26. Cost is \$90, with all profits to the conservancy.

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## COMMUNITY EXCHANGE

## New Farm and Barter Network up and running

April 22 fundraiser helps vision grow

The Salt Spring Island Farm and Barter Network (SSIFAB) has launched a website and e-mail list to promote farming and bartering on the island.

The goal of SSIFAB is to create food security and a sustainable local economy by facilitating cooperation, empowering farmers and encouraging local living.

"Bartering eases pressure on the wallet and can help shelter people from the financial crisis — and the environment from further exploitation — while allowing for a more creative economy and vibrant community," states a press release. "By relying on our renewable natural resources and our own innovation we can create an economy that is truly local and sustainable."

According to network coordinator Shoshanah Ray, Salt Spring is the perfect place for a barter system because it is home to many craftspeople and artisans.

"Barter is already a part of life for many Salt Springers, and so SSIFAB offers an easy way to match needs with offerings. This network is for gift transactions only: no money is exchanged in any interaction."

The SSIFAB Network consists of an email list to which members can post their skills or items available for trade, resources they have to share and needs. It also connects farmers with land and helpers willing to work in exchange for food.

With the help of local web developer Charles Buchwald, the SSIFAB website came online this week. To join the mailing list and receive and post e-mails, people should go to <http://www.ssifarmandbarter.net> and follow the link to the sign-up page.

Ray said the network is in a development process and she invites input from individuals and organizations who can see a way the network may aid their work.

"There are many ways that this could grow and I encourage those who are interested to get involved," she said.

The Earth Day Cabaret, which takes place tonight (Wednesday, April 22), is a fundraiser for the Farm and Barter Network. A night of song, dance, music and poetry, it begins at 7 p.m. at Gulf Islands Secondary School. Entry is by donation, and there will be a silent art auction and local organic goodies to eat.

For more information, contact Shoshanah Ray at [shoshanahray@gmail.com](mailto:shoshanahray@gmail.com) or 250-537-8598.

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Genevieve is BCRPA certified, so she is always keeping up with current ideas and practices, by taking theoretical and practical training courses, as well as First Aid.

"My favourite part of being a fitness trainer is watching people reach their goals. The transformation that happens is so exciting! Working towards these goals doesn't just change your body, it changes your life."

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## BASEBALL

# Island ball fields busier than ever

Registration numbers prove sport's popularity on the rise

BY GAIL SJUBERG

DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

When the crack of balls hitting bats and cheering rises from ball parks across North America, there's no doubt that spring has finally arrived.

On Salt Spring, those sounds are being heard more than ever as baseball undergoes a resurgence on the island.

"T-ball is bigger than it's ever been," said Blaine Johnson, president of the Salt Spring Island Minor Softball Association.

Kids as young as three are among the 58 registered in the T-ball division.

The coach-pitch group has 36 kids on three teams playing at Salt Spring Elementary twice a week, and the Mosquito group has 48 players divided into four teams — the Tigers, Yankees, Blue Jays and Red Sox.

Across the water in Chemainus, the same age group has only 22 kids registered.

Johnson said a Mosquito all-star team will also be created and participate in at least three off-island tournaments this year. As the first such team of 10- and 11-year-olds, the all-stars will be privileged to choose the name that will be used in perpetuity.

Volunteer coaches have also come out of the woodwork, and some of them don't even have kids playing baseball.

In girls' softball, there's a Squirrels-level team of 11-to-13-year-olds, who will travel off-island and host opponents in the Southern Vancouver Island Softball League.

Besides tending to the tasks associated with a major youth sports organization, the seven-member volunteer executive is looking to the long term to improve baseball infrastructure. While a new field is the ultimate goal, for now Johnson wants to see existing facilities upgraded at Portlock Park.

