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## Coffee co. proposal grinds to a halt

Applicant advised to find new location

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Coffee Company's application to rezone a property at 1501 Fulford-Ganges Road for a new roasting facility is dead.

Salt Spring Local Trust Committee members voted unanimously on Thursday afternoon to proceed no further in considering a proposal that would have seen the construction of the project many in the community had dubbed a "beacon of sustainability."

Trustee George Ehring said the development's impact on neighbouring property owners was the primary reason for denying the application.

"What's being proposed here is nothing like a small-scale business that generates no complaints from neighbours," he said.

"As much as I would like to see this facility built and the company's jobs protected, in the end I think that what is being requested is too big a use, too big a change and too big a disturbance for the land on which it is being proposed."

Ehring said uncertainty about controlling odours from the coffee roasting process is problematic.

His decision follows last month's comments made against the proposal by fellow trustee Christine Torgrimson.

Citing a section of the Salt Spring Official Community Plan, Torgrimson said a more appropriate location could be found near the intersection of Rainbow and Atkins roads.

"From the very first community objective onward in the OCP, it emphasizes again and again that we must first honour the island's natural integrity and respect its quiet rural nature," she said.

Torgrimson encouraged the applicant to work alongside Trust staff and island residents to

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ADVENTURERS



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Keegan Pearson, left, and Rhys Hardy set out on a raft, with plans to paddle around Salt Spring.

## Boys circumnavigate island Huck Finn style

Duo recreates 1970s attempt

BY NATALIE NORTH  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Sandwiches packed, moms hugged goodbye and oars in hand, two young captains perched atop their newly crafted raft and embarked on a unique journey on Monday — they want to raft around Salt Spring Island the fastest.

On Aug. 10, Keegan Pearson and Rhys Hardy loaded all the supplies they'll need for their circumnavigation into a supply dinghy that they'll drag behind their almost entirely driftwood raft. The mothers of the 16- and 17-year-olds

aided in preparations for the big send-off by supplying some solid sandwiches and other necessities. But if the food runs out, the raft is equipped with two fishing rods firmly planted at the bow.

The teens may be creative with their craftsmanship, but they can't take credit for the original idea to raft around the island. Keegan's father Doug told them about his cousin Peter Ramsey and his 1970s attempt at the raft trip, so naturally, they wanted to break the week-long time that was set.

"I told Keegan, see if you can do it," Doug RAFT TRIP continued on A2

WILDLIFE

## Gardeners stew over rampant rabbits

Islander plots action while others urge acceptance

BY NATALIE NORTH  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

For people without gardens or farms to tend, they may go unnoticed, but to Salt Spring growers who are losing their crops, rabbits are a major problem.

During the first year that Dianne Haffner planted a garden at her Bittancourt Road home, all was going well until she went out one evening about two weeks ago and returned to find uprooted and half-eaten vegetables. The culprits, she's been told by friends and fellow growers, are rabbits. And they haven't let up. Now she's testing out a variety of solutions to save her hard yard work.

"If I had money, I would open a restaurant called Rabbit Stew," she said, later confirming, "I'm not joking at all. I'd eat them in a second and I'd do it with a smile on my face."

Haffner isn't alone in her angry battle against the bunnies. Since her struggle began, she posted a request for advice on the Salt Spring community list and received 63 responses.

Toby Fouks replied with hopes that the issue is being discussed on a political level and questioned what attempts are being made to deal with "what is actually a scourge." She later stated that her friend's cat in Channel Ridge recently killed and brought in over 30 rabbits.

But where are they coming from? There are two veins of rabbits here: feral rabbits, which are abandoned pets or their descendants, and wild

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**NEWSBEAT**

**FEDERAL POLITICS**

**May confirms local house-hunting**

National Green leader says everything but absolute 'yes'

BY KEITH VASS  
SAANICH NEWS STAFF

Elizabeth May is shopping for a house and looking for a campaign office in Sidney, but the Green Party leader still won't confirm she'll run in Saanich-Gulf Islands in the next federal election.

"The final decision and the final announcement haven't been made, but I'm definitely, definitely leaning strongly toward moving and running here," she said in an interview Tuesday.

With her party strategists anticipating a non-confidence vote to prompt a fall election, May said time is running out for her to choose a riding.

"I'm going to have to make up my mind very, very quickly. I'm at the point now of looking at houses, trying to find a good, prominent office space on Beacon Avenue . . . but we haven't completely decided and we haven't made an announcement."

May's decision is being shaped by

internal party polling, which shows a strong chance for her to defeat five-term Conservative incumbent Gary Lunn, she said.

After the 2008 election that saw the party fail to claim its first seat, the party has adopted a new strategy to focus its effort on getting the leader into the House of Commons.

"We certainly haven't ever had a focus that getting the leader elected was in any way more important than other seats," May said.

Despite a deal May struck with then-leader Stephane Dion that the Liberals wouldn't contest the seat, she failed in her bid to defeat Conservative cabinet minister Peter McKay in the Nova Scotia riding of Central Nova, losing by almost 6,000 votes.

There will be no such agreement this time, regardless of where May runs. Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff has pledged to run candidates in every riding.

The Liberal riding association has a candidate nomination meeting set for Sep. 12. The NDP won't choose their candidate until mid-October, said riding

association president Starla Anderson. Lunn was unconcerned about the possibility May will contest the seat.

"I'm proud of my record and I'm happy to put that up against anybody in any of the other parties," he said, noting he's represented the region in the federal cabinet since 2006.

"I can only tell you the Canadian people aren't interested in an election, that's for sure. We're just starting to see positive signs for the economy turning around," he said.

May acknowledged that moving to the riding carries some political risk.

"I would be stunned if I wasn't attacked for being a parachute candidate," she said.

But she said the party, consistent with its focus on getting May elected, is building its election strategy around keeping her in the riding during the campaign.

"I've got a commitment from the national campaign team and the national party as a whole that I'll only be requested out of the riding for the leader's debate and an eight-day national tour. Otherwise, I'll be here all the time," she said.

**LAND CONSERVANCY**

**Pro-Turner faction triumphs in TLC elections**

The fight has finally come to an end for The Land Conservancy of B.C.

Fired executive director Bill Turner and deputy Ian Fawcett were reinstated after TLC's membership voted overwhelmingly in favour of the two and the SaveTLC group.

Results from the board of directors election were released on Aug. 8, with all newly elected board members a part of SaveTLC.

Candidates elected are Briony Penn, Salt Spring Island; writer/researcher; Kenneth Millard, Galiano Island; volun-

teer; Francis Pugh, Brentwood Bay; farmer; Carol Pickup, Victoria; retired, community volunteer; Elspeth McVeigh, Vancouver; businessperson; Cheryl Bryce, Victoria; land management; Barry Glickman, Salt Spring Island; University of Victoria biology professor;

Alastair Craighead, Victoria; marine engineer for DND; Magnus Bein, Surrey; ecological consultant; David Merner, Victoria; lawyer and public servant; Todd Wong, North Vancouver; library clerk/assistant with the Vancouver public library.

**Boys aim to complete 'round island trip in 6 days**

**RAFT TRIP**

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said. "See if you can be the fastest raft and do it Huckleberry Finn-like. Don't ask too many questions."

Doug said that it was difficult to watch from a distance and not get too involved as they fashioned a raft that would be able to make the long trek, but he let the two boys figure it out on their own.

Doug has encouraged them with stories like how Ramsey's trip was supported by a ferry captain lowering ice cream down to the raft, but neglected to let the boys know that they were eventually swamped by a cruiser and never met their goal.

So while Pearson and Hardy think

they're going to claim the title of fastest to raft around the island, they will actually be the first ever, completing the family's long-since unfinished business. This is part of the reward that Doug will give them at the end of the route.

His son's motivation is actually much less noble: a \$100 prize from Doug if he makes it. Hardy admits he won't even get a cut of the prize money.

"I'm just here for the thrill," he said with a huge smile.

Hardy also adds that the six-day trip goal is because he only has that long a break from work.

If the laid-back duo were experiencing anxieties over their trip on Monday, they certainly weren't showing any signs.

After one false start in Long Harbour

due to an oar-lock problem during the initial big goodbye, Pearson and Hardy finally pushed off on the raft that they threw together in just a couple days with found items.

On their second launch they added a long pole to their equipment and gondola-ed their way around Scott Point.

On day one they saw an octopus, got stuck on the side of a ledge and camped near Maracaibo in good spirits, relayed Doug, who talked to them via cell phone.

A group of enthusiastic supporters are watching for the raft's Canadian flag as it sails around the island counter-clockwise.

The boys are expected to make a triumphant appearance in Ganges by the weekend.

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**Fulford Day**

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### TOURISM

# Ganges visitor centre gives special welcome to locals

Open house set for Tuesday, Aug. 18

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Salt Spring's Visitor Information Centre is one of the busiest places in Ganges in August, but that doesn't mean its staff and volunteers don't want to see locals — they do.

That's especially true for Tuesday, Aug. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. when the centre hosts an open house.

"We are really focussing the event towards locals," said Visitor Information Centre manager Gail Sibley.

People who haven't been in the centre for a while will notice a few changes. Thanks to a special projects grant from Tourism BC, the facility received a brand new paint job — including a bright orange exterior door — and several new plexiglass brochure racks.

The previously used wooden racks were intended to be "temporary" many years ago and had a number of drawbacks for display purposes.

Now the various materials are displayed in a uniform and professional-looking manner that serves both businesses and visitors better.

"We thought, 'let's celebrate that, but also let the locals and businesses know what we can do for them' [by holding an open house]," said Sibley.

Businesses that register with the Chamber of Commerce-run Visitor Information Centre can benefit greatly through its referrals, for example.

Jess Harkema, one of the centre's summer students, has been putting ample energy into the open house event, which will include prize draws and games. A poster she created on the benefits of tourism to communities will also be displayed.

Harkema encourages islanders to use the centre's resources for ideas on how to keep their visitors busy and for new places to explore or hike.

"I didn't know about half of the trails on the island until I worked here," she said.

Island residents may not realize the info centre is the ideal place to find the answer to any question about Salt Spring or its services. If the knowledge is not already contained in spots like the centre's "grey book," personnel will find the answer and add it to the information cache.

The centre can also help with trip planning throughout the region and B.C. Sibley and Harkema both note that travelling closer to home has been a theme for this year.

And it seems many British Columbians are choosing to visit Salt Spring rather than venture farther afield in the summer of 2009.

In fact, the centre believes an unofficial all-time record number of visitors came in on Saturday, Aug. 1 — 918.

That number was quite likely higher since staff and



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Jess Harkema and Stuart Garside show off the new display racks at the Ganges Visitor Information Centre.

volunteers were so busy that some heads may have been missed. Mid-week numbers are also generally up, with 350-visitor days not uncommon now, whereas 150 was the more usual Monday through Thursday tally in the past.

With that much activity at the centre, volunteers are both much appreciated and in demand. While some 40 volunteers are currently on the roster, Sibley said ideally the centre would have 10 more individuals to help out.

People who are potentially interested in volunteering

there can contact Sibley at any time at 250-537-8320 or [visitorscentre@ssisland.com](mailto:visitorscentre@ssisland.com).

The Visitor Information Centre is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the summer, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in shoulder seasons and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in winter months — and closed only for a few major holidays.

This summer the Chamber of Commerce was able to hire three students — Harkema, her sister Adriane Harkema and Stuart Garside — thanks in part to a federal government summer jobs grant.

## News briefs

### Slow market movement acts

For people who find the Saturday market in Ganges a too-frenzied affair, a mysterious force is at work.

This Saturday the Geezers — aka Sid and Arvid — are reportedly coming to the market at high noon with a group called the Slow Food Mad Farmer Liberation Front "to slow the market right down," a market vendor told the Driftwood.

No other details were

revealed.

### Passport clinic visits Ganges

Islanders needing a Canadian passport can avoid off-island travel and hassle when a special clinic comes to Ganges on Monday, Aug. 17.

From noon to 8 p.m. at Salt Spring Island United Church on Hereford Avenue, officials from the Passport Canada Mobile Passport Unit will accept completed passport applications.

Passport application forms can be downloaded

from the Passport Canada website, completed electronically, printed and signed. The form can also be obtained at any Passport Canada office, Service Canada Centre or Canada Post office.

The only acceptable methods of fee payment at the clinics are certified cheque, money order (postal or bank) made payable to the "Receiver General for Canada," VISA, MasterCard and American Express. Payment by cash or debit will not be accepted.

For more information, visit the Passport Canada

website at [www.passport-canada.gc.ca](http://www.passport-canada.gc.ca) or call 1-800-567-6868.

All Canadian citizens travelling to the U.S. now need a passport.

### Monday night car crash

Thirteen firefighters responded to a single vehicle accident on Monday night.

According to Salt Spring's fire department, the call came in at 9:41 p.m. when a crash was reported at the intersection of Cranberry and Fulford-Ganges roads.

No other details were available.

### Slow down for hydro workers

RCMP are asking for drivers to take extra care when driving through roadside construction zones, specifically along North End Road.

Hydro crews continue to replace telephone poles toward Southey Point, where they have often been put in danger by speeding vehicles along the narrow road, say RCMP.

Speed limit signs are clearly posted in these zones and failure to adhere to them will result in double the regular fine.

## FORTHRECORD

A story in last week's Driftwood regarding the use of float planes on Cusheon Lake mistakenly called Wayne Hewitt the owner of a B&B on Horel Road. Hewitt closed his B&B operation in December 2007.



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 Monday - Friday

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**NEWSBEAT**

**FLOAT PLANES**

**Islander seeks no-fly status for five lakes**

Transport Canada confirms Cusheon off-limits to float planes

thing I've ever seen in terms of people passing the buck," he said during a meeting of the Salt Spring Island Water Council on Friday morning. "Basically we will be going backwards if we do not do something about this."

on the lake," said Jillian Glover, a Transport Canada spokesperson.

expected for release in March 2010.

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring resident Wayne Hewitt is ramping up his effort to make sure float planes will no longer be allowed to land on Cusheon or any other lake on the island.

Hewitt and other members of the Water Preservation Society spent years trying to prohibit the use of non-electric motors on the island's drinking water lakes. Considering the effort required to obtain that victory, Hewitt isn't prepared to let float planes be an exception.

"If there is evidence of such an occurrence, we recommend that you notify Transport Canada's Aviation Enforcement Office at 604-666-1012," she added.

Other Salt Spring lakes he hopes to include are Blackburn, Stowell, Maxwell and St. Mary.

Since Hewitt witnessed a small plane on the lake in front of his home last week, he's been on the phone with countless government agencies, departments and bureaus trying to establish what regulations, if any, are in place to regulate the landing of planes on Salt Spring's lakes.

According to Transport Canada's Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations, Cusheon Lake is classified as a Schedule 3 lake.

In spite of the regulations prohibiting float planes from landing on the island's lakes, it turns out many pilots, including the one who dropped by Cusheon Lake on Monday, Aug. 3, have no way of knowing which lakes are off limits.

"If we get these listed, then [the pilots] have no excuse," Hewitt said.

"I feel that this is the worst

"This is defined as 'waters on which power-driven vessels are prohibited,' thus seaplanes are not permitted to be

That's because the Canada Waterdrome Supplement, a navigation guide used by all float plane pilots, does not indicate that the island's lakes are no-fly zones.

Though use of float planes on the island's lakes is rare, Hewitt said he is concerned the planes threaten recreational users and water quality.

Cusheon Lake supplies drinking water for more than 200 households while St. Mary serves an estimated 1,800 connections.

Hewitt added that the consequences of a float plane accident in a drinking water lake could be catastrophic.

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**AGRICULTURE**

**Funding set for composting feasibility study**

Project coordinator and helpers needed for required research

a facility that would meet regulatory requirements, not offend the neighbours and result in an affordable product? What kind of equipment would be needed and how much would it cost? Where would the site be located and would there be someone interested in operating such a facility?

The feasibility study will be carried out between now and March 2010 with financial support from the Islands Agri-food Initiative, the Islands Trust, the CRD, the Farmers Institute, Island Natural Growers and the Earth Festival Society.

**BY ANNE MACEY**  
 SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Compost. There is never enough, according to the market gardeners on Salt Spring Island.

These are the questions the Community Composting Feasibility Study being undertaken by the Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance will set out to answer.

If you are a farmer you can expect to be contacted to determine how much of a demand there is for finished compost. If you run a restaurant you can expect to be contacted to find out how much waste is produced in your kitchens.

Local farmers are expanding their plantings to meet the growing demand for locally produced fruit and vegetables. Trucking compost from off-island adds to the cost of production. If we want to help ensure the viability of local agriculture, a supply of high-quality compost, produced right here on the island, will be a major asset, according to the recommendations of the Salt Spring Island Area Farm Plan.

We know that the closure of the Hartland Landfill to organic materials in 2012 will necessitate alternative solutions for waste disposal on the island. Also highly desirable is an alternative to the outdoor burning of leaves and brush, which negatively affects local air quality. We also know that the Burgoyne Bay liquid waste treatment facility would not result in a product that can be used for food production.

If you regularly have large quantities of waste organic material that you don't want to compost yourself and would like removed from your property or if you have the perfect site for such an operation, let us know.

