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**DAFFODIL CHILD:** Davina Burton's muddy (but sweet) fingers tell us she was exploring more than the pretty flowers at Centennial Park last week.

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**ISLANDS TRUST**  
**Kings Lane clinic to proceed**

Facility boosts island's medical services

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The island's healthcare services received a much-needed dose of relief last Thursday as the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee approved a temporary use permit for a Kings Lane medical clinic.

"I'm ecstatic," said Dr. Shane Barclay, one of the property's five prospective tenants. "The bottom line is that this new building has already attracted three physicians."

Barclay said the absence of such a complex, where administration costs can be shared among tenants, has discouraged many island doctors from operating offices on the island.

He added that there are no plans to operate a walk-in clinic on the site.

The two-year permit increases the maximum allowable number of physician offices in the 164 Kings Lane building from two to five.

The building's top floor contains two suites, one of which has already been rented to the Vancouver Island Health Authority for any VIHA employee who needs accommodation.

That move alone, said property co-owner Myles Wilson, will save the health authority approximately \$8,000 per year in B&B accommodation costs.

"The ability to keep these

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**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**Listeria find prompts Camembert recall**

Salt Spring's Moonstruck Cheese subject of alert

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD

The British Columbia Centre for Disease Control warns consumers to avoid eating Camembert manufactured by Moonstruck Organic Cheese after the agency detected Listeria monocytogenes bacteria in a routine test.

Company owner Julia Grace said she has suspended production of the White Moon, Savory Moon and Ash-Ripened varieties after traces of the bacteria were discovered in a wheel of cheese made at the company's facility on Salt Spring.

Positive samples from a February test were confirmed last week.

Of the estimated 209 units believed to have

been affected by the recall, 56 packages distributed throughout southwestern B.C. are still unaccounted for.

"Essentially this recall focuses on those 56 cheeses," Grace said on Tuesday morning. "We are asking people to return or discard them, but definitely not to eat them."

According to the BCCDC, consumption of food contaminated with Listeria can cause listeriosis, an uncommon but potentially fatal disease.

Short-term symptoms of the disease include high fever, severe headaches, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea. People with weakened immune systems, pregnant women and the elderly are especially susceptible.

The BCCDC encourages people who suspect

they may have a contaminated item to discard or return the product immediately.

"The BCCDC is concerned that this cheese can be stored and consumed well beyond the product's best-before date," reads the agency's March 8 news release. "Listeria, if present, will grow to high numbers even if the cheese has been stored in the refrigerator."

Food contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes may not look or smell spoiled, adds the BCCDC.

Grace said that despite the recall's relatively modest scale, she and health authorities have begun a thorough investigation of the company's Beddis Road farm facility.

"We've been working hard for a week now to

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## NEWSBEAT

### TRUST NOTES

# Trustees reject after-fact variance permit

Carport places homeowner in contravention of bylaw

A Salt Spring Island property owner finds himself between local bylaws and a hard place after trustees denied his request for a development variance permit.

Applicant Brian Little sought a development variance permit from the Trust to reduce the minimum setback from a property line on a Castillou Way property from 7.5 metres (24 feet) to 3.26 metres (10.6 feet) to accommodate a carport.

According to a staff report presented at Thursday's local Trust committee

meeting, the carport was added on to an existing building without an appropriate building permit.

A variance permit was required after a site survey conducted for the Capital Regional District revealed the 4.24-metre siting violation.

Trustee George Ehring's decision to vote against the permit was partly based on a Trust planner's suggestion that "the granting of a variance permit can potentially create an expectation in the community with regard to future applications."

"If we were to issue development variance permits on the grounds that the building is already there, we may as well

take the island's land-use bylaw and use it to light the fire," Ehring said.

Adjacent property owners had not voiced any concerns about the carport, though staff indicate that the property is large enough to accommodate the structure without infringing on setback requirements.

According to Trust planner Brodie Porter, the decision places the applicant in contravention of the land-use bylaw.

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# Camembert will use test-and-release plan

### RECALL

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figure out where the crack in the system happened to allow this to take place," she said.

Moonstruck's hard cheeses are not affected by the recall.

Grace thanks islanders and loyal customers for their support. Responses she's received by email and telephone, she said, have been encouraging.

She doesn't anticipate the recall will have a major long-term impact on the future of her internationally acclaimed cheese business.

"The people who choose Moonstruck are making clear choices," she said. "They're

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buying because it's well made . . . and because of the way we take

care of our animals and that's a pretty loyal foundation."