If any child would still like to play

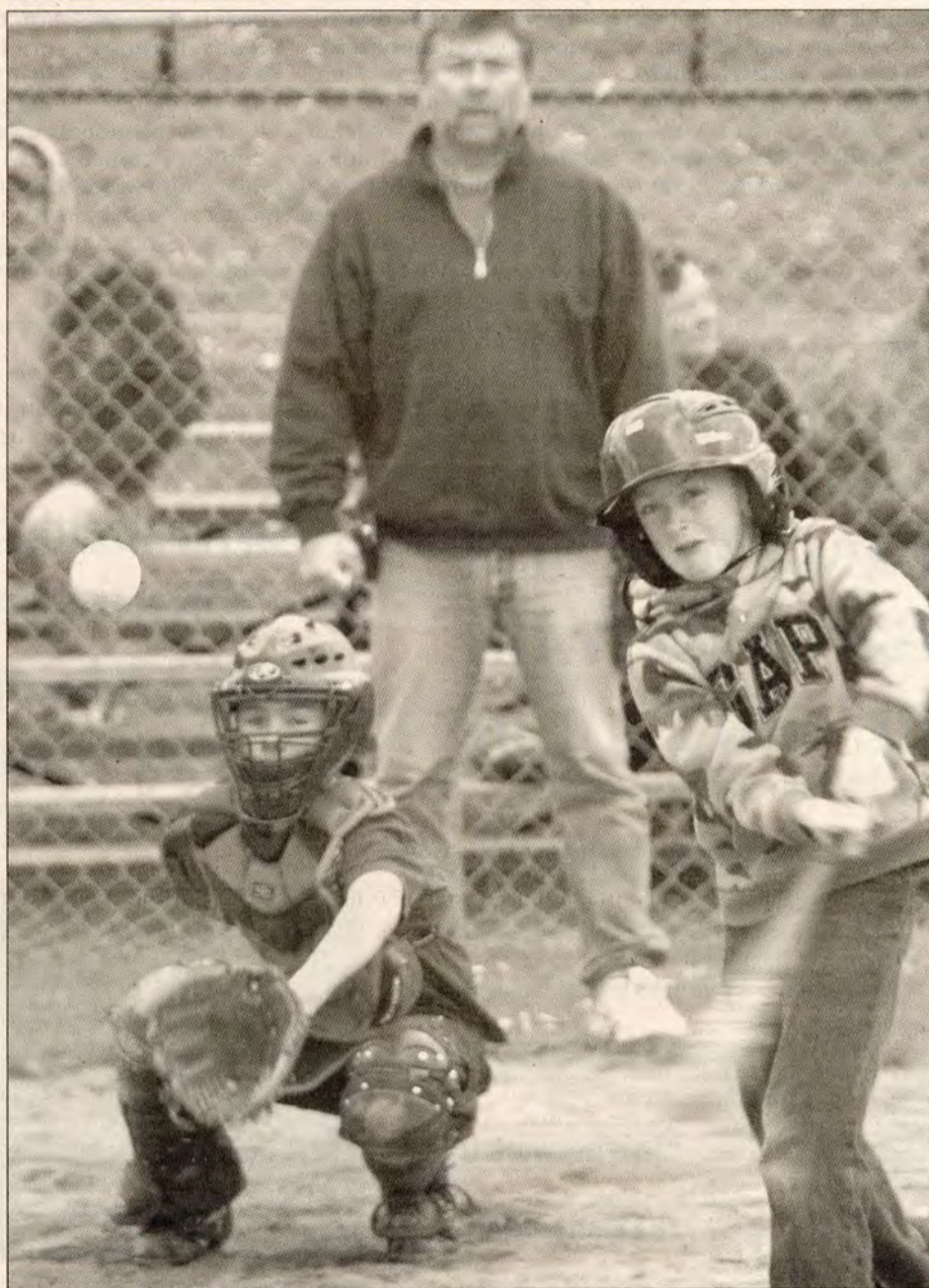


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Hamish Supina hits a single at Portlock Park.

ball, they can be registered at the Sports Traders store. For baseball fans, there's plenty of opportunity to watch kids in

action almost every night of the week-day at either Portlock Park or Salt Spring Elementary.

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## SKATEBOARDING

# The longboarders are coming

Race features pros from across province

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The organizer of the 2009 Slasher Skateboard Race encourages residents to come out and watch up to 50 longboarders scream down Juniper Place on Saturday in an unprecedented island event.

With racers topping out at speeds of up to 80 km/h on a mountainside course that features world-class hairpin turns and plenty of steep, former Salt Spring resident Adrian English anticipates Saturday's event will be unlike anything else in the province.

"I grew up on Salt Spring and I know about the hills," he said. "This is a pretty darn fast course. It's a perfect race course."

Soon after graduating from Gulf Islands Secondary School in 2005, English headed off to

Vancouver where he became fully engaged in the city's vibrant longboarding culture.

