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FERRIES

Ferry corp. faces service probe

Local ferry committee hopes for input

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The provincial government has launched a review of BC Ferries, but the motivation behind the investigation is raising questions and causing uncertainty among some locals.

According to Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Shirley Bond, who called for the investigation, and comptroller general Cheryl-Wenezeki-Yolland, who will be conducting it, the goal of the review is to ensure that customers and rate-payers are receiving maximum value for services.

The review, which will also look at TransLink operations, will be the first government assessment BC Ferries will undergo by the government since it became a publicly-funded, independently regulated operation in 2003.

Harold Swierenga, chair of the Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee, said that the Ferry Advisory Committee Chairs (FACC) have been pressuring the ministry for years to evaluate the minor routes, but is wary of what news this review will bring.

"In the terms of reference for the review it's implied that they hope to achieve some savings somewhere," Swierenga said. "I think that in the long run it's probably not going to help the FACC for our case to have a better look at ferry fares because if the government is already in trouble they're not going to be

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PROVINCIAL POLITICS

Businesses ready to battle new tax

Harmonized sales tax to affect all sectors

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The B.C. government's plan to combine the GST and PST into one 12 per cent harmonized sales tax (HST) beginning July 1, 2010 is coming under fire locally and across the province.

To harmonize is defined as bringing something into accord or harmony, but the tax is causing much discord across the province and on Salt Spring. Small businesses and realtors will likely be hit the hardest, along with consumers, who will be paying more for most everything.

According to John Cade, vice president of business on the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce board, many details around HST have

yet to be clearly outlined by the government and local business owners haven't been informed of exactly how the new tax system will work.

In general terms, many items that are now subject only to the federal GST and not the provincial PST will now be subject to both. Some of the goods include residential fuels and heating; basic cable and telephones; all food products (except for basic groceries); school supplies and energy conservation equipment. Among the services affected are hair care, dry cleaning, appliance repair, funeral services, accounting services, domestic air fares and real estate services — a point of contention for Cade, also a realtor with Royal LePage.

Every new home over \$400,000 will now be

subject to the 12 per cent HST in lieu of the former 5 per cent GST (in addition to the previously existing provincial property purchase tax, which is one per cent on the first \$200,000 and two per cent on the remainder).

"How many new homes on Salt Spring are under \$400,000?" Cade said. "That number is silliness. Within the price range here, that doesn't really fly."

For example, a new \$700,000 home would have \$84,000 HST added to the price, on top of the property purchase tax.

"The word on the street amongst the realtors is that it's going to make us look worse," Cade said.

Much of the media coverage has focussed on the service industry, which would see meal bills

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NEWSBEAT

BOATING INCIDENT

Couple rescued after Vesuvius Bay mishap

McPhees thank 'mermen' and others

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Janet McPhee doesn't downplay the severity of narrowly escaping a capsized boat last weekend, but her laughter as she recalls the details plays up the rescue's comedic element.

Janet and her husband Richard McPhee had just returned from a successful trip to Thetis Island in their 18-foot double eagle Saturday afternoon. They tied the boat to their buoy in Vesuvius Bay and boarded their canoe to paddle home, where they would get ready to join their friends Darcy Eaton and Andy Doyle for Eaton's birthday dinner in Maple Bay that night.

Janet noticed the back of the boat was exceptionally low and alerted her husband, who immediately jumped back aboard.

"We didn't realize that it was sinking," she said. "We had no idea."

Within seconds, a crack in the boat's hull brought on too much water and the boat capsized, sending Richard over one side and Janet into the drink.

"He's in the water in his only pair of jeans and I'm thinking 'Can I get these jeans off and in the washer and in the dryer by 5 o'clock tonight when we're supposed to be at dinner?'" Janet said. "I bet I can."

Janet, now clinging to their canoe, had her Blackberry between her teeth and her purse

around her neck, and called their dinner partners, who also happened to live on the bay with a boat.

"I said, 'Oh my God, we're being rescued by four naked men!'"

After Eaton accepted that Janet wasn't pranking her, Doyle and their children went down to help tow the boat in while she took photos from the house.

A group of "merry muscular mermen of Fulford" had been swimming out on the rocks near the accident and came to the rescue in nanoseconds. They pulled them from the water, righted the canoe and "clearly knew what they were doing," said Janet. "As soon as I saw their faces, I knew that we were going to be OK," she said.

The two were injury free except for one bruise on Richard's back and some minor cuts caused by a broken window.

Emergency professionals also joined in the efforts: the ambulance crew, coast guard, RCMP, Salt Spring Fire Rescue and the Howe Sound Queen's emergency response team.

"Within an hour of this whole thing, we were sipping champagne in our boat in the bay," Doyle said.

"It had its humorous moments," but it was still shocking and awful," said Janet.

Janet and Richard would like to thank everyone for their reassuring rescue, including their mechanic. If the muscular mermen wish to come forward, the McPhees have some drinks waiting.

PROPERTY SALES

Local real estate market regains healthy hue

Anything could happen, but trend puts 2009 back on track

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Across the country, residential real estate sales are slowly bouncing back from one of the worst years ever, but here on Salt Spring, it seems that the market's recovery has been rather quick.

Increased activity in the under \$500,000 range accounts for the bulk of the sales (65 per cent, down from last month's 70 per cent).

And while this year's greatest change from last has included movement in the \$300,000 to \$400,000 ranges (a market that was previously next to non-existent), home sales above the \$1-million dollar mark have also started to pick up.

Of the 98 properties sold this year on Salt Spring, eight have gone for over \$1 million, with two of those at \$1.8 million. Residential single-family, non-waterfront homes (excluding Brinkworthy and town

homes) are down about 20 per cent in sale prices from 2008. However, according to realtor Tom Navratil of Royal LePage, this shift might just be a natural compensation for the peculiar 18 per cent rise in housing prices going into 2008 during an otherwise flat market.

Navratil attributes the lower median sale prices to the major increase in activity in the lower price range.

"A window of opportunity of low interest rates and a routinely offered 35-year amortization period enabled many potential buyers to qualify now, while last year perhaps they would not have," he said.

Already, this year is shaping up to be stronger than last in terms of sales, even though there were 21 more sales from Jan. 1 to July 31, 2008. If 2009's sales stay steady — which Navratil says is not necessarily a certainty — the number could exceed 2008's numbers, given that year's weak second half.

Navratil has noticed that buyers are predominately locals, followed by folks from

Vancouver and Victoria. A few Albertans and Ontarians have also joined the Salt Spring market last month. Americans, perhaps still reeling from the recession and a weakening dollar, no longer make up the percentage of property buyers that they once did.

The high local inventory, Navratil said, is reminiscent of the market in the mid-1990s, with lower-priced homes driving the Salt Spring market. Some 185 single-family, non-waterfront homes are currently up for sale. Bare land properties are moving more slowly and make up 130 of the overall inventory, while recreational properties across the entire price range are moving even more slowly and experiencing an all-time low level of inquiries and offers.

"It continues to be a buyers' market with sellers being more realistic, with asking prices continuing to drop, but at the same time sellers have control too," Navratil said. "This wave of activity is a good opportunity for sellers and buyers alike to make things happen and move along."

Island groups hope to have a voice during the process

AUDIT

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very happy about putting more money into the ferry system."

Wenezenki-Yolland's review will be completed by Sept. 30. It will look at all aspects of

ferry operations, from the regulatory environment to corporate structure and financial performance, stated a press release from the Ministry of Finance.

Last year BC Ferries received \$170 million in funding from the

province. In July, Bond publicly stated how "shocking" it was that the company's four vice presidents all earned around \$500,000 in salaries and benefits last year and that its CEO David Hahn took home a \$1-million cut.

"We're hoping that the FACC will have a voice in this review and that we'll be able to meet with the committee reviewing and express some of our concerns regarding the ferry operation," Swierenga said.

Upon word of the investigation, the FACC immediately put in a request to meet with Wenezenki-Yolland and discuss the primary concerns of the committee, which are service and cost.

"The announcement of the review by the government does not in fact imply a review of the whole Coastal Ferry Act and our view is very much that the whole legislation needs to be looked at," Swierenga said.

"The mandate that the ferry corporation was given in the beginning — to be self-supporting — in our opinion, does not recognize reality."

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TRANSPORTATION

Fury flies in wake of Cusheon lake floatplane

Transport Canada regs 'a grey area,' says pilot

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Wayne Hewitt is looking to Transport Canada for answers after a two-seater floatplane landed on Cusheon Lake Monday afternoon.

"We just couldn't believe it when we heard about it," said Hewitt, the owner of a lakeside bed and breakfast on Horel Road. "When we saw what was going on we thought 'Good grief, this is stupid.'"

Hewitt's safety concerns arise from the lake's small, narrow shape and popularity with swimmers and boaters.

From an environmental perspective, federal regulations prevent gasoline-powered vessels on the lake to preserve the lake's water quality.

Vessels landing on the lake from other bodies of water, Hewitt added, pose the added threat of introducing foreign species into what is a main source of water for the more than 200 households in the Cusheon and Beddis water districts.

Hewitt said the single-piston red and white floatplane with the markings C-GADO landed on the lake just after 3 p.m. on Monday.

The plane took off approximately 45 minutes later after docking near a lakeside property, he added.

Transport Canada records indicate the amateur-built plane belongs to Wesley Scott of Maple Ridge, B.C.

In an interview from his home in Maple Ridge on Tuesday morning, Scott said he flew to the island to visit friends for the afternoon.

As far as he's concerned, air charts, the waterdrome guide and the Victoria control tower did not indicate the lake is off-limits to float planes.

"It's a grey area," he said.

An RCMP officer attended the scene after receiving a complaint from an area resident. The officer left the scene without incident.

"If there is anything wrong, they're not aware of it, so it's a non-event," Scott said.

"To somebody who is not a flyer [the lake] looks pretty small, but it's plenty wide."

At no time, he added, was anyone in danger.

Hewitt said he is trying to determine if any local, provincial or federal legislation exists to prevent the landing



Wesley Scott's floatplane docked on Cusheon Lake Monday.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

of floatplanes on Cusheon Lake.

A representative from Transport Canada's communications department was unable to locate anyone to comment on the matter in time for the Driftwood's Tuesday afternoon deadline.

"If [there are no such regulations], then we are going to make an official complaint to try and get some rules in place," Hewitt said.

"To somebody who is not a flyer it looks pretty small, but it's plenty wide."

WESLEY SCOTT,
Pilot

News briefs

Noisy night in Fulford tonight

Fulford Harbour residents can expect a bit of noise tonight (Aug. 5) as work to replace marine structures at the ferry terminal continues.

After the last sailing of the evening is complete, a concrete pump will be set up and trucks will be delivering concrete throughout the night.

"BC Ferries will do everything we can to mitigate the noise and we're confident the work will be complete prior to the first sailing of the day on Thursday, Aug. 6,"

states a release from the corporation.

"BC Ferries appreciates your patience while we complete this necessary work."

Wanted man uncovered in park

An RCMP foot patrol in Centennial Park on Sunday night turned up a man with an outstanding warrant.

Police located a 35-year-old male sitting drinking with others at a picnic table.

An investigation revealed the man to have an outstanding warrant for review of sentence with

conditions of no alcohol and a curfew.

The alcohol was poured out at the scene and the man was arrested on the warrant and lodged for hearing in the morning.

He was remanded and transported to Wilkinson Road jail.

Trust agenda announced

Salt Spring Island trustees will hold the Local Trust Committee's monthly business meeting at ArtSpring on Thursday, Aug. 6 beginning at noon.

Topping the list of agenda items is an update on the continuing saga regarding the Salt Spring Coffee Company's rezoning application.

As well, trustees will revisit a School District No. 64 application for a non-farm use in the agricultural land reserve next to Gulf Islands Secondary School.

The meeting begins with a public hearing to amend a zoning variation in the Maracaibo Development.

The applicant seeks a commercial zone variation in order to bring an existing caretaker's home on the property into compliance.

Public comments can be made during the meeting's town hall session or to speak as a formal delegation in advance of Thursday's meeting, call the local Trust office.

FORTHRECORD

- A mistake made 19 years ago resurfaced in the Derrick Lundy Retrospective published July 15. A photo on page B26 reversed the names of brothers Morgan and Cory Marshall.

- Readers may also have been confused by the content of David O'Flynn's Viewpoint piece last week, which connected Islands Trust trustee Christine Torgrimson with a transportation commission meeting held earlier in the year.

To clarify, the Islands Trust has no authority over either bus fares or Rainbow Road Pool rates.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY

Architect unveils library vision

Open-house feedback 'very, very useful'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Architects and library board members released preliminary drawings for Salt Spring's proposed new library at a well-attended open-house event at All Saints church in Ganges last Thursday evening.

Architect Ladislav Holovsky said public comments received to date ask that the building be designed with special attention to sustainable design principles.

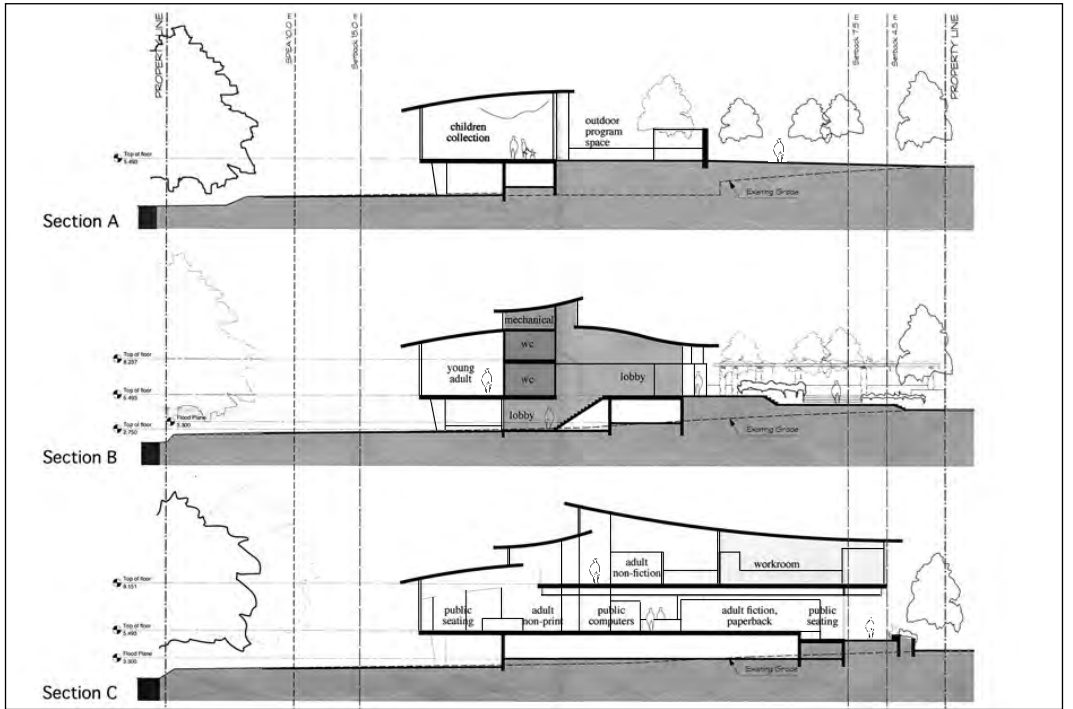
"I was surprised about how many people talk about sustainability and how informed they were," Holovsky said.

"In my opinion [the Thursday event] was great. For us, it was very very useful."

According to preliminary drawings presented last week, sustainable design features include a green roof, optimization of windows to take advantage of natural light, a geothermal heat pump, solar panels for domestic hot water and a rammed earth component for part of the structure.

These and other elements represent suggestions from library staff, volunteers and library users compiled over the past several months by the design team.

Built on two storeys and offering upwards of 12,000-square-feet of space, the proposed library building also includes an enhanced children's section, exterior courtyard and meeting space, program space, public seating and enlarged computer



Schematics of the proposed library.

area. According to library board chair Tilly Crawley, public comments indicate people want the library to be a comfortable environment in which to exchange information and serve as a focal point of the community.

One of the greatest elements, she said, is that phased construction of the new facility will not entail the cancellation, relocation or disruption of any library services.

"The public has been much more excited than what I expected," she said.

"We got so many comments, but have still got a long way to go."

A referendum to borrow up to \$6 million to construct the

new building will take place in November.

Final costs are subject to whether the library board receives federal infrastructure funding that could cover up to one-third of the building's cost.

The new building would be constructed on the current library site and an adjacent lot at 125 McPhillips Avenue.

People can drop off their comments at the library building while architects prepare preliminary exterior sketches, anticipated for release in late August.

The design effort will proceed in earnest should the November referendum pass, Holovsky said.

"Once the referendum passes, that's when the real work begins," he said.

"I have a feeling there will be way more things based on public submissions."

Consultations are underway with local government bodies to determine if there is a way to circumvent a zoning requirement that would require 120 parking spaces on the site.

Holovsky called the bylaw requirement an anomaly caused by a typo.

"That's got to be a mistake," he said. For more information, contact the Salt Spring Island library at 250-537-4666 or online at <http://saltspring.bclibrary.ca/>.

WATER QUALITY

Hot summer adds pressure to water demands

St. Mary safe despite swampy taste and odour

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Along with July's record-high temperatures came record-high demand for bulk water as several factors have combined to make this one of the driest seasons yet.

Salt Spring Water Co.'s Damen Grooms, perhaps one of the island's busiest guys at the moment, has seen orders skyrocket an estimated 30 to 40 per cent beyond last year's peak demand.

This translates to a roughly 80 per cent increase from regular, non-summertime demand.

"Put it this way," Grooms said. "I went through two invoice books in a month and usually one lasts me three months."

Salt Spring Water Co. is now the island's only local bulk water supplier delivering water for anything from cisterns to hot tubs.

"People's wells are going dry sooner because it was a dry winter, a dry spring and a hot summer," said Grooms, who identifies Walker's Hook, Long Harbour and Channel Ridge as the driest areas.

"With the population density on Salt

Spring and people building, [plus] wells being drilled, there's only so much water in the aquifers," he said. "Ninety per cent of the water runs off of the island, so the demand for the water is much higher than the rate which it's replenishing in the ground."

A need to keep vegetable gardens going through the dry weather has some people calling in orders for bulk water, even if their wells haven't been totally tapped out yet, Grooms added.

While North Salt Spring Waterworks manager Trevor Hutton reports that St. Mary and Maxwell lake levels are lower than usual, that won't affect service at all. Some islanders on St. Mary Lake water have raised water quality concerns with not only the recent taste of the water, but also the visible blue green algae in some areas of the lake.

According to Hutton, who drinks the water himself, the quality of St. Mary Lake water has actually gone up lately in the heat.

"The clarity of the water has improved immensely," he said.

"We use a gadget for testing the clarity and it has improved two-fold. The algae growth is there but it seems to be settling down to the bottom and it doesn't seem to

be affecting the area that we draw water from. From our point of view the quality is pretty good right now."

A rumour that E.coli bacteria was found in the water is also false, Hutton said.

The St. Mary Lake water goes through a dual chlorination process as it moves through the treatment plant and is pumped out.

The chlorine levels would theoretically never get to unsafe levels, since each calculated amount added to the water is used by the level of algae present, so the end chlorine reading stays the same, Hutton explained.

Hutton attributes the disparity in water quality between St. Mary and Maxwell lakes to St. Mary's lower elevation and the development surrounding it, but insists that the water is safe to drink despite the taste.

"Some people are probably getting the swampy smell and taste, which is pretty normal for this time of year and we'll only get over it once we put in our more sophisticated treatment plant in a few years' time," he said.

Until then, Salt Spring Water Co., which supplies both bulk and bottled water, will struggle to keep up with the high demand during the summer heat.

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NEWSBEAT

RECREATION FACILITIES

Rotary club dedicates new playground



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Rainbow Road Pool operator Jim Raddysh is seen at the new fitness playground, recently installed and dedicated by the local Rotary Club.

Volunteer effort, special donations and Spooktacular funds all contribute

Thanks to Salt Spring's Rotary Club, Rainbow Road pool users can do more than just swim and use the hot tub.

A new fitness playground and strength course was recently installed outside of the pool, the culmination of a six-year project that included many donations along the way.

The facility was officially opened with a July 22 ribbon-cutting ceremony led by local Rotary president Martin Hoogerdyk, Parks and Recreation Commission manager Kees Ruurs, who is also a Rotarian, PARC chair Rob Wiltzen and Capital Regional District director Garth Hendren.

Special project contributions included Rotarian and architect Jim Helset's drawing of the plans for the playground; PARC's purchase of bark chips for the ground cover; Canadian Play Systems' donation of the \$2,500 freight charges; the Rental Stop Ltd. contributing the use of equipment; Charlie's Excavating helping with the groundwork; and Kathy Reimer sharing her expertise on salmon and wetlands.

Rotarians themselves gave their time for the installation of the playground equipment and the fence.

Fitness park funds were raised at the Rotary Club's annual Spooktacular event on Halloween.

In his remarks at the ceremony, president Hoogerdyk thanked everyone who'd contributed to the project.

"The Rotary Club is happy to provide the equipment for a complimentary exercise area. It will be a good addition to the other recreational facilities for our community."

Hendren and Wiltzen thanked Rotarians for their generosity.

Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united world-wide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build good will and peace in the world.