"We are a company that people care about and that's important."

She said all Camembert products will undergo a test-and-release procedure when production resumes.

This is the first such recall Moonstruck Organic Cheese has experienced in its 12-year history.

Listeria monocytogenes made national headlines after bacteria were discovered in facilities operated by Maple Leaf Foods in June 2008.

For more information and updates about the recalled cheese products, visit the BCCDC website at [www.bccdc.ca](http://www.bccdc.ca).

# Doctors' clinic set to open doors on March 29

### CLINIC

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professionals in the community is a very good thing," he said. "We feel that this is a darned good thing for the island."

Wilson applauded the trustees' decision. He called the decision a proactive response to a problem found in smaller communities throughout B.C.

"The reality is that medical practitioners are leaving the island as it is a challenge for them to find medical office space, housing accom-

modation, job-sharing positions and locums for holiday relief in their offices," reads a Trust staff report presented at Thursday's meeting.

Islands Trust staff noted the "acute need for a multi-doctor medical clinic" as a way to relieve the "huge burden" on island doctors.

The building contains office space and treatment rooms in close proximity to other healthcare facilities and the island's main transportation thoroughfare.

The structure replaces the former ambulance station,

which was destroyed by fire in April 2009.

"This fits with the neighbourhood and will go to serve our community's needs," said trustee George Ehring.

The proposal received widespread public support during the application project, including 14 letters and a 126-signature petition in favour of the venture.

Trustee Christine Torgrimson commended the project's developers for their work to include several energy-saving and environmental-design components.

Property owners have the option to renew the temporary use permit for one more two-year period or begin work on an application to have the property permanently rezoned.

The property is currently split-zoned residential and commercial.

The clinic is scheduled to open its doors to patients on March 29.

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#### CONSUMER PROTECTION

## Islander seeks justice in fence-building rip-off

Angry clients want money returned, community awareness and RCMP action

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

What started off as a relatively simple job has turned into a costly and frustrating dispute between an island resident and the owner of a fencing company that's persisted for more than a year.

Bob Elsea thought he'd done his homework when he called up a local fencing company to build a 100-foot fence around his Dukes Road property. He'd checked references, looked at previous jobs and felt pretty good about the man he'd eventually hire to complete the \$7,000 project.

Elsea was confident enough in the individual's abilities to advance about \$3,000 in costs to pay for supplies and get the job off the ground.

For the first several days, everything proceeded normally. The worksite was cleared up, supplies were delivered and an employee began digging post holes in Elsea's yard.

Elsea figures no more than 25 hours of work was undertaken on his property before the employee and company owner completely abandoned the job.

After numerous calls and an offer to forward even more funds to help complete the job, Elsea says he received nothing but virulent and intimidating replies from the man who'd been contracted to do the work.

"I kept calling and all I got was bullshit," Elsea said.

For his \$3,000, Elsea had received 100 feet of wire fencing, 25 cedar posts, 11 2X4s and 25 post holes.

Elsea eventually gave up hope on the company's owner and hired another fence builder to finish the job.

Based on a rant Elsea's wife submitted to the Driftwood in December 2009, the couple learned they weren't the only ones to have experienced the individual's business practices.

"Once I brought this to light, people started coming forward," he said.

Joan Byrne is a senior citizen who is among at least six other people on island who've faced similar troubles with the fence builder in question dating back to 2003.

Each case has a similar beginning.

Byrne had received favourable reviews about the man's work and everything appeared normal during the project's start-up phase. She didn't hesitate when asked to provide a little less than half of the \$2,000 job up front.

"He just vanished into the woodwork and never came back," she said, adding that she was left with a few fence posts and concrete.

Months later when the man asked for the full amount to complete the job, Byrne refused and things took a turn for the worse.

"In my efforts to get him back and finish, there was a menacing tone," she said. "He's certainly taking advantage



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Bob Elsea with the fence he had to pay another contractor to build after he received only some materials and post holes from the initial contractor. Elsea says he wants to prevent other people from suffering the same bad experience he did.

of people and somebody should expose him for what he is."

Since that time she's learned that both of the island's main building supply centres have terminated the man's accounts.

After years of dealing with contractors and island tradespeople, Byrne said, this is the first time she's had such a terrible experience.

Byrne said she'd like to see some sort of accreditation or licensing system to ensure consumers don't end up in similar circumstances.