But are there enough suitable waste resources such as yard and landscaping waste, horse manure or kitchen compostables? What would it take to set up

Can we work together on finding a solution which will benefit the entire com-

The Agricultural Alliance is also looking for one or more persons to assist us with the study — see the notice elsewhere in this issue of the Driftwood.

For more information, I can be reached at [annemacey@telus.net](mailto:annemacey@telus.net).

**FEDERAL POLITICS**

**Liberals name candidates for Saanich-Gulf Islands**

Decision meeting set for Sept. 12

and businesswoman, and Kit (Christopher) Spence is an entrepreneur and international democratic development expert.

impressive credentials. No matter what the outcome of the nomination race, we will offer voters a candidate who will be an articulate, passionate and committed Member of Parliament."

ing is set for Sept. 12.

Two well-known community leaders have set their sights on representing the Liberal Party of Canada in Saanich-Gulf Islands in the next federal election.

"We're delighted that two such highly qualified and well-respected individuals are seeking the nomination in this riding," said riding president Paul McKivett. "Both have

The party's "Green Light committee" approved both Hetherington and Spence on July 28. The nomination meet-

In the 2008 federal election, federal Liberal candidate Briony Penn came close to unseating then-Natural Resources minister Gary Lunn.

According to the Liberals, their party is experiencing a surge in support under the leadership of Michael Ignatieff.

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# NEWSBEAT

## SALT SPRING DOLLARS

# Chamber halts \$\$ distribution

Review seeks to tighten accounting and accountability

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce has suspended distribution of Salt Spring Dollars pending the results of a review into its dealings with the island's monetary foundation.

Chamber vice-president John Cade said a series of administrative mix ups and the sheer volume of money passing through the volunteer-run organization encouraged the chamber's board to reassess how it handles the island's colourful local currency.

"Over the last year, we've tightened up the chamber in terms of accounting practices and this has come up pretty loose," he said.

"We still want to distribute them, but there has to be a financial benefit to do that."

Cade said the chamber is preparing a series of questions for the monetary foundation's board and intends to meet with members to discuss ways to strengthen their dealings with one another.

It's hoped any outstanding issues will be resolved by the end of the summer, Cade added.

"The monetary foundation's support of arts events and sports events is a great benefit for the island," he said. "It's a licence to print money, but we need a more formalized way to distribute them."

The chamber had exchanged Salt Spring Dollars for Canadian dollars on a one-to-one basis and offered collectors' edition bills and coins.

The alternative currency was introduced in 2001 as a way to drive island commerce and identity by keeping local dollars local and encouraging tourism. Proceeds from the sale of Salt Spring Dollars are reinvested into local programs by the Salt Spring Island Monetary Foundation's board of directors.

Monetary foundation president Michael Contardi said he hopes a resolution can be established as quickly as possible.

"I'm confident we can get things back on track," he said.

In the meantime, he added, the currency is still available from the service counters at Thrifty Foods and Mouat's Trading in addition to the monetary foundation's armoured truck at the Saturday market.

Discussions with the chamber coincide with attempts to increase the currency's profile among residents and visitors. The foundation has a survey which will be made available on its website. Results will be compiled and released to the public after the Aug. 24 response deadline.

Contardi said the global recession has served to highlight the importance of local currencies as a means to encourage local spending.

As a result, he added, communities from across North America have shown an interest in the Salt Spring Dollars model.

"The idea is undergoing a resurgence in popularity," he said. "The global [financial] situation has made people realize the value of local currency."

Contardi replaced Bob McGinn as the monetary foundation's president in June. Jesse Gebhard, Donn Tarris and Eric Booth are the other board members.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

**FLOWERS FOR THE FALLEN:** Dorothy Cutting and Valerie Taylor pose with flowers destined for the peace circle at Ganges' Heiwa Garden. The Aug. 6 event marked 64 years since the United States deployed an atomic bomb over Hiroshima, Japan, killing an estimated 140,000 people.

## WILDLIFE

# Purple martin population on the rise in coastal B.C.

But birds still vulnerable and need human help

BY LAURA MATTHIAS  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The purple martin (*Progne subis*) is the largest of the swallows found in British Columbia.

The males are dark purple and females are dull grey in colour. These adept fliers are usually seen along shorelines feeding exclusively on flying insect populations.

They nest in colonies on coastal shorelines primarily along south-eastern Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands and the Lower Mainland.

Locally never very abundant, this species plummeted in numbers in B.C. in the 1980s due to several factors.

As populations of European starlings and house sparrows ousted the martins out of building cavities, the martins faced other habitat loss as dead trees with potential nesting cavities were

removed along waterfront properties. Additionally, cold spring weather can decrease insect availability, leaving hungry parents to be off the nest longer looking for food. This leaves the eggs vulnerable to failure during incubation, as well as potentially causing starvation in young chicks if food supply is low.

Despite declining to a staggering five breeding pairs in coastal British Columbia in 1985, the purple martins have enjoyed a remarkable comeback due to extensive nest box programs since then.

Numbers have climbed to over 500 breeding pairs, though populations are still vulnerable to fluctuations due to cold spring weather.

Their success, however, comes with the cost of being dependent on human beings to provide and maintain nest boxes for their survival.

The goodwill and good stewardship of many landowners and volunteers along B.C.'s coast have helped to

keep the martin populations intact, and must continue to do so if we are to have these beautiful birds as our neighbours.

If you have seen any purple martins on Salt Spring Island, please contact the Salt Spring Island Conservancy at 250-538-0318 or info@saltspringconservancy.ca.

# 'Project still has merit to proceed,' trustee

## COFFEE CO.

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develop an acceptable alternative.

"Even though I believe this application should not proceed in this particular location, the proposal still has great merit and the potential exists to find the right place for it on the island," Torgrimson said.

"Couldn't we turn this into a problem-solving process rather than a destructive blame game? Couldn't the company and its proponents move beyond disappointment, anger and mud-slinging toward a creative solution?" she said. "The choice to leave or stay is in their hands, not in the hands of the Islands Trust."

Islanders representing both sides of the coffee company debate filled the ArtSpring theatre ahead of the trustees' comments.

Speaking after the decision, Salt Spring Coffee Company owner Mickey McLeod said the 15-month rezoning process that has cost his company an estimated \$156,000 has made him feel let down by the Trust.

McLeod said he still wishes to build the facility on Salt Spring Island, but wants assurances the building process can proceed in a timely manner.

"I need some guarantees that we can all sit down and work this out without going through all this rigamarole again," he told trustees.

"I encourage us to get together very soon to make a decision and move on."

The new site would have replaced the company's current roasting and storage building on Alders Avenue.

The two-storey, 1,200 square-metre (12,900 square-foot) facility would increase roasting capacity, provide space for a tasting room, learning centre, organic garden, greenhouses and state-of-the-art wastewater management technology.

The Salt Spring Coffee Company employs 40 island residents.

According to Trust staff, the company will have to submit a new application if and when a new potential site is found and rezoning is required.

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# NEWSBEAT

## TRUST NOTES

# Trust considers school application

New Phoenix site up to province's land commission

Salt Spring Island trustees have forwarded a School District No. 64 application for a non-farm use within the Agricultural Land Reserve to the province's Agricultural Land Commission.

The school district seeks an exemption to construct a new home for Gulf Islands Secondary School's Phoenix program.

The district proposes to install a trailer on the .40-hectare (one-acre) property between the high school parking lot and the Rain-

bow Road recreation site.

The structure is needed to replace the Phoenix program's former home on Jackson Avenue.

"I'm always a little bit hesitant because these non-farm uses become permanent," said trustee George Ehring.

Ehring said he supports the application based on the strong recommendation offered by the Islands Trust's Agricultural Advisory Committee.

As part of its recommendation, the AAC suggests the Phoenix program use GISS facilities for parking and recreation and that part of the property be dedi-

cated to agriculture-education purposes.

• In other Trust news, island trustees want the AAC to clarify rules governing the subdivision of land within the Agricultural Land Reserve for relatives.

The discussion came up during Thursday's monthly local Trust committee meeting in response to an application by Booth Canal Road resident Athanas Varzeliotis.

The applicant seeks to create a one-hectare (2.5-acre) lot for his daughter. The remainder parcel would be approximately 9.75 hectares (24 acres), according to a Trust staff report.

Do you have something to say about a story or letter? Comment on-line

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## ISLANDS TRUST

# Sustainability Checklist released to public by Trust

Guide encourages green building

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Local trustees have hailed the island's new Sustainability Checklist, an environmentally friendly guide for residential construction.

"This is a marvellous tool and yet another example of Salt Spring's can-do attitude," said trustee Christine Torgrimson at last week's local Trust committee meeting.

The eight-page Sustainability Checklist help home builders and contractors make their residential construction or renovation projects more environmentally friendly.

The document includes tips on protecting ecological features, site management, water conservation techniques and how to select green building materials.

It also features a handy resource page and information about financial incentives offered by governments and non-government agencies.

Prospective home builders and renovators are urged to grab a copy of the document before they embark on their projects.

Elizabeth White and Marion Pape led the year-long effort to make the checklist a reality.

"Nobody had ever developed anything like this on Salt Spring," White said. "The key is to study the guide well ahead of the building process. So often we have people who say 'if only I knew that before I started.'"

Copies of the Sustainability Checklist are available free of charge at the Islands Trust office at 1-500 Lower Ganges Road and the Capital Regional District building inspection office at 206-118 Fulford-Ganges Road.

## THRIFT SHOP

# Half-price sales and auctions beefed up

Thrift Shop Christmas sale discontinued for 2009

Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop patrons will notice some differences following decisions made at a recent committee meeting.

First, there will be no Christmas sale for 2009.

"This special sale was usually held at the Legion's Meaden Hall on a Saturday," explains a press release. "Unique items, 'better' clothes and collectibles were held back for up to half a year for salable stock at the Christmas sale. However, long-term storage has always been a problem at the Thrift Shop. Items not sold at the Christmas sale then represent a renewed storage problem."

Instead of the Christmas sale, higher quality and unique items are being sold via "silent auctions" held every month or so. (Look for the advertisements in the Driftwood.)

"Bag sales" have also been discontinued. Whenever overstock exists, those items will be sold at half price to clear during the last week of every month.

Clothing bearing the previous month's barb will also be available at half price.

## Drs. Hansie de Kock and Talita Strumpfer

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# NEWSBEAT

## ISLANDS TRUST

# CRD steps out of Murakami dispute

Trust to determine legality of non-farm use

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Capital Regional District (CRD) is bowing out of a dispute involving an alleged land-use violation on a Rainbow Road property owned by siblings Richard and Rose Murakami until the Islands Trust weighs in with a verdict on the matter.

"We are suspending all [waste transfer station] licensing requirements until land-use and zoning issues are resolved with the Islands Trust," said John Craveiro, the CRD's manager of solid waste operations, on Tuesday. "We are pulling back because [the Trust] has jurisdiction. The ball is in their court."

The CRD decision means resolution of the dispute falls to Miles Drew, a bylaw enforcement officer with the Islands Trust.

Drew said the Trust aims to determine if the Rainbow Road property was used to store vehicles awaiting transport off island before Islands Trust and Agricultural Land



Crushed cars at Richard Murakami's Rainbow Road property.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Commission regulations came into effect in the early 1970s.

The Trust received a complaint about the suspected illegal use of agricultural land in March.

"Once someone has made a complaint, the issue isn't about

satisfying the complainant, it's about us deciding whether they are complying with the bylaw," Drew said.

He expects to reach a conclusion within the next few weeks.

"That we're still discussing

the final outcome with the Murakami family is all I can say," he added.

In the meantime, a car crushing and removal company has been clearing away the vehicles, — a task periodically undertaken on the property.

# Looking for solution to 'annoyance'

## RABBITS

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cottontails, which haven't been domesticated. This is contrary to the common belief among some of the incensed residents like Haffner, who insist that the wild rabbits have been left in the woods by careless owners. She describes the lagomorphs as rodents and says that banning them as pets is the ultimate solution.

Salt Spring's "Rabbit Lady," Brenda Plaxton, volunteer of the year for the BC SPCA and a rabbit owner for decades, echoes what breeders and shelters have to say on the topic: that a line of wild rabbits no doubt exists here in addition to any abandoned pets. The wild cottontails seem most prevalent in two areas of the island: North Beach and Isabella Point. However, they have been suspected in just about every neighbourhood. Cottontails are a tawny, sandy colour with a white tail. Any black or white rabbits or those with spots or other markings are of the feral variety.

Plaxton sympathizes with growers, but still treats the presence of rabbits as if it were any other wildlife issue.

"They're like deer or cougars here," she said. "Wild cottontails are a part of the population of Salt Spring Island and right now we're in the middle of a two-year [breeding] cycle."

No reliable information has been gathered on just how many rabbits of any kind are living on Salt Spring. Since one set of rabbits and their offspring have the ability to produce 2,000 bunnies in one year, any count would become immediately inaccurate.

The 4-H Club on Salt Spring has been successful in capturing and relocating some wild cottontails as pets, depending on what age the rabbit is found, said rabbit group president Brianna Herbert.

"It's a big problem everywhere," Herbert said. "Not just on the island."

## Former Pets Peeve

Over at the University of Victoria, where officials have been fighting to slow the growth of the rabbit population for around 20 years now, they believe that abandoned pets were set free on their grounds and all of their resident rabbits are feral.

According to Patty Pitt at the university's communications department, their course of action will not be as extreme as Haffner's, especially given their position as an educational institution. They have opted to ignore the rabbits and treat them as any other wild animal and hope that they will stop flourishing without the aid of humans.

The animals continue to pose a threat to the Finnerty Gardens and athletes who risk tripping in the many rabbit holes across the fields.

Abandoned rabbits also continue to be an issue at Victoria General Hospital.

The former breeder also warns against rushing into having a rabbit as a pet without understanding the extent of the commitment.

Over at the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre, founder Jeff Lederman sees plenty of both the wild cottontails and feral rabbits each year. Rehabilitation numbers haven't been up this year for either set of animals, but he has noticed an elevated number of cottontails hopping around the island himself. Lederman outlined the trouble with domesticated rabbits, but believes that wild populations won't get out of control.

"Feral rabbits bring with them health risks," he said, noting their potential aid in the spread of disease, "but wild populations always have a way of keeping themselves in check."

Lederman's approach to the issue of invasive rabbits is the same as any other species.

"Everybody doesn't like some kind of animal," he said.

Local wildlife, whether they are deer, otters, or rabbits, can always be seen as a pest, and there are ways to rabbit-proof a garden, he said.

Amongst the growers hardest hit by the island rabbits are the North End and specifically, the Hedger Road residents. Some say they've noticed the rabbits for 25 years, others less than five. Like-

wise, some have been successful at keeping them out of their gardens with barriers, while some inadvertently house the rabbits, like Alice Richards, who has them living beneath her hot-house.

But Richards' story won't be comforting to Haffner, since she's been living with the rabbits for four years now and is still trying to find a solution to Haffner's newfound annoyance.

Suggestions Haffner has received include sprinkling her vegetables with pepper — which seems to be working until it blows off the plants; installing more fencing; getting another dog or a cat; and poisoning them. She is currently looking into a fabric called Reemay that covers the garden completely but is permeable to sunlight and water.

She may be enthusiastic about eating the animals, but has rejected suggestions to poison them.

She is frustrated and upset that her attempt to join in the 100-Mile Diet revolution has failed and the rabbits trying to snag a free meal might become her next one.

"Another suggestion is snares and that's a good idea," she said. "Trap 'em and eat 'em. I'm just going to have to find out who would butcher them."

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**EDITORIAL**

## Going with the odds

In the wake of the trustees' rejection of the coffee company rezoning application, there's been multiple appeals for calm and understanding and a willingness to find another spot for the proposal roasting facility.

Trustee George Ehring even emphasized to the Driftwood that he and his colleagues didn't really say no. The Trust had not rejected "the proposal," he said in an e-mail, but only the proposal in this location.

To their credit, everyone is talking about sitting down and trying to find a solution together.

But if we were to bet on whether Salt Spring Coffee Company's headquarters will be on this island in a year's time, we'd pick the "no" side. It's not a matter of wanting to be negative, it's just a matter of going with the odds.

**THE ISSUE:**  
Coffee co. rezoning application

**WE SAY:**  
No neighbour-friendly spots

Even if another property is found, the trustees would still have to be satisfied that the facility wouldn't impact the neighbours in any appreciable way. Yet whether impacts would be felt is a question that just can't be answered in advance.