"I just fell in love with the scene," he said. "I'm really in it for the community of people who are involved, the camaraderie and the feeling I get standing on my skateboard."

As their name suggests, longboards are generally up to two feet longer than a traditional skateboard.

The added length makes them an ideal vehicle for cruising island roads at a steady pace.

Once a rider is equipped with a full helmet, face mask and body leather, the boards are equally useful for downhill racing at breakneck speeds.

The April 25 event pits some of the province's top professional racers in a series of three and four-racer heats.

Top prize is \$500 and the honour of claiming victory at one of the province's most pristine (and fully legal) events.

"This is a pretty darn fast course."

ADRIAN ENGLISH  
Organizer, 2009 Slasher skateboard race

The action is set to begin on Juniper Place by 10 a.m., with final races scheduled to begin in the afternoon. Men and women participants range in age from teenagers to a 51-year-old.

English thanks local sponsors B-Side Clothing, Island Escapades, the Salt Spring Island Coffee Company, John Cameron and Sidney Music Works for their support.

"I'm really doing it to bring something I'm very passionate about back to the island," he said.

"So far, the community has been huge. Everybody I went to wanted to jump right on board."

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## ROWING

## GISS rowers show their stuff on Quamichan Lake

Second regatta proves team's competitiveness

Gulf Islands Secondary School rowers saw great results at the 33rd annual Maple Bay Regatta on Quamichan Lake in Duncan over the weekend.

GISS rowers competed with teams from Brentwood College, Shawnigan School, Nanaimo Rowing Club, Westshore Rowing Club, Victoria Rowing Club and the Maple Bay Rowing Club in their second-only competitive regatta.

Local results were as follows:

- Junior A Single Light-weight: Hal Cook took third with only two seconds out of second place.
- Junior A Women's Quad: Team of Britney Oswell, Sierra Boudreau, Zoe Cocker and Rebecca Hylands came fourth.
- Junior A Women's Novice Quad: Team of Britney



GISS boys rowing quad competes on Quamichan Lake.

Oswell (coxie), Kaity Fraser, Sydney Kazakoff, Lena Bolle and Amarilys Ducharme — second.

- Junior B Women's Novice Quad: Team of Alex Crandall

(coxie), Sal Wiltshire, Clover Fedoriuk-Russell, Alexandra Kliamen, Sydney Kazakoff — fifth.

• Junior B Women's Novice Double: Alex Crandall and Emily Wypkema — sixth.

• Junior A Women's 8: Sydney Kazakoff (coxie), Britney Oswell, Sierra Boudreau, Zoe Cocker, Amarilys Ducharme, Rebecca Hylands, Sal Wiltshire, Kaity Fraser, Alexandra Kliamen — second.

• Junior B Men's Novice Quad: Alex Crandall (coxie), Julian Smith, Fabian Schromm, Lorenz Pallhuber, Dylan Hillis — sixth.

Team coaches are Hans Stofflesma and Stacy Mitchell. "With only 14 rowers compared to Victoria Rowing Club with 70 rowers present we held our own and were highly competitive," said Mitchell.

"Our club is growing and these youth are the backbone, showing us how to do it."

The team next competes in the Shawnigan Lake Regatta on May 9-10.

## TRACK &amp; FIELD

## Rookies and veterans fare well at season's first meet

Salt Spring names

pepper top-place list

A dozen Salt Spring Track and Field athletes, ranging in age from eight to 17 years old, turned up the heat at the George Dean Track and Field Meet in Sidney this past weekend and came away with several top-place finishes.

It was the first-ever track meet for a number of local athletes.

Leading the uninitiated was the fearless Fraser Ball with three first-place finishes and two seconds.

Ball placed first in the 3,000 metres in 10:27.36, first in the 1,500m in 4:54.65, first in hammer throw at 15.01m, second in discus at 19.11m and second in shot put at 8.41m.

Another rookie, Maciej Krok, placed fifth in the 400m at 1:29.43, sixth in long jump at 2.78m, seventh in shot put at 4.40m and seventh in javelin at 10.78m.

German exchange students Melissa Hering and Leonie Adam performed well, despite their nervousness. Hering placed second in shot put at 6.14m, second in 100m

hurdles in 23.7 sec. and second in the 200m in 34.43 sec. Adam placed first in the 100m hurdles in 21.30 sec., second in shot put at 5.18m and 10th in the 200m in 32.92 sec.