GREEN BUILDING

Sustainability checklist for homeowners set for release this week by Islands Trust

Multi-agency project aims to reduce damage to environment

Islands Trust and Capital Regional District elected officials will join forces this Thursday to launch the Salt Spring Island Sustainability Checklist for Single Family Dwellings.

The checklist is a guide that allows property owners to design in a manner that will save long-term costs and lessen damage to our fragile environment.

Information about financial incentives and other construc-

tion resources is also included.

The Sustainability Checklist will be unveiled at the Local Trust Committee meeting on Aug. 6, starting at noon at ArtSpring.

Champions of energy awareness and primary authors of the checklist, Elizabeth White and Marion Pape, will present the checklist on behalf of Salt Spring's Earth Festival Society. It offers practical tips on renewable energy, water conservation, tree removal and building design, as well as links to government grants available to homeowners and landlords.

Financial support for Salt

Spring's Sustainability Checklist was provided by the B.C. Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and the Fraser Basin Council through the Community Action on Energy Efficiency (CAEE) Gold Program.

The CAEE promotes energy efficiency in new and existing buildings, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Salt Spring Island was one of five communities awarded funds for innovative programs to reduce energy consumption.

The Capital Regional District and the Salt Spring LTC provided additional financial support for the project.

The Sustainability Checklist will be available on Salt Spring in the fall at the Islands Trust office and at the CRD Building Department to all persons applying for development and building permits.

Through a preliminary feedback period, applicants will be invited to comment on the value of the checklist in informing them of design options, critical environmental considerations and grant opportunities.

Copies of the Sustainability Checklist will be available on Aug. 6 and will be available online as a resource to all persons interested in sustainable living.

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Correction



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NEWSBEAT

FIRE & RESCUE

Crew snags woman from berry patch

Fire dept. stresses high fire risk

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Fire Rescue and BC Ambulance personnel faced a prickly situation Sunday afternoon while rescuing a woman who fell off the narrow shoulder along Lower Ganges Road by Ganges Marina.

"The path is only between 12 and 18 inches [wide] and I'm amazed that people even walk on that side," said Salt Spring fire captain Jamie Holmes of the precarious section

of road above the shoreline between Upper Ganges Road and the Ganges village core.

The pedestrian slid nearly four metres (12 feet) down a 60-degree angle bank before getting caught in a patch of thorny blackberry bushes.

A rope-rescue team deployed a five-in-one system to lower a member to the scene of the incident. The woman was given a harness, stabilized, pulled from the scene with minor scratches and transported to hospital.

"The biggest issue was that she was caught in the berries

and just out of reach," Holmes said. "It was good training in a semi-non-emergency."

Salt Spring RCMP assisted with traffic control along Lower Ganges Road during the incident.

In other fire news:

Fire staff and volunteers remind residents and visitors to be ever vigilant of the high risk of fire that persists on the island as a result of ongoing dry conditions.

Though the risk is officially listed as "high," Holmes said many areas of the island stand an "extreme" likelihood of

catching fire. Exposed rocky areas and roadsides are especially prone to catching fire

"We get the odd grass fire, but for the most part, people have been pretty good," he said.

Islanders and visitors are advised to pay special attention when disposing of cigarette butts and to keep a hose close at hand when cooking outdoors.

A province-wide ban on all open fires and campfires is in effect until further notice.

No rain is in the forecast until Monday, Aug. 10.

Government accused of being 'anti-business'

HST

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go up by seven per cent if the tax goes through next year.

That hike in food prices would affect everything right down to a cup of coffee under the Liberals' plan, which the government says will attract investors and save businesses administrative costs by collecting only the single tax.

But Chamber director and TJ Beans/Island Star co-owner Tim O'Connor already knows he will be paying more for his bookkeeping since the government-given commission on PST will end. That commission, O'Connor says, currently pays for 30 per cent of the businesses' monthly bookkeeping bill.

"The thing I can't get over is that they're spinning this thing as if it's going to save businesses money because it's less paperwork to do and my bookkeeper says that they spend 25 minutes doing both each month," O'Connor said.

Both Cade and O'Connor take issue with how the government defines small businesses, which comprise essentially all businesses on the island.

"For us at the bottom, it's a big chunk of

change," O'Connor said.

A Ministry of Finance news release projects that implementing the HST will remove \$2 billion on costs from businesses and bolster the construction, manufacturing, transportation, forestry and mining industries. Finance Minister Colin Hansen quoted the success of the tax in the Atlantic provinces and his belief that it would remove hidden taxes in the prices of goods and services.

Some of the big names supporting the tax are the Retail Council of Canada and the B.C. Chamber of Commerce, which Cade has been attempting to contact because he would like them to explain how the new tax could actually be beneficial for businesses.

"We couldn't believe that was the position that they were taking," O'Connor said. "To me it just seems like a tax grab. There was no consultation with us. [The Liberals] actually said in their pre-election campaign that they weren't going to harmonize the sales tax. They knew about it before the election."

O'Connor joined the B.C. Restaurant and Food Association to support its battle against the HST, while Cade encourages anyone concerned with the tax to write to

local politicians to voice their concerns.

Former B.C. Premier Bill Vander Zalm has taken a similar approach by sending letters to media outlets across the province. He believes that the poorest people will be the hardest hit by paying out the highest percentage of their incomes to the new tax.

"My friends are calling for a revolution or recall on the entire government," Vander Zalm writes. "I tell them that British Columbians don't revolt very easily. I'm sick and tired, mad and frustrated at being lied to and paying still more and more taxes when everybody else is expected to cut back or accept cut-backs by a government out of control."

Vander Zalm would like anyone interested with suggestions on a plan of attack to contact him via his website at www.billvanderzalm.com.

"The Liberal government is supposed to be pro-business, but this sounds pretty anti-business," Cade said.

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ACTIVISM

Proffitt expands run to end slavery

Activist thanks supportive community

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Before Salt Spring singer-songwriter Eric Proffitt set off on his epic run to end human slavery on Saturday morning, he had one last thing to take care of.

It had nothing to do with the state of his shoes or his accommodation along the way. Even the set of cast-iron shackles he intends to carry along the route were doing just what they were supposed to do.

What Proffitt had to say is thank you to all the islanders who helped make his journey a reality.

"It's a rare and beautiful opportunity to be in a position to make a significant difference in our world and the people of this island have clearly demonstrated their willingness to do just that," Proffitt said in an interview before he set off for Washington, D.C.

Residents, most of whom he had never met, donated their time, talents and money to organize events such as the Amazing Grace movie night at the Fritz, neighbourhood garage sales and the Change for Change jar at the Saturday market. One remarkable girl even donated her birthday wish.

These and so many other peo-

ple, groups and businesses on the island proved so supportive of Proffitt's campaign to end human slavery that he's been encouraged to add an additional U.S. leg to his 800-kilometre (500-mile) journey between London and Manchester.

On Saturday, Proffitt set off to retrace the steps to freedom taken by American abolitionist Frederick Douglass in 1838 between the U.S. capital and New York City.

Once he reaches New York, Proffitt will board a flight to England where he will begin his original journey.

Proffitt reflected on the first three days of his journey in a Monday afternoon e-mail.

"This is my third day of running," he wrote. "It's hotter and more humid than I ever imagined, I thought I was going to die the first day when it was 25 C. Then it got up to 30 C and I knew I was going to die."

Despite blistered feet and muscle pain induced by the heat and effort, Proffitt has already had memorable moments while passing through some of the United States' toughest neighbourhoods.

"I ran through the ghettos and was nervous when obvious gang members walking around with guns at their side yelled out, 'Hey you, what the @#! do you think you're doing?'" Proffitt wrote.

Armed with only a smile, Prof-

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ERIC PROFFITT
Runner

fitt described his mission to expose the ongoing kidnapping and sale of children and adults for use as slave labourers and sex slaves around the world, including Canada.

"The guy gave me one final look over and then said: 'You know what brother, I wanna buy you some water.'"

There are an estimated 27 million slaves in the world today.

That's enough to make it the third largest illegal market after drugs and weapons. The RCMP believes about 800 of these victims end up on Canadian streets each year.

More information about human trafficking and updated accounts of Proffitt's journey are available online at www.run4therescue.com.

NEWSBEAT

ENVIRONMENT

Living and lifestyle at eco-tour '09

Offers inside look at pioneering buildings and technology

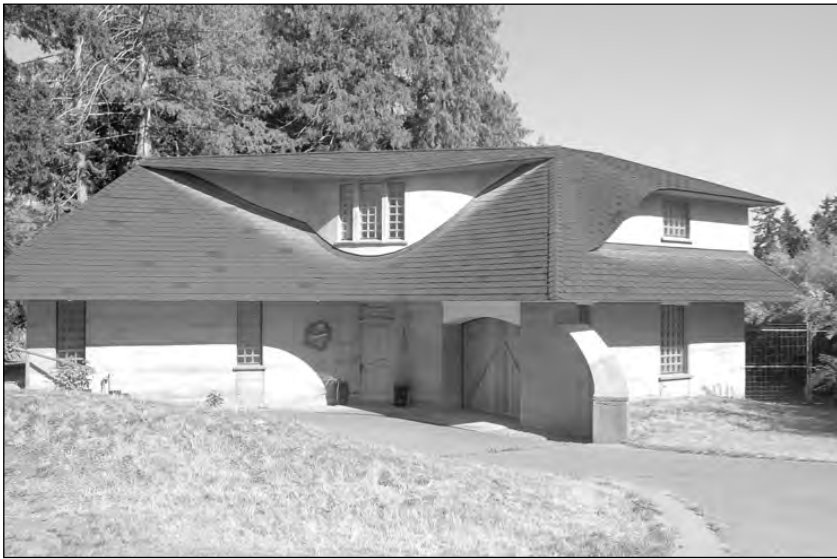
BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When organizers laid the foundation for Salt Spring's first eco-home tour five years ago, they probably had no inkling the event would evolve into one of the island's premier annual events.

Over the years, the tour's success has grown alongside people's interest in and willingness to try out some of the most pioneering technologies in the fields of green building, water conservation, food production, waste management and energy efficiency.

Homes, like Andrew and Adina Haigh's off-the-grid, hemp-bale house, which started out in the tour as a vision cobbled together from sustainability seminars and books outlining the merits of green building, are complete, or at least as complete as any good Salt Spring home ever is.

As builders have toiled away at their own projects with family, friends and leading experts in the field, others have caught the green-building fever



A SIREWall house on Village Terrace in Ganges.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

and embarked on projects of their own.

In addition to the old cob, straw bale and recycled timber favourites, the 2009 eco-home tour promises participants a whole new look into the world of ecological lifestyles and the technologies that support eco-friendly living.

"New this year are examples of appropriate land stewardship, and a demonstration of a conservation covenant in action," reads a press release outlining what people can expect at the day-long event. "Gardening and permaculture experts will share information in their organic food gardens."

Well-known island

environmentalist, author, geographer, mother and former Liberal Party of Canada candidate Briony Penn will give tours of her new handcrafted sustainable home and the surrounding ecosystem.

Folks at EcoReality Co-op will explain the joys and tribulations of their venture into sustainable community living and the Blue Horse Gallery's Paul Burke will show his elegant rain-water harvesting system, which is the only source of water for his home and gallery.

Of course, no tour would be complete without checking in to see the Haigh family residence and adjacent

"Visit exciting new projects and old favourites that just keep getting better."

2009 Salt Spring Eco-Living and Home Tour promo material

grey and black water pond systems.

New for 2009 is a display of transportation alternatives featuring bicycles, electric vehicles and a do-it-yourself bio-diesel presentation along several tour stops.

In keeping with the day's environmental focus, participants are encouraged to carpool with fellow tour-goers. Participants can meet at Salt Spring Books in Ganges between 9 and 10 a.m. on tour day to get matched up with carpool partners.

The 2009 Salt Spring Eco-Living and Home Tour takes place on Aug. 16 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tickets, \$25, (\$20 before Friday, Aug. 7) are available at Salt Spring Books, Gecko Green Living and Windsor Plywood.

For more information, visit the Salt Spring Energy Strategy website at www.saltspringenergystrategy.org or call event co-ordinator Elizabeth White at 250-537-2616.

The tour is a non-profit event organized and sponsored by the Earth Festival Society, the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, and the Institute for Sustainability Education and Action.



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DAYCARE

Tree Frog announces program changes

Fall enrolment now being accepted

Tree Frog Daycare staff and board members are busy preparing for an exciting fall filled with changes, after receiving parent input and aiming to serve the needs of working parents.

"Beginning Sept. 1, we will be launching a reorganized program with an emphasis on consistency, while enhancing the high-quality program people have come to rely on," states a press release from the daycare.

"Our newest early childhood educator, Jennifer Garlinski, will assume the role of preschool supervisor. In the short time Jennifer has been with us, she has shown a great deal of enthusiasm and skill and we are very excited to welcome her to this role."

While Garlinski and her team will engage children in a program structured to give them a preschool experience within a full-day childcare program, the focus in the infant-toddler room will remain more individualized, respecting and following the routines parents and their children have established.

After-kindergarten care, which includes Monday to Thursday pick-up at Fulford school when kindergarten finishes at 11:30 a.m., and full-day care on Fridays and school holidays will also be offered.

"In recognition of the importance of consistency to children, we have also created a new staffing schedule which will allow us to staff in a much more predictable and consistent manner.

"This schedule is designed so that parents and children will continue to see all the familiar staff members they currently see, but with the same staff member working the same shift each day. This continuity of care will enhance the childcare experience for children, staff and parents as relationships grow and activities expand."

Tree Frog says parents will be able to establish the two- to five-day per week schedule that works best for their family.

"In recognition of the needs of the working fam-

ily, we will be implementing a new, variable rate schedule that includes a reduced daily rate for children registered for full-time, five-day-a-week care."

Enrolment is currently being accepted for the fall in the infant/toddler, preschool and kindergarten programs.

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EDITORIAL

Running to the rescue

It happens all the time, really.

We engage in conversation, read a newspaper article, watch a documentary, hear a song and feel inspired.

It can be about anything: politics, war, the environment, civil rights, poverty, gender issues or an endless list of any other of the ills plaguing our island, province, country and planet.

Unfortunately, something else always tends to happen.

We get on with our daily lives and that glimmer of inspiration loses its sparkle.

When family man Eric Proffitt announced plans to leave his job, mortgage his home and run more than 800 kilometres across England in chains to raise awareness about the global trafficking of human slaves, one could be forgiven for dismissing his idea as that of a well-intentioned yet disillusioned altruist.

Sure enough, after six months of training for his "Run for the Rescue" through rain and sun on Salt

Spring's roads, speaking with local people, community groups and classes, Proffitt finally set off on his journey on Saturday, Aug. 1, leaving many of us moved and most of us still scratching our heads.

Proffitt began his extended journey along part of the U.S. eastern seaboard on Saturday, a

THE ISSUE:
Islander's anti-slavery campaign

WE SAY:
Proffitt is an inspiration

change made possible by the generosity of groups here on Salt Spring and beyond. (See story on Page A6.)

As on Salt Spring, the people he's met along the way have, thus far, approached him with a concoction of wonder, fear and curiosity. When he describes that he's on a mission to get governments to act on the illegal sale of roughly 27 million people per year, many of whom are young girls and boys sold into sexual slavery, others get inspired.

Most of the time that inspiration may fade, but it's the fact many will carry on the fight that makes Proffitt's journey such a notable cause.

An ability to speak out is a source of pride for any progressive society and it's good to see that this ability has yet to exhibit any signs of resting on its laurels here on Salt Spring.

It doesn't always have to be running across a country in chains. It can be standing up for peace by bringing flowers to the Heiwa Garden on Hiroshima Day, getting up and voicing your opinion at Thursday's Local Trust Committee meeting or just writing a letter to the newspaper.

Who knows? You may even inspire the island's next Eric Proffitt.



The good doctor on right track

BY KEN ROULEAU

It was nice to see a letter of support for Dr. Bob McGinn ("McGinn kudos") in last week's Driftwood.

The income tax challenge he took on is a lonely one, and the letter was correct to point out he is a kind, thoughtful person with integrity.

The bigger point, however, was missed: that he's right. I believe the federal Income Tax Act was, is and will ever be unconstitutional and illegal. It has been so for 92 years now. Just because time has passed doesn't make it right.

It's unconstitutional because Canada's Constitution designates very specific and exclusive powers to provinces and federal jurisdictions — and they may never transfer or assume powers not given. Provinces have the exclusive right to tax directly (income or sales tax) and the fed has every other mode of taxation.

It's illegal because of the court cases, judiciary decisions, Privy Council cases and official documents from premiers conferences, Parliament records (Hansard), financial agreements and statements by politicians going back to pre-Confederation. Proof the fed has no right to direct tax can be read right up to the enacting of the Temporary War Income Tax, which was passed under controversy in 1917.

Post-WWII Supreme Courts and tax challenges have also affirmed this, yet lower courts, media and all politicians deny and ignore its truth.

Bob McGinn's tax challenge based on the "natural person" argument is a technically difficult challenge that goes after the heart of law and its imposing effects on real people, not legal entities. Unfortunately, it is rarely successful in court.

VIEWPOINT

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The direct challenge to federal income tax based on its unconstitutionality is far more solid a case and has been successfully argued in Canadian courts for 50 years, yet barely any Canadians know this.

There is another legal argument against the federal tax, along the lines of "conscientious objection" to where the taxes are spent. The fed spends Canadian taxpayers' money on ignoring domestic and international law around prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, they allow Canadians to be sent to Syria for torture. They do business with dictators and subsidize corporations that destroy the environment and abuse human rights. Why should we give our money to that, legitimizing its crimes? In good conscience, how can we?

I've heard it said that we need to pay federal income tax to "contribute to society," yet most of the revenue collected from federal tax goes to bankers to pay interest on the national debt, not on roads, hospitals or schools.

We have a fraudulent federal tax because our government illegally gave away its right to issue the nation's money. To pay for the new bankers debt, government imposed an income tax. It's happened the same in many countries, and is as illegal there as here. The fraud is huge and always wrong. Inform yourself.

Many thanks to Bob McGinn for having the courage and knowledge to challenge illegal acts and shady laws. Whether we know it or not, you do this challenge for all of us.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident and past local and provincial political candidate.

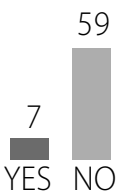
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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you support the harmonized sales tax concept?



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
"I said 'Oh my God, we're being rescued by four naked men!'"

JANET MCPHEE, BOAT MISHAP VICTIM

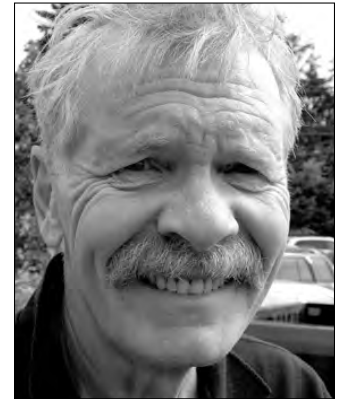
SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What do you think about B.C.'s proposed Harmonized Sales Tax?

MARGARET SPENCER
Basically, I think it's a good idea. It'll be much simpler to administer so we should have fewer bureaucrats, but we probably won't.

DAVID MacDONALD
It's a scam! The government didn't even tell us about it until after the election.

RICHARD STEEL
It doesn't seem very good to me. I think it's a way of trying to make the people pay for the government's screwing up of the budget.

JOANNE HEMEON
It seems like we'll end up paying more and I don't like it.

JOST TIELKER
I'm not impressed. It adds a whole lot more tax.

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 under the Opinion tab.**

Only recourse to noise

With all my compassion for the horror, pain and inconvenience suffered by our ferry engineer and the difficulty to the crew and risk to the ferry, (Deer attacks island scooter rider, July 29 Driftwood), may I suggest that noise is an ecological consideration?

In my eight years on Salt Spring, I have found the response of animals and birds to human behaviour to be remarkably astute, frequently sophisticated and even humorous.

May I also suggest that the deer's behaviour may have reflected the sentiments of the neighbours you awaken before 5 a.m.?

The hearing of animals and birds is far more sensitive and easily offended than our own, especially when the offence occurs

on a regular basis. Weed-whackers, scooters and cars with bad mufflers may well upset animals as much as they upset some of us humans.

It may look like the "law of the jungle" when one of us loses it — human or animal! — yet when the laws of the land fail to acknowledge the powerful offence of everyday noise, what other recourse is there, especially for those of us who don't speak?

TINA DICKEY,
SALT SPRING

Grossed out

I'm grossed out by the idea of human waste being dumped into Fulford Harbour by the Skeena Queen (July 29 Driftwood News briefs).

I praise BC Ferries for finally realizing this isn't right, but they don't quite have it figured out.

It does not make sense to

close the washrooms based on the number of minutes (10) until docking.

Depending on the boat's speed and weather conditions this means waste is still flowing out at no set distance from docking.

In fact, on last Thursday evening's 9 p.m. sail it was announced that the washrooms would close five minutes before docking. And they were.

However this put the boat at Hamilton Beach. On the outbound that afternoon I had timed 10 minutes to be approximately at the end of Roland Road.

BC Ferries needs to choose a place where the washrooms will be closed and stick to it and announce it in advance. I suggest that perhaps Holmes Road or even Isabella Point would be more appropriate.