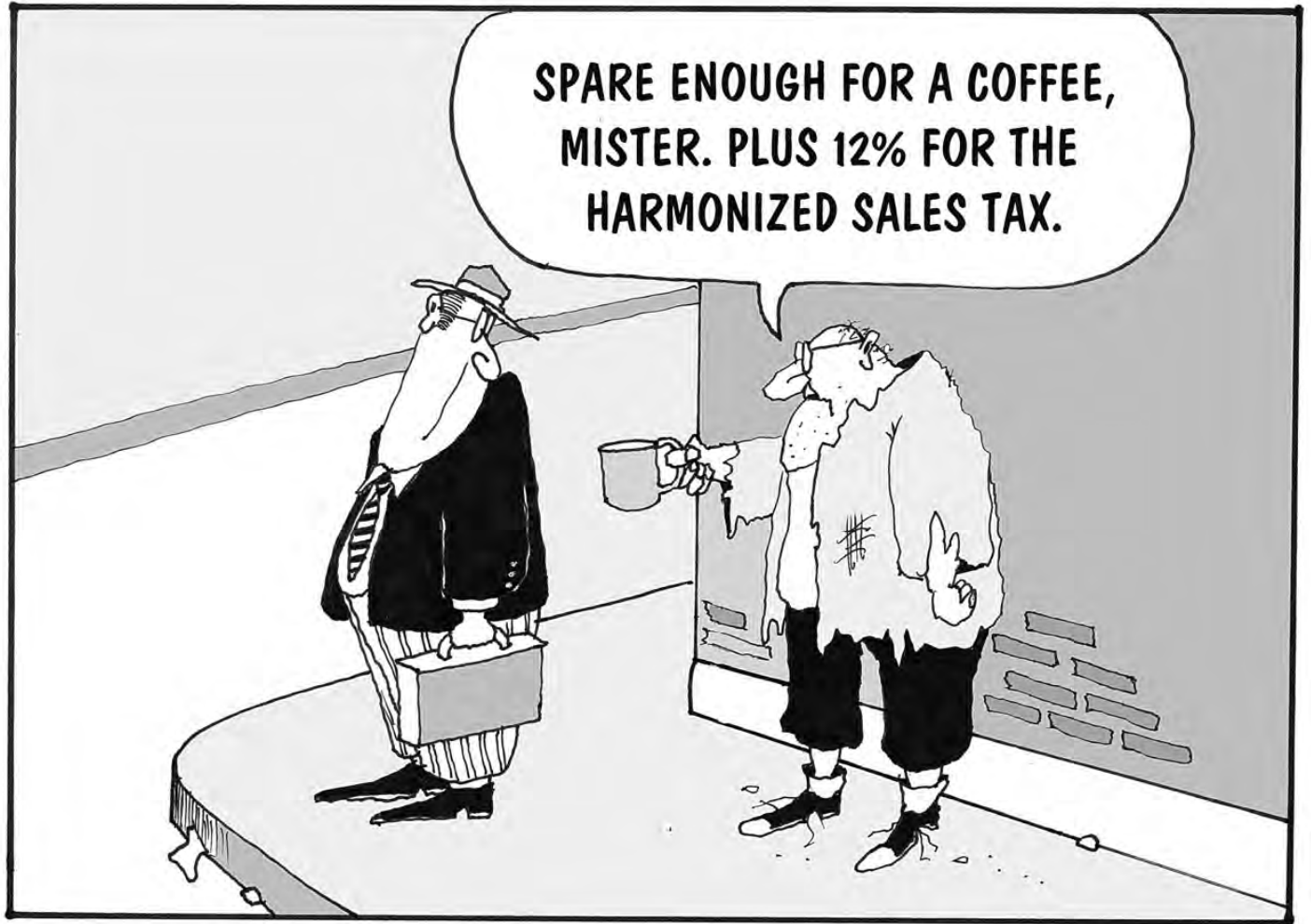
One can argue that if you already live on or near land designated in the official community plan for commercial or light industrial purposes, you've accepted the risk of a potential drop in the quality of your life. And the local Trust committee might be able to justify a pro-coffee company decision on that basis, if all other criteria are the same as they were with the 1501 Fulford-Ganges site.

Trustee Christine Torgrimson has even suggested OCP-friendly property in the Rainbow and Atkins area, but will the residents of Rainbow Road really welcome the operation into their neighbourhood? Is anyone starting a petition to that effect?

If you were Mickey McLeod, would you want to take on a whole new group of opponents, with no guarantee of a positive Trust vote the next time around?

I guess we'll find out in due course. In the meantime, it's interesting to watch the rest of the country's reaction to what should be a fairly parochial land-use story. Not only have stories appeared in the National Post, Globe & Mail, the Edmonton Journal and on CBC, but people have eagerly thrown in their two cents worth on most of those outlets' online comment forums.

Though largely uninformed comment, it's worth a few minutes of reading what others think about our little island. It ain't pretty, folks.



## BC Ferries review too narrow

BY HAROLD SWIERENGA

On July 28 the provincial government announced what a daily newspaper termed "a sweeping review" of BC Ferries.

Considering the issues relating to ferry service in the Gulf Islands, it may be argued that the review is not "sweeping" enough and that it needs to be more broadly focussed.

The mandate of the 12 ferry advisory committees (FAC) on the B.C. coast is the quality and cost of ferry service to the Gulf Islands, the Sunshine Coast and the northern communities.

The most important issue facing the FACs and the ferry advisory committee chairs (FACC) has been the steady and rapid increase in fares on the non-major routes since the implementation of the Coastal Ferry Act of 2003.

These increases range from over 60 per cent on some routes to over 100 per cent on others.

This act established a provincial grant called the service fee of \$92 million paid by the province to BC Ferries to replace a cross-subsidization of the non-major routes by the profitable mainland to Vancouver Island routes before 2003.

The annual \$92 million has essentially been frozen until 2012 (at the end of Performance Term 2) in spite of massive cost increases, particularly for fuel.

Consequently the provincial financial support for the non-major routes has decreased as a percentage of total costs. As a result, fares have risen at a rate higher than costs since all cost increases have fallen on the ferry users.

In the opinion of the FAC, these fare increases have been the major factor in the decline in both pedestrian and vehicle traffic on these routes over the last several years.

Demographic factors, economic conditions and the decline in U.S. tourism have also played a role. The result has been a

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reduction of business activity and a reduction of revenue for BC Ferries.

The terms of reference for the review of BC Ferries operations do not specifically mention the service fee issue.

This is a serious short-coming. In other words, a review of the functions and mandates of the Coastal Ferry Act as well as BC Ferries operations is essential to non-major route users.

Although the news release of July 28 mentions that one objective of the review is to "protect clearly mandated customer service levels," it is the mandated freezing of the service fee at 2003 levels that is reducing the affordability of ferry service to the coastal residents.

The background notes to the review issued with the press release do mention that the Comptroller General will "review all relevant legislation, contracts and agreements."

We hope that this provision will include the parts of the Coastal Ferry Act relevant to the coastal residents.

The FACC has formally requested a meeting with Comptroller General Cheryl Wenezenki-Yollande to deal with these issues.

As the review is scheduled to be completed by Sept. 30, 2009 and a concurrent review of Translink is also being conducted, time is very short.

The FACC has already done a significant amount of research on fares and service issues and is ready to provide this to the review process.

We hope that at the end of the review process, a more sustainable fare structure will be established for coastal residents.

*The writer is chair of the Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee.*

**"The most important issue ... has been the rapid increase in fares."**

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Should SSI's wild rabbit population be culled?**

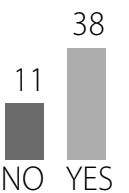
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**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Are you trying to reduce your water consumption?**



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# IslandVoices

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**
**"If I had money, I would open a restaurant called Rabbit Stew."**

DIANNE HAFFNER, FRUSTRATED GARDENER

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** Where do you bring guests when they visit Salt Spring?

**EMMA ANDRINGA**
*Ruckle Park because it's such a nice place for walking.*

**BOBBI JANOWIAK**
*The parks, the Saturday market and the galleries are the main sights.*

**ANN KING**
*I like taking them for a hike up Mount Maxwell.*

**JIM LETT**
*We like going out for breakfast and having dinner out on the water.*

**FRED ZDAN**
*ArtSpring, if there's something going on there, and the pub.*

## Letters to the editor

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

### Quality trustees

Thursday's local Trust committee meeting dealt with the Salt Spring Coffee Company's rezoning application. The outcome of the meeting is no doubt reported elsewhere in this paper.

My purpose in writing is to say that if any further proof was needed that this island is lucky to have two such caring, thoughtful, measured, articulate, responsible and hard-working trustees, we got it in spades in seeing how they addressed this complex and contentious issue.

Kudos to George Ehring and Christine Torgrimson; they are indeed a class act who have shown the best of how the Trust mechanism can operate!

Well done also to Mickey McLeod for taking the high road in his public response

at the meeting to the trustees' decision not to proceed with the application in this specific location. His statement that he would seek to work with the planners and the trustees to find an alternate location for the roasting operation on the island is hugely encouraging.

Notwithstanding bumps along the road, the outcome of this long process is a hopeful indication that we are maturing as a community in how we deal with difficult issues.

**GREG SPENDJIAN,**  
BEDDIS ROAD

### Huge responsibility

By rejecting of the Salt Spring Coffee Company land use application, George Ehring and Christine Torgrimson have given themselves a huge responsibility regarding jobs and economic stability on Salt Spring

Island.

I believe that they now bear the total responsibility to locate an acceptable site for the roasting plant that will protect both jobs and the economic integrity of this treasured local business.

**CURT FIRESTONE,**  
SALT SPRING

### Faces behind the vote

So the vote re: pending home for the Salt Spring Coffee Company came in as a no. Well what a shame. I guess the phrase "we can do this" did not ring loud enough.

I want to say that along with that no goes the hopes, dreams and future prospects for many fully employed people on this island. Those jobs have faces. They are our neighbours, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters and friends. They are our com-

munity. They work, pay rent, own houses, volunteer, donate and support this community in many ways. They have families, have children in schools, shop and recreate here, and are the very future of our community.

Biased? Yes, one of them is my son, who was raised and went to school here, left to further his education. He has come back and wants a future here. It is difficult on this island for young people to find a career, a decent salary, full-time employment, somewhere to live, a future on this island. But with the coffee company he did it and I am very proud of him.

I believe Salt Spring Coffee has vision that could be the envy of many a small community — an island success story that we all could have been proud of.

Instead of giving into fear of this development, let's join with the coffee com-

pany, share their vision and support them and their employees. Know that we can find a way. Yes we can.

**CATHERINE BENNETT,**  
SALT SPRING

### Hope for less painful process

I am heartbroken over our communities' divisiveness in handling the Salt Spring Coffee Company's application for rezoning the 1501 Fulford-Ganges Road property to accommodate a visionary and green business.

I urge all islanders, and especially the Friends of Ford Lake, who have spoken against this proposal to come to the table with open minds and hearts, to create a solution with Mickey McLeod that works for SSCC and the island. (I was heartened to hear that nearly everyone at the meeting supports the SSCC on the island, but at a different location!)

I am saddened that we are polarized, and one side goes away from the Islands Trust meeting victorious, and the other is deeply discouraged and disappointed. The process never should have dragged on so bitterly or so long.

We are lucky that Mickey McLeod still wants to work with our island, to stay here, so we can be proud of a truly sustainable, green, organic, fair-trade business that I certainly hope flourishes on Salt Spring, as a model for us and communities everywhere.

I hope that in the future, the process is less painful and more constructive, so islanders can work towards non-violent communication with the goal of mutual understanding and respect in establishing win-win sustainable situations.

**TAMAR GRIGGS,**  
BOLD BLUFF

**MORE LETTERS** continued on A11

## Island must overcome fear of change in order to thrive

Tahoe is a beautiful little community on the California/Nevada border, with a deep pristine lake, skiing in the winter, boating and hiking in the summer. On Sunday mornings, happy tourists can be seen loading up their cars, followed closely by cleaners blitzing the freshly vacated home, followed by a new set of happy tourists ready for a week of R&R.

Businesses cater to the visitors spending a week or so in the area. Restaurants and art galleries abound. There are hundreds of miles of bike trails — many six feet wide, wheelchair friendly, winding their way through forest land. Open air trolley busses wend their way along the lakefront, stopping for passengers, braking for the occasional black bear trundling across the street. Money from all these government funded amenities pour out of the local tax base.

Essentially, Tahoe is everything that Salt Spring could be. Government funded? On Salt Spring, vacation rentals are banned. Bike lanes are nonexistent. Downtown business owner Kevin Bell put in bike racks at his own expense. One of the downtown's main parks is maintained by the Rotary Club. The Rainbow Road flashing crosswalk light campaign was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and this newspaper.

Tourists are still seen clutching empty paper cups trying to find something as fundamental as a garbage can. Other tourists can be seen standing at the end of the boardwalk,

scratching their heads over the 20-foot gap in the walkway's continuum. Ganges' camping park, Mouat Park, was shut down, the campsites replaced by a frisbee golf course.

It becomes pretty clear that while Lake Tahoe understands that a vibrant economy is essential to a healthy community, our local government takes an, er, "passive" stance when it comes to business. This is astonishing when one considers that a substantial amount of the Trust and CRD's bank accounts comes from taxes scooped from the pockets of the very businesses they seem to oppose . . . money used to bankroll the persecution and prosecution of "scofflaws."

The latest example of this happened last Thursday when the two local trustees abruptly took the wheels off the Salt Spring Coffee Company's application to construct a roasting facility at 1501 Fulford-Ganges Rd. After 15 months and \$156,000 worth of studies, interest services (as well as the substantial cost of buying the property) Mickey McLeod's grand, green dream turned into a nightmare.

Without the backing of science (those environmental studies came back showing negligible pollution), the Islands Trust's ambivalence turned to the planned facility contributing to "urban sprawl" along the

"scenic corridor," otherwise known as the Fulford-Ganges Road. When that argument crumbled (scenic corridor? please . . .) they were left with the opposition of a handful of neighbours, none of whom I believe would actually be able to see the facility, nor hear it above the din from the parade of semi-trailer trucks barreling up and down the aforementioned "scenic corridor." Game over.

It's obvious that the Islands Trust was looking for an argument to hang their hat on — some justification to turn this application down. Why? At the end of the day, it boils down to fear . . . fear of change. Fear of making the wrong choice.

Is it justified? Look around. Centennial Park was a swampy marshland until it was filled in about 40 years ago. It now is home to the defining event of Salt Spring — the Saturday market. Scores of local islanders depend on the market for their income for the year.

When I arrived on Salt Spring Island, there was no Thrifty's in Ganges, just a funky little Red and White market. There was no Grace Point Square, no ArtSpring, not much of anything. I don't think anyone would deny that these changes have been very, very good for the island.

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**Peter Vincent**

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Combine in a medium size bowl **2 cups chopped cooked shrimp, 2 tablespoons seasoned rice vinegar, 2 tablespoons mayonnaise, 1 tablespoon sesame oil, 1 tablespoon lime zest, juice of 1 lime, 1/2 teaspoon paprika, 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin, 2 cloves garlic, minced, 1/2 carrot, grated, 1/4 cup thinly sliced green onions, 2 tablespoons unsalted sunflower or pumpkin seeds, salt and pepper to taste.** Chill ingredients. Slice **1/2 baguette** lengthwise. Fill with chilled mixture and **1 cup fresh baby spinach**, cut in two and serve.

Shopping list:

- Cooked shrimp
- Seasoned rice vinegar
- Sesame oil
- Lime
- Paprika
- Ground cumin
- Garlic
- Carrot
- Green onions
- Sunflower or pumpkin seeds
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**FLOWER FOCUS:** Kim Elsser creates a bouquet of flowers at her farm stand on Rainbow Road.

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### Compromise

Why the confrontation? Why not constructive compromise? The Salt Spring Coffee Company wants to continue and expand its business on the island. Our island's trustees have an obligation — in good faith — to honour and enforce the Trust's mandate: "to preserve and protect." Therefore, rezoning "residential rural" to "industrial" is in obvious conflict with this mandate.

So, what can be done? In a spirit of constructive compromise SSCC and the Trust could work together to identify available industrial land located within the public water system that can be rezoned for mixed usage: coffee production, greenhouse agriculture, and educational purposes. This teamwork approach just might prove to be a win-win situation. We would then be able to "preserve and protect" our precious island's eco-system while providing business and employment opportunities to Salt Spring residents. Sounds too simple to be true? Let's try it.

**DAVID KOS,**  
SUAN SUAY ROAD

### Fast, efficient

On Saturday, Aug. 8, I noticed a river of water making its way down my driveway. Fearing the worst, I made a call to North Salt Spring Water Works emergency number.

In about one minute I received a return phone call from Hall Theunisz, whose turn it was to be the weekend troubleshooter. I gave him my address and by the time I had walked back to the top of my driveway, he arrived. Right away he guessed the problem might be a broken meter: if not, I would be searching for a plumber who likes to work on Saturday night, or spending the rest of the weekend waterless.

Fortunately, Hall was correct. He expertly installed a new meter and in less than an hour from realizing there was a problem, I was relaxing in a hot shower! Furthermore, because of his rapid response hardly any water was lost. This kind of great service is just what a precious commodity like our island water deserves and I felt very fortunate to see it in action.

Thanks to Hall and North Salt Spring Water Works for being so responsible, friendly and competent.

**MELISSA SEARCY,**  
BITTANCOURT ROAD

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## RANTS *and* Roses

A huge thank you to Dave Enfield and his wife Debbie for hosting the BBQ for the visiting German dragon boat team. Was great fun and much enjoyed by all. Also, thank you to Barry of Harbour's End Marine, the harbour authorities and Ian of Island Gourmet Safaris for all their help. Spirit Point Dragon Boat Team

To each of the volunteers who helped make this year's Golf Fore the Cure a huge success, a luscious bouquet of roses wrapped up in pink ribbon. Without Pat Low, Pat Lavender, Susan Russell, Karen Davies, Franki Johnstone, Joanna Barrett, Linda Woodley, Cheri Cornachione, Darlene Wellington, Ina Curran, Joan White, Verity McKenzie, Ruth Hopping, Deb Hamilton, Pam Ellacott, Mona Coulter, Marg Cade, Pat Sutherland, Liz Food, Anne MacAulay, Melanie Iverson, Lynda Joyce, Dennis Wheatley, Larry Davies and Hamish Simpson it could not have happened.