The eager-eyed Pickstone sisters did exceptionally well. Sofia was third in the javelin at 18.07m, fourth in long jump at 3.45m, fourth in 80m hurdles in 17.85 sec., fifth in 800m in 3:09.40 and seventh in 200m in 33.90 sec. Eight-year-old Nina was first in high jump at 1.0m, third in 60m hurdles in 14.00 sec, fourth in shot put at 3.11m and fifth

in 60m in 11.06 sec.

Jasmine Cooper performed well with a third in the 800m in 2:59.34, fifth in the 200m in 31.81 sec and seventh in the 80m hurdles in 18.60 sec.

Eryn Gix led the veterans with two first-place finishes and one second. Gix was first in the 100m in 13.83 sec., first in the long jump at 4.23m and second in the 200m in 29.49 sec.

Grace Morgan was second in the 200m in 27.18 sec. and third in the 100m in 13.22 sec.

Kevan Brown was second in the

800m at 2:14.14.

The Howe brothers, Sebastian and Nicholas, battled with a huge number of 1997 and '98 boys. Sebastian was third in the 800m in 3:09.64, fifth in the 200m in 39.19 sec. and fifth in the discus with a throw of 11.04m.

Nicholas was seventh in the 200m in 34.50 sec., ninth in the 60m hurdles in 13.85 sec., 11th in the 60m in 10.49 sec. and 11th in discus at 13.69m.

The club's next meet is in Port Alberni on May 2 and 3.

## ARCHERY

## Salt Spring archers add to their medal accumulation

Outdoor championship winners emerge from field of 60

Three Salt Spring archers were among medal winners at the B.C. Provincial Outdoor Championships held on Easter weekend.

Ken Cameron, Lynne Durward and Greg Durward competed against some 60 shooters from all over the province.

Greg Durward and Cameron won gold and bronze respec-

tively in the men's 60-and-over compound bow division, and Lynne Durward won gold in the women's 60-and-over compound bow division.

Durward is currently the provincial record holder in her division. Cameron, the current president of both the B.C. Archery Association and the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club, is a member of the B.C. Archery Team, an avid target and 3D archer and a seasoned bow hunter.

Lynne and Greg Durward, as members of the Canadian and provincial archery teams, have represented Canada in

several countries, including China, Colombia, Brazil, the USA, Denmark and Australia. Lynne has been a member of two outdoor world target championship teams and Greg has competed for Canada on indoor, outdoor and field world teams.

During a recent sun break in Florida, Cameron won a regional championship, which qualified him to shoot at the Florida Senior Games.

All three archers practise year round at the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club and on private fields on the island.

## 100 games scheduled at annual youth soccer tourney

Forty-three teams vie for medals and trophies at Salt Spring event

Tournament time has finally arrived and the youth soccer players of Salt Spring are ready to strut their stuff against all comers, whether from Vancouver Island, Vancouver or beyond, and challenge to win the Windsor Plywood Cup in their respective divisions.

The Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association has eagerly awaited their showcase of all

their stars that play youth soccer on Salt Spring Island, as they compete in eight groups over this weekend.

In the Euro Divisions the groupings had to be amalgamated due to the low registration in teams this year.

Consequently there will be three groups: boys U9/10 with five teams, boys U11/U12 with five teams and the girls U11/12 with four teams.

In the full field groupings there will be a girls U13 division with

six teams, girls U15 with three teams, girls U16 with four teams, boys U15/U16 with eight teams and girls U18 with eight teams.

Trophies and medallions will be awarded to each age group winner and all players will receive T-shirts once again, with games taking

place on most soccer fields on Salt Spring.

Games will start about 10:30 a.m. on Saturday and run right

through until about 4 p.m. on Sunday.

All told, more than 100 games will be played on seven fields.

Both the Gulf Islands Secondary School field and Portlock Park will have concessions, so there is no reason to leave the fields either day as you can watch as many games as you want and get food as well, especially as the groups running the concessions (girls raising money to go to Costa Rica in 2009 at GISS, and the boys U11 trip to England aided by the Portlock concession) will appreciate your support.

The teams are coming, the

fields are ready and hopefully the weather will co-operate for another successful tourney on Salt Spring.