And I hope for the day very soon when no waste will be discharged except

into proper treatment facilities. That would truly be "being a good neighbour."

DAN DICKMEYER,
ROLAND ROAD

On his way to Piaf

Several years ago I read the rave reviews of an Off-Broadway New York production of Piaf: Love Conquers All.

I thought I would love to see and hear it, never thinking that it could ever come to Salt Spring. But it is here for a number of performances starting tonight, Aug. 5.

Unfortunately, of the eight people I asked only four knew of Edith (pronounced Aydite) Piaf, the greatest chanteuse or popular singer France has ever produced.

In the 1940s, '50s and into the '60s, Piaf (little sparrow was her stage name) had hundreds of thousands of

fans in Canada, millions in the States and probably 40 million French men and women.

A tiny woman at 4'8" and always in her simple black dress, her songs of love and sorrow often brought her listeners to tears. She was lower class, of part Italian and Algerian descent, her father a street performer, and for a while as a child she lived with her grandmother, who was the madam of a brothel.

She was married twice — the first time to the love of her life, a world champion boxer who was killed in a trans-Atlantic plane crash on his way to visit her in New York.

She had known seven lovers, including Yves Montand. Her friends included the marginalized of society: prostitutes, addicts, homosexuals and those with beautiful olive or brown skin from the Mediterra-

nean who were a welcome sight compared to the pasty pink flesh of Normandy and the British Isles.

Of course Piaf is long gone.

She died in 1963 at the age of 47, but she has been resurrected by Naomi Emmerson, who, according to reviews, gives a stunning convincing performance as a reincarnated Piaf.

Not an ArtSpring sponsored event, Piaf: Love Conquers All is booked in for a number of performances. I'm going tonight and urge those interested to go to one of the early performances.

Piaf's La Vie en Rose is one of 13 songs you will remember or, if under 50, will want to remember. The songs are in French but the dialogue is in English.

JACK HALLAM,
SALT SPRING

MORE LETTERS continued on A10

How to kill time while waiting for ferries to show up

We begin this week with one of the truly pressing questions of this or any other age: what are we supposed to do with the time we spend in the lineup waiting for the ferry?

Of course, you can do the kind of stuff people normally do while waiting for ferries to load. Browse the newspaper. Read a book (Tolstoy's War and Peace is perfect for those longer delays). Listen to the radio. Do a crossword puzzle. (What's a four-letter word for "not on time"? How about an eight-letter word for "you're not getting on this ferry"?)

If there's still time, try drawing up a "to do" list. You'll probably lose it long before you ever get a chance to use it, but at least you will have killed off some of those idle moments. If there's a two or three-hour wait, you can easily pass the time seeing if you can make any sense of the ferry schedule. (I promised my wife I would not take cheap shots at the ferry schedule yet again. Promises are so easy to make.)

Perhaps you need to stretch your legs a bit. Get out of your vehicle. Take a walk around the compound. Maybe you can talk to some of your fellow would-be ferry travellers. They say misery loves company. Corner the parking lot attendant and ask a few pertinent (stupid) questions. Here's some for starters: Is the ferry running on time? Do you think I'll get on? I have a two-year old in the back seat so does that qualify me as "Dangerous Cargo?" Would you be willing to radio the International Airport and

request they hold my flight because my ferry is running late? Is there a bridge I can take instead?

On the other hand, you may wish to spend the time being productive and doing useful things. Why not set your digital clock to the correct time? (You realize, of course, that as fate would have it, five minutes after you actually get around to setting the right time, everyone else will be switching from Daylight Savings to Standard Time or vice versa and your clock will be wrong again.)

How about doing a little auto maintenance? Clean your windshield. Check your oil, radiator and tire pressure. Of course, the second you raise the hood of your car, you will immediately cause those drivers parked behind you to fidget and swear profusely. Jacking up your vehicle and proceeding to rebuild the transmission will definitely not win you any friends.

Get out of your vehicle again and scan the horizon. Is the ferry in view? If so, is it making any progress in your direction? The position of the ferry wake relative to you and the boat is a good clue. If the wake is on the other side of the ferry, then that's a good sign. If, however, the wake is between you and the ferry, go back to your vehicle and rip the schedule to shreds.


Shilo Zylbergold
NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

Perhaps you need to distract yourself from your ferry-wait frustration. There are a number of games you can play to divert your attention. For instance, how close can you park to the vehicle in front of you? Inch forward slowly until you can see the driver's face begin to twitch in his rearview mirror. Now put your vehicle in reverse and back up a couple of feet. Leave it in reverse with the back-up lights on and watch the driver behind you start to sweat uncontrollably.

Check out the other people in the lineup. Try to guess whether they are tourists, north-enders or citizens of the southern persuasion. Make up stories about their lives. Is the retired couple in front of you really on the way to Costco to buy Metamucil in bulk, or is he actually a federal agent escorting her to court as part of the Witness Protection Act for the part she played in a slimy Ponzi scam involving defrauding thousands of citizens by getting them to invest in a slimy BC Ferries Experience card?

Predict the loading pattern and what lane on the ferry your car will wind up in. Will you be directed to the front of the centre lane so you will be the first off the ferry? If so, you must be a blood relative of the ferry captain. More likely, you will be positioned at the very stern, wedged between a badly

loaded logging truck on one side and a liquid waste sludge tanker on the other. Are you good at holding your breath?

Another great game is a version of "Treasure Hunt" which involves you sorting through the piles of junk you have accumulated in the back seat and taking some kind of organized inventory of the mess. Do you really need those 17 different outdated ferry schedules dating all the way back to September 2007? Maybe you should finally get rid of those two jelly donuts you couldn't finish off back when you endured that two-ferry sailing wait last Boxing Day. And then, there's that completed income tax form you were sure you had mailed off back in the spring.

Nobody asked me, but whatever you do, do not (repeat, do not) go through the contents of your glove compartment. If you do, you will find yourself gathering up all your ferry receipts and coming to the realization you have spent a king's ransom getting off the island just so you could save a fraction of the amount on gas and groceries.

There now, cut this article out of the paper and keep it in your car for future reference the next time you get stuck in the ferry lineup. Just add it to the junk in the back seat. You now have a handful of tools you can use to help you keep your parking lot sanity. But personally, I recommend you just tilt your seat back and snooze.

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OPINION



SURFER DOG: Winstone catches a wave on St. Mary Lake as even island dogs find ways to beat the hot spell.

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MORE LETTERS

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Trust has no role in transit

In response to Mr. O'Flynn's July 29 Viewpoint "Why no deals for seniors?", I would like to clarify his contention that somehow the elected representatives of the Islands Trust have a role and input to the development of transit fares.

Simply put, they do not have any role in transit fares. Mr. O'Flynn's concerns have been previously received by the Salt Spring Transportation Commission and at that time we publicly indicated those concerns, along with other suggestions from the community, would be taken into account when transit fares are reviewed.

Input from the community is encouraged and the commission can be contacted by telephone at 250-931-1372, or e-mail at saltspringtransit@crd.bc.ca or by mail to Unit 1206-A 115 Fulford Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, V8K 2T9. Commission meetings are open to the public, who are welcome to attend as observers. Commission meetings occur on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month.

BOB FENSKE,
 CHAIR, SALT SPRING ISLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Hats off to library board

I participated in the informal design charette on the new library on Thursday, July 30 and want to compliment the library board on their process of communicating with the community. Everyone I talked with was knowledgeable, engaged and listened carefully to what I had to say.

Building committee chair Duncan Hepburn was always one step ahead of me, having already thought about every suggestion I made.

Library board chair Tilly Crawley talked about how the design was built on the feedback given at earlier sessions. Architect Ladi Holovsky had listened to the community's request for high sustainability standards, including energy efficiency and

included these and many other innovations in his conceptual drawings.

If this level of commitment to sustainability is reflected in the final design, we will have a new "green library" that we can all be immensely proud of.

As one of the most important public buildings we have on Salt Spring, it is natural that there would be a lot of interest in our new library and the turnout reflected that interest. Although the new building does not reflect the rather funky nature of our current library, it nevertheless does fit well with the topography of the land, the location in the core of our community and the way our community feels about itself.

At this time when the board is anxiously awaiting approval for an infrastructure grant, it must be trying to have to move forward toward a referendum while not yet knowing if the grant is being approved. Lots of balls to juggle!

So hats off to this incredibly committed group of people who are working very long hours on our behalf without any remuneration. At a time when we are seeing such large salaries and benefits being paid to political appointees for each meeting they attend, think of all the savings we have with such a skilled and dedicated library board.

I, for one, hope to be able to volunteer to help Stan Shapiro and others on the library board get a positive result with the upcoming referendum. I'm sure lots more people will also get behind this effort.

MARION PAPE,
 SALT SPRING

Hiroshima Day flowers

"Let all souls rest in peace for we shall not repeat the evil." This is the prayer you will find on the memorial cenotaph in the Hiroshima Peace Park.

This year, on Aug. 6, 64 years will have passed since that fateful day. Three days later an atomic bomb was also dropped on Nagasaki. In the Nagasaki Peace Declaration it states: "The citizens of Nagasaki wish that they be the last ones to suffer from the damage and tragedy caused by an atomic bombing and nuclear

weapons."

Will they be the last?

This year we are inviting the Salt Spring community to leave flowers at the gate to the Heiwa Garden, across from ArtSpring, both to commemorate the victims of these attacks and to honour their wish that nuclear weapons never again be used.

We will create a peace symbol on the grass in the park with them. With the many problems facing the world relating to climate change and dwindling resources, it is a time when working for peace is more urgent than ever. With the flowers we will also be honouring all those working for peace around the world.

Please leave your flowers at the gate during the day. Someone will be there to arrange them after 5 p.m.

SHEILA REID,
 SALT SPRING HIROSHIMA DAY COMMITTEE

Legion magazine article

If you wish to know how the war affected the people on Salt Spring Island from 1939 to 1945, please read the article in the July/August 2009 issue of the Royal Canadian Legion magazine, which informs us of parachute bombs being shot down over Ganges Harbour.

KEN BYRON, SR.,
 EPRON ROAD

Lundys' work appreciated

I would like to thank Susan Lundy for her tasteful and thoughtful article accompanying the July 15 Derrick Lundy Retrospective, the gallery of photos taken by Derrick over the last 20 years.

Congratulations also to Derrick for the many newspaper awards he has achieved over the years.

His pictures that we look forward to seeing each week are not only representative and interesting, but are also imaginative and very artistic, particularly his capturing of the natural world.

Keep up the good work.

Oh, and thank you Shari MacDonald for the wonderful front cover picture. So lifelike.

NANCY HOLCROFT,
 SALT SPRING



Islands Trust

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING GALIANO ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE Proposed Bylaw No. 203

NOTICE is hereby given that the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing within a Local Trust Committee Meeting on the following proposed bylaw:

Bylaw No. 203 - cited as "Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 1, 2009"

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw at **1:00 p.m., Monday, August 10, 2009 at the South Island Community Hall, 141 Sturdies Bay Road, Galiano Island.**

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 respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw.

Bylaw No. 203 - cited as "Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 1, 2009".

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 203 is to amend Forest policy d) by removing it in its entirety and by removing most references to Forest policy d). Forest policy d) is a policy that supports the rezoning of some forest designated lands to allow for subdivision and residential use.

A copy of the proposed bylaw and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing July 29, 2009.**

Also for the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) (e) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Galiano Island, B.C., commencing July 29, 2009 and can also be viewed on the World Wide Web at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/gl/bylaws.cfm>

Written submissions may be delivered to:

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2. after **4:30 p.m., Friday, August 7, 2009,** to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at **1:00 p.m., Monday, August 10, 2009.**

Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Gary Richardson, Island Planner, at (250) 405-5157 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver (604) 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

NO REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE GALIANO ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Kathy Jones
 Deputy Secretary

OPINION

Crash course on ever-changing mortgages

BY ARLENE MODDERMAN
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The current mindset of the lending industry necessitates being more careful about how we handle our credit.

Our personal credit behaviour is reported to and tediously recorded by the Credit Bureau.

This, amongst other things, would include late payments, balances exceeding credit limits, frequently filling out loan applications, etc.

The Credit Bureau is a private organization that collects this information from various sources and, in turn, provides it to inquiring lenders. Our credit record can not only influence whether our credit application is approved but can also affect, negatively or positively, the interest rate and other terms of the loan or mortgage.

In the wake of the passing economic crisis, lenders continue to turn down applications for loans, mortgages and lines of credit that would have been approved without much ado a mere 12 months ago, and it is taking longer for them to move through the approval process.

They are looking long and hard at the clients' ability to repay, their past credit history and source of down payment, and are keenly keeping an eye out for the possibility of fraud.

It seems as if we have evolved from a society that once did business on a handshake to one that now looks for reasons not to do business at all.

The following are a few things we can do to improve and keep our credit rating in good standing:

Pay within the require time and pay at least the minimum payment due. This is essential!

Keep balances under the approved limit. If you have a sense that you are going to need more room, call and ask

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for an increase in limit. (Don't give them an additional reason to say no by already being over limit when you ask.)

Don't become a "credit-seeker." One of the negative "triggers" on a person's credit score is frequent applications for credit. We have many aggressive credit card and loan companies that are always sending us invitations for new credit opportunities, making their offers sound irresistible. And retailers, trying to get our business, often offer various incentives to try to get us to sign up for their credit cards, such as through "buy now, pay later" plans. It is easy to get hooked, but too much of it has a very negative effect on our credit score.

The good news is that when the credit score loses a few points for an inquiry it will quickly recover when there are no more inquiries for a few months. For automobile and home financing there is a bit of a break. If you are looking to purchase a car with a car loan, all inquiries within a two-week period that indicate they were for automobile financing will be counted as one inquiry. The same holds true for mortgages. There is a one-month time period to seek out a mortgage and all inquiries for that purpose will be "scored" as one inquiry.

Keep your oldest, most established accounts open! Sometimes we feel like we need to rein ourselves in and decide to close a few of our credit facilities.

Here's some news — the credit cards and lines of credit that you have had the longest (with good repayment history) are the biggest positive contributors to your credit score. Newer credit with not as long a repayment history is not as beneficial. If you want to close an older account, make sure some of your historical accounts remain open.

Should financial trouble develop, talk to your creditors beforehand. If you are facing a layoff or a short period where you feel you may have trouble keeping up, call your creditors and ask for some help such as a lower payment or permission to miss a payment. You will find them much more willing to help before you get into trouble than when you are already there asking them to help bail you out.

If you have ever been involved in credit collection or a bankruptcy, make sure you re-establish your credit immediately. Don't wait for several years perhaps because of negative feelings from what you have been through.

A secured credit card and/or a RRSP loan will help get you back on track fast. (This is especially important if you want to buy a house within the next few years.)

If you are in a dispute with a creditor, keep good records and document all promises or arrangements that are made. Keep receipts for any payments you make during the dispute and keep this information for at least six years.

If you like, you can check your own credit file through either of our two Credit Bureaus: Equifax Canada, www.equifax.ca; 1-800-465-7166, or TransUnion Canada, www.tuc.ca; 1-866-525-0262.

(There is a small charge for checking online, around \$24, and it will also give you your credit score. However, you can request your info by mail for free if you are willing to wait.)

Next month we will look at the nature and extent of property inspections when buying a property.

The writer is a mortgage specialist with the Mortgage Depot on Salt Spring. Property Lines column contributor Tom Navratil offered his space to Arlene this month.



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TUESDAY TREATS: David Miller holds fresh produce from a north end farm for sale at the Tuesday Market in the Meadow.

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Search for elusive fish and chips

BY PAT GOULD
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

"Let's eat out tonight," I said. It had been a long day of doing touristy things with my visiting daughter and granddaughter. Five-year-old eyes lit up.

"Can I have French fries? Can I?"

Her mother was less enthusiastic about sharing a restaurant experience with a weary pre-schooler. I was reassuring. (How little I remembered from the preceding mother and child summer visits.)

It would be "someplace fast," Kayla could have her fries and maybe even a smidgeon of something healthy. (Again, a memory lapse.)

She wouldn't even have to change out of her dress-up clothes: my high-heeled boots, floor length (on her) red dress, rhinestone bracelets and glittery necklace adding the finishing touch.

As I live in a tourist mecca, this should have reminded me that restaurants are usually busy in July and August, even on a Monday night. That there are no A&Ws here, no Tim Horton's, no McDonalds, is normally a source of smug civic pride. Alas, at this point "normally" had its drawbacks.

We headed to my favourite seaside fish and chip restaurant.

Kayla, by now exhibiting signs of tired five-year-old behaviour, eagerly followed us into the crowded café. "A minimum forty-five minutes wait," we were summarily informed by a harassed employee. We returned to the car.

"I'm hungry, I want fries!" came the petulant wail from the back seat.

"Hang in!" I shouted over the din. "I know just the place. Great fries there."

Restaurant #2, Kayla now sullenly stomping noisily in the high-heeled boots and tripping over the dress to the amusement of onlookers.

After an anxiety-causing consultation between server and hostess (and a grovelling stance on my part) we were seated at a too-small table wedged in a corner. Menus appeared.

By now granddaughter had brightened with the promise of the long awaited French fries.

She decided meanwhile to entertain us (and the occupants of the table abutting ours) with songs from her large repertoire. We waited . . . and waited . . . through a third rendering of the "Alphabet" song. (I thought seriously about ordering a double martini.)

The lady whose table was sharing the impromptu concert volunteered that they had

already been waiting for a half hour. Was she hoping we'd give up and leave? Whatever — leave we did.

Once more into the car. "Chinese food!" I shouted, sounding deranged. "The Golden Island, just five blocks from here."

"They won't have French fries," Kayla wailed. "You said . . ."

"Never mind what I said!" Yes, I was snappish, but grandmothers have rights too. My tone must have been intimidating. "Can I get sushi there?" was said in a subdued, if slightly plaintive voice. Sushi? In a Chinese restaurant? I braced myself.

It didn't matter anyway. The Golden Island was closed on Mondays. As was everything else that showed the slightest promise.

The supermarket shut down at 9 p.m. It was 8:50. Daughter ran in and grabbed a package of rolls, a fistful of wieners and a bag of chips.

Back home I produced a video, diverting Kayla's attention with a sixth showing of E.T. Curled up in a chair, she munched on potato chips while I hurried to get hot dogs on the table. Ten minutes later they were ready.

Too late. My daughter gathered up the sleeping child and carried her to bed. I took two Tylenol pills. It had been a long day.

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OPINION



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READY FOR GUESTS: Salt Spring's Dragonboat Club spruced up this boat for use by members of the German national dragonboat team in Ganges Harbour on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning.

The 'sprawl' bomb

BY MICHAEL CONTARDI

After more than 14 months of jumping through every conceivable hoop and going way beyond the call of duty in proving the merits of the most sustainable agri-commercial operation the Islands Trust has likely ever seen (and after this debacle may ever see again), passing two environmental audits with flying colours, winning the support of 350-plus signatories and passing a smell test by one trustee, Salt Spring Coffee Co. is informed that the problem with its rezoning proposal is now actually "sprawl" and, just for good measure, the weighty burden of 17 covenants that the trustees themselves have included.

The company, its staff and the community at large is rightly upset at the way the rezoning application has been mismanaged. The company has consistently tried to let facts, science and rational civility prevail with well-researched information sheets, independently commissioned environmental reports, open public meetings and presentations. It is the small handful of vocal opponents who have continually resorted to "inaccuracies, spin and insults," not the coffee company, as George Ehring contends ("Coffee debate" letter, July 22, Driftwood).

The Friends of Ford Lake website shows cartoons of a box factory belching smoke, with trains of Costco vans entering and exiting. Compare this with the image of the proposed building on the company's website, the fact that the new facility will burn cleaner than a single log-burning stove and that the company is only selling to a modest number of Costco stores in the region. Libel, inaccuracies and negative spin is the currency of its opponents, not the coffee company.

That trustee Christine Torgrimson can apparently lob a "sprawl bomb" into the debate at this juncture, in what amounts to an attempt to sidestep her duty to objectively evaluate the merits of the company's application, illuminates a glaring deficiency, namely that there is no clear process in place and that the feelings and whims of a trustee can rule at any time.

What was the point of requiring the company to undertake an independent environmental assessment (at a cost of over \$8,000) back in November? What was the point of requiring a review of this report (this time taxpayer funded) after opponents objected that because the company paid for the assessment, that it was somehow biased! Is it coincidence or by design that the nebulous and subjective issue of sprawl arises as an issue after all of the environmental criticisms have been silenced by sound science? Can a trustee anywhere point to a Trust document defining what sprawl is? If you can't define it, how on earth do you

prevent it? And if the dreaded sprawl is an issue in this location, would it not be an issue anywhere else on the island, and not just for this application but for any rezoning application? This declaration is tantamount to putting up a "Closed for Business — On

... there is no clear process in place and . . . the feelings and whims of a trustee can rule at any time.

Holidays" sign on the front door of the Trust office.

To the more than 50 employees and dependents who stand to be disadvantaged when the coffee company is forced off the island, the local businesses that benefit from the company's wages and spending, and to the progressive citizens and environmental leaders in the community like Elizabeth White who recognize the dire need for new models of sustainable community development, this position is clearly myopic, untenable and indefensible. Moreover it sends a message that perpetuates the Trust's reputation as an organization that it is impossible to do business with. It hinders those who wish to reverse the continued "geriatrification" of the island as more businesses, young people and families are forced to move away due to limited economic opportunities.