Sincere thanks to whoever saw my wallet — in a shopping cart — on Friday, July 31. I cannot thank you enough for taking it to the post office at Country Grocer. HW

Roses to Rita Dods for her campaign to get markers on North End Road. Every time I drive by I think of her with thanks. (And I slow down!) Thanks Rita! Jean S.

A huge thank you to the Legion, Lions and Rotary for the wonderful BBQ they put on for everyone at Croftonbrook. It was a huge success and much appreciated by everyone. Judy

and Glen Willett

Thank you to Dave Enfield and his wife Debbie, Island Gourmet Safaris and Harbour's End Marine for hosting the BBQ in honour of the visiting German dragon boat team.

A case of rose champagne to the kind individual who found and returned the case of miniature paintings — thanking you with a toast for your kindness! Excelsior! to the Harvest Moon

For Molly: Love and thanks/and a South Pacific rose. /Pale by comparison/ to your sweet self,/ yet nonetheless/ from your R.L.F.

Two dozen long-stemmed roses to Pam of The Fritz Movie Theatre for personally returning my wallet to me here at Summerside after I lost it at the theatre. Thank-you, Pam! Brad Nixon

Armfuls of fragrant red roses for Greg on the sailing vessel Cat's Paw, the rescuer of our much-loved little Catalina. Greg saw our boat soon after she broke loose from her mooring, caught between rocks and a dock. He immediately towed her to safety, where she bobbed happily, with nothing more serious than scuff marks to show for her adventure. A heartfelt thank-you, Greg! Gayle & Howard Baker

Jenni and Kevin Osborne would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff at the Harbour House for helping to make our wedding day a fantastic party! Also a big bouquet of roses to Donna at Embe Bakery for a delicious and beautiful chocolate/carrot cake.



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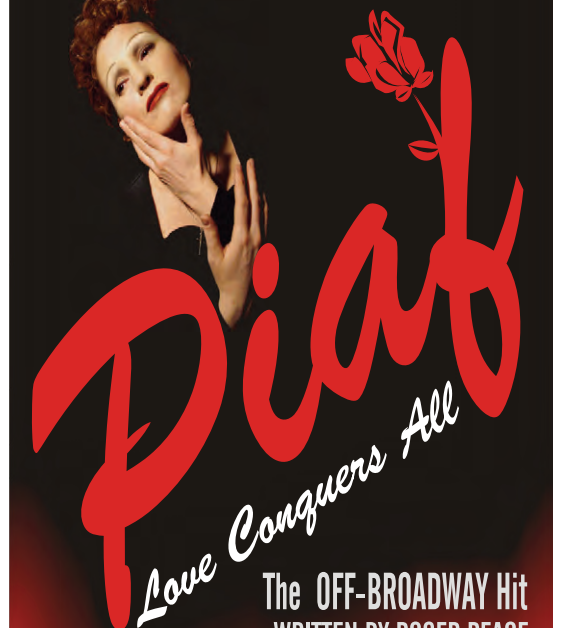
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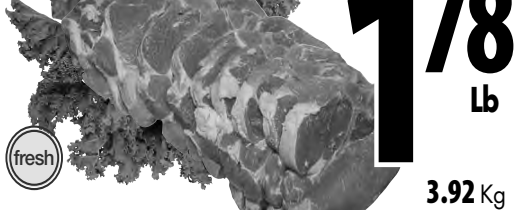
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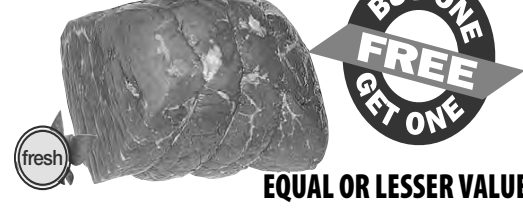
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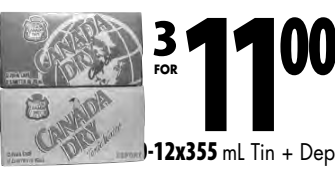
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## OPINION

# Will Salt Spring walk the green talk with library?

BY MEROR KRAYENHOFF

On a per capita basis, Salt Spring Island spends far more than other communities in B.C. (with the exception of Whistler) on their private residences. We have a feast of very expensive houses on this island as anyone in the building trades will attest.

However, in the public domain our buildings are (ahem) less than inspirational. There is a famine. Try to think of a public building that would have a visitor say, "You've got to come to Salt Spring Island to see this building."

Try to think of which iconic building in Ganges expresses our community identity. The disparity between what we're willing to spend on our private buildings and what we're willing to spend on buildings that serve the general public speaks volumes about our real commitment to community.

When it comes to building green, I can't think of a public building on Salt Spring Island that I can proudly show to my colleagues in the greenbuilding industry. We on Salt Spring may vote for the Green party or Briony Penn, but when it comes to public buildings the conversation diminishes to dollars per square foot.

Of course it's important what it costs, but is that what's most important? We can either see the size of the building and the green features as being in competition for dollars (as is the current thinking) or we can say that we will not settle for a building that is not sustainable (and then look at how we can make it as cost effective as possible).

We either say that we're not willing to compromise the prospects of future generations or we are willing to diminish their opportunities. It's pretty black and white. The library is a good opportunity to draw a green line in the sand. We either stand for sustainability as a community or we don't.

Perhaps standing for sustainability will mean that the library is smaller (but a thing to be really proud of) or perhaps it will cost more (the interest per year on a million dollars more for the library will run the average homeowner about \$15.78). Consider that one less ferry trip per year to Crofton per family could get \$2 million extra for the library. With a really nice library one might be less inclined to leave the island.

Should we choose to stand for sus-

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tainability, how would we measure that? Well, the ladder begins with LEED (accredited, silver, gold, platinum) and then moves up to the Living Building Challenge. Not until you get to the Living Building Challenge do you get sustainability. The LEED designations, although moving in the right direction, do not make it to sustainability. Only the Living Building Challenge represents true sustainability. In other words, to agree to LEED gold is agreeing to damage the prospects of future generations less. Are you OK with that?

Buildings consume 40 per cent of the world's energy (more than transportation or industry) and 40 per cent of the raw materials (U.S. Energy Information Administration), while producing 40 per cent of the CO2 and 40 per cent of the ozone depletion (U.S. Department of Energy). As Edward Mazria says, "The road to sustainability runs through the building industry!"

With all the bad news about the environment it can sometimes feel overwhelming and hopeless. Opportunities to make a big difference for our descendants don't come around that often. I invite people to vote "no" to the library referendum in November unless it is truly sustainable. We can see where the trajectory of our current building practices is leading us.

It's time to "just say no" to short-lived, toxic, energy consumptive, water consumptive, material intensive, maintenance intensive, acoustically inferior, combustible and toxic to our firefighters type of construction that uses mostly imported materials and labour. Alternatively, if the Living Building Challenge is adopted for the library I will be an enthusiastic supporter. Will we on Salt Spring continue to sleepwalk into a bleak future or take a stand? If not now, when? How about it, Salt Spring? Are we willing to walk the green talk?

*The writer sits on the board of the NorthWest Ecobuilding Guild, and is the inventor and licensor of SIREWALL rammed earth. He has commercial SIREWALL projects underway in Winnipeg, Salt Lake City, Arizona, Shanghai and is setting up to build a 50,000-square-foot SIREWALL hotel in New Delhi.*

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## VIHA check list

There has been a lot of discussion regarding the decrease in the capabilities of the hospital and medical services on Salt Spring.

I have recently read a most revealing paper written by Dr. Trina Larsen Soles in Golden, B.C. concerning the "blueprint" for eliminating rural hospitals. That paper suggests that the B.C. health authorities have a plan to discontinue critical care at rural hospitals. There may well be a VIHA plan to discontinue critical care at Lady Minto Hospital. The article by Dr. Soles outlines a sequence of actions which would ultimately lead to the downgrading of a rural hospital. Let's have a look at the VIHA record.

- Eliminate local hospital boards — Done!
- Create large bureaucratic regional authorities — Done!
- Save money — Done!
- Build bigger urban hospitals — Done!
- Close rural facilities — Done!
- Make rural hospitals non-functional/lower morale — Done!

- Centralize nursing appointments/lower morale — Done!
- Eliminate rural ORs (hospital core functions) — Done!
- Eliminate obstetrics in rural hospitals — Done!
- Centralize all ophthalmology surgeries — Done!
- Politicians to ignore rural concerns — Done!

Howard Waldner, VIHA CEO, announced in the July 16 Victoria Times Colonist "some health care facilities could be converted to urgent care centres," i.e. drop-in centres, so it seems that the VIHA has a sterling record regarding the downgrading of the LMH. Regardless of the guarantees the residents of Salt Spring have received, saying there is no plan to downgrade the hospital, it would appear that the VIHA may well have met the government's goal and we on Salt Spring are well on our way to losing our hospital and may well end up with a drop-in clinic.

Perhaps every Salt Spring resident should read the report by Dr. Soles. It can be seen on: [http://www.cma.ca/index.cfm/ci\\_id/43594/la\\_id/1/print/true.htm](http://www.cma.ca/index.cfm/ci_id/43594/la_id/1/print/true.htm). It will shock you!

**JIM GANDERTON,**  
SALT SPRING

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# OPINION

## MORE LETTERS

### Library logic

Voters, taxpayers and bibliophiles might want to pay closer attention to the proposal being put forward by the library building committee. I came away from a recent public information meeting dissatisfied and unconvinced by the design, its features and the development path chosen.

I am one of those who voted to keep the library in the village. I still believe this is the best location as it will invigorate the upper reaches of McPhillips and Jackson joining, with decent planning, the new businesses on Hereford to form a loop attractive to walking and cycling. Nevertheless, the scale and complexity of the proposed library calls for scrutiny.

Let me say, initially, that the real problem with the Mary Hawkins Library is not the building, admittedly a glorified shack, but the collection — a desultory hodge-podge evincing no particular informing intelligence. We are being asked to approve a multi-million dollar edifice to house the same old stuff.

Thus I was not reassured when I inquired if a 12,000-square-foot, \$7,000,000 building was justified for a community of 10,000. The answer I received was that Saanich is building a \$25-million fire hall — which is rather like kicking the tires on a 4x4 and being quoted the price of a track-hoe.

When I asked about the costs of the solar wall, the bio-roof and the in-floor heating compared to conventional construction, I was told they are only marginally (five per cent) more costly. I do not know. I have built a few houses in my life, and I find this claim really hard to believe. I guess it comes down to what is meant by “conventional.” However, I think most people will agree that the more complex the systems the greater the likelihood of expensive repairs.

I do not understand the meaning of public input when we do not know what the building will look like. We are to be presented with exterior elevations and, I presume, a model before the referendum, but by then it will be take it or leave it.

I believe what people want is a simple, clean, warm, naturally lit, easily maintained structure that will fit in and enhance the village. To my mind, the heart of a library is the collection. From what I have seen, we are on the road to an expensive “green” demonstration project from which matters literary and textual have been orphaned.

**CHARLES BRETH,**  
HARBOURSIDE

# Income tax nonsense may be harmful

BY JACK WEBSTER

I am alarmed that the Driftwood would publish false allegations such as those proffered by Ken Rouleau under the guise of legitimate comment in the Aug. 5 Viewpoint space.

Mr. Rouleau contends that the Income Tax Act is “illegal,” “unconstitutional” and “fraudulent” because the federal government lacks authority to levy tax on a “natural person,” because of division of legislative power, and/or that we can choose to not pay on the basis of “conscientious objection.” He contends this is the “truth” which has been consistently withheld from the public.

He claims, and this is his biggest whopper of all, that “Post-WWII Supreme Courts and tax challenges have also affirmed this, yet lower courts, media and all politicians deny and ignore its truth.” Mr. Rouleau would have us believe that what he says is the “truth” has been hidden by a massive and all pervasive conspiracy.

I have been, and remain, a practising lawyer in B.C. for over 32 years. I do not, and have never acted, for

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the federal government and thus have no axe to grind. Let me plainly state the law as it exists as of August 5, 2009: The Supreme Court of Canada, the B.C. Court of Appeal, the Supreme Court of B.C. and the Provincial Court of B.C. have all consistently and unanimously found the Income Tax Act to be constitutional, legal and validly enacted. People, even if they are “natural persons,” are required to pay income and other taxes under various statutes, both federal and provincial. There is no “truth” at all in what Mr. Rouleau contends.

Publishing commentary without even the most elementary fact checking — for example a couple of minutes at the B.C. Law Courts website — does a disservice to the good works done by papers such as the Driftwood in providing relevant, verifiable and cogent information so as to fuel public discussion and discourse on important issues. Facts are the lifeblood of public discussion and thus a baseline for democracy.

Perpetrating nonsense under the guise of fact derogates from civilized and useful debate.

Moreover, publication of nonsense such as that promulgated by Mr. Rouleau and his ilk, that income tax is a crackpot and illegal scheme that we should simply ignore, can actually harm folk. After all, some might believe other similar whoppers that masquerade as “facts” on the internet, such as: that Cheney and his cohort actually bombed the World Trade Centre as cover for their plan to invade Iraq; that jet contrails are an attempt by the US Air Force to control our weather; that there were no Jews in the World Trade Centre on 9/11; or that interest rates of 200 to 2000 per cent can be safely achieved without any real risk on “confidential” investments sold by “friends” and “business associates” that make no business sense at all because that is how banks and other really rich folk in-the-know made, and make, their filthy lucre.

One need only look to the millions lost by naïve folk who suspended their critical faculties and were taken advantage of by Bernie Madoff and other such charlatans to see that perpetuation of uncritical thinking bereft of real fact can cause substantial personal and public harm.

*The writer is a lawyer and lives on Salt Spring.*



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**DRAGON BOATING**



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German dragon boat team practises in Salt Spring waters.

## German paddlers stroke island hospitality

Training for the World Police and Firefighter Games

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A German dragon boating team practising on Salt Spring ahead of last weekend's race at the World Police and Firefighter Games in Vancouver has nothing but great memories and full stomachs after training on the island.

"My soul is happy on Salt Spring," said Hanne Braselmann, head coach of the Team Nibelungen dragon boat squad, speaking through a translator. "The highlight was all the guest families who were so wonderful and made it so easy to be here and feel at home."

The team's 19 members enjoyed island hospitality, salmon barbecues, fresh pro-

duce, a whale watching tour and plenty of good times with their local hosts, who included members of the Salt Spring Fire Rescue Department and the local Spirit Point dragon boat squad.

The team, comprising police officers from across Germany, is confident their training sessions with the Spirit Point team members will place them among the top teams in the competition.

"Our motto is 'yes we can' and we really want to go home with a medal," Braselmann said.

(Results were not available by press time.)

Many team members participated in other Police and Firefighter Games events, including the stair climb and marathon. The 10-day sports extravaganza offers more than 10,000 police officers, firefighters, customs and correction officers from 55 countries an opportunity to compete in over 65 sporting events.

Christa Wohlfahrt, an island resident who comes from the same city as some of the team members, was the driving force behind the boaters' visit to Salt Spring.

After months of planning and anticipation, she said, it's great to finally see so many community members and businesses step up to make the visitors feel at home.

She thanked Country Grocer, Harbour's End Marine and the Salt Spring Island Harbour Authority for their support.

Wohlfahrt said many of the big-city athletes appreciated the friendliness and openness of people on Salt Spring.

"Even in Vancouver they noticed a big difference," she said. "Everyone had a wonderful time."

As a thank you, the Spirit Point dragon boaters have been offered the chance to visit Germany and stay with local residents.

"We'll see about that," Wohlfahrt said.

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**DRAGON BOAT**

## Stingrays swim team hosts first championship

Islanders invited to drop by pool this weekend

BY GERDA LATTEY  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

This weekend the Rainbow Road Pool will be home to approximately 200 swimmers and their families from across Vancouver Island as the Salt Spring Stingrays host their first ever "B & C championships."

From Friday through Sunday, friends and neighbours of the pool will see tents going up and infrastructure being carted back and forth in order to get the pool ready.

"We will be covering over the hot tub, importing bleachers for onlookers, and making sure the pool is under 80 degrees F for optimum race capacity," said swim-team president Kirk Harris.

"And Splash will be there serving up a feast for everyone present."

Stingrays head coach Chris Brodie elaborates on what this event is all about.

"The B & C championships provide swimmers who have not yet achieved A times an opportunity to compete with swimmers at their own level. They compete in heats

and finals and achieve the top eight in their skill level.

"This is a great opportunity for novice or new swimmers to compete at a championship level. Swimmers will compete in 100M and 200M individual medley and 25, 50 and 100M in all four strokes: butterfly, breaststroke, backstroke and freestyle."