At first, local RCMP officers told her the issue wasn't a police matter, though the prevalence of cases that have come to light involving this one individual has encouraged police to open a file.

Byrne said police also questioned her about the man's threatening language and intimidating tone.

Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Danny Willis said fraud charges of this nature rarely turn into convictions due to the difficulty of proving "intent" at the time money changes hands.

Willis advises anybody looking for work to always ask for references, look at more than one contractor before getting a job done and to think twice before paying for a job up front. This case goes to show just how important it is to find out as much as possible about a prospective tradesperson before any money is exchanged for the promise of services.

As the police investigation continues, Elsea has launched a small claims suit against the fence builder in an effort to recover his money. He would like to see people with similar experiences come forward and see if they've been duped by the same individual.

"I think seniors on the island should consider how vulnerable they are," he said.

For more information or to share a similar experience, contact Elsea at 250-653-4190.

*Editor's note: The fence builder's identity has been withheld because the matter remains under investigation. It is the third different individual in this business the Driftwood has received complaints about in the past year and a half.*

## News briefs

### GHG reduction bylaw

Trustees gave first reading to a proposed bylaw that sets out Salt Spring's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets to 2050.

Based on preliminary discussions held within the community, the LTC endorses a reduction of 15 per cent by 2015, 40 per cent by 2020 and 85 per cent by 2050. All targets are based upon 2007 GHG

emission levels.

Trustees will schedule a special town hall session during the April 8 LTC meeting to give residents a chance to come forward with further comments and suggestions.

A community information meeting and public hearing are tentatively scheduled for April 20 and May 5 respectively.

Final adoption of proposed Bylaw No. 443 is scheduled for May 6.

First reading of the bylaw coincided with the release

of findings developed during a day-long climate change workshop held at Gulf Islands Secondary School in early February.

The findings are available on the Salt Spring section of the Islands Trust's website.

The proposed bylaw is a result of Bill 27. The province-wide legislation requires that all local governments incorporate GHG-reduction targets into their official community plans no later than May 31, 2010.

### Conservancy guests for kids

Salt Spring's public library has an all-natural spring break program all set up for island kids of various ages.

"Guest speakers from the Salt Spring Island Conservancy will present amazing hands-on nature programs with facts and fun," said library volunteer Clare Cullen.

The scheduled is as follows:

- Wednesday, March 10: Pond Life with David Denning

- Friday, March 12: Amazing Animal Bones with Bristol Foster

- Wednesday, March 17: Animal Sculptures with Paul Burke

- Friday March 19: Mammals that Love Water with Jean Gelwicks

Cullen says the program is suitable for kids who are aged six to 10, but all "young at heart" islanders and visitors are welcome.

The programs start at 1

p.m. and last for about an hour.

### Spring forward

Islanders are reminded to move their clocks ahead by an hour before heading to bed on Saturday night. Daylight Savings Time officially begins on Sunday, March 14 at 2 a.m.

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# NEWSBEAT



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**WHERE THERE'S SMOKE. . .** Fire captain Laurence Spencer was among numerous local firefighters who spent several hours on Saturday, March 6 putting out a slash/turf fire alongside a bank near Old Scott Road. Salt Spring Fire Department chief Tom Bremner said the recent dry and sunny conditions helped the burn pile get out of hand. Firefighters succeeded in extinguishing the blaze later that evening.

## ISLANDS TRUST

# Trustees float live-aboard strategy

Power to restrict sought

The Islands Trust is casting its gaze towards the Sunshine Coast in an effort to deal with the ongoing issue of live-aboard vessels in Fulford Harbour.

Late in 2009, the town of Gibsons began work on a proposed water regulation bylaw that would give local land-use authorities the power to restrict moorage of live-aboard vessels in areas such as Burgoyne Bay and

Fulford Harbour.

"Enforcement and implementation is a challenge, so we are looking at Gibsons to see how they will handle it," said trustee George Ehring.

"We are not intending to simply move people elsewhere in the Gulf Islands."

The information was brought to the Trust's attention from south-end residents who have voiced their concern with the year-round issue of live-aboard vessels moored near the island.

"I can see many similarities with the problem that we have in Fulford Harbour, and other areas such as Burgoyne Bay, which could well form the basis for a unique bylaw for Salt Spring Island," wrote south-end resident Jonathan Yardley in a letter to the Trust.

"I would strongly urge that you instruct your planners to investigate the preparation of such a bylaw tailored to Salt Spring Island's specific needs."