Do the trustees seriously argue that if the coffee company is granted re-zoning under this one-of-a-kind (and once-in-a-lifetime) proposal, complete with 17 unique "green" covenants, this would somehow create a zoning precedent and a mad rush by other businesses to follow in their footsteps? And what would be the outcome if this did happen? Would it be such a terrible shame if progressive local companies started to build new LEED Gold-certified facilities on run-down properties using clean technologies, producing healthy organic food products and meaningful employment for islanders?

I would hazard that if this rampant "green sprawl" did happen, Salt Spring Island would become the envy of every wanna-be sustainable green community out there, rather than the butt of jokes as it is now. I'd also eat my shirt.

The views are those of the author alone and have not been sought nor endorsed by Salt Spring Coffee Co. He works as business development manager for the company on Salt Spring to support his wife and three children.



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Rants

Rants to all the irresponsible dog owners in the Booth Bay area that let their dogs bark non-stop without any consideration to their neighbours. I can't get any peace and quiet in my own backyard because of your complete disregard and lack of respect for other people. If you can't control your pets maybe you shouldn't have them. A. Bhimji

Rants to the so-called "maintenance crew" working for School District #64 who, at 7:30 in the morning, start mowing the grass of all the school fields, including the "closed" fields which have only grown less than an inch. As a taxpayer I think this is absurd and a waste of time and money (plus not everyone works as early as 7:30 and they enjoy resting at this time). Besides, if the field is closed why is there a need for all this? P.S. I hardly think a field needs watering a day and a half after a large rainstorm. Yours truly, Auntie Noise Pollution (Amy Hill)

A ferry boat full of rants to the B.C. Ferry Corporation for dumping raw sewage into our ocean. Even if it is "completely legal," as quoted by Deborah Marshall (July 29 Driftwood), where are their moral, ethical and ecological standards? We don't need any more crap in our waters.

Is this the policy on all the ferries or just the insignificant small ferries around our pristine islands? Margaretha Nordine

Roses

A peavine of blooming fragrant roses to Dave Beck for fixing all the plumbing! A river of kindness flows from your heart; you are the best! CBG

Thank you to the wonderful man who was playing tennis late one night and came across my son's forgotten backpack. Inside was his birthday present that he had received only two weeks before. We are very grateful to you. May your gardens bloom vibrant and full all year long. And another huge bouquet of wildflowers to the kind lady who took the time to phone me to let me know of the ad in the lost and found. It makes me very proud to be a member of this community. Karena MacAllister

A hopper full of red roses to Joel from Sports Traders. At the 11th hour Joel was asked to donate a grand prize for the Rookie Junior Tennis Tournament held on the July 25-26 weekend. Without hesitation Joel agreed to donate a totally cool tennis backpack filled with various tennis items. Thanks for your generosity and support of junior tennis, Sports Traders! More roses to the Driftwood for the great ad

and article, and to the players, parents and volunteers who made the Rookie Tour a smashing success! Marianne and Malia Banman

A circus ring of dancing roses to the Fiddleworks Community Development Society for sending the Aqua Chautauqua troupe to Heritage Place for Seniors! What a marvellous extravaganza. What joy you brought our residents. Some residents last saw a Chautauqua group while they were children in the Prairies. Not only did they appreciate the talent, they loved the opportunity to chat with members of the troupe after all our senses were declared free by their performances! You will be receiving a well-deserved donation.

A bike-rack full of roses to Kevin Bell of Mouat's for making our hub of Ganges bike-friendly with the awesome white bike-racks. Island Pathways board

A trail full of roses to all you people who slip your Country Grocer tapes into the Island Pathways box. You are helping our dream come true by making our community a non-motorized, friendly place to live. Our latest trail along Atkins Road is close to completion. Island Pathways board

A magnificent Milkbone bouquet for Happy the Hero, and beautiful summer bou-

quets for Bill, Janice, Sandy, everyone who stopped to offer help, and to Darren, tow-truck driver extraordinaire! As I was having a car ride of a lifetime descending Dukes Road on Saturday evening, Happy, a service-school graduate, knew something was wrong out on the street, and let Bill and Janice know. Thanks to Bill and Janice, I was able to get back on track. And Happy, after misbehaving earlier that day, was back to being a good dog! Teresa Hitch

A fragrant bouquet of summer roses to Harbour's End Marine and Mid Isle Marine for the exceptional service they extended to my boating friends who had a mishap with their fuel hose and fitting last week. Your assistance in solving their problem was very, very appreciated and they were overcome by the friendliness with which it was delivered. You have done our island proud! Thank you, Joan McConnell

A bunch of sweet roses to our 10-year-old daughter Andrea for organizing our 10th anniversary surprise party. We are indeed very surprised at your organizational skills and we have so much to look forward to in the years to come. Thank you to all the friends that came to celebrate with us — we have great friends on this island! Tania and Jose

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OPINION



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YES, IT'S BEEN 20 YEARS: A family picnic for the grads of the Gulf Islands Secondary School class of 1989 at Drummond Park was among reunion events held over the weekend.

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The Islands Trust Story: celebrating 35 years

Part 3 in a series

BY PETER LAMB
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The story so far . . . Acts 1 and 2 described the formation of the Islands Trust in 1974 and subsequent amendments in 1977 to make the organization more "mature and responsive." The Trust priorities are to prepare official community plans and zoning bylaws on each island and a regional plan for the whole Trust area.

In the late 1970s, the Trust resists pressure from the provincial government to support specific development applications, notably projects on Denman, Salt Spring, Bowen and De Courcy islands. In addition, serious concerns are raised about a proposed mining venture on Gambier Island and an airfield on Mayne Island.

It is now 1980 and the future of the Trust is in question.

ACT 3:

Scene 1: A review of local government

The Social Credit government undertakes a review of the regional government structure which has been in place across the province for over a decade. The regional districts, municipalities and the Islands Trust are made aware of the government's

proposed direction in a discussion paper released in September 1980.

In a November 29, 1980 letter to Islands Trust chair John Rich, Minister Bill Vander Zalm assures him that the Trust will continue to exercise essentially the same planning responsibilities. With that assurance, the Trust relaxes and carries on with its preparation of a regional plan for the islands involving extensive consultation with provincial ministries and the public.

However, events are not unfolding as expected.

Scene 2: The Trust's role is threatened

Throughout 1981, there is much debate across the province about the government's proposals for local government. In November, Vander Zalm introduces Bill 72, the Land Use Act.

To provide clarification of the proposed legislation, the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs addresses a meeting of all trustees in December 1981. Once again, he assures trustees that there are no substantial changes foreseen regarding the role of the Trust. However, the full implications for the Trust are not clear since the transitional section of the bill has not been introduced. Trustees wisely ask for a staff report.

Three months later, a senior official from the ministry tells trustees that, under Bill 72, no local government, including the Islands Trust, would be able to adopt an "official regional plan." The Trust's proposed regional plan would be advisory only and have no legal effect. That was bad enough, but the trustees are really angry that Bill 72 also proposes to give a committee of unelected civil servants overriding authority over local plans.

Trustees quickly pass a resolution "to record our utter dismay at the prospect that the role of the Trust and the process of achieving our objectives would be severely eroded and diminished . . ." and urgently request clarification from the minister. Over the next few months, the Trust naturally mounts a concerted campaign to oppose those provisions in the act. Trust chair Rich, is tracked down at a northern fishing lodge to deal with the worsening threat.

Scene 3: Proposed abolition of the Trust

On July 27, 1982, Vander Zalm moves second reading of Bill 72 with more unexpected changes and the gloves are off. The minister notes that "this bill has undergone a great public process," but recognizes the "considerable

controversy" with respect to the Islands Trust. While acknowledging the work of the Trust in putting bylaws and community plans in place, he says "this process can be carried through very effectively by the regional districts." Toward the end of the proposed act, Section 190 states simply "The Islands Trust Act is repealed." In other words, he now proposes to abolish the Islands Trust.

The NDP Opposition, led by Charles Barber, leaps into action. He expresses anger over the introduction of a number of new features introduced into the proposed act, including the new clause that would abolish the Trust without any prior consultation with the organization or with the residents affected. He argues at length that it is a loss for local government and a loss for local control. "The islands will be treated like any other piece of real estate in B.C." In an emotional defence of the Trust, he denounces the government for its actions and says that "destruction of the Islands Trust will lead to the destruction of the Gulf Islands as we know them."

The minister is clearly facing strong and widespread opposition to the bill. Editorial opinion condemns

the proposed destruction of the Trust. The Vancouver Sun declares "Abolishing the Islands Trust would be like removing the Beefeater guard from the Crown jewels in the Tower of London. It would be an invitation to plunder a one-of-a-kind treasure house." The Times Colonist adds its vigorous opposition to the government position on the Trust. "To abandon the islands now to the varying and uncertain mercies of seven different regional districts is reckless and foolish."

In a last-ditch attempt to delay the bill, the Opposition demands a referendum on the islands to see if the residents favour retention of the Islands Trust. It never took place. Faced with the criticism in the legislature and actively opposed by the Islands Trust, regional districts, the Union of B.C. Municipalities, the press and the public, Bill 72 is allowed to "die on the order paper"; in other words, the proposed legislation does not proceed any further and the Islands Trust continues in business.

The curtain falls to loud applause.

To be continued in the Sept. 2 Driftwood.

The writer has been an islander for 20 years and a former local trustee.

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NOISE & CRD

Fighting for silence

CRD can't help but business promises resolution

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Capital Regional District is at a loss to help a Ganges-area resident who says noise from Country Grocer's compressors has made his life unbearable for the past three years.

"It's kind of like living next to the airport and complaining that there's noise from airplanes," said Wilf Marquis, the CRD's acting chief bylaw enforcement officer.

According to CRD Bylaw No. 3384, "no person shall make [...] any noise [...] that disturbs or tends to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the neighbourhood or of persons at or near the source of such noise or sound."

Because the district does not use decibel meters to act upon complaints, bylaw enforcement officers must establish a neighbourhood-wide consensus when considering a problem's severity.

Salt Spring's CRD bylaw enforcement officer Wolfgang Brunnwieser said he visited the Swanson Road home of complainant John Callas and spoke with neighbours about their concerns.

While the steady drone of cooling fans from the store could be heard from Callas' home, Brunnwieser said neighbours living closer to the Coun-

try Grocer store on Valhalla Road did not report any problem.

Brunnwieser said cooling equipment at Country Grocer was in good working order when examined.

"When it comes to noise, it's always a touchy issue," Brunnwieser said. "As long as others don't complain to me directly, there is little I can do about it. There has to be a direct complaint."

In the meantime, Callas is losing sleep over the local government's inability to restore peace and quiet to his backyard.

"The problem is that it goes on all the time, long after the store has shut down," Callas said in an interview from his home on Friday morning. "It bothers me and they should be forced to fix it."

Country Grocer manager Paul Large said noise in past weeks may be a result of renovations to the store. The travelling sound of the store's cooling system, he added, may have been compounded by the property owner's removal of trees from behind the store last year, and recent above-average temperatures.

Whatever the cause, Large said, he is committed to finding a permanent solution to Callas' ongoing fight for peace.

"We understand that it's obviously upsetting and we want to make sure we can come to an arrangement," Large said on Tuesday. "We want to deal with this once and for all."

He said a solution may be found as renovations wrap up by the latter part of 2009.

WILDLIFE

Returning barn swallows offer treat in nesting season

SSI Conservancy monitoring blue-listed species

BY LAURA MATTHIAS
 SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The perennially cheerful barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) can be found on Salt Spring Island during the summer months, arriving back from their migration in May and staying to lay their eggs and raise their young until around September.

Then they are off to their wintering grounds in the southern United States, Mexico, and into Central and South America. They have long, forked tails and are dark blue above and orange-rusty coloured on their undersides.

Barn swallows are often found around agricultural areas as they tend to build their nests on buildings or houses, choosing a sheltered location under an overhang in a barn or other easily accessible building. They build intricate nests packed together with mud and grass that miraculously cling to the side of a building or barn roof.

I was lucky enough to have a family of barn swallows over my front door last summer under the veranda, and I was able to watch them during the breeding season.

They ultimately raised five healthy young after having a first nest failure in the earlier spring due to cold, wet weather. There were a couple of weeks where my front doormat was a bit filthy from droppings, but a daily change of newspaper took care of that problem.

After all, these birds had likely travelled over a thousand kilometres to nest at my front door and I was happy to have them there!

This year, I waited for the swallows to return in May, but a couple

of weeks before they arrived, a pair of house finches took up residence above my door and, to my amazement, decided to use the barn swallows' nest.

They were already incubating eggs when the barn swallows finally arrived and there was a bit of a kerfuffle in my yard between the pairs for a couple of days. Eventually, the swallows decided to leave the finches to their appropriated nest and began constructing their own nest at the opposite end of the veranda. The finches successfully fledged three young and the swallows reared five healthy young in their new nest.

The barn swallow was recently blue-listed (threatened) provincially due to declining population numbers across its range. Following the trend of a number of insectivorous species of birds (those feeding on insects), the once abundant swallows face several threats.

As global climate patterns continue to change, there have been colder, wetter springs along the coast. This means fewer insects to be had, and consequently, more time that adult swallows must spend off their nest searching for insects.

In colder weather, this can cause nest failure if the eggs are left unattended during incubation time. Habitat loss is also a concern across their range as these birds need suitable habitat in both their winter and summer ranges.

If you are lucky enough to have a pair of barn swallows nesting under your door or in your yard, please contact the Salt Spring Island Conservancy at 250-538-0318 or info@saltspringconservancy.ca as they are interested in learning about swallow nesting locations.

And have patience with the bird droppings, for the swallows will be off on their winter migration before we know it!

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IN THE HEAT OF THE WAVE: Aren Ludlow and Teal Morris practice their Ninja moves in the waters of St. Mary Lake — and keep cool at the same time.

SWIMMING

Stingrays steal the show on CR's Centennial pool stage

Swimmers also nab podium finishes and best times

BY CHRIS BRODIE
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Every year the Stingrays send a large contingent to the Campbell River Centennial outdoor pool.

This year 38 swimmers attended the two-day event.

The swim meet, an important tune up for the Vancouver Island Regional Championships (set for Aug. 8-9 in Nanaimo), also features its annual airband competition where swimmers compete for lip-synch supremacy. In the past, such classics as: Bohemian Rhapsody, Mary Poppins and Time Warp have appeared on stage.

This year didn't disappoint. The juniors, consisting of Ariana and Cassidy Fraser, Becki Steel, Alyssa Andress and Maggie Birch, captured first place with their stunning rendition of The Jungle Book's I Wanna Be Like You.

In the senior category, the entire Stingrays contingent combined to take the trophy with a superb recreation of David Bowie's song Magic Dance from the movie Labyrinth.

In the pool, Braiden Crouse and Rylan Burnett fought through sickness to swim four and six events respectively. They still were able to combine for five best times. Liam Sinclair continued his winning ways, going unbeaten in all six events. Sisters Melia and Nataya Smith-Valdivielso each swam all six events and had no difficulty going best times in the typically slow outdoor pool.

Becki Steel and Maggie Birch found the podium, placing second and third in their 100m breaststroke races. Jimmy Steel went five for six best times.

Kaleb Morgan, Andrea Sanchez-Aguila and Maddie Wesley-Plambeck swam their first 100m IMs; Sacha Rouselle and Alyssa Andress swam their first 100m freestyle races.

While Ethan Wesley-Plambeck swam all six events in his first ever swim meet, his sister Lexi swam her first 50m freestyle in a relay and Cyrus Andress swam 50m races in all four strokes for the

first time. Seth Crouse also had no trouble swimming his events alone for the first time.

Andrew Sinclair, Chelsea Harris, Austin and Nigel Bisnar, Zoe Hazenfratz, Soarsa Brewer and Jason Funk showed great determination achieving best times in over half of their events.

Arthur Irwin-Campbell had a great first day of the meet, breaking 30 seconds in his 50m freestyle despite recent knee surgery. Ariana Fraser and Lyyli Kennedy were top three in all six events with Lyyli winning the 50m breaststroke.

Cassidy Fraser also found the podium in her 200m IM (second) and 50m butterfly (third). Luke Aaryn Funk went six for six best times and Luke Hylands matched his previous best in 50m freestyle.

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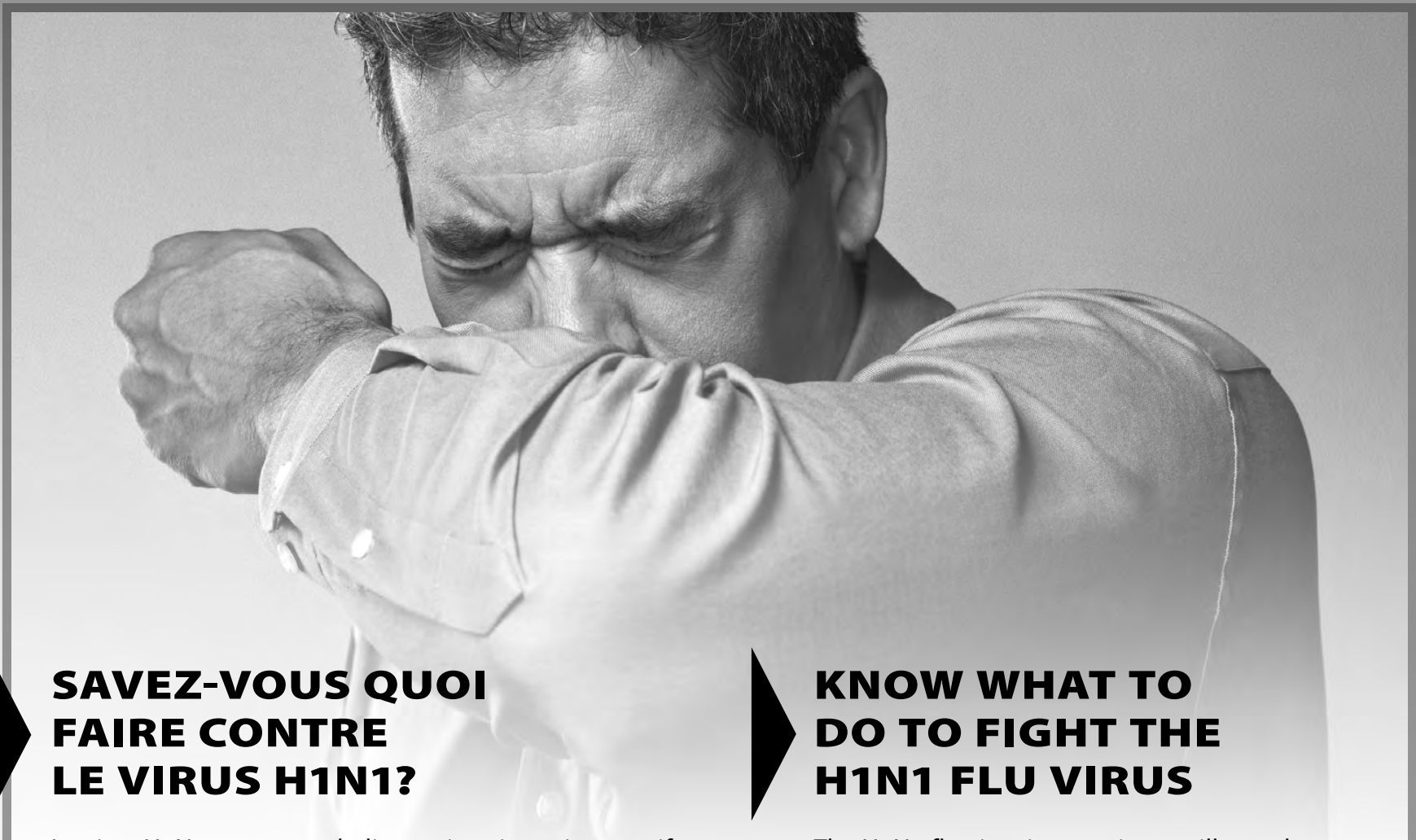
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FITNESS CHALLENGE

Staying motivated when you'd rather be floating around a lake

Working out in the heat and surviving the slip-ups

BY NATALIE NORTH
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Most of us have heard about hot yoga by now, but how about hot squats? Hot lunges? Hot mountain climbers? And I don't mean the kind that involve shirtless men rappelling. As the mercury rises, energy levels generally plunge and finding the motivation to purposely raise body temperatures even more can be about as hard as two sets of prison cell push-ups.

After forcing myself into my first 30-plus degree workout this week, I realized the heat is actually quite enjoyable and makes me feel like I'm getting both a sauna steam and a full-blown workout at the same time. Always multi-tasking over here. Sticking it out on the hottest day of the year eventually showed me that the prison torture move isn't so bad after all. Well, it's pretty bad, but maybe not torture, more like a light hazing.

Motivation also disappears when interest in the fitness program wanes. I've been going to the gym for years with less than satisfactory results. (Right now I'm picturing wedging myself into my favourite jeans and hoping the

seams won't burst.) My new theory on why gym time over the years had grown less and less effective is that I was stuck in a rut. I grow comfortable with a routine and I'm reluctant to change it. And in turn, the routine gets a little boring and the jeans situation stays unchanged.