Despite having to take ferries and often stay overnight to attend meets, the Stingrays have had stellar attendance this year at all B.C. Summer Swim Association events.

The Stingrays have hosted open water events and fun island meets in the past, but this is the first time ever having a BCSSA-sanctioned meet, which makes an exciting opportunity for local swimmers to welcome the rest of the island region to their home pool.

Those living near the pool or driving up Rainbow Road this weekend will notice an increase in both vehicle and pedestrian traffic as some athletes are camping at the Farmers' Institute.

Harris hopes that locals will drop by and visit the pool this Saturday and Sunday to see the swimmers in action.

# SPORTS & RECREATION

## YOUTH SOCCER

# Y-teams Florida bound

West Coast Capitals metro/select teams named

Two Salt Spring youth are Florida-bound with their Super Y League soccer teams, after placing second in their division.

Olivia Keddy and Kaylea Kray will attend the Y-league's North American finals, representing the Pacific Northwest, after their U15 West Coast Capitals team finished the season second behind Mountain WFC, a lower mainland team.

The team finished with 23 points, and included seven wins, three losses and two ties.

The championship takes place Nov. 19-24 in Tampa Bay, Florida.

Four other Salt Spring players — Sam Montalbetti, Lukas Wenzel, Nevan Young and Erik Rothwell — also took part in the Y-League season, although their teams did not finish in the top two and will not advance to the finals.

In other youth soccer news:

- Eight Salt Spring youth soccer players have been named to West Coast Capitals metro (girls) and selects (boys) teams for the upcoming winter soccer season.

The largest island representation comes at the boys U15 level, with three players — Farley Cannon, Ronan Gunn and Nevan Young — named to the elite squad.

Adrian Alonso was selected to the U16 team, while Kevan Brown will play up one year at U18.

On the girls side, Olivia Kornelsen made the U15 squad, Olivia Keddy will play U16, and Sierra Lundy is playing up at U18.

Salt Spring technical director Josip Bratanovic has been named coach of the U18 girls squad.

The metro and selects teams include top players from clubs in the Lower Island Soccer Association. The league includes teams from the Lower Mainland and Sunshine Coast.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

### TENNIS TRUMP:

Eric Holden returns a volley in the Gulf Islands Open Tennis Tournament at Portlock Park on Saturday. The main draw was won by Rachael Browne and Conrad Bielicki over Erica and Colin Ross, while the closely contested consolation final saw Jennifer Morgan and Michael Powell eventually prevailing against Dorothy and Eric Holden.

### TENNIS FUNDRAISER

# St. Mary traversed by fundraisers

Tennis group brings in \$3,000

Suddenly at 3 p.m. on Sunday, St. Mary Lake was boiling with swimmers.

A small flotilla of colourful kayaks, canoes and rowboats accompanied each of the 14 swimmers in the second annual Cross-the-Lake Swim fundraiser for the Salt Spring Tennis Association.

Tiffany Wightman torpedoed her way across in record time — under 20 minutes —

leaving everyone else in her wake.

"The lake was a lot warmer than last year," said Ann Stewart, swimmer/organizer of the event, "but it was still nice to know there was a hot-tub waiting near the finish line."

Filling the hot tub to the brim were other swimmers: Ineke van Hasselt, Susan Russell, Avril Kirby, Tricia Simpson, Erica Ross, Jennifer Morgan, Patricia Morgan, Rachael Browne, Derek Emmer-son, Liz Anderson, Jocelyn Holmes and Michael Powell.

After cheering in the last of the swimmers, a crowd of 70 SSTA members, swim supporters and friends stayed on at the home of generous hosts, Jack and Ginny Giles, for the SSTA summer barbecue.

Food and fun were plentiful, and everyone enjoyed swinging to the "oldies" sounds of the Backyard Band, talented SSTA members: Avril Kirby, Ron Miville and Ron Per-ring.

The fundraiser brought the SSTA an estimated \$3,000 clos-

er to its goal of a new indoor tennis facility for the island. The SSTA heartily thanks all participants and supporters of this event.

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### COMING EVENTS

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MEETING**  
 7:30 pm at Fire Hall #1  
**Aug 17, 2009**  
 PUBLIC WELCOME

### DEATHS

*Irene Mostad*  
**1928-2009**

On Friday, August 7th, Irene Mostad (Paulsen) passed away peacefully, joining her beloved Otto.

During the last year since Otto passed, Irene greatly missed her husband of 58 years. Even though we will all miss them more than words can express, we are joyful that they are "together again". The large family left behind are closing this chapter, filled with memories and love, laughter, hugs, mischief and lots of good food.

81 years ago Irene was born in Smithers, BC. Otto and Irene married in Prince Rupert in 1950. The family was raised there until 1966 when they moved to Sidney. Salt Spring Island became home in 1968, first residing in Fulford for many years, and later in Ganges.

Irene and Otto are survived by Christine (Dennis Fleming), JoAnn (Rick VanHerwaarden), Elaine (Robert Huser), and son Gordon.

The extended family of 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren will forever miss Bestamor.

Thank you for the prayers and condolences. We are strengthened by your caring.

**A celebration of life was held on Tuesday, August 11th.**

### DEATHS

**Sigurgeirson, William J. (Bill)**  
**Aug. 31, 1931 - Aug. 4, 2009**

Passed away suddenly at his home on Salt Spring Island on August 4, 2009. Survived by Doreen, his loving companion of 32 years, his five children Pauline (Bruce), Steve, Lisa Maxx, Aaron (Daniela) and Caleb (Emily) of Vancouver; Christine and Sonia, the mothers of his children; six grandchildren Ben, Jekka (Joss), Fiona (and her mother Leah), Kay, Benjamin and Quinn; and two great-grandchildren Jorian and Jordan.

Bill was pre-deceased by his sister Diana and her husband Buddy; survived by his two sisters Victoria and Elin (Ray) and two brothers Darwin and Paul (Airi) and lifetime friend and cousin Russell (Dorothy) and his many nieces and nephews.

Bill was born in Gimli, Manitoba, on August 31, 1931, and lived on Hecla Island until the family moved to Steveston, B.C. when he was 12. Bill lived a rich and varied life with occupations of fisherman, carpenter, lawyer, boat-builder and back to fisherman. He was well-loved for his quick wit, silly humour, his compassion and his love of children. Music also played a huge role in his life, coming in from past generations and passing through to those yet to come. Bill will be dearly missed in his roles of partner, father, Avi and uncle. Farthu draumaveginn Vilhjalmur Jakob.

Please join us for a celebration of Bill's life on August 29, 2009 at 12 noon at Central Hall, 901 North End Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C.

### DEATHS

**ALDERSON, Joy (nee Hinton)**  
**1918-2009**

We bring you the sad news of the peaceful passing of Joy Alderson this past July 14th on Salt Spring Island. Due to an advanced state of osteoporosis, a cracked pelvis took Joy to the hospital where she unfortunately succumbed to a serious infection. She passed away in her sleep after two weeks of family and friends around her at the marvellous facility on Salt Spring. Joy is survived by her husband Eric, daughter Lucy and son Tim as well as nieces and nephews in the UK. She will be remembered as a great mother, the most loving person we know, for her generosity, her sense of humour, her horticultural exploits and her practical and elegant approach to life.

Born in Ireland where her father was posted as a military officer, Joy spent her early years in England. From about the age of nine through her early teens, she and her brother were raised in France. Along the way, Joy became an accomplished horsewoman. She followed in the footsteps of her mother Phyllis, the long time editor of Riding, the pre-eminent international magazine of the English Style.

In London during the war, Joy along with countless other young women her age, worked in the Intelligence Services breaking and handling enemy codes. After a couple of years of listless and restless times following the war, Joy embarked on the adventure of Canada. She lived for a time with friends of friends in Toronto before taking a position as Governess to a younger girl, in the employ of a well-to-do widower who had lost his wife due to illness. They lived in Toronto as well as on his farm north of the city where the horses were kept and where she could teach this young person how to ride.

It was at this farm that an English Army Officer answered an advertisement for Farm Manager. This man would become her husband of fifty-six years. After a time, these two would answer another ad to manage a farm and raise a family in nearby Aurora, Ontario. That position eventually turned into a business proposition that kept them in the area until retirement in 1986. That December, they moved lock, stock and barrel to above the Booth Inlet, near Ganges on Salt Spring Island, BC. The beauty, slower pace and mild, moderate weather of this lovely little corner of the world has made for a happy retirement. Joy had a long and interesting life but she will be missed. For anyone seeking more news, please write to aldersontimothy@gmail.com

### DEATHS

### IN MEMORIAM

**In Memory of MAX ABLEY**  
 (May 10, 1982 - August 16, 2000)

Another year Max,  
 I so wish it wasn't.  
 I wish we could talk,  
 laugh & have dinners.  
 I so wish you were here.  
 I wish I knew, so many things.  
 We miss you & think of you  
 all the days.  
 With love & sadness,  
 Mom, Dad, Nick & Finnegan

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**50th Wedding Anniversary**

at an  
**Open House**  
 on Sunday,  
 August 23rd  
 at the  
 United Church and  
 Church Meadow  
 on Hereford Avenue  
 from  
 12:00 to 2:30 pm.

They invite all friends to drop by who have helped make their 30 years on Salt Spring so memorable.

**Best wishes only please**

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**A DAY of WomenWriting:**  
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### DEATHS

**MacKenzie**

Donalda Margaret (nee Gillis), died on Tuesday, July 28, 2009, at Lady Minto Hospital, Salt Spring Island. Donnie was born on July 11, 1929, at Port Alberni, B.C., to Warren and Margaret Gillis (nee Forster). The family lived on Vancouver Island before settling in 1938 in Surrey, where both Warren and Margaret had been born. Donnie attended South Westminster Elementary School and Queen Elizabeth Secondary School. She was always an excellent student, shone in school dramatic presentations, and in her final year was elected student council president, the first girl to hold the post. She then attended U.B.C. and Provincial Normal School. Her first teaching position took her to a one-room school in Lund, B.C., where she met and fell in love with George MacKenzie. They were married in 1951, and embarked on the adventures of a lifetime together. George's work in the forest industry took them to a number of B.C. locations: Port McNeill, Surrey, Penticton, Merritt, Greenwood, Burns Lake, Kitimat and Prince George. Donnie raised the family, taught periodically and corresponded prodigiously. After George's retirement, they lived briefly in Greenwood, but following his early death in 1988 she lived in Surrey and Abbotsford.

In 1998 she moved to Salt Spring Island to share her life with Ray Hill, whom she had known since Normal School days, and who with his wife Beth had remained a lifelong friend. Donnie and Ray were keenly interested in current events, both local and global, and enjoyed a mutual pleasure in social events on Salt Spring. Both had experienced declining health in recent months, and Ray's death on May 28 preceded hers by only a few weeks.

Donnie is survived by her sons Stewart (Colleen), Neil (Mary Beth), and Andy (Cathy), and her daughter Leith Ridley, and their families. She is also survived by her sister, Joan Parolin (Joe), & brother Ken Gillis.

A celebration of Donnie's life will be held at First Memorial, 14835 Fraser Highway, Surrey, at 2:00 on August 15, 2009.

If anyone so wishes, contributions in Donnie's memory to Lady Minto Hospital Foundation (135 Crofton Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 1T1) would be accepted with gratitude, in lieu of flowers.

### DEATHS

### INFORMATION

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**MEMBERSHIP:** Persons who have reached 19 years of age, who reside in the Gulf Islands – namely Salt Spring, North Pender, South Pender, Prevost, Saturna, Samuel, Mayne and Galiano – who have made written application for membership in the Society. Memberships for the Society can be obtained at the Greenwood Care Facility.

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Documents for the tender for "Water Transport Service" will be available to contractors from the School Board Office commencing August 17, 2009.

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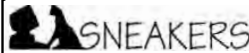
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Please respond to Personnel Committee before Aug. 24 by email to debolson@telus.net or to 212 Fulford-Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2K7."

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Email: lori@uppergangesliquorstore.com  
Fax: 250-715-2020  
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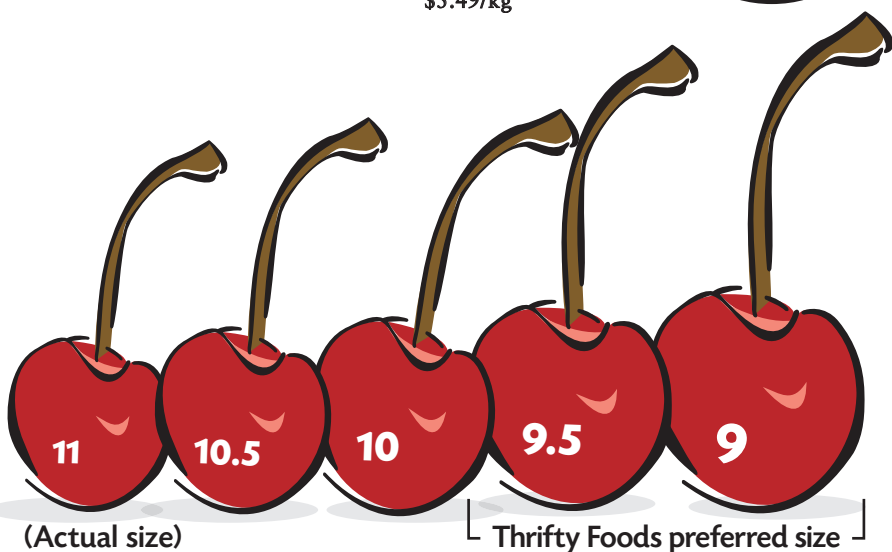
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BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

## New regs drive home impaired driving message

Fines, prohibitions, jail time and rehab only the beginning

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### FIRE PREVENTION

## Homeowners can take steps to minimize fire property damage

Hot summer increases awareness and action

With the provincial fire danger rated as "High" or "Extreme" in many parts of B.C., BCAA Insurance is urging homeowners to take a few precautions to reduce their fire exposure and safeguard their homes. As one of the largest providers of home insurance in the province, BCAA says while insurance is crucial, a little prevention can go a long way in avoiding being inconvenienced or suffering a fire loss.

BCAA advises the following smart, simple ways to prevent damage from fires:

- Surround your home with a 10-metre low fuel belt. Clear away any trees, brush, gas/propane tanks and firewood that could add fuel to a fire. Use driveways, lawns and gravel to create a fuel break wherever possible.
- Rethink your roof. Clear away overhanging trees and combustible debris such as pine needles or other vegetation that could act as fuel for airborne sparks and embers. Planning a new roof? Consider using non-combustible roofing material such as slate, metal, clay or tile — your insurance company may award a premium discount for non-combustible roofing.
- Be visible in an emergency. Make sure emergency crews can see your address clearly from the road. Be an advocate in your community for visible, fireproof street signs.
- Barbecue safely. If using a gas or propane barbecue, ensure it is functioning properly and free of cracks or leaks.

Always keep the lid open when lighting. Position the barbecue away from windows or combustible materials. If using a charcoal barbecue, dispose of hot embers in a metal container.

• Be "firesmart" inside your home. Keep fire extinguishers charged and handy, one per floor.

• Record your belongings. In the unfortunate event that you suffer a loss, it's important to have a record of your belongings, whether that's achieved by writing a list, taking photos, or shooting a video of your home.

Remember to include a record of valuable plants, shrubs and trees. Keep this record of your belongings in a safe place away from your home, such as a safe deposit box or office.

• Schedule an insurance check-up. Ensure your policies are accurate, current and provide all the coverage you need. Make sure recent renovations and additions are reflected in your coverage.

During natural disasters, such as wildfires, insurance companies may place temporary restrictions on accepting new business, making the instant purchase or upgrading of insurance exceptionally difficult.

• Don't let occasional-use vehicles sit uninsured. It's smart to keep recreational and other occasional-use vehicles (e.g. boats, RVs, collectible cars) insured at all times, not only so they can be moved quickly in the event of a wildfire evacuation, but also so they are protected against year-round threats such as hail, arson or vandalism.

Article submitted by BCAA Insurance.

### DRIVING REGULATIONS

## Slow down, move over law now in effect

A new regulation is now in place in B.C. to enhance the safety of emergency workers.

The new Motor Vehicle Act regulation, which came into effect earlier this summer, applies to drivers passing police, fire, ambulance and towing vehicles, as well as vehicles used by commercial vehicle safety and enforcement personnel and others.

Drivers must now slow to 70 km/h on highways where the speed limit is 80 km/h or higher, and to 40 km/h where the limit is below 80 km/h, when approaching a stopped emergency vehicle that has lights flashing. If there

is another lane going in the same direction, drivers must also move into that lane if it is safe to do so.

The penalty for not slowing to the designated speed, not moving over, or both, is a fine and three penalty points on the driver's licence. The fine, including a 15 per cent victim surcharge, is \$148 if paid within 30 days or \$173 thereafter. An existing penalty remains in place for failing to yield to a moving emergency vehicle.

Between 2001 and 2007, 21 emergency workers were injured or killed on B.C. roads - 12 of them at the roadside.

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# EMERGENCY RESPONSE



Drunk drivers now face stiffer penalties in B.C.