## CHANNEL RIDGE

# Ridge shareholders back in driver's seat of project

Construction to proceed following bank-loan buyout

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It's been less than a year since the global economic crisis sent a shiver through the housing sector, but shareholders of Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. appear ready to reap the benefits of a recovering economy.

While construction on the development's first phase may not proceed as quickly as planned, construction on a smaller number of homes could begin as soon as this summer, according to project manager Jim Rogers.

Rogers concedes it's a more conservative approach than initially planned, but a good sign given the recession's impact on similar large-scale projects across North America.

"What we have is a situation where, in a couple of months, the owners will have no bank debt," Rogers said. "They will be out and we will be able to proceed with construction."

"It's the same plan except rather than starting with 50 homes we may start with six or eight or 12 or 15," he added.

Work on the project practically ground to a halt last year when HSBC, the project's main lender, asked the company for an additional \$15 million in funding as lenders sought increased security in a sagging world markets.

"Nobody wants to write the big cheques anymore because so many people got caught in that greed cycle," said Bryce Chapman, the company's president. "We may have to start with 15 homes instead of

50 or whatever, but we can move at whatever pace we want."

"We can move at a conservative and safe speed because we no longer have the bank breathing down our neck," Rogers added.

**"It's the same plan except**

**rather than starting with 50**

**homes we may start with six**

**or eight or 12 or 15."**

JIM ROGERS  
Project manager

The project received final approval from the Islands Trust in 2006 and zoning for the Channel Ridge Village has been in place since the mid-1980s. Chapman said nearly 50 units have been presold.

Phase one of the project initially called for construction of 24 single-family homes, 64 duplexes, 18 triplexes and 12 fourplexes.

Nearly 900 acres of Channel Ridge Properties' 1,400-acre property will be preserved as parkland owned by Channel Ridge. A portion of that land is the site of the island's largest recreational trail network.

The Parks and Recreation Commission announced in February that some of those trails will be closed or rerouted as work on the development proceeds.

Work to finalize the loan buyout should be completed by April. The company is controlled by 269 shareholders from British Columbia and Alberta.

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M-F Trip operates Monday to Friday only.

**3 Vesuvius**

Monday - Saturday

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**5 Fernwood**

Monday - Saturday

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Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Ar./Lv. Fernwood Dock	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges
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SAT 1:50	2:00	2:10
M-S 3:00	3:10	3:20

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 M-S Trip operates Monday to Saturday.

**1 Ganges Local**

Monday - Saturday

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# NEWSBEAT

## WATERWORKS

# St. Mary pipe links to treatment plant

Job tender deadline last week

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Recent activity at the north end of St. Mary Lake is due to a CRD project that will upgrade the area's water treatment plant, CRD utilities coordinator Colwyn Sunderland said Monday.

Sunderland said the double-walled pipe being laid on the lake bed will eventually connect the Highland Water Service Area with a new Fernwood Water District treatment plant on Maycock Road.

The existing treatment plant on Maycock Road will be replaced with a new facility, with construction expected to begin in the fall and to be completed by early 2011.

Sunderland said that the period for accepting tenders for the construction job closed Thursday, March 4. The contract will be awarded in the next few months.

In addition to replacing "a water treatment plant at the end of its useful life," Sunderland said one of the project's main objectives is to meet new water treatment requirements set out by the Vancouver Island Health Authority.

Sunderland said VIHA Policy 4321



Rick Mayes and Mike Shanahan lay out pipe at St. Mary Lake.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

requires every surface purveyor serving more than 500 individuals to set out a timeline for compliance with the provincial Drinking Water Protection Act.

According to the Province of B.C. website, "the Drinking Water Protection Act sets out certain requirements for drinking water operators to ensure the provision of safe drinking water to their customers."

Among other items, the act "requires minimum water treatment standards, monitoring/testing and specifies water quality standards; requires water suppliers to have microbiological samples analyzed by a laboratory which has been approved by the Provincial Health Officer; [and] requires public notification of water quality problems."

## ISLANDS TRUST

# LTC approves 'model' housing solution

Public hearing attracts 40 participants

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring family broke into applause after the local Trust committee's 2-1 vote in favour of a unique approach to the island's affordable housing crisis on Thursday afternoon.

The decision marked the conclusion of a more-than-five-year effort by applicant Damien Barstead to secure long-term tenure for himself and his family on a Maxwell Road property.