The crazy stuff trainer Leslie Weins has me doing makes the workouts fly by. Marathon stretches of cardio have been replaced with one-minute intervals between sets of exercises that remind me of frolicking around a school playground. Within a few days after each move is introduced, I go from dreading these awkward jumping and balancing acts to showing them off in the backyard when I get home. (The best thing about practising at home is that you're not surrounded by mirrored walls and don't have to worry about how supportive your undergarments are in front of the dog.)

During our last workout, we went over a program that Leslie designed for me to tackle on the beach when I go camping on Hornby Island later this month. It really is amazing what you can do without any equipment at all. Using my own body as resistance is good incentive to tone up and drop a few pounds of chub. I'm noticing that clothes are fitting a little better, but sadly, as I squat and push-up my way

through workouts, I've decided that this lead body of mine is actually getting heavier. I need to practice my "Beach of Pain" workout some more before I wind up passed out from exhaustion face down in the beautiful white sands of Tribune Bay with some seasonal partiers passed out around me.

Without further ado, here are a few tidbits of knowledge that I've learned over the last month that might help anyone faithfully struggling through hot weather workouts:

1) Mix up your routine. Try doing a move that you've found intimidating. Or better yet, do something that makes you want to cry. The next exercise you do will feel amazing. Leslie tells me that by keeping my body on my toes, I'll burn more calories, but it's also a fabulous way of staying interested instead of staring at the minutes counting down on the cardio machines.

2) When you want a reward, don't over-indulge. One of my best friends came to visit me on the weekend and sadly, a couple of celebratory drinks in the sun packed more of a punch than I could have ever imagined one month into my healthy new system. Outside of any silly conversations and embarrassing moments, sipping on poison over ice has a terribly de-motivating effect on the whole healthy liv-

ing plan during the days that follow. This might be some residual sunstroke sads talking here.

3) Forcing yourself to workout when you feel mildly ill will probably make you feel better. Are you sure that's a headache you have or is it a case of the lazies?! I'll admit that I've missed a couple of workouts and I've had decent excuses, but they weren't 100 per cent legitimate and when I have gotten off of my tuckus on an off day, I've completely turned my day around.

4) Plan ahead in every way. Plan what you eat, when you work out, what time you have to go to bed by so you can have enough energy for your workout and even when you'll wind up in a danger zone — like eating out every once in a while or going out to a pub with friends. For people like me who know they'll screw up sometimes, pay extra attention to what calories you consume the next day and undo some of the damage in a solid workout. You owe it to yourself.

5) Have fun. Yeah, this sounds a little trite and no, I don't care — because it's true. Whether I'm dancing on the elliptical to Lily Allen, performing that one-foot hopping move I love so much or doing mountain climbers in my backyard, I'm having a great time. What's the point of doing anything that you don't enjoy?

TRIATHLON

Local triathletes self-transcend at Elk Lake

30th Annual Sri Chinmoy an event to remember

Salt Spring triathletes represented the island well at the 30th annual Sri Chinmoy Self Transcendence Triathlon/Duathlon at Elk Lake on Sunday.

In the relay event, two competing local teams, Salt Spring Island Gals — Diane Penny (swim), Paula Ryan (bike) and Dominica Sweet (run) — and the SSI Tri'ers — Jack Rosen (swim), Patti Gower (bike) and

Bruce Grey (run) were neck and neck with the Gals finishing in 27th spot overall in a time of 3:06:09 and the Tri'ers in 31st place at 3:09:59.

Solo athletes also attacked the Olympic-distance at the Aug. 2 event. Jason Jewkes placed 61st overall at 2:30:41; Johan Bosman, 109th at 2:43:33; David Collombin, 121nd at 2:45:26; Richard Hayden, 137th at 2:49:01; Dion Hackett, 148th at 2:51:24; Lisa Adams, 156th at 2:53:19; Neil Anderson, 200rd at 3:03:37; Karen Curtin, 203nd at 3:04:25; Amy Geddes, 253nd at 3:26:50; and Pender Island's Paul Chris-

topher, 205th at 3:05:02.

Geddes would like to point out that herself, as well as Adams and Anderson, missed the start of the swim and suffered with longer times as a result.

"We were waiting to be called down to the beach over the loud speaker. We didn't hear anything, so we walked down onto the beach just in time to see hundreds of people swimming away from the shore," Geddes said. "A bystander said, 'It's already started — go!' so we had to run and dive into the water and catch up with everyone . . . We were really

embarrassed, but we all agreed it gave us that extra push to swim faster."

The annual Saanich event includes a 1.5-km swim in Elk Lake, a 40-km bike ride along West Saanich Road and 10-km run along the lakeside trail.

Salt Spring team spirit overflowed at the event. Many athletes shared two hotel rooms the night before the race and biked together to the starting line.

For all who participated, the slogan of the event — "Exhale the dust of the past. Inhale the fragrance of the future" — rang true in some way.

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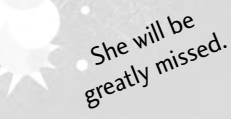
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She leaves many relatives in both Scotland and Ireland and her many friends from Coquitlam, Penticton and more recently Salt Spring Island.

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Margaret was born in Winnipeg, the 5th of 8 children to English and Ukrainian immigrant parents. She began her teaching career directly after high school, and continued it for 40 years, influencing countless lives during that time. Margaret moved to Ontario in her 20's, first to Kenora, eventually to Toronto. In 1986 she retired to her beloved Salt Spring Island.

Margaret was married twice and had three children - daughters Monina, Claire and Lenore. In her later years, she took great pride and found great joy in her grandchildren Andraya, Sterling, Kirsten and Jordan.

Margaret was a world traveller, a reader, a sportswoman, a game player, a berry picker, a cook, a handywoman, a church goer, a socialist, a friend, a daughter, a mother, a sister, a grandmother. She was greatly loved. She is greatly missed.



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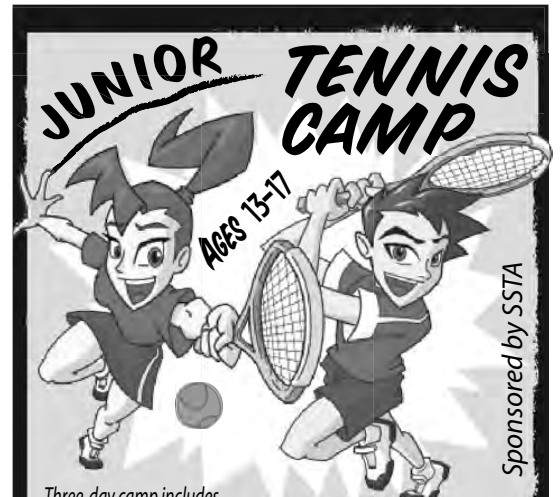
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Re: The Estate of **KAJ BONDRUP-NIELSEN**, Deceased, formerly of 160 Quebec Lane, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2L4
Creditors and others having claims against the estate of **Kaj Bondrup-Nielsen**, are hereby notified under section 38 of the *Trustee Act* that particulars of their claims should be sent to the Executor at Box 414, Ganges P.O., Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2W1, on or before August 19, 2009, after which date the Executor will distribute the estate among the parties entitled to it, having regard to the claims of which the Executor then has notice.
James Pasuta, Solicitor for the Estate of **KAJ BONDRUP-NIELSEN**.

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This Week's Horoscope

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Tip of the Week:

It has long been said that 'the superior person governs their stars'. Given that we are co-creators with life - a Leo theme - this is quite true. However, most people have no idea what their stars are. This is not so much for lack of intelligence as it is for lack of knowledge and awareness. At birth, the stars and planets were at certain places in the sky according to the date place and time of birth. The exact location and time is significant as the planets and stars at least appear to be in different places depending on these factors. With the knowledge of our stars, we could learn to work with the implications of the messages they reveal in our life. The planetary and star alignments reveal a great deal about who we are and how and why. They even offer remarkable insights about timing and when cycles will begin, culminate and end. These factors do not exclude genetics and environmental conditioning - our sociology and psychology - yet they certainly introduce deep and precise insights about our character, tendencies and orientations. Assuming that not believing in them means they have no power is like saying, 'since I do not believe in my genetics or sociology they have no effect on me.' Astrology offers powerful insights that when better understood can be used to co-create our life and contribute to the world in more harmonious, meaningful and purposeful ways.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Your creative leadership has taken center stage these days. Desires to experience a more solid sense of security are featured. You may also yearn for deeper closeness and intimacy with loved ones. Your energy levels should be running quite high these days and you may feel quite assertive. With your powers of critical analysis on the rise, you will aim to improve yourself, others and change limiting pattern and habits.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

Connecting with your roots to source your creative potential is the call now. Your focus is steady and sharp to achieve your goals. Expressing your feelings will emerge more spontaneously. A diverse and dynamic expression of your plans and visions to create more beauty is likely. Be willing to take calculated risks in your public and professional life. Aim to carve your own unique niche.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

The drama of life may be that much more apparent these days. This could be related to play, fun and games. Yet, issues surrounding security lend a more serious tone. To this end you feel determined to push into new territory. Exploring your options implies communication exchanges, adventure and travel and/or advertising and publishing. Either way, pay attention to the details but beware that this does not lead to taking things too personally.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

What do you have and do you want and need it all? Clearing the clutter to focus upon more important things like investments that actually bring returns may be on your mind. Assessing the value of things and perhaps your own worth and earning potential are also likely themes. Your ability to both see the big picture and to pay attention to the details is extra strong now so make the best of this visionary advantage.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

Exploring new territory and/or modes of expression are themes in the spotlight now. This includes breaking through old patterns and expressing new ones. Your focus is practical and realistic overall. This includes the ideal of outlining a list of possible ways to achieve your

goals. This may include new avenues to achieve greater health. Begin by loving yourself unconditionally. Clear the way for a new day.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

Taking the time and space to retreat and/or to do work behind the scenes will bring fulfillment now. Your focus is sharp and your powers of critical analysis are running strong. Learning and/or instructing 'how to...' do this and that; will help you to feel productive and positive. Gain security by way of nurturing your close relationships and friendships and allow yourself to receive as well.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Expressing your sense of individuality is important now. This includes sharing with others how you feel. Exploring a fuller range of your feelings is part of the plot. You may feel quite assertive, yet possibly vague or confused about your best direction. Take the time to meditate upon what you feel you need to do and have and outline lists and plans. Be open to acquiring new tools and methods to assist the process.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Your leadership potential is peaking now. This is a good time to act realistically to realize your dreams. Do keep an open mind yet aim for the higher road now as people and circumstances may attempt you to take the lower one. This is where your vision and leadership must be activated. Reach out to enjoy cultural activities, yet be selective. Affirm your wisdom to know when to yield and when to lead.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

The sun is shining in your skies, yet a few dark emotional clouds may be lingering. Other players on your stage may be pushing you to make changes. These may activate rebellious feelings. Working with rather than resisting and opposing current realities implies making use of the energy towards practical ends. Whether it is inspiration or frustration, it is all energy; intend to make good use of it.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Who has what you want and need? Knowing what resources are available will prove inspiring and taking the time to receive these is also important. Significant others are sharing their feelings openly, for better or worse. Seeing a bigger picture will help you to make use of the energy exchange. Be careful not to waste it on judgemental reactions. Intend to make the efforts necessary to succeed.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

Creating better relationship connections is in focus. These may be on professional as well as personal fronts. This includes thinking deeply and doing any necessary research and study and entertaining new methods and strategies. Also, your willingness to give fully to situations is extra important now. Push through and beyond to achieve increased harmony and material rewards.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Creating a more wholesome lifestyle rhythm continues. This probably includes nutrition. In deeper respects, making some core changes implies attitudes, values, priorities and beliefs. You may notice that others are bringing the need to make these changes by way of casual comments, constructive criticisms. It is up to you whether to accept them as the helpful hints that can prove to be or to react defensively. Since we are creatures of habit, intend to cultivate healthy ones.

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Local Harvest

Chefs grow and buy produce close to home

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It isn't even 9 a.m. and chef Bruce Wood is already hard at work adding the final flourishes to the day's menu at Bruce's Kitchen across from Centennial Park.

There are warm scones coming out of the oven, freshly picked produce at the door and staff are busy assembling one of the day's featured salads.

A chalkboard menu that hangs above the counter remains open to whatever Wood can produce before lunch, a process that depends largely on what's in season and what local farmers bring in on Monday mornings and throughout the week.

Last week, cherry tomatoes, red peppers, Okanagan apricots, blueberries and roasted zucchini took centre stage.

Over the coming weeks, Wood and his crew look forward to working with fresh blackberries and root vegetables, among other late summer and early fall delicacies.

LOCAL FOOD continued on B2



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SEAN MCINTYRE

Shinobu Verhagen of Raven Street Market Cafe in the greenhouse located only 20 metres away from the Fernwood restaurant.

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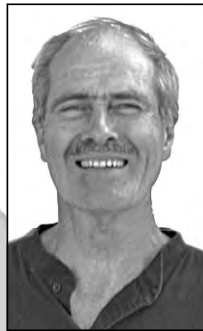
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LOCAL FOOD

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The inconsistency of what's available at this and the many other local-food restaurants that have popped up on the island and across the province like mushrooms in recent years, Wood said, exactly what appeals to customers.

The menu may change, but freshness is guaranteed.

In a more philosophical sense, regional cuisine emphasizes the community and environment in which it is grown and served.

That's a sentiment Wood's customers have had no trouble getting used to.

"It's fashionable to eat locally, because people recognize the value of supporting local farmers and their communities," Wood said. "People are changing, we certainly aren't changing them."

For an island that once produced more than 90 per cent of its own food and even shipped excess produce and livestock to markets on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, Wood sees a huge potential.

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RICHARD VERHAGEN
Raven Street Market Cafe

What must be overcome, he said, is the tendency, made fashionable during the 1950s and '60s, to eat whatever one wants whenever one can.

"We've got to relearn that eating seasonally is not a bad thing," he said.

The rise of a corporate-minded global food industrial complex may have given people the chance to explore new flavours from around the world conveniently and at bargain prices, but it has also commodified the eating experience.

Local food specialties are still commonplace throughout much of Europe and Asia where the notion of "terroir" has passed through the generations.

Here in North America, a new breed of farmers and restaurateurs strive to pick up the slack.

What makes the situation on Salt Spring so unique, Wood said, is a chef's ability to truly create a new regional cuisine, unrestrained by tradition and limited only by imagination and whatever local farmers can supply.

Depending on who you speak with, just about anything can be grown on the island. The rising



FILE PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Bruce Wood of Bruce's Kitchen picks up produce at the Saturday market.

demand from local chefs and consumers means budding farmers stand a good chance of making a go of it.

In addition to the physical and psychological benefits of eating locally, serving local food has proven to make economic sense.

Since starting up a garden and greenhouse operation on a half-acre property next to the Raven Street Market Cafe on Fernwood Road, Richard and Shinobu Verhagen have slashed the number of weekly truck shipments they receive from at least four down to two.

"The idea of growing food in our garden and greenhouse was very attractive. We've wanted to use our own food for years," Richard said. "The cost savings and green side of things are significant. Demand is much higher now."

In an age when a fluctuating price of fuel creates anxiety over the production, harvesting and transportation of food, having a steady supply and the knowledge needed to bring good food to the table is as comforting as a freshly prepared bowl of beet soup served alongside some Salt Spring Island goat cheese.

Thanks to their garden, nearly 100 per cent of the herbs served at the Raven Street Market Cafe — including basil, rosemary, lavender and cilantro — come from less than 20 metres away.

The same goes for the carrots, potatoes, garlic, eggplant, tomatoes, strawberries, fresh greens, grapes and everything else the couple will harvest until as late in the season as November.

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It's a worthy goal, but since getting comfortable during a summer heat wave isn't as easy as keeping warm by throwing on a few more layers in the winter, Heer said, beating the heat requires a little foresight.

For starters, she suggests people avoid using heat-generating appliances like ovens and driers.

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People are also advised to turn off any unnecessary lights and replace old bulbs with more energy-efficient compact fluorescent bulbs or LED lights.

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BC Hydro PowerSmart program spokesperson

ing about and that it's something you need to do."

Province-wide energy demand for July 2009 topped out at 6,000 megawatts, down from the usual 10,000 megawatt peak experienced during the cold dark winter months.

"We are a winter-peaking utility and are nowhere near those levels," Heer said.

BC Hydro lists conservation as a key component in its effort to increase the electricity levels the company can offer customers. Lower power consumption means the Crown corporation can avoid spending money to construct new power generation facilities.

"We're trying to build a conversation about conservation during

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When the first onslaught of summer heat reached the island in June, Salt Spring's Myna Lee Johnstone took action.

As an energy-conscious islander who tries to limit her footprint on the planet, Johnstone didn't rush out to buy an air conditioner or even a new fan. Instead, she began freezing bottles of water and water-filled Ziploc bags.

By placing the frozen plastic containers in front of the old fan on her kitchen table, Johnstone created her very own low-energy air-conditioning system.

"It keeps me cool, especially when the sun starts to pour in [to my home]," she said during an interview from her home as temperatures soared well beyond 30 C last week. "All I need is ice, a fan and those plastic [water] bottles that you can find everywhere."

Johnstone's strategy is just the thing folks at BC Hydro's PowerSmart program want to hear.

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BODY CARE

Organic lip balm an island first

Salt Spring company applies principles 100 per cent

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Being green must come natural to a company like Saltspring Soapworks, started 30 years ago in Linda and Bill Quiring's kitchen.

Company president Gary Quiring can remember coming home from school and finding dinner late, and a pot of soap — not soup — the only thing being stirred. As Linda remembers, the ingredients in that pot may not have been strictly edible, but were certainly all things that people could pronounce.

The business has grown along with Salt Spring's community, moving from a tiny hand-mixed concern to a significant operation with multiple storefronts and international web-based sales. Industrial production has sometimes resulted in a struggle to keep supplied with natural ingredients. But to this day, the soaps contain food-grade vegetable oils and are made from scratch.

Recently the company has gone one step further in plans to "go organic," which it has achieved with its Organic Wildflower Lip Balm, a creation the owners believe could be Salt Spring's first 100 per cent organic body care product.

"Like other body care companies, Saltspring Soapworks

has been working for years to go organic. The problem is, no one seems to know exactly what that means," Linda Quiring said.

"In the U.S. you may obtain a certificate for 'organic,' but in Canada, it means nothing. A so-called organic product can be two per cent organic, with signage, ads and labelling shouting it out."

"In the U.S. you may obtain a certificate for 'organic,' but in Canada, it means nothing."

LINDA QUIRING
 Saltspring Soapworks

"Sounds like 'greenwashing,' doesn't it?" she asked.

In her research of other body care companies, Quiring found that only a tiny fraction of the ingredients in so-called organic products may fit the bill. And when her company sought to improve on those statistics, they found that part of the problem is that organic alternatives just aren't available with items like essential oils, or may be so only for part of the year.

Amid growing concern over so-called greenwashing in the trade, where companies attempt to boost sales by riding the wave

of eco-awareness, Quiring said her company refused to market its products as organic unless they really were.

"Because we're small and we're local and our community has supported our family for over 30 years, there's no way we were going to do that," Quiring said.

To develop the organic lip balm, Quiring worked with a chemist to formulate a product with 100 per cent organic ingredients: coconut oil, beeswax, olive oil, Shea butter, mango butter, hemp-seed oil, Vitamin E, honey, peppermint oil and a touch of vanilla extract. By excluding any water from the formula, the need for chemical preservatives was also eliminated: microbes don't survive without H₂O.

"Customers' first reaction is: 'What! There are preservatives in my lip balm? And I lick my lips all day!'" Quiring reported.

Using beeswax and honey instead of petroleum-based oils and wax allows the product to be local as well as organic. To date, beeswax supplies have been obtained from Vancouver Island, but Quiring is a beekeeper and hopes to one day supply the beeswax and honey from her own backyard, an organic orchard and gardens.

In a tube double the size of most lip balms on the market and priced at just \$6.95, it's no wonder that Soapworks' version is flying off the shelf. But for Quiring, knowing her product is as good as her word is the real reward.