Why not take some time and come and watch our local squads play teams from Edmonton, West Vancouver, Point Grey, NewWestminster, Duncan, Comox and Victoria?

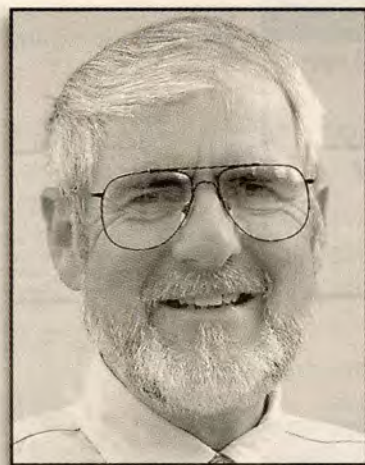
It is a chance to see some excellent soccer at the youth level and most importantly see these teams play competitively and have fun at the same time.

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Malcolm Legg

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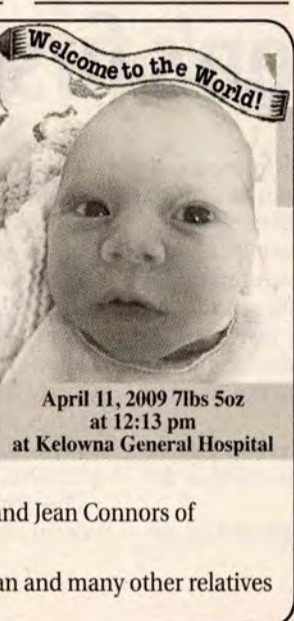
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**BIRTHS**  
**NEIL ROBERT BUTLER-COLE**  
 Proud parents Adam & Cassandra  
 Grandparents: Tom & Lisa Butler Cole of Salt Spring Island and Jeannie Connor of Victoria, B.C.  
 Great Grandparents: Bob & Helen Nicholson of Salt Spring Island and Neil and Jean Connors of Abbotsford, B.C.  
 ...and of course Uncle Ian and many other relatives near and far!!



**BIRTHS**  

 Dick & Sue and Pat & Ross are proud to announce the arrival of their grandson  
**Whaylon Richard Miller**  
 Born March 4, 2009 8.8lbs.  
 Many thanks to the awesome midwives Terri & Maggie and wonderful Minto nurses Karen & Gail.

**ENGAGEMENTS**  

 Lisa (Maxx) Sigurgeirson of Salt Spring Island, BC along with Patrick and Anne Mack of Egmont, BC are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter  
 Jessica (Jekka) Kristine L. Mack to Joss Bartolomeo Krayenhoff, son of Michelle (Mike) and Meror Krayenhoff of Salt Spring Island, BC.  
 An AUGUST 2009 wedding is planned to take place at the lakeside residence of the grooms' family on Salt Spring Island, BC.

**DEATHS**  
**ISABEL HUNT (1917-2009)**  
 The family will be laying to rest their beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother at Central Cemetery on Wednesday, April 22nd at 2:00pm  
 Friends are welcome and encouraged to attend.  
 A gathering will take place at Isabel's home following the service.  
 A memorial will take place at a future date. Please contact Michael Hunt at 538-7362 with any inquiries.

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

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Salt Spring Island CONSERVANCY**  
**KILLER WHALE TALK & ZODIAC NATURE TOURS**  
 Local killer whales will be featured in a special presentation: Killer Whales of the Salish Sea, by Howard Garrett and Susan Berta, co-founders of the Orca Network, at ArtSpring, April 23rd, 7pm. Tickets from ArtSpring: Adults, \$12, Children, \$6.  
**THREE NATURAL HISTORY TOURS OF THE SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS BY ZODIAC**  
 April 24, 25, and 26 (10am-2pm). Cost \$90.  
 Tickets and information at 538-0318.

**ANNOUNCING THE BIRTH OF**  
**Wyatt Benjamin Schmah**  
 March 26th, 2009 8lbs, 15oz by cesarean section to elated parents Kayla Schmah and Kyle Batter, Proud grandparents Christian and Marilyn Schmah, Thomas and Diane Batter  
 Many thanks to the wonderful midwives Maggie Ramsey, Terry Murray and Selina Boily as well as Dr. Luc Beaudet and the staff at Cowichan District Hospital.  
 Welcome to the world Wyatt, we love you!