Barstead had entered into a co-ownership agreement with property owner Axel Dolheiser and sought a land-use bylaw amendment to permit

the construction of a home no larger than 1,200 square feet on his half of the 6.3-hectare (15.6-acre) property.

A public hearing on Bylaw 433 attracted roughly 40 participants to a Wednesday night meeting.

Trust planner Justine Starke said the speakers' main concerns were privacy and the possible siting of any new building, a size limit for the proposed dwelling, and the need for a housing agreement to ensure affordability in perpetuity.

It was the specifics of the non-existent housing agreement that led to more than a hour of discussion by trustees during Thursday afternoon's monthly LTC session.

The root of the debate centred on a clause requiring the applicant to submit a letter of intent to negotiate a housing agreement with the

Trust in the event that a system for administering such a document is created within three years of the bylaw's final adoption.

Though trustee George Ehring expressed support for the applicant's initiative, he refused to support final reading for a bylaw based on such hypothetical grounds.

"We are essentially calling on the applicant to enter into a blind housing agreement," he said.

Ehring did believe that a bylaw requirement that limits the applicant's home to 1,200 square feet was adequate to ensure a certain degree of affordability under the circumstances.

But LTC chair Sheila Malcolmson said she wasn't convinced such a size limit was enough to ensure affordability and sided with trustee Chris-

tine Torggrimson in asking for the applicant's letter of intent.

"I hear the argument, but am not compelled by it," Malcolmson said of Ehring's position. "The local Trust committee must make an attempt at some form of housing agreement. I'm prepared to move forward but would like to see some kind of affordable housing language."

Further conditions contained within Bylaw 433 require that the applicant make an effort to minimize the effects of sound on neighbouring properties, maximize energy and resource efficiency and agree to the creation of a "no-disturb Covenant Area" on a 1.54-hectare portion of the property.

The bylaw requires approval by the Islands Trust's Executive Committee before final adoption.

## CLIMATE CHANGE

# Could SSI become the nut capital of Canada?

Islanders offered nut trees in new carbon-offset program

Transition Salt Spring has started a project aiming to make Salt Spring the nut capital of Canada in more ways than one.

"Nut trees are a long-term, low-maintenance supply of protein," notes a press release from the new group. "Transition Salt Spring believes that every house on Salt Spring should plant a couple as a simple way of becoming just a little more resilient."

Trees being planted include almonds, butternut, heartnut, hazelnut, pine nut, English walnut, Carpathian walnut, black walnut and sweet chestnut.

Most of these trees have been paid for by carbon offsets from Salt Spring Air through Salt Spring-based Green Island Environmental.

In return for participating in the project, each person is asked to donate \$10 per tree to Transition Salt Spring. This money will be used to fund other projects aimed at making Salt Spring more resilient.

People can contact Green Island (at [www.greenisland.ca](http://www.greenisland.ca)) to have their own or their company's carbon offsets calculated.

"The more offsets, the more trees. The more trees, the more carbon that can be offset while also insuring more food will be available on Salt Spring in the future."

The project has been so suc-

cessful this year that Transition Salt Spring is already running out of nut trees.

However, they expect to mount the project next year on a much larger scale.

Anyone who would like to acquire any still-available trees or would like to put their name on a waiting list for future plantings, should contact Andrew Haigh at [ahaigh@uniserve.com](mailto:ahaigh@uniserve.com).

Transition Salt Spring is a local community group, operating under Salt Spring's non-profit Earth Festival Society, with the aim of making Salt Spring more resilient to any future upsets caused by climate change, peak oil or financial instability.

The Transition movement is a world-wide grassroots movement with over 300 towns and cities participating so far.

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**Beauty for beauty's sake**

Comparative mythologies and art nouveau light this artist's

BY GAYLE MAYOR

It's a beautiful thing to see a woman's face lit up with joy. That's what you'll see when you walk into the new exhibit at the Academy Theatre, the first of its kind in the area. It's a fun play, it's been fun to take on the characters. — Luc Blanchette

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EDITORIAL

## Proper prescription

It's yet to be determined if the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee's decision to unanimously approve a temporary use permit for a new medical clinic on Kings Lane will be enough to solve the island's chronic shortage of family physicians.

The lack of office space may be a significant issue, but it's surely not the driving factor as to why Salt Spring and so many other smaller communities across the country find themselves struggling to attract and retain qualified health professionals.

What Thursday's LTC decision shows the community is the stuff good applications are made of.