## Ignition interlock system: hefty bill

**MESSAGE**  
continued from B1

As of Jan. 1, 2009, federal regulations for first-time offenders translate into a one-year driving prohibition and a minimum \$1,000 fine. Get caught a second time and you're liable to imprisonment for at least 30 days. Subsequent convictions will mean imprisonment for no fewer than 120 days.

Speaking on behalf of the Salt Spring RCMP, Corp. Martin Beardsmore said he's all in favour of the harsher penalties, but has yet to see their full impact since many of this year's drinking and driving charges are only just now making their way through the court system.

"It's a fairly big issue and it's always been like that," he said. "We are in support of any legislation that can serve to deter people from drinking and driving. Clearly, any extra tool to help combat this is useful."

Beardsmore said the downward trend in drinking and driving in recent years is a bit of a mixed blessing.

On the one hand, people are starting to take the consequences of impaired driving seriously. On the other, a solid core of offenders exist who continue to

drink and drive regardless of what penalties the court system throws at them.

"Clearly it's a social problem," he said. "We've got no subway system, few taxis, limited hitchhiking availability and walking is limited, but everybody knows the situation and I don't see Salt Springers leading the way and making arrangements before they head out."

In 2008, Salt Spring RCMP charged 98 drivers with impaired driving and issued 60 24-hour driving prohibitions. So far in 2009, the detachment has issued 50 impaired driving charges.

According to Salt Spring Island lawyer James Pasuta, the headaches for people caught behind the wheel after having a few drinks aren't limited to the federal provisions.

In many cases, he said, penalties imposed by the British Columbia Motor Vehicles Act are much more stringent than anything offered up by the federal government.

As a defence lawyer, he has concerns that individuals can lose their driving privileges even before they are scheduled to appear in front of a judge.

"There seems to be an

eroding of the presumption of innocence," he said. "My big issues are the sanctions being given that kick in without having appeared in front of the judge."

As of Feb. 1, 2009, the province's expanded ignition interlock program means drivers with a single alcohol-related conviction under the Criminal Code or Motor Vehicle Act or three 24-hour prohibitions within five years will face some serious changes once they regain the right to drive.

"In many ways, these are just as, if not more, severe than the federal regulations," Pasuta said.

The ignition interlock device is wired to a vehicle's ignition system and requires the driver to provide a breath sample before he or she can start the vehicle. If any alcohol is detected, the vehicle won't start. The device also demands random breath samples to ensure the driver remains alcohol-free while operating the vehicle.

On top of the hassle of having to "pass the test" before getting behind the wheel, drivers will have to pay a \$150 program fee, \$150 installation fee and a monthly monitoring fee of \$105 for the duration of the sentence.

Impaired drivers must also pay \$805 for the "responsible driver rehabilitation program" before the interlock system is installed.

For Gulf Islands residents, it means completing a multi-week course in Victoria and convincing its operators that you won't offend again. And don't forget the higher insurance premiums when you do get your wheels back.

It all adds up to a hefty bill and a whole lot of inconvenience. It's more than enough to make picking up the phone for a \$20 cab ride seem like a sober alternative.

For more information, visit the Office of Superintendent of Motor Vehicles website at [www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/osmv](http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/osmv).

### EMERGENCY PROGRAM

## Pod program growing

No time like present to get prepared

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

There's no such thing as a slow season for Timothy Cahill, Salt Spring's emergency pod coordinator.

Weeks of dry summer weather have kept Cahill busy teaching people about ways to FireSmart their properties as a way to minimize damage in the event of a wildfire.

During the winter, he's busy making sure people have a means to keep in touch and stay safe in the event of a major snowstorm.

As if that wasn't enough, there are the ever-present threats of earthquakes, flooding and disease.

Whatever danger you can think of, chances are Cahill's got a strategy to get islanders through it.

The basis of Cahill's emergency response program is the pod system, a network of neighbourhood volunteers who share information, equipment and skills amongst themselves in the event of a major emergency.

Cahill said roughly half of the island's pod sections have developed strong neighbourhood-based emergency response protocols.

Getting the other half on board takes up whatever leftover time Cahill manages to find.

"It's a grassroots effort so it's about them being prepared and making sure they have the material and support needed to coordinate in an emergency."

Groups meet on a regular basis to update members on regional concerns and the availability of people and equipment.

Thanks to the growing interest in

the pod program, Cahill has recently completed a new pod manual, a guide that outlines what to do in the event of a major emergency.

The guidebook is available to pod section captains, members and all new recruits.

"It offers detailed and standardized information of all the elements of setting up an emergency response," Cahill said.

He said the program is always searching for new members and just about anyone stands a chance of offering some kind of service when the going gets tough.

Skills can range from engineering to first aid to being able to transmit messages by radio or even by foot during a time of crisis.

"Really, there's something for everyone," he said.

Over the next couple of weeks, Cahill hopes to distribute more than 1,000 green and red signs to pod veterans and would-be members.

The signs are the latest attempt to make communicating in the event of a disaster that much easier.

Flipping the sign to red in the event of an emergency, Cahill said, is a way to indicate that help is needed.

Green means rescuers don't need to bother and can move on.

The signs are just one part of the ever-evolving emergency response team's effort to give Salt Spring island residents the confidence and knowledge to ride out a disaster, whatever form it may take.

Cahill said people can obtain a sign from their pod captain.

For people who don't have a pod captain or aren't familiar with the pod program, more information can be obtained from Cahill at 250-537-8409.

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ART EXHIBIT



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At left, Allan Crane with one of his sculptures; below, Julia Lucich with her portrait "Rasta."

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## Twos and Threes: work by talented artists

Lucich and Crane exhibit on through Aug. 15

BY GAYLE MAVOR  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The Twos and Threes exhibit currently on display at ArtSpring's multi-purpose room showcases the respective two and three-dimensional creativity of sculptor Allan Crane and painter Julia Lucich.

How well do you really know these two Salt Spring-based artists who sell to ever-expanding international markets? Sure, he's a sculpture toiling away daily in front of his Stone Fish Sculpture Gallery and Studio on Lower Ganges. You may have marvelled at his dedication as you drive by, but have you ever actually stopped the car and taken a peek inside?

The same can be said for your perceptions of the art of Julia Lucich. When you see the haughty look of the bovine Party Girl staring out at you from her stall at the Saturday market, you may not know that she is a professional portrait artist who trained with Bob Gerbracht, a highly recognized U.S. master of portraiture.

This exhibit therefore is your opportunity to broaden your knowledge of the complete range of these two artists.

Lucich's trade-mark "Party Animals" — giraffes, bears, boars — tamed and joyful by the bright hues of her imagi-



nation, hang next to a side of her art you may be less familiar with: reflective and realistic portraits. You'll recognize some locals.

A little further along, still life pieces are brought to life through her expert handling of light, colour and technical knowledge. She has no interest in restricting herself to subject and medium. Most recently she has worked on landscapes and even florals.

Nobody looks at a landscape and says it doesn't look quite right in the same way they would when they look at a portrait, she says.

"Portraiture is exacting and demands drawing skills."

Nowhere is that more evident than in Rasta, a stunning portrait of a stranger she spotted in Ganges. Sometimes she works from live models — her daughter as a teenager or her husband caught during a nap. She photographs characters from her travels; the weary intelligence of a vendor in the city of Li Jiang.

"Not every portrait is about a face," she says, pointing to India;

a young East Indian girl standing on tippy toes peers out the window as an example. Her work contains stories. Look at The Fall Fair pastel. It arose from three distinct photos recreated into a new work. The way the light was coming from the same direction on each of the three subjects attracted her.

"I'm not interested in straight lines," she says.

It's a sentiment Allan Crane might share.

The gleaming, smooth surfaces of Crane's sculptures call out to be touched, but please refrain. Whether representational, marine life or abstracts, walk around the pieces and take time to examine the stone so you can really see what he has coaxed out of it. Some of the sculptures have rough bases, a recreation of beach sand or other bases. Regardless, he's committed to textures that are intentional and complete and his humour is present as well.

It's there on the price tag of Politician, a rough, egg-shaped lobe of calcium, iron and pyrophyllite: "\$20,000 or best bribe offer."

It's there in BTHOOM I, an acronym for "Beats the Hell out of Me," which is Crane's way of snubbing art terminology such as post-modernism or negative space.

"What's negative space?" he asks with disdain. "Is it a black hole?"

To take a stone and transform it into forms of beauty, curiosity, wonder and sometimes even confusion is not for the meek. It takes risk, confidence and physical strength. He's been known to commandeer helpful passers-by to haul 198 pounds of steatite out of his studio for what would become a dark green watery fish environment in School's Out.

It's not unusual for him to work on five or six pieces simultaneously, stopping and starting the larger pieces over time but working consistently to complete the smaller pieces. His stone comes from two Lower Mainland importers and the majority of works in this show are created from steatite, which typically arrives in Western Canada from Brazil. Steatite's range of colour within a single piece is what appeals to him. Golden, sandy tones gleam in the abstract Treble Cleff, jade-like green in School's Out and minty green flecked with browns in Eden where a wandering vine represents Adam's fig leaf.

To be a sculptor is to be a renegade and a diplomat. You must put yourself out there

and withstand all those annoying questions that arise in relation to your abstracts.

Sometimes he has the work in mind upon first seeing a stone, sometimes it sits in his studio until the idea unfolds upon the stone.

What would he personally look for if he was purchasing a sculpture? He has to be emotionally drawn to the piece and it has to be technically complete. Ask for elaboration, however — what does "technically complete" mean exactly? — and you may be left chiselling away to no avail, which is possibly as intentional as his approach to his art.

The show runs to Saturday, Aug. 15.

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## Wed. August 12

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Piaf: Love Conquers All.** Off-Broadway hit honouring legendary French singer Edith Piaf. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.  
**Graeme Wilkinson and Monica Orso.** Pianist and soprano perform at Music & Munch. All Saints. 12:10 p.m., followed by optional lunch for \$5.50.  
**Black Velvet Band.** Irish and Island melodies at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.  
**Many Roads, One Journey.** 16-step women's group. Wednesdays at the Core Inn, 7-8:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-9971.

### ACTIVITIES

**Summer Reading Club.** Activities for kids in grades 1-6 (but younger and older ages welcome) at SS Library. 1-2 p.m.

## Thurs. August 13

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**The Dharma According to Fifi.** Flying Dreams Aerial Arts Production at The Temple. 8 p.m.  
**Piaf: Love Conquers All.** Off-Broadway hit honouring legendary French singer Edith Piaf. ArtSpring. 7 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 on Thursdays.  
**Billie Woods.** Shipstones patio. 7 p.m.  
**Daryl Chonka.** West coast world folk music at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Green Drinks**  
Free veggie appetizers and great networking with local environmentally minded folks. Hosted by I-SEA at the Harbour House. 5-8 p.m.

## Fri. August 14

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**The Dharma According to Fifi.** Flying Dreams Aerial Arts Production at The Temple. 8 p.m.  
**Piaf: Love Conquers All.** Off-Broadway hit honouring legendary French singer Edith Piaf. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.  
**Friday Night Jazz.** Ted Hickford & Friends at the Harbour House Hotel. 7:30-10 p.m.  
**Tom & Matt.** Shipstones patio. 7 p.m.  
**Brent Kunder.** Performs as part of Customer Appreciation Day at Harbour House Hotel. 2-6 p.m.  
**Planet Music.** Original urban jazz at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Heart Shrine Relic Tour.** View and be blessed by Buddhist relics. Ganges Yoga Studio. Opening ceremony at 7 p.m.  
**B&C Swim Championships.** Stingrays host meet at Rainbow Road Pool.

## Sat. August 15

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Piaf: Love Conquers All.** Off-Broadway hit honouring legendary French singer Edith Piaf. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.  
**The Dharma According to Fifi.** Flying Dreams Aerial Arts Production at The Temple. 8 p.m.  
**Tommy Hooper.** Grapes of Wrath singer-songwriter at Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.  
**Adrienne Pierce.** Live music on the Shipstones patio. 7 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Fulford Day.** Food, music, games and more at Drummond Park. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
**Heart Shrine Relic Tour.** Ganges Yoga Studio. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
**B&C Swim Championships.** Rainbow Road Pool.

## Sun. August 16

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Piaf: Love Conquers All.** Off-Broadway hit honouring legendary French singer Edith Piaf. ArtSpring. 2:30 p.m.  
**Carolyn Neapole.** Thoughtful acoustic rock at 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.  
**Sue Newman and Jasmine.** That's Jazzmen Laurent Boucher, Norris Clement & Ian Van Wyck. Moby's Pub. 7-10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Eco-Living and Home Tour.** Green building, water conservation, organic gardens, renewable energy, transportation alternatives and more on self-guided tour. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Heart Shrine Relic Tour.** Ganges Yoga Studio. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
**A Day of Women Writing.** Women's journal writing circle. 1-6 p.m. Info: Wendy at 250-653-4286; winnie@saltspring.com  
**B&C Swim Championships.** Rainbow Road Pool.

## Mon. August 17

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Hats! The Musical.** The Academy Presents the acclaimed musical. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.  
**Loren.** Australian artist with a style mixing roots, folk, reggae and world music. Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**SSI Fire Protection District.** Monthly trustees meeting at Ganges fire hall. 7:30 p.m.  
**Passport Clinic.** Completed applications accepted at SS United Church in Ganges. Noon to 8 p.m.

## Tues. August 18

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**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

**Flower Festival.** Seventh annual indoor garden display at All Saints By-the-Sea. (and Wednesday) 1-4 p.m. Tea from 2-4 p.m. Followed by Evensong at 4:15 p.m.  
**Ganges Visitor Information Centre Open House.** Especially for locals! 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Market in the Meadow.** Tuesday Farmers' Market. United Church meadow on Hereford Avenue, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
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- Images of Different Worlds** features works in various mediums by Eleanor Koble, Erik Thorn, Gill Horodyski and Miriam Thorn. Opens at ArtSpring on Sunday, Aug. 16 with an opening event from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Runs daily from Aug. 17 through Aug. 29.
- 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.
- Twist and Twine** is the ArtCraft Showcase of work by Salt Spring Basketry Guild members opening on Friday, Aug. 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. and running daily at Mahon Hall through Aug. 27.
- Horse of a Different Colour** — multi-media show of works by Tracy Harrison, Carl Borgstrom, Sonja Barnard, Paul Burke, Denise Bachman and Kathleen Horsdal shows daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Sat., Aug. 15.
- 2s and 3s** — work by painter Julia Lucich and sculptor Allan Crane in the ArtSpring multi-purpose area lobby area is open daily through Sat., Aug. 15.
- Coastal Legacy** — Northwest Coast Native Masterworks 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## STAGE REVIEW

## Touring Piaf show a fantastic theatrical treat in all ways

Top-calibre production continues

Aug. 12 to 16

BY ANDREA RABINOVITCH  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The iconic pint-sized Edith Piaf burned through life with a passion and fatalistic verve that ordinary people cannot comprehend.

In Piaf: Love Conquers All, running at ArtSpring through Aug. 16, Naomi Emmerson portrays Piaf in a script by Roger Peace, a Québec-based director/playwright/actor/producer, compelling the audience to understand a woman who chose to live on the precipice of genius and self-destruction.

Using 14 French songs that flow naturalistically into the dramatic scenes in between, Emmerson has created a world that invites her audience in with a warmth and skill honed from a show that she has been doing since 2005. Originating at the Toronto Fringe Festival, with an off-Broadway run and then touring through the U.S., Philippines and Canada, this latest run of Vancouver, Salt Spring Island and Sidney should send you racing down to the ArtSpring ticket centre to buy a ticket.

Peace weaves this one-woman show, with skillful pianist Yan Li offering some dramatic counterpoint, around the premise that what drove Piaf in her life was her music and her quest for love. Not a comfortable build-a-family, assume-a-mortgage kind of love, but a love that is heart-stoppingly desperate in its passion. That, and a compulsion to create a song in performance that propels Emmerson as Piaf to declare: "I would die if I couldn't sing," is the premise that Peace has created.

Moving chronologically through her life, recalling her childhood in abject poverty then as a street singer in Paris, her rise to fame globally, the death by plane crash of her one true love — married French boxer Marcel Cerdan — and in the second act her descent into morphine and alcohol addiction as a means to pain relief after three near-fatal car acci-



PHOTO BY LARRY AUERBACH

Naomi Emmerson in Piaf: Love Conquers All.

dents, Peace gives us the major points of her life.

It is Emmerson's masterful performance, however, that makes us lose ourselves in Piaf's worldview. Very quickly we forget that this is the story of the great Edith Piaf and we empathize with her as a woman who survives with joy and determination while squeezing the utmost out of life.

Dressed in her characteristic black dress that changes as she ages, Emmerson's first act draws you in, but it is in the second where she transforms into an old woman crippled with arthritis and riddled with addiction that we truly see her chops as an actor.

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In the second act, a recording of Piaf and her last husband Theo Sarapo, 20 years her junior, is overlapped with Emmerson's own rendition. Without seeming like an imitation, Emmerson's voice flows seamlessly, pointing to her expertise and flawless research.

Off-kilter sets and props, in black and white with splashes of red accenting, created to look like a Cocteau drawing, were designed by Emmerson and constructed by her father, Salt Springer Derek Emmerson. They join with a lighting design by Dominic Manca to create clever stagecraft that supports the performance brilliantly.