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**ARTS AND Culture Week** is on! Get out and enjoy a gallery walk, performance or exhibition in your school or community for the 10th anniversary. [www.bcartsweek.org](http://www.bcartsweek.org).

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 Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10:00am-2:30pm  
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**GUN SHOW**  
 Courtenay Fish & Game 3780 Colake Road  
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 Sunday, May 3, 2009 9 am - 2 pm  
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**Spring Plant Sale** also: **BAMBOO RANCH**  
 Sat. April 25 @ 1pm sharp  
 Island Farmer's Institute on Rainbow Road

**RAY NEWMAN NIGHT RETURNS**  
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**Salt Spring Cafe el Zocalo**  
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**PAINTING WITH PAPER**. A collage workshop with Bly Kaye. Sat., May 9, 9:30-3:30. Beaver Pt. Hall. 250-653-4453 or [gkaye@saltspring.com](mailto:gkaye@saltspring.com)

**POTTERY WORKSHOP** with Pat Webber  
 July 19th-28th --2 spaces left--  
 To register call: 250-537-8871 or go to: [www.patwebber.ca](http://www.patwebber.ca)

**QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY** alumni, students and parents are invited to a gathering with the Dean of Arts and Science at the Harbour House on Tues. April 28, 5-7pm. Please RSVP to 1-800-267-7837 by April 24th.

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

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**DEATHS**

**HANCOCK, Jean Edna**  
 Passed away peacefully, with family at her side, in Royal Columbian Hospital on April 6, 2009. She was born in New Westminster on July 29, 1914, the first child of Charles and Etta Ingle. She spent her early life in New Westminster and married Ben Hancock on November 21, 1941. In the late 1940s, Jean and Ben moved to Coquitlam, and for most of her working life, Jean was the secretary at Queen's Avenue United Church in New Westminster. She and Ben were active in various groups at the church. They enjoyed travel and visited many of the western U.S. states and much of Canada. They retired in the late 1970s to Salt Spring Island, where they built their dream home overlooking Vesuvius Bay, and became active in the United Church and the community in Ganges. Jean will be remembered as a loving wife, sister, aunt and great aunt. She was predeceased by Ben in 2000 and her sister Evelyn in 1994. She is survived by her sister Beth, nieces Carol (Bill), Norma (Bill), Janice (Don), and nephew Tom (Karen) and their families. The family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the staff at Belvedere and to all her good friends on Salt Spring Island for their care and concern. There will be a gathering of family and friends on Salt Spring Island in June.  
 A memorial service will be held at 1:30 pm on Friday, April 24th at Queen's Avenue United Church, 529 Queens Avenue, New Westminster.  
 A gathering of family and friends will take place at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at Salt Spring Island's United Church, in the lower hall.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary**  
**Dennis & Carol Scott**  
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**ZODIAC NATURAL** History Tours: Fri. April 24, Sat. April 25, Sun. April 26, 10am to 2pm. Cost \$90, tickets and information at 538-0318. Proceeds to the Salt Spring Island Conservancy.

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INFORMATION

**Islands Trust**  
**SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING**

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to consider various matters of general business, such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes.

DATE: Thursday, May 7, 2009  
TIME: 12:00 pm  
PLACE: ArtSpring, 100 Jackson Ave

Starting at 12:00 p.m. up to 45 minutes will be available for the public to discuss local land use matters with the Local Trust Committee. Those who wish to present a more formal petition, or make a delegation to the Committee as an Agenda item, must advise Islands Trust staff at least one week in advance of the meeting so that they can be added to the beginning of the Agenda. For information about the Agenda, please call the Islands Trust at 537-9144.

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The Lands File Number that has been established for this application is **1413978**. Written comments concerning this application should be directed to the Section Head, Integrated Land Management Bureau at 142-2080 Labieux Rd. Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6J9, or emailed to: [AuthorizingAgency.Nanaimo@gov.bc.ca](mailto:AuthorizingAgency.Nanaimo@gov.bc.ca). Comments will be received by ILMB until May 15, 2009. ILMB may not be able to consider comments received after this date.

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A Water License application has also been submitted to the Ministry of Environment for Change of Works located on St. Mary Lake, Salt Spring Island for amendment to existing Water Licences. The Water File Numbers are: 0252616 (License #C028860); 0277696 (License #C65711, PCL 16228); 0296181 (License #C65712, PCL 16228); and 0322252 (License #C65713, PCL 16228).