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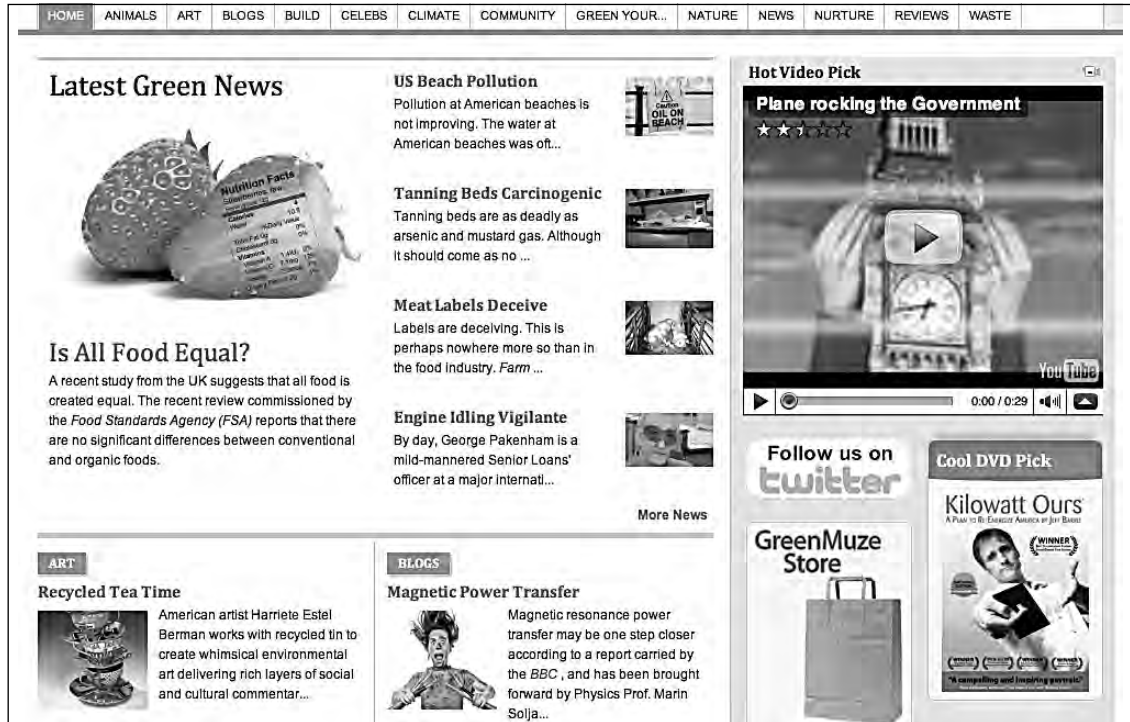
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GreenMuze news site excites global environmental audience



GreenMuze screen shot shows news topics and lively design.

Trevor and Valerie Williams put skills to work for the world

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring-based project aimed at effecting change is proving a hit with green-conscious — or perhaps green-curious — people worldwide.

GreenMuze.com is a website focussing on “cool environmental news” that urges visitors to “get your green on.” Launched just under a year ago, its positive message is now boasting 250 million hits each month.

One of the site’s goals is “to create green space that invites discussion, debate, arguing and a dash of irreverence. Most of all, we really wanted to find a way to gently cajole, encourage and utilize more people to get involved with the rapidly growing environmental revolution,” site material states.

Trevor and Valerie Williams, the partners behind the project, know something about encouraging regular people to get involved. As residents of Victoria’s Oak Bay district, they started and ran the Oak Bay Green Committee. The group invited community members to help change local policies in order to work on fighting climate change and other environmental issues. Some of their successful initiatives included a tree protection bylaw, a soft plastic recycling program where none had previously existed and promotion of the CRD’s anti-idling bylaw.

“We actually got a lot accomplished,” Trevor said by phone. “We discovered a lot of people were like-minded and needed an avenue to let out their thoughts.”

When the pair left Victoria for Salt Spring’s more rural charms, Trevor said, “We no longer had the same avenue for expression, so we decided to set up the website so we could continue to connect with like-minded people.”

Attending a lecture by Jane Goodall provided further inspiration. Goodall engendered a minor epiphany in the couple when she urged the audience to do anything they could to help the earth.

“It seemed like a good idea to put our skills together for the environment,” Trevor said.

Though neither had experience creating or managing web content, Valerie is an internationally published journalist, editor and photographer who has worked in Italy, France and Canada. She also worked on Benetton’s Color book project. Trevor had a 25-year career in the space industry as an aeronautical engineer. He decided to leave that field and is now pursuing a Ph.D. at UVic studying renewable energy.

Putting their skills toward GreenMuze is a full-time endeavour for both Trevor and Valerie. The remarkably comprehensive site hosts a wealth of information; the partners gather and rewrite relevant news stories and features with an environmental bent from around the world. With pages within the site for 13 topics, including climate, news, art, animals and celebrities, there are green stories for people of almost any interests.

Four to eight new articles are posted daily, with the leading news and feature stories changed

up each day. On one day, for example, the Waste page contains a clip of a sarcastic California TV ad called Let’s Trash the Beach; a story on the Frito-Lay company’s project to “upcycle” used chip bags into products like tote bags and pencil cases; and an article on a trash-tracking project from consumer to landfill and beyond.

The Celebs page, meanwhile, features eco-friendly robot fashion models on one hand, and green building projects by Brad Pitt and Matt Damon on the other.

“We want to be interesting to people — [for them] to say, ‘Oh, I didn’t know that before,’ or, ‘I knew a little bit about this but I didn’t realize that.’”

TREVOR WILLIAMS
GreenMuze.com

With a sophisticated yet friendly layout and easily navigated pages, GreenMuze is clearly finding its audience. Trevor said the site had between 200,000 and 250,000 hits during its first month live, in September 2008. Since then the traffic has increased by approximately 10 per cent each month, reaching 250 million hits last month.

Trevor said GreenMuze is a place people often go to find information on a particular topic and then see a few more interesting things to read while there. Along with news stories, there are interviews with green artists and designers, reviews of movies and books, and articles by contributing writers and environmental activists. Topics may include anything from animal welfare to sustainable design; from the danger of compact fluorescent light bulbs to a blog on organic farming.

As for the website’s growing popularity, Trevor said he guesses people are happy that GreenMuze is Canadian rather than American, and independently owned and operated, unlike several of the larger environmental news and lifestyle sites. He estimates about half the audience comes from North America, with the rest coming from other places where English is spoken — from Europe to Africa and India.

“We try to show what’s going on around the planet: innovations and environmental projects. It’s good to talk about people from around the world,” Trevor said.

“We want to be interesting to people — [for them] to say, ‘Oh, I didn’t know that before,’ or, ‘I knew a little bit about this but I didn’t realize that.’”

“It’s also a place for people who are in the environmental fields or in sustainable arts to say, ‘Oh, I’d like my work shown here.’”

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WASTE HANDLING



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A scene from the 2008 HHW collection event at the Salt Spring Recycle Depot.

The 5 Ws of hazardous household waste

Stay tuned for collection events or get educated on immediate options

- Unlabeled paint containers
- Improperly sealed paint containers
- Paint containers with poor integrity (e.g. badly rusted cans)
- Tar-based, bitumen-based and asphalt based products

When the Capital Regional District held a Hazardous Household Waste mobile collection event on Salt Spring last fall, it left with quite a haul.

According to Wendy Dunn, the CRD's zero waste coordinator, among the items collected were 223 vehicles, 56 propane tanks/fire extinguishers, one bottle of freon, 18 tubskids of paints and pesticides, and three drums of calcium chloride.

The CRD holds collection events on each of the five Gulf Islands every two years. Next up is one on Saturna Island on Saturday, Sept. 26 at the Saturna Island Recreation Centre from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Events will also be held on Salt Spring and Pender islands at some point in 2010.

Until then, Gulf Islands residents can bring their household hazardous waste to the hazardous waste attendants in the recycling area at Hartland Landfill for free disposal. All materials should be transported in labelled, sealed containers, and require safe, responsible handling.

See <http://www.crd.bc.ca/waste/hhw/products.htm> before heading off to Hartland, or call the CRD Hotline at 250-360-3030 for more information.

In between the collection events, the recycling depots on Salt Spring and Pender islands accept some household hazardous waste. Both Salt Spring and Pender depots accept paint products year-round, as follows.

Paint Products Accepted

- Interior & exterior latex, alkyd, enamel & oil-based consumer paints
- Porch, floor & deck paints
- Interior & exterior varnishes and urethanes
- Primers, undercoats & sealers
- Marine enamels
- Wood finishing oils, stains & shellac
- Latex driveway sealers
- Rust paint, decorative metal paints
- Fence, barn & swimming pool paints
- Empty paint containers
- Paint aerosols of all types, including automotive, craft and industrial products

Paint Products Not Accepted

- Paints containing pesticides or wood preservatives that are registered as a pesticide under the Pest Control Act, with P.C.P. Reg.# on the label (e.g. marine anti-fouling paint should be treated as a pesticide)
- Craft paint (non-aerosol)
- Automotive paint (non-aerosol)
- Industrial or two-part paint
- Roof patch
- Brushes, rags and rollers
- Paint in glass containers

Container Limits

To ensure that depots are not overwhelmed, we ask that you observe the following voluntary limits of 10 containers (or 50 spray paint containers) per visit. Product Care currently accepts consumer paint in the following container sizes:

- Paint up to 5 gallons (23 L)
- Aerosol paint spray cans

Pender's depot also offers a free paint pick-up service. Salt Spring's depot also accepts the following flammables, pesticides and gasoline — consumer products only. No industrial or specialty products are accepted. See details below.

Flammable Liquids

Must have a flame symbol or phrase similar to "keep away from open spark or flame" on the label.

Examples:

- Liquids only; paint thinners; other solvents; camp fuels; liquid adhesives with flammable symbol; other flammables or solvents that have the flame symbol or wording similar to "keep away from open spark or flame."

Maximum container size is nine litres for kerosene and 10 litres for other liquids.

Pesticides (Domestic)

- Consumer pesticides that have both the poisonous (skull & cross bones) symbol and Pest Control Product (PCP) number

Gasoline

- Gasoline in approved ULC containers only
- Maximum container size accepted is 25 litres
- Containers cannot be returned

Products Not Accepted

- Products that cannot be identified (unknowns)
- Products that are leaking or improperly sealed
- Empty containers
- Commercial, industrial or agricultural products
- Cosmetics, health and beauty aids
- Insect repellents, disinfectants and pet products
- Diesel, propane, butane fuels
- Fertilizer
- Acids, cleaners, bleach and other corrosive materials

Safety Requirements

- Containers must be tightly sealed, clearly labeled with their contents and paint should not be returned in glass containers.
 - Do not mix alkyd (oil-based) with latex (water-based) paints.

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Coming soon: Zero S 2009

Fast, clean, light and electric

BY K.A. CURTIN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Imagine a motorcycle that smoothly accelerates to 100 km/hr, handles both urban and rural environments and is powered by electricity. The street bike is going green with the revolutionary Zero S.

From the outset, the Zero S, created by the American company Zero, looks like a cross between a dirt bike and a sport street bike, but the design is all new. The frame, made from tempered, aircraft-grade aluminum, is lightweight but strong. Contributing only 29 pounds to the overall weight of around 250 pounds for the entire bike, the frame is engineered to combine low weight with high strength.

Gearing is simple. There's one speed, no clutch and no noise. Good responsiveness and maneuverability is due to the high-performance wheel set and the low centre of gravity.

The lithium ion power pack recharges within four hours and runs for 60 miles. The rider is alerted at about the 20 mile mark to start thinking about recharging. Because of the bike's lightweight design and power pack, the motor delivers decent acceleration and horsepower without overheating. This company is the first to use completely non-toxic lithium technology in the recyclable pack.

How would the Zero fare on Salt Spring roads? Well, for one thing, no one will be edging you off the road with their vehicle. The Zero can handle potholes and loose gravel, and can out-maneuver any wily animal unwilling to share the road.

There will be three models available: dirt, street and dual sport. Duncan Motorsports, located on 1063 Canada Avenue, is the closest dealer for Zero bikes, but it would be best to phone ahead (1-866-746-BIKE) to check if this hot commodity is available to test drive. Stay tuned for an upcoming review in a future Driftwood Wheels feature.



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Saving energy with colour

Simon Fraser University researchers at work

Three Simon Fraser University computing scientists have developed colour-screen technology that promises to slash the power usage of battery-driven mobile devices by up to 40 per cent.

Johnson Chuang, Torsten Möller and Daniel Weiskopf are the first scientists worldwide to develop a set of energy-saving screen colours for devices (such as cell phones) that use organic light-emitting diode screens (OLEDs).

OLEDs are an emerging display technology poised to replace LCDs. Their multiple lights, spread out over the back of the screen, enable many possible applications that are unachievable with traditional LCDs' single back-light system.

For the first time, Chuang, Möller and Weiskopf are designing custom energy-aware colours to be used for rendering images on OLEDs. Each pixel that displays the image is made from a tiny spot of polymer that emits coloured light when supplied with power. Each light uses different amounts of energy, depending on the colour being displayed.

played. At the same brightness, yellow, for example, uses less energy than magenta.

Their OLED system could be not just an energy-saver but a life-saver if you're depending on a cell phone to get you back to civilization from the boonies, notes Chuang. "Say you're running low on battery and you want to use Google Maps to get home. Switching to an energy-aware colour set could make your battery last longer."

Chuang, the lead researcher on this project, is an SFU masters of science student, set to graduate in October. He says his group's use of energy-aware colours could spark the discovery of more creative and inventive ways to use them in mobile graphics applications. Chuang plans to pursue a career in colour science that spans research and industry.

The Taiwanese native credits his supervisors, Möller and Weiskopf, with guiding his research and graduate studies. Their work, entitled Energy Aware Colour Sets, was presented at Eurographics 2009 in Munich, Germany and was published in the conference's journal, Computer Graphics Forum.

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THE GREEN HOUSEHOLD



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LAHAY

Zoe Cullen-Lahay enjoys a litterless lunch thanks to some products from her parents' Gecko Green Living store in Ganges.

Free lunch? Maybe not. Waste-free lunch? Yes.

Small packaging changes can add up in the kitchen

BY MICHAEL LAHAY
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

They say there's no such thing as a free lunch. What about a waste-free lunch?

Many people have come to rely on all of the convenience products that are available, particularly when making lunch to take to work or school. Parents often pack lunch items in single-use plastic bags, aluminum foil or wax paper, or purchase single-serving items that come in their own disposable package. While these products are convenient, the environmental cost is significant.

The average student's lunch generates a total of 30 kilograms of waste per school year, or an average of 8,500 kg (18,700 lbs) of waste per school per year.

A waste-free lunch contains no disposable packaging or food leftovers. All food and drink is packed in reusable containers within a reusable lunch bag or box. Leftover food is resealed and can be consumed (or composted) later.

To counter the little bit of extra effort it takes to pack a waste-free lunch, you'll notice a nice little cost savings. A typical waste-free lunch will save you around \$1.50 a day. That works out to about \$270 savings in a school year.

By using reusable glass or stainless steel containers you can buy lunch items in bulk, rather than individually wrapped portions. Any packaging stays at home for reuse or recycling. You'll also save on all those plastic baggies, cellophane, etc.

Sandwiches can be packed in reusable cotton bags. These bags have an inner lining that is free of heavy metals (including lead), phthalates, PBBs and PBDEs and can simply be wiped



Stainless steel Zebra food carriers replace plastic or throw-away lunch-packing containers.

clean. Alternately, you can saddle up your sewing machine and make your own reusable bags out of scrap fabric, line them with unbleached cotton and wash them as needed.

Cloth napkins and stainless steel or bamboo cutlery are reusable and more sustainable than disposable paper or plastic.

Choose stainless steel bottles over Tetra Paks, cans or plastic bottles. The amount of waste created from these items has been well documented. Sure they are recyclable, but the amount of energy, pollution, and money saved by investing in sturdy, reusable containers is far more eco-friendly and economical in the long run.

And, of course, use a reusable lunch bag, lunch box, or stainless steel tiffin to put your lunch in. Be aware that some of the insulated school lunch bags that are manufactured overseas can contain PVC, lead, and other nasty stuff, so be sure to check the label or ask the retailer.

Waste is more than packaging; it includes food waste as well. Encourage your kids to put the leftovers back in the containers so it can be composted at home — it'll also help let you

know if you should pack more or less food.

Erin Porter, Salt Spring Centre School's principal, says, "School lunches are a great opportunity for us as parents to make earth-friendly choices, as well as for our children to see how what they use each day can make a difference... and I love as a teacher to find teachable moments to talk to my students about the benefits of less garbage and energy use."

Many schools across the country have started waste-free lunch programs. It's a great way for children to learn where our trash ends up and how we can reduce the amount we generate. Other schools have a "boomerang" lunch program where all uneaten food and waste material is returned home and not added to the school's waste collection.

Jana Campbell, owner of the Canadian-based online litterless lunch store Fenigo, gets the last word: "Every small change that you make to your lifestyle and daily habits in the name of the environment leaves a lighter footprint on this earth. We don't have to become hard-core environmentalists to make a difference."

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Cultural knowledge highlighted in Pegasus master works show

Historical and contemporary pieces confirm brilliance of Northwest coast artists

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Pegasus Gallery goes back to its roots in its current exhibition with the showcase on Northwest Coast Native Master Works.

Always available in the rear area of the Mouat's Mall gallery, for a short time the stunning masks, carvings and basketry are front and centre. Traditional work is complemented by paintings of the coastal people and their culture by other Canadian artists.

There's no denying the stunning majesty of the coastal carvers. You won't see many stylistic differences between the historical and modern works, except the contemporary use of pigments more durable than those previously accessible. But with examples from the past two centuries shown alongside contemporary work, the continuum of cultural knowledge passed down from artist to artist is clearly visible.

Gallery owner Ian Sigvaldason cites the achievements of Northwest native artists as developing in step with their fishing culture. With one major harvest that provided enough food for the rest of the year, coastal peoples had enough resting time to build permanent structures and to work on large scale or complicated pieces. The Kwakiutl and Haida became master carvers, while the Nuuchah-Nulth (Nootka) and Salish were expert basket weavers. Different nations traded their crafts amongst each other.

In design, coastal arts found an extremely advanced level of abstraction, with the features of a bear, killer whale or beaver stretched and exaggerated beyond the limits



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Pat Fraser of Pegasus Gallery with steerhorn ladle and Gene Brabant's Kwakiutl sun mask. The master works show runs daily to Aug. 14.

of reality and crossing over into the mystic. A reverence for the natural world is therefore the defining character of the work.

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Another feature, Sigvaldason noted, is that European contact and exploitation reached these shores far later than most places in the world. Northwest art was allowed to develop unchanged for thousands of years. Its relative "freshness" has also created a healthy appetite among contemporary collectors.

For the current show Sigvaldason has not only dug into the vaults but also found pieces previously held by collectors around the continent. A shipment from Phoenix, for example, yielded the rare treasure of a steerhorn ladle, translucent in its scoop and carved with delicate animal figures up the handle. Kwakiutl artists some-

times had access to wild sheep horns and used them for smaller spoons. This unusual use of materials would have been the property

of a chief.

On the walls, carvings such as the Thunderbird and Sisiutl Archway replica by Jonathan Henderson reveal the ancient-modern connection. Henderson's wonderful carving replicates an actual full-scale archway, featuring the two-headed sea monster as the cross beam. Using green, brown and orange paint as well as the more familiar black and red, the piece unites joyous colour with expert hand strokes.

Gene Brabant's Kwakiutl sun mask is another example of the contemporary mastering of historical motifs. The sun's wide rays are mapped out in gorgeous patterns of yellow, black and red.

Connecting the rays is a webbing of black cord, adding the artist's individual touch to an otherwise traditional-feeling piece.

Less abstract than Brabant's version is a sun wall plaque by Simon Charlie showing the Salish people's more "folky" motifs. With some similarity to traditional Central American art, the sun's rays are carved with scenes from mythology. With its grinning mouth and curved nose, the face contains more "personality" than the majesty of Barant's piece.

More unusual and contemporary feeling is the Octopus and Kumugwe Sea Spirit, a wall piece by Richard Hunt. The mask portion in green has a sharp crown in red and black spikes, jutting out over stylized tentacles that arrange into body form. It's eye-catching and unsettling at once.

Also on exhibit are some wonderful portraits of native people, such as one of Chief Jimmy John by Mildred Valley Thornton. Robert McInnis' colour field totems are also interesting companion pieces.

The Northwest Master Works show continues through Aug. 14.

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MUSICAL THEATRE

Legendary French singer comes to life in one-woman stage show

Naomi Emmerson has played the part for five-plus years

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Edith Piaf, the diminutive French woman with the larger-than-life voice, is a singer whose life story and songs continue to have cultural resonance decades after her death.

Just ask Naomi Emmerson, the star of the theatrical biography, *Piaf: Love Conquers All*. For more than five years she's been bringing the chanteuse's life and music to audiences around the world and shows no sign of stopping.

Emmerson first performed the role at Toronto's Limelight Supper Club in 1993. In 2005, she and her husband Jake Langley formed their own production company to take Robert Peace's play to Toronto's Fringe Festival. Their success inspired further runs, including at the FringeNYC and Montreal's Centaur Theatre and in the Philippines. The bilingual Montreal native (now based in Brooklyn) has even won over French-speaking critics with her interpretation.

Now on a B.C. tour that includes Vancouver's Firehall Theatre and the Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney, Emmerson is pleased to take the play to Salt Spring, her parents' home for 20 years and the place she and her husband were married.

Describing the play as a positive story that draws on Piaf's tragic circumstances, but ultimately celebrates her twin passions for music and love, Emmerson said Piaf is entertaining whether you've heard of the subject or not.

"If you knew Piaf before, it's nice to have a meeting with an old friend, and if you didn't, you would have found a new



A scene from *Piaf: Love Conquers All*.

PHOTO BY LARRY AUERBACH

friend," Emmerson said.

Having now appeared as Piaf several nights a week for years, Emmerson has had ample opportunity to build the character into a complex, nuanced personality.

"Because I was so young, I didn't really know what I was doing. I just sort of approached it from whatever was happening in the script," Emmerson said of her earliest appearance.

"Since then, so many books have been written on her life, and so many more recordings

made available to listen to. I've also had the opportunity to travel to Paris and visit the museum. Everything that comes around contributes to that next step."