Besides the entertainment value of a touring show of this calibre, Piaf: Love Conquers All makes you look at what you would die for. Leave the theatre and say to yourself, "I would die if I couldn't . . . ?" Consider what you would fill in the blanks with.

Note: this production starts at 7 p.m.

## MUSIC &amp; MUNCH

## Musicians, singers, dancers at Flower Festival

One of season's most popular events runs Aug. 18-19

The creative talents of parishioners of the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring will be in full bloom for two days next week when they open their doors for the seventh annual Flower Festival.

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and take a break from summer's busy activities, surrounded by an abundance of fragrance and colour.

Afternoon tea will be served from 2 to 4 p.m. in the hall overlooking Ganges Harbour.

All are welcome to stay and participate in the service of Even-song, which begins at 4:15 p.m. in the glorious setting of the flower-filled church.

Wednesday's celebrations continue with the weekly Music and Munch, which this year is titled In a Sunny Salt Spring Garden.

This follows its tradition of music, song and dance in a charming eclectic program where the audience is invited into a garden of musi-

cal delights.

Accompanied by pianist Beth Ranney and at the organ, Joan Warren, singers Betty Rothwell and Alan Robertson and dancers Gale Hingston and Lottie Devindisch will offer solos, duets and dances that lead viewers down the garden path, where seeds are planted and flowers grow.

Music and Munch begins at 12:10 p.m., with doors opening at 11:30 a.m.

Entry to the Flower Festival on Tuesday and Wednesday is by donation, with the opportunity to win the door prize.

The delicious light lunch on Wednesday is optional at a cost of \$5.50.

Since this is one of the season's most popular events, patrons should arrive in good time if they wish to purchase lunch tickets.

Seating is limited for the meal.

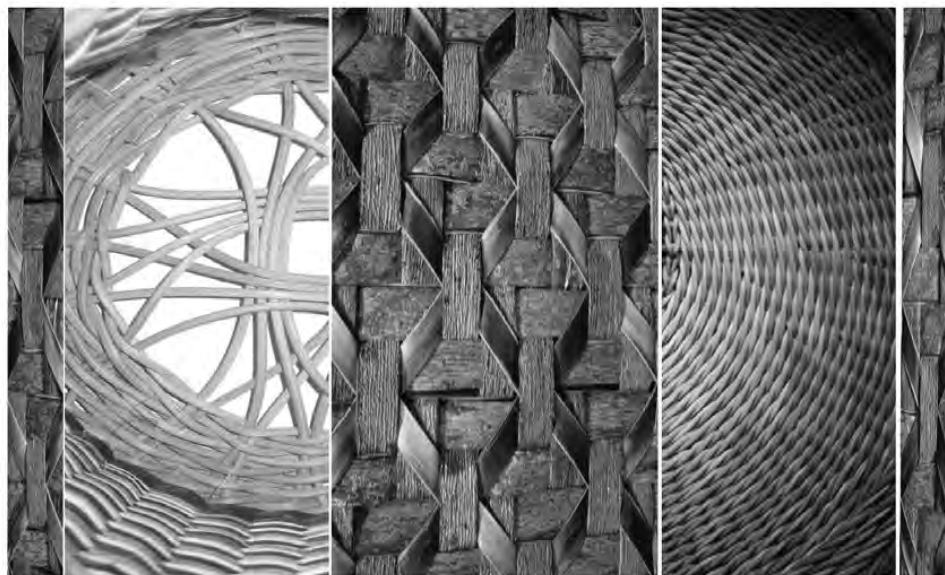
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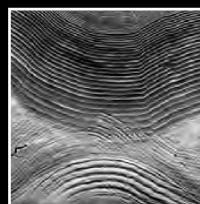
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## ARTCRAFT

# Basketry guild members make magic with materials in Twist and Twine show

Opens this Friday night at Mahon Hall

BY VIVIENNE PEARSON  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Through the centuries, the basket has remained an integral part of daily life. Even in contemporary western society awash in high-tech gadgetry, nothing has replaced the waste basket, the picnic basket — even the friendly shopping basket is making a fashionable

comeback. While many crafts have become mechanized, no one has invented a machine that can make baskets. In fact no one has improved upon the earliest, most basic techniques of basketmaking. The materials, shape and form of baskets have a direct relationship with nature. Basket forms can be found in a bird's nest, a spider's web or a beaver's dam. There are general areas of basketry; coiled using grasses or rushes, plaiting using materi-

als that are wide or ribbon-like, twining using roots and bark, wicker and splint using reeds, cane and willow. Anything that is flexible seems to become fair game for Salt Spring Island's Basketry Guild. The guild started in 1997 and now boasts 70-plus active members from Salt Spring, B.C., Alberta, the U.K. and Denmark. The upcoming Twist and Twine exhibition features artists who are more focussed on the design elements of space, volume, surface texture, line and

new materials, including wire, paper, scrap metals, bark, kelp, beads, driftwood, fruit peels and even... wait for it — hog gut. The Twist and Twine Showcase at ArtCraft in Mahon Hall opens with the popular guild reception on Friday, Aug. 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. and runs through Aug. 27. This exhibit is presented by the Salt Spring Arts Council and our generous sponsor is Randy Bachman's Vinyl Tap, a veritable gift-basket of rock 'n' roll on CBC Radio 1 and 2.

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## WORKSHOP

# Artists grant fund ideas shared

Gabriola Island workshop runs Sat., Aug. 29

Non-profit organizations and individual artists wanting to access grant money might want to take in an Aug. 29 workshop on Gabriola Island. Funding sources such as the Canada Council for the Arts, Heritage Canada, the BC Arts Council, BC Gaming and others will be discussed in the session called Where's the Money? An Introduction to Public Sector Fund-raising for the Arts. "This informal session is designed

as a general overview for individual artists, for people already involved with non-profits and for people who are curious about what it takes to start a non-profit organization," states a press release. Hilary Peach of Poetry Gabriola is leading the workshop. It takes place at the Commons in the upstairs classroom from 2 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$20, with all proceeds donated to the Poetry Gabriola Society. People are asked to register in advance. Call 250-247-7604 or e-mail hpeach@mac.com.

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## ART REVIEW

# Mysterious trumps ordinary at Diana Dean solo show

Human relationships, allegory present in all works

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Diana Dean's allegorical oil paintings are part of the canon of serious art on Salt Spring. Collected by individuals and institutions across Canada, she is frequently compared to the Old World masters whose work has influenced her own.

At her short solo show at ArtSpring this past weekend, viewers of The Mysterious in the Ordinary were invited to step inside Dean's unique perspective. With the skylight shutters closed, soft lighting overhead and a Persian rug on the floor, the scene was set for an intimate encounter with another world. With even paintings of nominally "normal" subjects containing the dark undercurrent of the dream world, the mysterious definitely outweighs the ordinary in Dean's oeuvre.

Classically trained in England, Dean is said to have reached a defining moment in her art when she moved to Canada's west coast in 1982, and evidence of that relationship exists clearly in almost every painting on exhibit. In landscapes, signature coastal mountains descend into the sea, or appear through windows and open doors in indoor sets. Another recurring motif is the warm light of sunset that permeates each scene, resulting in richly saturated pigment.

Despite the heavy influence of the landscape, however, Dean's work is really about human relationships and development, with an interest in the spiritual. Her paintings resemble the allegorical works of medieval artists or the arcane symbols of the Tarot, but form a more



Stephen Glanville almost appears to be part of Diana Dean's painting Cocina Banquet #8.

person than universal mythology.

The Passage is one example that Dean has connected with her own life, in which a woman is taken upriver by a boat. Blue is the dominant colour here, suggesting the language of dreams, although the scene refers to a significant moment from the artist's actual past.

The mythic comes into how objects and people are portrayed: the woman looks Asian while the boatman could be Russian or Mongolian; the boat has a curved stern like a gondola and holds an easel and paint box. The dark, clear water below hosts a mysterious fish as well as architectural elements — a case that comes into the water from the trees could be an old clock or a tombstone.

In A Moment's Reflection, the somewhat ordinary scene of a woman sewing drapes becomes much more layered in its details. The woman's clothing and medallion suggests religious orders, although her head scarf is purple, rimmed in gold ribbon, and her dress yellow. The rich colours of the striped fabric — vermilion with green and purple edging yellow stripes — have a more vivid presence than the quiet scene would seem to permit.

Doubles or shadow figures are present in several works, perhaps portraying liminal members of society. Mother in Red Chair, for example, shows not only the elderly strong-willed looking mother, but also a submissive younger woman reaching to draw back a cur-

tain and let in some light. In The Calling, a scene of two men and two women drinking wine and playing cards is interrupted by one accusing female, who points at the young Asian man in the foreground. Behind the large picture window is another figure: an elderly Asian man watching the scene. He could be the younger man's future self looking back in knowledge, or an unacknowledged ancestor.

A central component of the show was La Cocina, the final component in Dean's Banquet series. Seen with the miniature reproduction of that monumental work (one of the longest continual paintings in the world), La Cocina depicts the servants behind the party that occupies the rest of the frames.

At 82 by 53 inches, the painting is large-scale and complex in its own right. Here the sunset's light reaches in to shine on several serving girls in transit and a chef sauteeing something at the stove. Most interesting are the figures at the edges: the shadowy native woman pushing along one young girl, and the Chinese man drawing with a compass on the table while staring blankly at something out of the frame. Beside him, an old woman resembling the painter is dressed in bright green and yellow with a red beret and purple shawl, disregarding her knitting. There is also resemblance between the woman and the younger girls: are they aspects of the same person? Or generations of the same family? Though somewhat realist, Dean's figures are still what she's called "sculptural" and often their attitude puts the painting's entire scene into question. There's a lot going on that the viewer can only guess at, but the constant element of the mysterious is that which draws you in.

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The community year has been revamped this year, with two separate draws — one for art and the other for everything else — which will increase the chances for all the hopeful art winners.

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### AERIAL ARTS

# Flying Dreams soars up to next level

Dharma According to Fifi opens at The Temple this week

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

What do a serious discussion of establishment religion and a lady on a trapeze have in common? The answer will be found in Flying Dreams' third season production, The Dharma According to Fifi.

Over the past few summers, Salt Spring audiences became entranced with shows choreographed, written and starred in by aerial artist Victoria Mihalyi. With first Hum and then Speakeasy, Mihalyi's trained troupe on the flying trapeze flew through the air and into local folklore at her hill-top studio known as The Temple.

In the company's third season, however, Mihalyi is set to take Flying Dreams to a new level that incorporates aerial arts in a "seamless" manner with serious dramatic work. It's a new and risky direction for Mihalyi, which relies much more on the quality of the script than the visual entertainment, and rests in the hands of just two actors: herself and Speakeasy costar Anthony Ulc.

Describing the new production as "a play with aerial in it, rather than an aerial show glued together with dramatic pieces," Mihalyi sees Fifi as a step beyond last season's popular but underdeveloped script. "I think that what we have done here is develop a play — a dramatic work that stands on its own and is a more organic whole," Mihalyi said.

While Speakeasy's 1930s prohibition-era gangsters and floozies provided fun but cartoonish characters, Fifi has a lot more to say. The play's script follows a down-on-her-luck, quasi-Buddhist circus



Victoria Mihalyi and Anthony Ulc.

PHOTO BY MIKE GLUSS

performer as she finds sanctuary with Ulc's "maverick" Jesuit priest. Topics such as the modern relevance of Catholicism, sexuality and religion and a comparison of Buddhism and Catholicism are some of the topics addressed. Both Mihalyi and Ulc were brought up in the Catholic faith and bring their personal experiences to their performances.

As Ulc points out, there's not a lot here to keep children entertained between aerial acts, and for both its language and its subject matter, the play is recommended strictly for "mature" audiences. However, the "spicier" content promises some fun, not to mention that

Ulc's been pictured in the trapeze rig.

Developing the dramatic components and still incorporating the aerial arts has been a challenge for Mihalyi, albeit one that she's embraced fully.

"It's somewhat like a musical," as Ulc explained. "You don't just break out into song or break into aerial."

In consequence, when Mihalyi does take up her silks, it's a result of something that's passed between the two characters rather than her playing up to the audience, Ulc said.

Helping to keep the elements organic is the show's director Nadine Wright. Like Ulc, Wright is a member of

an ensemble that studied at Vancouver's Lyric Stage Project. Ulc suggested Wright as a good fit for this show, having trained with her and knowing they work in the same way.

As for Mihalyi, she's putting everything on the line as the play's author and principal star.

"This is my first serious experience as an actor," Mihalyi said. "I've always been a dancer or a performer in movement, so this is a serious challenge for me." She's found there are great differences between the writer's isolation and consequent safety, and the actor's necessity to emotionally bare all on stage.

"It's this thing of jumping off and seeing if you fly or hit the rocks," Mihalyi said with a laugh. "This is a more intense learning experience than I can remember."

Of course, people who have seen her past performances know that Mihalyi is adept at flying. The ability to incorporate that talent into a fully developed play characterizes her willingness to take risks, whether physical, emotional or financial. On the other hand, Mihalyi's clear business sense is leading her to treat Salt Spring as a creative well and test market, from which she hopes to take her productions outwards. And rest assured, though the drama is improving, the aerial component will always be involved.

"I really love what I do, and as long as my body keeps going I'm going to keep doing it," Mihalyi concluded.

The Dharma According to Fifi opens at The Temple, 112 Sun Eagle Drive, beginning Thursday, Aug. 13. Shows run Thursday through Saturday nights at 8 p.m. through Sept. 4. Tickets cost \$25 at ArtSpring.

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

### ART SHOWS

## Images of Different Worlds opens eyes at ArtSpring beginning Sun.

Four artists converge for feast of colour, landscape

Visual representation of external worlds is the focus when four artists come together for an exhibit at ArtSpring.

Images of Different Worlds opens on Sunday, Aug. 16 with a reception from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Participating artists are Eleanor Koble, Miriam Thorn and Erik Thorn, all of Victoria, and Gill Horodyski of Melbourne, Australia.

According to press material, 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.

Islanders may remember an exhibit of the same name by Miriam and Erik Thorn held at ArtSpring in the summer of 2006.

After Sunday's opening Images of Different Worlds then runs daily at ArtSpring from Monday, Aug. 17 through Saturday, Aug. 29.

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**ROCKING THE PARK:** Charlie Wall on drums and Didgeri Stu of OKA get the crowd dancing as they play the Centennial Park bandstand during Saturday market hours last weekend.

## Abstract master tackles colour theory at The Point

Reception with artist set for Sunday, Aug. 16

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

This month at The Point Gallery, an exhibition of David Cantine's still life paintings offers a window into the wider world of post-modern art and theory.

Based in Edmonton where he is professor emeritus at the University of Alberta, Cantine's single-minded pursuit of "structural colour" has famously led him to paint the same subject matter for over 30 years.

Cantine has explained that his goal is to leave behind "descriptive colour" in art, in which drawing and composition are usually the dominant features, in favour of "the image that has no intent (no being) apart from its colour."

Cantine's still life subject — two apples and the shadows they cast — have therefore demonstrated astonishing staying power.

During a career spent playing with the infinite variations of hue in increasingly simple geometric shapes, Cantine has been acknowledged a master of colour field work with exhibitions in New York and a feature in Roald Nasgaard's book called *Abstract Painting in Canada*.

Decades ago, Cantine's apples took a more recognizable form. The not-quite-round objects, set side by side, cast larger shadows immediately in the foreground.

A trapezoid-shaped box surrounded the round forms, emphasizing perspective. Cantine also included the table the apples sat on. While expressionist, the painted objects still related to their models.

Over the years, Cantine has simplified the shapes to their most extreme limits. What you see now is four discs that meet each other to form the trapezoid, with a diamond-shaped shadow in the centre and a triangular shadow between the bottom two discs. Framed consistently in white, the paintings vary only in the colours of the six shapes and the background; endless possibilities exist by changing the hue of just one or two components.

Painted in acrylic on clear Per-

spex, Cantine shows the underside out, so that no brushstrokes are visible. While a few years back some of the paintings had a "horizon" line denoting the division between table and background, in this exhibit the artist has eliminated even this pictorial element.

Though each painting is unique, there are certain repeating motifs. Most are set against a neutral ecru-type background and almost all feature a dark circle (black, deep charcoal or plum) in the bottom left and a bright vermillion or red one on the bottom right. The central diamond is often lemon or other shades of yellow; the triangle shadow can be soft plum or dark grey. Other shades include variations of greyish green, ochre, corn silk and lilac.

With such a project, one painting informs another; each variation suggests another or finds its opposite. With so many years working on the subject, it's interesting to find that each painting takes Cantine about a month while he struggles to get the shades absolutely right. When viewed together, the paintings give the certain satisfaction that only pure immersion in colour can bring.

In the upstairs space, a completely different side of Cantine is on display with his postcard-sized sketches of scenes from his daily life. Unlike his colour project which is bound up in theory, his sketches are bound only by size — dictated by the size of his jacket pocket.

In pen and light ink wash, the drawings are delightfully charming, and capture the essence of the scene wherever and whatever the artist happens to be doing. As a one-time resident of Salt Spring, many of the cards chosen for the exhibition contain scenes instantly recognizable to Salt Spring life.