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**Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)**  
Your passions and ambitions are rising like the spring sap. You are eager to seek and meet new people and perhaps explore new places. Taking certain key initiatives is featured as well. However, you are also cautious about spreading yourself too thin. In some respects, you are happy to proceed moment by moment. Maintaining a steady focus upon practical matters is a strong guiding influence. Balance spontaneous action with deep intentions.

**Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)**  
Sorting your wants and your needs towards a healthy set of priorities is a core life theme for you and is especially active now. You may not be as clear as you would like to be in this regard these days. Part of the reason is because our entire civilization has lost touch with many fundamental realities that keep us in alignment with nature. This is actually where Astrology is restoring some of that balance and this lunar cycle offers a prime opportunity for you in this regard. Set your intentions to clarify your priorities.

**Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)**  
Taurus time for you is one for taking account and inventory. Clear the clutter; keep the best and release the rest. You can do this on mental, emotional and spiritual levels as well as physical. In any case, such actions will leave you feeling lighter and more confident in preparation for Gemini season four weeks from now. In the meantime, you will also gain inspiration from breaking through inner and outer ruts, resistances and stagnant patterns and forging new alliances.

**Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)**  
Your individuality, ingenuity and creative genius has a better chance than usual to shine and be noticed now. This trend should continue for the duration of this lunar cycle. Exchanges of ideas, methods and tools will increase your enthusiasm. Awareness of larger realities and trends could prove inspiring and lead you to engage more consciously with others. Be on the look out for new angles, tools and approaches.

**Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)**  
The time has come to make your presence more fully known. This may well include gaining the attention and respect of authority figures. Cultural interests and activities offer another ideal outlet. You may have to push a little harder, make a little more noise and break through inner and outer resistances. Include some new angles of expression to uphold what you have achieved in the past for a winning formula!

**Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)**  
Creating a more solid and balanced base of beliefs and perspectives to support your actions is the call now. Enter into deeper contemplations and do some research and investigation along with some practical intentions to feel secure and grounded. Invite intuitive insights, yet do not let imagination run away with the facts, as it is likely to do now. Focus on positive possibilities and otherwise practice and enjoy meditative silence.

**Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)**  
There stands to be quite a lot shaking in your world these days. Forces close to home are working to be purged and cleared. Your task includes working with the process and not taking things personally. Ideally, you recognize that controlling tendencies by you are based upon old security needs and even a belief in the need and value of fighting. This is a call to surrender, in certain respects. Confront your own need to be aggressive, even as you interpret others acting aggressively towards you, for the sake of peace.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)**  
Making sincere efforts to realize harmony in your relationships is the call now. Suspicion and protectiveness of your own rights to individuality may be at issue. You are meant to awaken to the idea that life is a game and if we focus only upon winning at the expense of playing, then we all lose. So, this is a call to see and know your self better. In the process, you may well tap latent resources and new levels of freedom and confidence.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)**  
Creating a new level of health and building your constitution are likely themes now. The growing and planting season is here and you are being invited to play the game. As much as practical considerations are active, so too is the dating and mating game. Either way, you are eager to consolidate a more stable base and perhaps sow some seeds.... Either way, set clear intentions to commit your focus to a path with heart, hearth and fertile ground!

**Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)**  
Creative energy is on the rise for you. Making investments of some kind is likely. Renovating and beautifying your home and office perhaps is also likely. Buying new appliances and/or tools or other functional devices and/or knowing how to use them and existing ones is also a current theme. Innovation can be wonderful when it can be put to practical use especially. Knowing how things work and why you need them is the first step to making good on your investments.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)**  
New Moons and planets entering the next sign are indicative of changes and both are active for you now. Desires to initiate new interests and explore new options are stirring. Alternative approaches will prove extra appealing. You will be happier than usual to remain close to home, however, saving bigger adventures for another day. Still, taking some risks and venturing into new territory holds strong appeal for you these days. Be open to exploring the unknown.

**Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)**  
The New Moon in Taurus will activate new ideas, movement and exploration. This could be a very good time to embark on a road trip for business. Otherwise, experimenting with new leads and possibilities will probably prove worth while. With you overall levels of ambition on the rise, the time is ripe for you to make some assertive moves to activate new markets and initiate new approaches and/or contacts.



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