Emmerson said adrenaline fuels her ability to reprise the role, alone on stage but for the pianist night after night.

"As soon as I'm in the dressing room and I see that make-up on my face and that wig on my head, I'm ready to go . . . The thing about Piaf being such a tragic soul, I can use that in the performance. If I'm

having a little back pain or I'm a little tired, I can bring that in. And the director's not going to give me any trouble, because I am the director!"

The real person behind the story was born in 1915 and raised in poverty on the streets of Paris, and later became one of France's biggest stars. She was addicted to morphine and alcohol and attended rehab four times. As Emmerson noted, "It's a tough battle when you're self-medicating. She had a lot of pain to kill."

"I always equate her to a kind of Kurt Cobain, or Billie Holiday, because there are people around who want those people to be famous because it makes the entourage a lot of money. So they keep her medicated even though it might not be so good for the star."

Despite her pain, Piaf believed that if you had love and you had music, everything would be okay, and it's this spirit that motivates the script. Piaf's songs have always had the ability to reach people, and even those who don't remember her name will probably recognize her signature tune, *La Vie en Rose*.

The lasting strength of the compositions — and Emmerson's ability to sing them — is no doubt the real appeal of the play. Emmerson performs 13 of Piaf's songs accompanied by live piano, including *La Vie en Rose* as well as *Non, Je ne Regrette Rien*, *Hymne à L'Amour* and *Les Blouses Blanches*, found in a rare recording and a particular favourite of Emmerson's.

Piaf: Love Conquers All appears at ArtSpring Wednesday through Saturday, Aug. 5-8 at 7 p.m.; Aug. 12-15, 7 p.m. and closes on Sunday, Aug. 16 at 2:30 p.m.

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MUSIC & MUNCH

All Saints recital roster complete with return of popular pianist

Graeme Wilkinson joined by soprano Monica Orso

One of the most popular performers at the Music and Munch summer series returns next Wednesday for the eighth time with a recital sure to delight all comers.

Graeme Wilkinson is a classically trained pianist who undertook his first serious instruction in music at U.B.C. in the 1970s following up with studies in Switzerland, including courses at the conservatories of Neuchatel and Lausanne. He furthered his musical education at the Vancouver Academy of Music, later obtaining an Associateship Diploma in Piano Performance at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto.

In 1999 he took his musical avocation a step further, competing in the first Van Cliburn International Piano Competition for Outstanding Amateurs in Fort Worth, Texas. Since then, Wilkinson has been a regular on the International Piano Amateur circuit, performing in competitions and workshops in Paris, Berlin, Czech Republic, Colorado Springs, Washington, D.C., Boston and Fort Worth where he remains a regular participant at Piano Texas.

Since 1989 he has resided in Montréal, obtaining a Bachelor of Music degree at l'Université du Québec à Montréal and this coming September will continue on to Concordia University to pursue graduate studies in music. He continues to maintain a home (and a 1927 Steinway) in Vesuvius on Salt Spring Island.

Wilkinson's piano program next Wednesday includes music by Haydn, Handel and Ravel. Performing along with him will be his special guest, classically trained soprano Monica Orso, currently studying at the Victoria Conservatory of Music. From an early age she has been actively involved in the performing arts, including musical theatre, dance and choir. Quickly discovering singing as her true passion, she began her studies at Douglas College and has since taken part in various concerts, courses and master classes including Nelson Courses for Singers and Interpretation of Spanish Song in Madrid, Spain.

Part of Wednesday's program will be pieces by Handel, Lehar and Wilson, sung by Orso accompanied by Wilkinson.

Music begins at 12:10 p.m. on July 12 followed by a delicious optional lunch prepared by the Anglican Caterers for \$5.50.

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FINE ART



La Cocina measures 82 X 53 inches, the last in a series of interconnecting paintings. It will be shown in Florence, Italy later this year and at the ArtSpring exhibit this weekend.

Banquet complete with Diana Dean's La Cocina

Tenth painting in mammoth series part of Aug. 7-9 solo show

Diana Dean's exhibit called *The Mysterious in the Ordinary* runs this weekend at ArtSpring, with the final piece in the 68-foot-long *Banquet* series one of the show's draws.

"The *Banquet* series of 10 interconnecting paintings is 68 feet in total length but only one piece of the series will be included in this show," explains press material. "Many have been sold since the project was started in 1992 and completed only just recently with final touches being applied to the remaining piece — *La Cocina* (The Kitchen) — from Diana's [Salt Spring] studio."

La Cocina, which measures 82 X 53 inches, will be shown in Florence, Italy at the Florence Biennale in December.

"Diana is also a cellist and this is reflected in *The Banquet* series, which is based on the octave in music.

"There are eight notes and two half notes, which make 10. The half notes are larger paintings intersecting the octave between three and

four, and seven and eight, as in a scale. The half note paintings represent something spiritual entering into everyday life. Hence, 'The Mysterious in the Ordinary.'"

The exhibit, which runs at the Bateman Gallery Friday through Sunday, Aug. 7-9, also features oil paintings, bronze sculpture and prints. It is Dean's first solo exhibit in 2009.

Dean began oil painting at the age of fourteen. She attended the Bath Academy of Art at Corsham, England from where she graduated in 1964 with a distinction in sculpture and a diploma in art and education.

Born in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) in 1942, Dean moved first to England at an early age and then to Canada, further developing her vision in the midst of the natural beauty of Canada's West Coast.

Dean's work is included in the Canada Council Art Bank, the McMichael Canadian Art Collection and the Dupont Canada Inc. Collection.

The opening reception runs from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 7, concurrently with the reception for the *Twos* and *Threes* exhibit of Allan Crane and Julia Lucich.

LITERARY EVENT

Burlesque West author at Talisman

Author Becki L. Ross will be at Pender Island's Talisman Books & Gallery on Sunday, Aug. 16 as she shares stories from her new book, *Burlesque West: Showgirls, Sex and Sin in Postwar Vancouver*.

According to press

material, after the Second World War, Vancouver emerged as a hotbed of striptease talent. In *Burlesque West*, the first critical history of this notorious striptease scene, Ross goes behind the footlights to document the evo-

lution of Vancouver's erotic entertainment industry and its effects on the city.

Drawing on extensive archival materials and 50 first-person accounts of former dancers, strip club owners, booking agents, choreographers

and musicians, Ross reveals a thriving industry of well-paid, multi-talented performers, whose way of life was forever changed with the decriminalization of nudity in 1972.

The Talisman event begins at 2 p.m.

CONCERTS

Portland chamber ensemble shares its passion at ArtSpring

Vocal group consistently praised for innovative and unusual programming

On Sunday, Aug. 9, ArtSpring hosts one of the rare musical treasures of the American Pacific Northwest at an 8 p.m. concert.

Here is how Portland's Cappella Romana describe themselves: "A vocal chamber ensemble dedicated to combining passion with scholarship in its exploration of the musical traditions of the Christian East and West, with emphasis on early and contemporary music."

What that means in simple language is an extraordinary small choir whose purity of tone and excellent technique give rise to wonderful concerts of music not often heard.

At ArtSpring they will perform a program made up entirely of the work of the renowned living Estonian composer Arvo Pärt. Pärt is both a composer and religious mystic whose subtle harmonies and repetitive melodies seek to capture in music the experience of reflection, meditation and spiritual transcendence.

"If that sounds a little New Age-y," says ArtSpring executive director George Sipos, "it shouldn't frighten anyone. Pärt's music is beautiful, substantial and intellectually satisfying."

Founded in 1991, Cappella Romana is one of the Pacific Northwest's few professional chamber vocal ensembles. While its special commitment is to mastering the Slavic and Byzantine repertoires, in the field of contemporary music, the choir has taken a leading role in bringing to West Coast audiences the works of important European composers such as Michael Adamis, Ivan Moody, Arvo Pärt, and John Tavener, as well as promoting the work of North Americans such as Fr. Sergei Glagolev, Christos Hatzis, Peter Michaelides and Tikey Zes.

The ensemble presents annual concert series in Portland and Seattle. Critics have consistently praised these for their unusual and innovative programming.

Their visit to ArtSpring is made possible through a collaboration with MusicFest Vancouver, with funding assistance from the Windsor Plywood Spectacular Music BC program.

Tickets for the Aug. 9 performance at \$19 for adults and \$5 for youth are available from the ArtSpring ticket centre at 250-537-2102.

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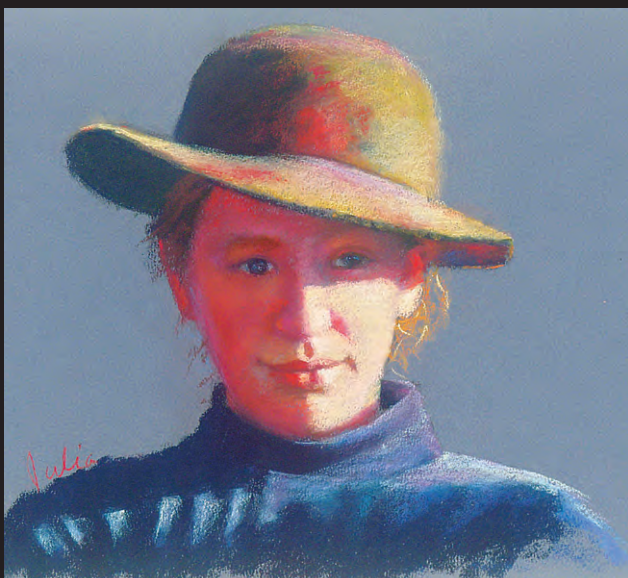
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Two Lovers - best Hollywood film about love in years

In a sense, every film about love is about desire. I don't mean the desire for a particular person, but the desire for something you don't have that you see as a way of escaping or confirming that particular prison that is yourself. James Gray's intimate, challenging, illuminating *Two Lovers* illustrates this frightening concept all too well.

Joaquin Phoenix stars as Leonard Kraditor, an almost-30 bachelor living with his Jewish parents in a tiny Brooklyn apartment while working at his father's drycleaning business. Leonard is clearly troubled but that doesn't stop his charismatic, affective personality from attracting the attention of two beautiful women.

One of them is Sandra (Vinessa Shaw), the also-Jewish, confident and assertive daughter of his father's prospective business partner, a set-up from the get-go who promises a long life of comfort and family. The other is Michelle (Gwyneth Paltrow), a willowy blonde former rich girl whose emotional fragility and exotic background beckons poor Leonard like a bee to honey. Leonard has a choice to make... or does he?

Gray's directing style is curious, at once both "realistic" and full of interesting psychological metaphor. While his conversations feel as natural as anything heard on a street corner,

he frequently and not-so-subtly engages in some curious camerawork to evoke an idea-pregnant image: a few pickles in a serving dish, Leonard sitting alone at a restaurant under an ugly matronly statue, the occasional shot of a character staring right at the audience.

The result is a film that carefully teases out meaning from a plot already loaded with what might otherwise be considered stock characters. The aforementioned desire to confirm or escape oneself is present in almost every frame, with Leo, Michelle, Sandra and especially Leo's mother (an excellent Isabella Rossellini) stumbling about in a near-unconscious dance of alternating openness and manipulation.

It's anxious, harrowing stuff. One moment you'll be thinking "oh no" and then a second later "thank god," followed moments later by an "oh crap" and it all finishes off with a most delicious "ahhh..." that — upon reflection — has distinctly disturbing tinges of "wait a minute, that sucks."

This is cinema that matters, cinema that makes you think seriously about love. This doesn't mean *Two Lovers* is somehow against that most overused of words. In fact, it forces us to reconsider our fears and prejudices and hopes about love in a way I haven't seen Hollywood do in years. Bravo!

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HATS OFF: Cast members of The Academy Presents production of *Hats! The Musical* in a scene from last Monday's show are, from left, Marit McBride, Deb Toole and Barbara Slater. *Hats* runs for two more Mondays only at ArtSpring: Aug. 10 and 17. The play by Marcia Milgrom Dodge and Anthony Dodge is a touching and hilarious look at the turmoil of turning 50.

ARTSPRING CALENDAR

Cool off with art and music at arts centre

ArtSpring's air-conditioned theatre is just part of the allure for the following summer shows, featuring a mix of international, Canadian and local community offerings.

- **Piaf: Love Conquers All** — Wednesday, Aug. 5 to Saturday, Aug. 8, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 12 to Saturday, Aug. 15, 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 16, 2:30 p.m. This intimate, Off-Broadway hit that has travelled from Toronto to Manila presents the life and loves of the legendary French singer who stood only 4'10" and whose voice shattered the world with a passion that cried from the heart. "The multi-talented [Naomi] Emmerson acts Piaf's dizzy highs and devastating lows with all the passion necessary... gorgeous singing... makes the songs fresh and powerful." Songs presented in French (text in English) and supported by live acoustic piano.

- **Cappella Romana** — Sunday, Aug. 9, 8 p.m. Cappella Romana is an amazing vocal chamber ensemble from Portland, Oregon dedicated to combining passion with scholarship in its exploration of the musical traditions of the Christian East and West, with emphasis on early and contemporary music. They are noted for their performances of Byzantine sacred music, but at ArtSpring they present a program exclusively of the music of the great contemporary Estonian composer, Arvo Pärt.

- **Hats! The Musical** — Monday, Aug. 10 and 17, 8 p.m. In the extremely capable hands of director Sue Newman, *Hats! The Musical* will delight ArtSpring audiences for two more nights only! Book by Marcia Milgrom Dodge and Anthony Dodge, inspired by the stories, experiences and mission of the Red Hat Society. Presented by the Salt Spring Arts Academy's production company: The Academy Presents. The Academy Presents' mission is to create and sustain a bursary fund for local youth to receive low-cost or subsidized arts programming.

- **Arcoluz Trio** — Tuesday, Aug. 11, 8 p.m. Renaud Garcia-Fons is one of France's most important jazz musicians. A bass player of superb skill and inventive originality, he has toured widely with his trio to rave reviews wherever they have been,

including jazz festivals in Toronto, Ottawa, Vancouver, Montréal, and Québec, as well as across Europe. Their ArtSpring visit is part of the Windsor Plywood Spectacular Music BC series organized by MusicFest Vancouver.

- **Fiddleworks Instructors Showcase** — Sunday, Aug. 23, 7:30 p.m. Featuring an incredible lineup of Canada's best folk musicians: Adrian Dolan (fiddle, accordion, piano), John Showman (bluegrass fiddle, voice), Zav RT (fiddola), Emma Beaton (cello, voice, banjo), Ken Hall (guitar, flute, whistle), Andy Hillhouse (guitar,

voice), Andrea Bettger (fiddle) and Christie Gray (fiddle). In the gallery space, ArtSpring is proud to host four exceptional new shows during the month.

- **Twos and Threes** — Sculptor Allan Crane and painter Julia Lucich team up for a joint show. These two internationally known artists will be presenting new works created at their respective studios on Salt Spring Island. In the multipurpose gallery, Aug. 7-15; opening reception Aug. 7, 4:30 to 6:30.

- **The Mysterious in the Ordinary** — Diana Dean's first solo exhibit in 2009, the exhibit features oil paintings, bronze sculpture, prints and cards. Dean will be including an oil painting — *The Banquet # 10 - La Cocina* — which will be shown in the Florence Biennale in Italy later this year. Bateman Gallery: Aug. 7-9.

- **Horse of a Different Colour** — Artists Sonja Barnard, Tracy Harrison, Denise Bachman, Kathleen Horsdal, Carl Borgstrom and Paul Burke explore aspects of the horse in nature, culture, community, mythology and history in mediums of clay and wood sculpture, basketry, folk art, paintings, clay tiles, gourds, vessels, mirrors and multimedia pieces. Bateman Gallery: Aug. 10-15.

- **Images of Different Worlds** — Visual representation of their external worlds is the focus when Eleanor Koble, Miriam Thorn and Erik Thorn, all of Victoria, join Gill Horodyski of Melbourne, Australia. Common themes running through their works are the love and fearless use of colour, a curiosity about the transient nature of the landscape and the influence on their work of other creative forces such as music. Aug. 16-29.

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AERIAL ARTS



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Anthony Ulc and Victoria Mihalyi in rehearsal for *The Dharma According to Fifi*. Past Flying Dreams Aerial Arts shows have thrilled audiences at The Temple. Opening night is Thursday, Aug. 13. Tickets are sold through ArtSpring.

Anticipation rising for latest Flying Dreams aerial arts drama

The Dharma According to Fifi opens next week

Flying Dreams Aerial Arts Productions and the Aerial Arts Theatre Society open their third season on Salt Spring with the Aug. 13 premiere of *The Dharma According to Fifi*.

The event is another in a series of original contemporary aerial circus productions that have taken the Gulf Islands by storm, according to press material. Playing to sold-out houses, the wondrously staged offerings of this unique nouveau cirque production company have become one of the most popular live theatrical events in the Gulf Islands.

Company artistic director Victoria Mihalyi is the writer, choreographer, and creator of the high-flying, avant-garde circus show. As she is quick to point out, this is not traditional circus, or styled in the more modern tradition of Cirque du Soleil.

"Most of our shows are narratives, so we draw a carefully crafted story and integrate the aerial acts in a more organic way," Mihalyi states in the press release. "Our venue is much more intimate, so the shows are more interactive."

Audience members are sometimes close enough to reach out and touch performers, and if they're in the front row, can be prepared to be buzzed by acrobats flying directly overhead with heart-stopping aerial stunts performed 30 feet up in the air.

Fifi is the "indelicate" tale of a washed-up old circus star put out

to pasture, who finds herself selling popcorn in a concession stand. Humiliated, *Fifi* runs away from the circus. At the invitation of Father Rufus Valentino, a maverick Jesuit priest who has annoyed the "big boys" in Rome, she takes refuge in a little church — with nice high ceilings — on a hill. It's a whimsical romantic comedy that rides on the clash of two different worlds: the elite society of a Catholic theologian and the freakish world of an old-time circus performer who takes pride in her seriously skewed Buddhist ideals.

Unlike past large-scale productions, this show features only two performers: Mihalyi taking on the role of *Fifi*, and Anthony Ulc as Rufus Valentino. Ulc starred in the lead role of Diamond Dick in Flying Dreams' 2008 hit show *Speakeasy*. An accomplished actor, he has appeared in several films, in theatrical productions in Vancouver and on Salt Spring and in numerous television shows including *McGyver*, *Sentinel*, *Outer Limits* and *Stargate*.

With a spicier script than Flying Dreams has used in the past, *The Dharma According to Fifi* comes with a caveat: "Suitable for mature audiences."

Tickets are available at the ArtSpring box office: 250-537-2102. Performances will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., from Aug. 13 to Sept. 5 at The Temple, 112 Sun Eagle Drive.

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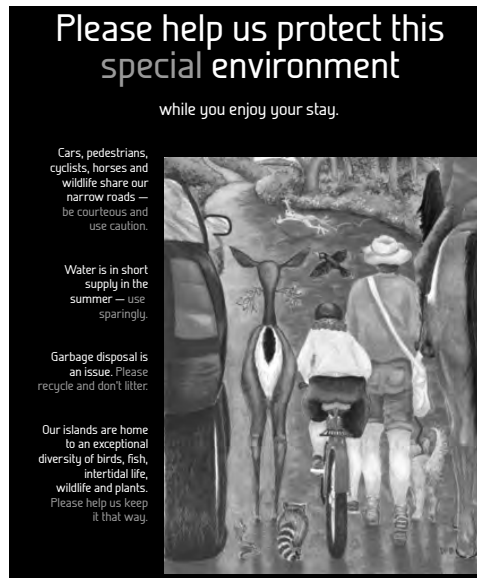
ISLANDS TRUST

Artistic posters encourage sustainable islands tourism

Islands Trust distributing posters for free

Art posters with a conservation message for visitors to the Islands Trust Area are now available free of charge to businesses and locations frequented by visitors, according to a news release issued by the group.

Work by three artists was selected earlier this year in an art competition sponsored by the Islands Trust. A judging panel selected work by Dawn Stofer of Denman Island, Debbie Bowles of Mayne Island and Darlene Olesko of Lasqueti Island for the posters. Thirty works of art were submitted by 20 artists from seven islands in the Islands Trust Area.



Artwork by Debbie Bowles of Mayne Island used in one of three poster designs.

"The posters will encourage sustainable tourism by reinforcing values that are critical to the long-term conservation of the region," said Sheila Malcolm-

son, chair of the Islands Trust Council and head of the judging panel in the release. "The project also provides a terrific opportunity to promote the rich artis-

tic culture of the region by showcasing island artwork in the poster design.

"Trustees have heard from constituents that there is a need to provide information to visitors about the unique nature of this area, particularly water and habitat conservation," Malcolmson added. "While we hope businesses will display the posters, we also encourage residents to obtain a free copy. Many of us have guests visiting from time to time, particularly during our lovely summers."

Three unique posters are available in two sizes: 8.5 X 11 inches and 11 X 17. The Islands Trust received a grant from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to undertake the project.

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Combine in a medium sized bowl **2 cups fresh green beans**, ends trimmed, cut in 1 inch pieces, blanched or unblanched is up to you. add **1/4 cup red onion**, peeled and sliced thinly, **3 tablespoons olive oil**, **2 tablespoon grated orange zest**, **2 tablespoon fresh orange juice**, **1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar**, **1/4 cup slivered almonds**. Toss and garnish with **1/4 cup shaved carrot**.