There are some of ferries, many from coffee shops and waiting areas, and musicians at the Tree House Café. Part of the charm lies in the recognition; in style, they resemble clever magazine illustrations and would complement a book of local stories very well.

Cantine's show continues at The Point (entrance on South Ridge Road) until Aug. 30. A reception with the artist will be held Sunday, Aug. 16, 2-5 p.m.

## FUNDRAISER

## Yoga day sets sights on grannies' fund

Gay Meagley hosts special event at Stowell Lake Farm

A day of yoga, great food and fundraising for African grandmothers is on its way to Salt Spring on Friday, Aug. 21.

Organized by yoga instructor and Yoga Grannies member Gay Meagley, it takes place at Stowell Lake Farm from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with all donations to benefit the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers to Grandmothers project.

All ages and all levels are welcome. A DVD will be shown during the lunch break and a massage therapist will be available for mini massages.

The Day of Yoga is the second fundraiser for sub-Saharan grandmothers initiated by Meagley. She explains how she was first inspired.

"A few years ago, Stephen Lewis came to Salt Spring and spoke about his experiences as a UN Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa. He delivered a powerful and passionate speech as only Stephen Lewis can. Afterwards I thought, "How can I not do something... anything."

"A few years later I celebrated my 60th birthday and decided to show Judy Jackson's film, *The Man Who Couldn't Sleep*, and fundraise for the African grandmothers. It was a wonderful party and we raised \$1,000 for the grannies. Lawrene Collins suggested forming a grandmother's group and collected names of those who were interested. The 'Yoga Grannies' was established as one of over 400 grandmother groups across Canada."

The Stephen Lewis Foundation has adopted a campaign called Turning the Tide to assist those who refuse to give up on their future in Africa. For more information, call 250-653-2390 or 250-748-6955.

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## FUNDRAISER

# Fall fair Muffin Madness tickets are now up for grabs

Get them now before fair day

Tickets are now on sale for the Rotary Club's annual Muffin Madness fundraiser.

Held in conjunction with the Salt Spring Fall Fair at the Farmers' Institute, Muffin Madness takes place this year on Sunday, Sept. 20 at approximately 1:30 p.m.

"A 20' x 20' paddock — the animal judging pen — is divided into 400 squares with lime stripes, the same kind of lime used on soccer fields, just in case you were thinking of margaritas," explains a press release. "Each square has its own distinct number that corresponds to the tickets Rotarians sold previously to members of the community. A cow,

generously donated for the event by a local farmer, is released into the paddock. Spectators stand around the pen cheering loudly for the cow as it approaches their numbered squares, urging it to make a deposit. No one knows when the cow will suddenly give it up . . . in years past, it has taken anywhere from two hours to two seconds. The 'owner' of the square that has the meadow muffin served on it wins the prize, \$1,500 cash."

Funds raised from this event support local Rotary projects, such as three scholarships for students graduating from high school, the new Rotary Fitness Playground at the Rainbow Road Pool, upkeep on the Rotary Marine Park and Dinghy Dock, and sponsorship of

a student to the Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly held annually in Washington State.

Salt Spring Island Rotary Club also provides dictionaries and to all Grade 4 students in School District #64, financially supports many youth sport, music and career activities, as well as other community groups.

Rotarian Dawn Evans traditionally sells her first ticket to Wendy Duke at Uptown Pharmasave, pointing out that the odds of winning the Muffin Madness grand prize are 1 in 400, far better than the big lotteries. Duke says she is pleased that the funds raised by this raffle help our community.

Tickets cost \$20 each and often sell out before the fall fair event takes place, so con-

tact a Rotarian now to buy one. Martin Hoog-erdyk, club president, can also be contacted at 250-537-1730 during the daytime and 250-537-2199 in the evening.

Rocky Kinahan won the prize a few years ago and said, "It was so exciting to win! I took a wonderful trip to Mexico, something that felt like a wonderful bonus."

Rhonda Steele, who works at Country Grocer, always buys a ticket and said that this year she is going to have a little chat with the cow before "Blossom" makes her trek across the paddock.

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**CNIB offers lifeline to literacy**

If you're reading this article now, consider yourself lucky. For Canadians like Tim Lait, it's not as simple as picking up the paper and scanning the headlines.

As Lait's vision gradually diminished over two decades, reading regular newspapers, magazines and books became impossible for the 38-year-old investment banker.

Fortunately, he found a lifeline to literacy in the CNIB Library.

"I would have trouble doing my job if I couldn't get newspapers, magazines and other information in audio format from the CNIB Library," admits Lait.

Lait is not alone. Each year, thousands of Canadians rely on the CNIB Library and its collection of audio, digital and braille reading materials.

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by charitable donations, the CNIB Library offers over 80,000 titles, more than 50 newspapers, thousands of magazines. It circulates more than 2.2 million items annually to readers with vision loss across the country.

Beyond the vision loss community, the CNIB Library can benefit millions more Canadians who cannot read print due to learning disabilities or conditions that make it difficult to even hold a book.

CNIB presently offers an innovative partnership program that allows public libraries to give their print-disabled patrons access the CNIB Library's collection: 770 of Canada's 3,530 libraries subscribe to the program.

"Audio books taught me how to learn," says Cheryl Feldstein. Diagnosed in the second grade with a learning disability, Feldstein struggled

to make sense of information printed on a page.

"By listening to books while reading the words, I was able to figure out I was an audio learner," she explains. Gaining this insight, she went on to achieve two college diplomas, with honours.

Today, literacy has enabled Feldstein to achieve career success as the executive director of a wildlife rehabilitation shelter.

"Everyone has the right to read, and we have a collective responsibility to ensure they have the resources and opportunity to do so," says John Rafferty, CNIB's president and CEO. "In that respect, the CNIB Library is an essential service for Canadians who can't read print."

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**HOOPSTER:** Sophie Douglas triple-hoops it to the sound of OKA, playing in Centennial Park on Saturday.

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**SPIRITUALITY**

## Heart Shrine Relic Tour in Ganges

Buddhist pilgrimage comes to island

**BY NATALIE NORTH**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Take it as a transcendental experience, cultural phenomenon, or even just a unique opportunity. Several-thousand-year-old cremated remains of Buddhist masters are coming to town on one of the final legs of a years-long global tour where Buddhist leaders offer blessings to the public.

When a master dies and is cremated, small pearl-like objects known as ringsel are left behind in their remains. These relics, which are believed to bring peace and joy, can be preserved for centuries — and have been, according to scientists and modern masters like the Dalai Lama. Collections of the sacred relics of the Buddha and other masters are currently on display to the public before they will all be placed in the heart of a 152-metre Maitreya Buddha statue in Kushinagar, India as a part of the Maitreya Project.

According to Buddhist scriptures, Maitreya will be the next Buddha to bring teachings of love and kindness to the world.

Visitors to the free ceremony when the Heart Shrine Relic Tour comes to the Ganges Yoga Studio will have the opportunity to be personally blessed with relics placed gently on the crown of the head. Those blessed often later report of their inspiration and healing or thoughts of inner wisdom and emotion.

"This is the pilgrimage coming to you," said local organizer Matthew Coleman. "You're in the presence of special people."



PHOTO BY NATALIE NORTH

Matthew and Phyllis Coleman.

"It affects people's hearts very deeply," added his wife and co-organizer Phyllis Coleman. "It touches people on a deep level. The results are surprising."

The couple had first seen the relic tour in Coombs and were moved by their experiences enough to bring the tour to Salt Spring in 2003. The past event drew approximately 700 visitors and yielded extremely positive feedback. Not surprising, considering Matthew believes that Salt Spring is home to the most practising Buddhists in North America.

"Somebody had just come back from India with all these Buddhist temples and he said he had never seen such a peaceful place," Phyllis said.

Phyllis likens the feeling of her first relic tour only to that of the first time she saw an orca.

"It's connecting with something that's not human and it takes your breath away," she said.

Matthew, a long-time Buddhist, says that witnessing women with open hearts and tears streaming down their faces

deeply affected his own personal meditation.

Since 2003, people have continued to donate relics to the tour including the Dalai Lama who donated relics of Rinpoche. The opening ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. Aug. 14, with open viewings running from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 15 and 16 at Ganges Yoga Studio. The Colemans are in need of more volunteers to help supervise the event throughout the weekend. Contact Matthew or Phyllis at 250-537-2378.

The Heart Shrine Relic Tour has been active since 2001 and was planned to end last year after the construction of the Maitreya. Tours will continue likely for another year or so until that project is complete. The Maitreya will aid in the development of Kushinagar as it will provide healthcare facilities, education and long-term employment in the impoverished area of northern India. Any donations given during the relic tour that go beyond travel costs for the masters will go toward the overarching project.

*Spirit of Salt Spring*



The Spirit of Salt Spring is a regular feature in the Driftwood for local businesses and organizations to publicize charitable donations. First-come, first-served basis as space permits. Call Peter for details.

Recipients of the 2009 Team Spirit Award at the Heart & Stroke Big Bike fundraiser were The Big Hearted Bankers of Island Savings Credit Union. This team raised over \$4,000, had Darin Craig ride in the "easy seat" and had ISCU mascot Penny the Owl accompany them. In total the event brought in over \$17,000.

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## TOURISM

# Fulford Info Centre connects visitors, island treasures



Hannah Bryans with her son Lorence at the Fulford Info Centre.

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More than 1,000 visitors have come into the Fulford Info Centre since it re-opened during the first week of June.

Long-time island resident Paul Bryans, his wife Hannah and 11-year-old son Lorence are the proprietors of the business venture located next to the Fulford Inn.

"We have taken this project on as a family, so each of us pitches in when it comes to helping the visitors to our island find their way," said Hannah.

Seven days a week the centre opens for people from at least three Fulford ferry arrivals.

"Besides promoting the

40 or so businesses that are advertising with us, we are directing folks to our parks, beaches, hiking trails and public events, and handing out maps, ferry and bus schedules, tide tables, real estate magazines and all the rest of our island publications," she said.

Hannah said the most common request is for maps and general directions, while the most unusual has been helping a deaf-mute patron locate a dog sitter in the midst of a rush of people.

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## Personal Trainer

### How many times a week should I exercise?

The American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) sets the standard for physical activity based on the most recent scientific research. The ACSM recommends that healthy adults accumulate 30 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity daily. This translates into elevating your heart rate into a healthy heart zone (this is age-dependant) for 30 minutes a day. According to the ACSM this can be broken up into intervals throughout the day instead of a continuous 30-minute session. The ACSM also recommends a weight resistant exercise program that targets all major muscle groups twice a week. The current recommendation is a minimum of two sets of 12 to 15 repetitions of each exercise. Because of the increase in child obesity, the ACSM recommends an accumulation of 60 minutes a day of moderate to vigorous activity for school aged children. I recommend to new exercisers to start slowly to build strength and endurance. If an individual can manage 30 minutes of weight resistant exercise followed by 30 minutes of moderate intensity cardio exercise in one week without being too sore or tired, then the following week they could try two sessions of the same. Ideally, I like my clients to aim for three one-hour sessions per week, with planned recreational activities in between their sessions. Remember that exercising regularly makes it possible to participate in the activities that you love for the rest of your life. Cheers to health and fitness!!



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For example, some people think a high yield means a high return. But the reality is high yield typically comes with high risk.

Another common myth is that the U.S. dollar will decline. But no one has a good track record in forecasting currencies, so consider making U.S. investments an appropriate part of your international holdings.

Another misconception is that the best investments have the lowest fees. Fees matter, but returns after fees and taxes are what you keep. So consider whether the fees pay for something valuable, such as better liquidity or enhanced asset selection.

One other common myth is that you can't be too diversified. Although diversification cannot guarantee a profit or protect against loss, it is generally desirable. But you can have too much of it by owning many similar investments. That can increase the complexity of your portfolio without increasing the return or reducing the risk.

Speak with a financial advisor to learn more about these and other myths that could keep you from meeting your long-term goals.



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WOLF Kids test out their handmade kayaks before taking off on a four-day adventure from Kingfisher Cove to Skutz Falls on Vancouver Island.

## Sailing, baking, epic voyages all part of WOLF Kids day at 'school'

Upcoming workshops introduce unique educational program

BY NATALIE NORTH  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With clothes they stitched themselves on their backs and stretched and tanned cowhide moccasins on their feet, five people paddled their hand-made kayaks for two days from Salt Spring to Vancouver Island.

Bark and root baskets and cedar-frame backpacks of supplies in tow, the group drank from gourds and used flint-knapped obsidian knives to better bushwhack their way along the 27-km trek up the Cowichan River to Skutz Falls.

Not bad for 10-year-olds.

From June 22-25 this year, five students aged 10-12 from the Wilderness Our Learning Foundation ("WOLF Kids") home school program based in Beaver Point tested their extensive wilderness training and successfully completed their biggest year-end challenge yet.

"It was an idea for them to reconnect with their environment and get back into their ecological footprint, which is the core educational goal of the program and it's through experience in nature," said parent Frank Burnaby who manned a safety boat alongside the kids.

The students, which make up the older half of the close-knit outdoor education group, had been preparing for the adventure since the winter and ensured that the fifth year of the program wrapped up successfully. WOLF Kids does not by any means adhere to a traditional curriculum, but the skills and values the students learn are based on age-old understandings of nature and life skills that go beyond relying on modern conveniences.

"This challenge was not a battle against nature or a race, but an opportunity for the students to step into the flow and rhythm of the natural world and safely push the limits of what they thought they could accomplish," Burnaby said.

David Krieger, who has taught outdoor education in Nel-

son and Thailand with his wife and fellow educator Tashmyra Crowe, gives regular lessons outside three days each week. Students work on activities like classifying vegetation and tracking animals before journaling or embarking on any number of special activities offered by parents and supporters of the program. More academic topics like math are up to the parents to introduce to their children, with some choosing to hire tutors and others allowing their children to learn at their own pace.

Much of their outdoor time isn't truly outside anymore since the kids constructed their own shelter on their Wave Hill Farm base. They felled and peeled logs, hauled rocks, made a clay oven and harvested and wove grass mats for blinds and seating. After plenty of use, the kids also politely declined offers for an upgrade on their all-natural classroom.

"When you take a leap of faith to keep your kids in a program like this you stimulate the learning skills and the eagerness for learning in children to such a degree that they are incredible at learning anything you give them," Burnaby said. "They haven't been forced to do anything. They're doing everything for the joy and fun of it."

Sailing lessons, singing, art, pottery or baking are all part of the hands-on learning, in addition to the final challenges the kids come up with and the parents and instructors help realize. Last year the kids — some as young as eight years old — ran 18 km into town from Beaver Point.

The year before that, they sat and tended their own fires on their own for an entire night. (With some distanced supervision, of course.)

Krieger describes lessons in the woods as going on adventures — "Kinda like a Sherlock Holmes thing. Looking for mysteries," he said.

According to Krieger, wilderness awareness education isn't just for kids that want to climb trees and bird-watch. (Although he delights in a story of a 16-year-old girl he knew through a similar program who due to her expertise in baby bird calls landed a job working on a bird exhibit at the Bos-

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FRANK BURNABY,  
WOLF Kids parent

ton Museum.) The outdoor setting and more experiential learning offers opportunities to get to know themselves and the world around them. He even jokes that they've renamed Attention Deficit Disorder "Attention Deficit Gift" because of the way children with the condition are able to stay activated and engaged with their surroundings — something that could be very distracting in a classroom.

"They develop relationships with the natural world and it becomes meaningful," he said, later adding that they remember to embrace technology as well. "It's really important that the kids bridge both worlds. It's really important for everyone to do that."

The WOLF Kids model has been supported by the school district, the community and most of all the students who show endless passion for their education. As interest and support continues to grow, teachers and parents hope to expand the program as well. Parents, educators and prospective students are welcomed to Art of Mentoring, two one-day workshops offered on Aug. 22 and 23 at Wave Hill Farm, 340 Bridgeman Rd.

The cost is \$30 and will feature hands-on activities and program information. Contact Crowe at 250-538-8513 or dovredfox@hotmail.com to reserve a spot or for more information. The WOLF Kids website also launches this Thursday at [www.wolfkids.org](http://www.wolfkids.org).

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**COUNSELLING SERVICES ARE FREE**

- \* **Counselling Services:** Short-term counselling for adults, youth and families.
- \* **Alcohol and Drug Program:** Prevention and treatment service is free and confidential.
- \* **Family Place:** See [www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca](http://www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca) for schedule.
- \* **Let's Do Brunch:** Tuesday, 9:30am - 12:30pm
- \* **Food Bank:** Open Tuesday, 11am - 4pm
- \* **The Wall:** Indoor Rock Climbing Gym, open Thurs. & Sun. 6:30-9:30 pm  
CLOSED for July and August.
- \* **Recycle Depot:** Open Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm,  
349 Rainbow Rd., 250-537-1200.
- \* **Seniors Wellness Programs:** Call Sharon Glover at 250-537-4607.
- \* **Emergency Mental Health Services:** Available 4 pm to midnight at Lady Minto Hospital. Call 250-538-4840
- \* **24-hr. Crisis Line:** Toll free: 1-866-386-6323. Caller is connected with the Need Crisis Centre in Victoria.
- \* **Nobody's Perfect:** Registration at Family Place 250-537-9176.

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