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FEAST OF COLOUR: Potter Wendy Squirrell sells her colourful wares on another sunny day at the Saturday market in Ganges.

GROUP EXHIBIT

Equine celebration in art at Horse of a Different Colour

Spirit and beauty emerge in multi-media exhibit

A group of artists who have all been inspired by the horses in their lives — some local equines and some in the imagination — are collaborating for a unique art show at ArtSpring beginning Monday, Aug. 10.

In *Horse of a Different Colour*, visitors to the Bateman Gallery can experience the horse through folk art, wood and tile mirrors, clay sculpture, paintings, gourds, reclaimed materials and more.

Tracy Harrison, Carl Borgstrom, Sonja Barnard, Paul Burke, Denise Bachman and Kathleen Horsdal are exhibiting work beginning Monday from 5 to 8 p.m., and then from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Saturday, Aug. 15.

Harrison explains her inspiration for the show.

"When in Mexico two years ago, I stayed on a five-acre retreat looking after the owners' horses. Intrigued, I was excited to explore their character and form in clay. I invited Sonja Barnard, my clay buddy, to join me and from there we invited other artists to create a mixed media show. I have looked to the sea for some of my inspiration, making a sea horse sculpture and a large tile installation in clay. I was also inspired by some Salt Spring horses and have sculpted clay tiles of them, as well as sculpting using paper clay. *Spiral Horse* is embellished with woven cotton. The show's title encouraged me to reflect upon individuality and colour in horses. The *Horse Mirrors* piece reflects viewers' own uniqueness — they are each a horse of a different colour."

Borgstrom, who is a fine wood worker, has made the exhibit's "horse mirrors" in collaboration with his wife Tracy Harrison. While they have collaborated on work for their home in the past, this is the first time they have exhibited work together. Their daughter Katy is a horse enthusiast and her horse and life experiences with horses has inspired both Borgstrom and Harrison in work for this show.

Also known as "khorse," Horsdal has been a multi-genre artist for over 30 years and a sculptor for the past 15 with commissioned pieces in private collections. Working in the medium of clay, she also enjoys the challenge of using "reclaimed materials" in the birth of a new form. "All is recycled energy," she says.

Bachman became interested in the ancient craft of basketmaking in the late 1990s and has been passionate about it ever since.

She grows and harvests all her own basketry materials, including English willow, and various types of bark and gourds. Her gourdcraft includes pyrography, staining, painting, stichery and related basketry techniques. Bachman says she created the new works in this show especially for the theme of horses because she enjoys a challenge.

Co-owner of the Blue Horse Gallery, Burke has been a professional sculptor for 20 years, with



Artwork by Sonja Barnard.

horses among the subjects of his work.

"People always ask me if I have a special love of horses and I say that aside from my daughter, who was a good rider when she was younger, I don't... but I find them to be a wonderful subject for sculpture, because of their movement and expressiveness, and of course their symbolic power as animals with such a long relationship with humans."

Burke works in white pine and apple wood and uses cedar roots for manes and tails. His carved sculptures are painted with artist acrylics.

Barnard, who works mostly in the medium of clay and acrylic paint, draws inspiration in part from an experience from her youth.

"The opportunity to have owned a magnificent white mare I named 'Nixie' was to me a childhood dream. This bond and partnership with such a soulful creature is precious. Also, I have incorporated horses from legend and mythology, notably the Celtic horse Goddess Epona."

A portion of art sales is being donated to the Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association.

ARTIST NEWS

Circle Craft hosts work by Amber Churchill

Exhibit runs in Vancouver through August

A Salt Spring artist shows her work at Circle Craft Shop and Gallery in Vancouver this month as part of a two-person exhibit with a fashion focus.

Amber Churchill joins forces with Katherine Soucie in a show called *Prêt-à-Porter* at the Granville Island gallery.

According to a press release, "Turning hosiery into clothes is a specialty for Soucie, an emerging Canadian clothing and textile designer from Vancouver. Creating unique and bold pieces that make women feel confident and beautiful is the goal for Churchill, a jeweller who beaded her way west from Ontario. This two-person show combines similar aesthetics

and design philosophies, in addition to a high regard for good craftsmanship. Nature is a major influence in both artists' work and this exhibition combines their common interests using textiles and jewellery."

Designs by Amber Jewellery can now be found in shops across Canada and the United States, including Churchill's Salt Spring boutique called *Sweet Somethings Gallery*, which features about 50 Canadian designers.

Her unique jewellery has garnered the attention of local and Hollywood celebrities such as Halle Berry, Sarah McLachlan, Norah Jones and Rebecca De Mornay.

Visit her website at www.designs-byamber.com.

Prêt-à-Porter opens on Friday, Aug. 7 and runs until Tuesday, Sept. 1, daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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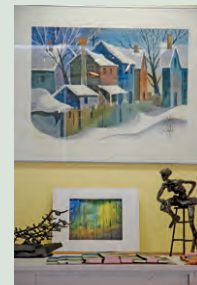
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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Piaf: Love Conquers All. Off-Broadway hit honouring legendary French singer Edith Piaf. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.
Nelles Family Band. 11 members of a Prince George family perform at Music & Munch. All Saints. 12:10 p.m., followed by optional lunch for \$5.50 at 1 p.m.
Black Velvet Band. Irish and Island melodies at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Ubuntu. Community song circle with rounds & chants from many traditions. Group campsite #3 at Ruckle Park. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Info: 250-653-4186.
A Voce Solo. Watch Eva Bostrand vocal masterclasses at SS United Church. 9 a.m. to noon; 2 to 5 p.m.
Many Roads, One Journey. 16-step women's group. Core Inn, 7-8:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-9971.
Summer Reading Club. New adventures in reading, activities and prizes for readers each week. For kids in grades 1-6, (but younger and older ages welcome). SS Library, 1-2 p.m.

Thurs. August 6

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Piaf: Love Conquers All. See Wednesday listing. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.
Wanda Nowicki. Vancouver jazz vocalist performs at the Market Place Cafe. 7-10 p.m.
Open Mike. With Stephanie Rhodes & friends, Thursdays at The Local bar & bistro. 8 p.m.
Fulford Open Mike Night. With Dale & Dave at the Fulford Inn.
Blues with Dave Roland & Friends. Moby's. 8-11 p.m.
Paul Mowbray. On Shipstones patio. 7 p.m.
Peter Prince. Music feast for the soul at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Hiroshima Day. Lay flowers at the gate of Heiwa Garden at Peace Park to mark the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Flowers will be arranged after 5 p.m.
A Voce Solo. Watch Eva Bostrand vocal masterclasses at SS United Church. 9 a.m. to noon; 2 to 5 p.m.

Fri. August 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Piaf: Love Conquers All. See Wednesday listing. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.
Friday Night Jazz. Ted Hickford & Friends at the Harbour House Hotel. 7:30-10 p.m.
Billie Woods. On Shipstones patio. 7 p.m.
Sunyata. Passionate, Gypsy at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

A Voce Solo. Watch Eva Bostrand vocal masterclasses at SS United Church. 9 a.m. to noon; 2 to 5 p.m.

Sat. August 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Sunyata. Passionate, Gypsy at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.
Piaf: Love Conquers All. See Wednesday listing. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.
James McRae Trio. Jazz group at Moby's. 8-11 p.m.
T. Riley. On Shipstones patio. 7 p.m.

Sun. August 9

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Cappella Romana. Portland vocal chamber ensemble performs Arvo Part works. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
Eva Bostrand Masterclass Recital. Students in week-long workshop perform at All Saints church. 2:30 p.m.
Alan Moberg. Award-winning west coast balladeer and saltwater cowboy. Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.
The Barley Brothers. Still alive and un-plugged. Every Sunday at the Fulford Inn. 6:30 p.m.
Norris Clement. Jazz at Moby's Pub. 7-10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

SS Tennis Association Fundraising Swim. Swim across St. Mary Lake to raise money for an indoor tennis facility. 3 p.m. Info: Ann Stewart, 250-537-9250.

Mon. August 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Hats! The Musical. The Academy Presents the acclaimed musical. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
Donn Tarris & Tess Fama. Power folk originals and more at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

"Let's Make a Movie!" First day of 5-day movie-making course for kids. 9 a.m. to noon daily. Register at saltspringartsacademy.ca or 250-537-4294.

Tues. August 11

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Arcoluz Trio. Acclaimed jazz trio from France. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
Open Stage. With host David Jacquest at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.
Gene Grooms & Friends. Blues music at the Harbour House every Tuesday. 7:30-10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Market in the Meadow. Tuesday Farmers' Market. United Church meadow on Hereford Avenue, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Early Morning Kundalini Yoga & Meditation. Paradise Found Yoga. 334 Cusheon Lake Rd. 4:30-6:30 a.m. Info: 250-537-9299.

Wed. August 12

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Graeme Wilkinson. Pianist performs at Music & Munch, with guest soprano Monica Orso. All Saints, 12:10 p.m.
Black Velvet Band. Irish and Island melodies at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

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EXHIBITIONS

- The Mysterious in the Ordinary** — exhibit of works by Diana Dean at ArtSpring's Bateman Gallery. Opens Fri., Aug. 7 with a reception from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and runs through Sun., Aug. 9 only.
- 2s and 3s** — work by painter Julia Luch and sculptor Allan Crane in the ArtSpring lobby area opens Fri., Aug. 7 with a reception from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and running daily through Sat., Aug. 15.
- Horse of a Different Colour** — multi-media show of works by Tracy Harrison, Carl Borgstrom, Sonja Barnard, Paul Burke, Denise Bachman and Kathleen Horsdal. Opens Monday, Aug. 10 with a reception from 5 to 8 p.m., and then shows daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Sat., Aug. 15.
- Coastal Legacy** — Northwest Coast Native Master Works runs daily to Fri., Aug. 14 at Pegasus Gallery. Historic and contemporary carvings and basketwork by renowned native artists including "Captain" Carpenter, Mungo Martin, Henry Hunt, Charlie James, Pat McGuire, Richard Hunt, Richard Sumner, Ellen Neel and more.
- The Point Gallery, David Cantine:** painting/colour/still life and drawing/life runs daily through August. Artist reception on Sunday, Aug. 16, 2 to 5 p.m.
- Inside/Outside** is the exhibit at Salt Spring Woodworks, featuring new sculpture and art furniture by Arnt Arntzen, Brent Comber and Peter Pierobon. Summer hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through September.
- ArtCraft,** the Salt Spring Arts Council's juried show and sale with work by some 100 artisans runs daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Mahon Hall. **The Re-Psyched Showcase** with work by Barb & Chris Arnett, and Richard Milburn runs through Thurs., Aug. 13.
- Kathy Robertson: Selected Landscapes** is the August show at the Salt Spring Coffee Company cafe in Ganges.
- New Works by Stefanie Denz** - the Wallpaper Series and Fine Handcrafted Bling by Ayla McIninch shows at Cafe Talia.
- Salt Spring Potters' Guild** annual Mark's Work Wearhouse window show, this year with a theme of Our Harbour, runs through the summer.
- Hastings House Sculpture Garden** — 30-minute guided tours on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. by appointment at 250-537-2362. The 1.5-km public Sculpture Trail is also open daily.
- Clare Singleton** shows island scenes painted on location in an exhibit at Island Savings Credit Union.
- Shari Macdonald** has new photos hanging at Jana's Bake Shop.
- Janet Dwyer** has works on show at Ganges Yoga Studio.

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PEACE: Kasper Packford and Kane O'Scalleigh "go retro" in front of a mirror at a 1970s birthday party.

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Let me have just one more chapter, please

Over the past few delightfully summery months, I've come to realize what my most favourite activity in the world is. No, it isn't swimming in the lakes, sipping mojitos on a patio, or camping high in the mountains beneath a silver umbrella of stars.

Much as I love all of the above, what I love most of all and what I spend most of my summer downtime doing is . . . reading.



Meghan Howcroft

LIVE & LEARN

Were you hoping for something a little more exciting? Hoping I'd admit my favourite activity was sneaking around Fulford beach at night, cutting off the dreadlocks of unsuspecting hippies, asleep by a smoldering fire? Well, as un-exciting as it seems, I am happiest and the most at peace when I'm stretched out on a patio chair engrossed in a good summer read.

I know what you're thinking . . . nerd alert! But here on the rock there are more of us than you think. I raise my fist in solidarity to the entranced book-nerds I see everywhere these days, at the lake, the beach, on the ferry. These are truly my peeps! "Word" up, yo.

I realize that more common summer activities are things like hiking, biking, swimming and paddling. Wintertime, with its cold brooding qualities, is the more obvious time for intense bouts of reading. But for me, sitting outside under the sun, breathing the fresh air and reading a good book is the greatest summer indulgence — to hell with massages, facials and manis or pedis.

I have been known to let the better part of a day go by pouring over a novel that has me as engrossed as an island deer who has just found an un-fenced garden.

It starts in the morning when, in pajamas, I'm waiting for the kettle to boil. Just a few pages while I wait, goes the thought.

Then, Well, just while I'm having my tea. Hours and multiple cups of tea later, still in pajamas, I realize it's afternoon. And past lunchtime. Just another chapter during lunch. Then after lunch, just one more page. So goes the day. Often my man-friend comes home and finds me on the deck, book in hand and says, "What'd you do all day?" Gulp. You mean besides this?

(Thank God I'm marrying a man who loves books as much, if not more, than I do, although our book tastes are as different as our opinions on how often to feed the cat.)

I do feel guilty about the amount of time spent eating up the words on a page and then repeatedly going back for seconds, although probably I shouldn't. It's not like I'm watching mindless reality TV after all (well,

except for Mondays when I'm sucked into the vortex that is *The Bachelorette*).

Although considered an intellectual pursuit, summer reading still feels as indulgent to me as getting a double-scoop cone at Harlan's, then washing it down with a large milkshake from Glad's. Perhaps it's because when Meghan is reading a good book outdoors, things do not get done. Household chores fall by the wayside, wedding plans are ignored, the gym is foregone and hippies' dreads remain un-snipped. I even

put off this column because I was too enthralled in my latest summer novel. "Research," I told myself. Just one more chapter.

When I'm outside reading I can get repeatedly pooped on by hummingbirds and barely bat an eye. And when my cat starts up with his high-pitched half-mews, little kitty artillery fire, as the birds taunt him from the feeder, I barely hear it. I'm too busy, my eyes devouring every word on the page, scarfing them up faster than a bag of salt n' vinegar chips.

Reading has always been a big part of my life. To this day, I still find it odd when I meet someone who doesn't read, and I remain as suspicious of them as I am of people who wear capes. As a child, I remember coming home from the library with plastic A&P bags filled with bursting with books. It was like Christmas every two weeks.

As I grew older, I never splurged on clothes, CDs, make-up. Buying these things made me guilty because I knew I didn't really need them. Funny that it never occurred to me to feel guilty when buying a book, even an expensive hardcover. The way I figure it, I need books. I couldn't live without them, like air . . . or cheese.

This summer I've been on a roll with great books that have kept me so deeply buried in their midst that you'd need a flashlight and a shovel to dig me out.

So far I've sunk my teeth into: *Bringingr* (a kids' book about dragons), *The Power of One* (this amazing book is now one of my top favourites), *The Secret Garden* (still delightful year after year) and currently *We Were the Mulvaney's* (an Oprah pick — I usually avoid these books as fervently as I avoid a Saturday errand-run to Ganges — but it's been surprisingly right up my alley).

So, if you'll excuse me, I'd like to get back to my book. There's still enough sun for me to climb into the hammock and read for an hour before dinner. Or maybe I'll skip dinner and come in for dessert. Just one more chapter.

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From left, CUSO-VSO intern Shaina Azad and public engagement officer Umeeda Umedaly Switlo helped reunite Salt Spring residents and former volunteers John Wilcox, Bob Woodhouse, Rosalind Hope and David Borrowman during a lunchtime event on Thursday.

CUSO-VSO reunion promotes reflection on a job well done

Former aid volunteers recall and inspire

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When the experience of folks sitting around the table spans the globe and stretches over almost five decades, it's hard to know where to kick things off.

That about sums up how things went as a group of former Canadian aid-organization volunteers gathered at Moby's Oyster Bar and Marine Grill for lunch on Thursday afternoon.

There's Salt Spring organic farmer John Wilcox's stories about working in a Gandhian village in India's Bengal province during the early 1960s.

Then there's former Islands Trust trustee and photographer David Borrowman's tales of teaching in a remote Grenadian island in the Caribbean.

There's Rosalind Hope's stories from years helping out at schools for students with special needs in Namibia, and Bob Woodhouse's time spent working as a planner and teacher when the capital of the East African country of Malawi was moved from Blantyre to Lilongwe.

"My project was to build and raise chickens in a deep litter chicken hut that was made of local material like mutton and cow dung, bamboo and thatch," said Wilcox, who volunteered in a village 100 kilometres outside of Kolkatta in West Bengal, India.

"We actually learned more than we taught," he added. "The whole initiative is one of peace

without guns. It's like creating friendship in the world, understanding cultures and working for a more harmonious world, so it's very encouraging to see that it is still going on."

Volunteers meeting last week are among more than 20 Salt Spring residents who volunteered with the organization, known today as Canadian University Service Overseas-Voluntary Service Overseas (CUSO-VSO) since it was formed in the early 1960s.

The organization, which has

"The whole initiative is one of peace without guns."

JOHN WILCOX
Former CUSO volunteer

placed more than 12,000 volunteers to date, promotes sustainable development through international volunteering.

Volunteers come from many professional backgrounds, from all ages and from across Canada and the United States.

Thursday's luncheon was organized in part by Umeeda Umedaly Switlo, the CUSO-VSO public engagement officer for Western Canada.

"My work is to bring the alumni together for them to know each other because a lot of them served in different places and different times, but they share some common experiences," she said.

"It's a giant group of people who have done amazing things."

Unlike many of the volunteers who join the group as a way to satisfy a post-university wanderlust, Hope left for Namibia when she had already established a successful career as a special needs consultant and gotten married.

As if organizing a three-year leave of absence from her job in the Arctic and coping with a foreign land wasn't challenge enough, Hope recalled some of the more exotic roadblocks along the way.

"There was still the war in Angola and there were lots of skirmishes on the border and I was to be based, more or less, on that border," she said. "Once I was there, it was such a contrast. The opportunity to be out in the bush and with the people who are not so sophisticated but so appreciative."

To this day, Hope and her husband Fraser, lifelong adventurers who have lived throughout Canada since emigrating from their native Scotland, often consider heading out on another volunteer tour.

Though a willingness to travel and an open mind are definite musts for the job, she said the support offered by CUSO-VSO made the transition between life in Canada and a yurt in the Mongolian highlands all the more manageable and safe.

For information on how to get involved with CUSO-VSO's projects throughout the world, including some in North America, visit the organization's website at www.cuso.org.

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PEOPLE & COMMUNITY



ISLANDS IN THE NEWS Gulf Islands make magazine's list

50 things to do mark 50th anniversary

The Gulf Islands are a featured part of the landscape in British Columbia Magazine's 50th anniversary issue released for the summer season.

Called 50 Things To Do Before You Die, the hefty issue includes stories and photos on essential B.C. activities from hiking the West Coast Trail to visiting a volcano to witnessing the northern lights.

In a piece by Bruce Obee, the author of The Gulf Islands Explorer, readers are also encouraged to "set foot on every Gulf Island."

Riding a B.C. Ferries vessel is also included on the list.

Covers from British Columbia Magazine over the past 50 years are another treat in the anniversary issue, which can be purchased in the usual retail outlets. Check out the magazine's website at www.bcmag.ca.

PHOTO AT TOP BY GAIL SJUBERG; BELOW, DERRICK LUNDY

THE GLORIES OF GARDENING:

At top left is Evelyn Lee and her huge Lemon Boy tomato grown in a pot and picked last Tuesday, July 28. Below left is Ron Pither of Varalya Farms on Mayne Island with his fruit-bearing lemon tree which he brought to the Saturday market in Ganges to make some lemonade from. Do you have a tale to tell from the glorious growing summer of 2009? Share it with Driftwood readers by calling the editor Gail Sjuberg at 250-537-9933 or e-mailing to news@gulfislands.net.



Bridge players max out on other side's solar eclipse

Don Sharp and Nancy Arnold triumph twice

BRIDGETRICKS

Little did the bridge players know the sun was about to be eclipsed the next day on the other side of the world. On July 20 six and a half tables didn't know either who was about to be eclipsed, but the winners found they were spared, and in a big way for the North-South players, Don Sharp and Nancy Arnold.

Second to them were Sandy Thompson and Jeff Bell. Shining forth triumphantly East-West were Andy and Vonnie Bryant, with Blanche Poborsa and Gerry Nicholson enjoying the glow in second place.

Some like it hot, and hot they got on

the July 27 scorcher. There were seven full tables under the fans enjoying the open windows and doors. Hottest of all were Don Sharp and Nancy Arnold again, sitting East-West and earning a 106 score. Next were George and Flo Laundry with 104, well ahead of the North-South group, and tied with the East-West second place Jeff Bell and Prem Margolese. Third East-West were Tilly Crawley and Lynn Thorburn. North-South second were Blanche Poborsa and Gerry Nicholson, with third place going to Gisela Welsh and Diane Wheatcroft, only half a point behind. Cool.



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