The Kings Lane clinic represents the perfect alignment of private investment, neighbourhood support and compliance with the island's official community plan.

**THE ISSUE:**  
Islands Trust application process

**WE SAY:**  
Clinic TUP sets new standard

It's a rare occurrence, but when it does happen, the reward speaks for itself.

For those who aren't in the habit of sitting in on Trust meetings, it's common for trustees, often through no fault of their own, to spend hours dissecting the finer points of the applications before them. The Kings Lane TUP application took a whopping 10 minutes.

In the arena of local politics, that's as close to a world record as one can aspire to attain.

Though relatively benign in terms of its potential negative impacts on the community, the medical clinic application sets the bar to which prospective applications of all kinds should strive to meet.

Trustee George Ehring put it best on Thursday when he applauded the site's owners for doing their homework ahead of time.

Owners of the property canvassed the neighbourhood for input, integrated several environmental design features into their two-storey building and had island physicians explain how the facility could improve the lives of islanders.

While there were no guarantees, applicants were confident they had a "no-brainer" from the start.

And that certainly hasn't been the case in a number of other applications heard over the past year.

So while we're waiting to see if there's any end in sight to the island's shortage of physicians, let's hope future applicants can adapt the lessons learned from this experience and get to work on resolving some of the island's other notable shortages as well.



## Ferries master plan needs input

BY HAROLD SWIERENGA

BC Ferries is currently involved in developing a long-term master plan for the three Salt Spring Island terminals, at Long Harbour, Fulford Harbour and Vesuvius, and will be asking for your input.

### VIEWPOINT

The purpose of the plan is to establish a comprehensive framework for the development of the terminals over the next 20 or more years.

As such, it is somewhat similar to an official community plan, but for the terminals only. However, because of the huge importance of the three terminals and the ferries home-ported in each, to Salt Spring Island, it is essential that a similar level of public input be provided to the planning process by Salt Spring residents and by ferry users.

Travel to and from the mainland and Vancouver Island, considerable employment of Salt Spring Island residents, the routing of the Salt Spring Transit buses and to a certain extent the land use and character of Salt Spring as a whole are determined or affected by the location and function of the terminals.

The master plan will not be a static blueprint and will, as in the case of the OCP, be reviewed continually as changes in the demographics, travel patterns and vessel load levels develop over time.

As well, it will not specifically zero in on specific short-term problems that arise from time to time, as these are to be dealt with on a continuing basis. The ultimate objective of the plan will be to enable BC Ferries to develop the terminals to serve the residents of and travellers to Salt Spring Island in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.

The plan will also, of course, be cognizant of the capacity of the ferries serving the three terminals. On completion, the master plan would be incorporated into the Salt Spring Island OCP.

An initial meeting of the BC Ferries project working committee, the Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee and

the Fulford Study Group was held on Feb. 16 to review the guidelines for the development of the plan. A public open house will be held in early April to review the functional requirements of the plan with the community and gather feedback. Then, after the initial draft concept plan has been developed, a further public open house will be held to assess the draft plan before finalization this fall.

The ferry terminals are a very important and critical component of the island way of life. Whether used for personal travel or the movement of goods, they have a considerable impact on the island economy.

Although the Vesuvius and Fulford terminals serve only one destination each, the Long Harbour terminal is more complicated with one major ferry based there to connect to the Southern Gulf Islands and Tsawassen, and with two additional smaller ferries calling in during the summer months. Careful consideration should be given to how the public views the present and future use of this terminal and how it can best serve the needs of Salt Spring Island travellers.

It is essential that BC Ferries receive comprehensive input from the islanders regarding those aspects of terminal operations which affect them.

Since the process is designed with a 20-plus year scope, I would encourage Salt Spring residents to take advantage of the open houses to provide any relevant input to ensure that the terminals work to our best possible advantage in the future.

A similar master plan for Departure Bay in Nanaimo has led to considerable development at that terminal. Obviously some significant development will occur at the terminals on Salt Spring as well, during the next 20-plus years. We should ensure that it is done to our maximum advantage in efficiency and compatibility.

*The writer is chair of Salt Spring's ferry advisory committee.*

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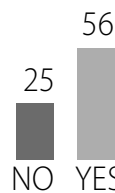
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**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Would you pay more for expanded bus service on Salt Spring?**



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**We asked:** What are you up to over the spring break?



**ERIN ELLIS-KELLY**  
Going to the wave pool on Vancouver Island.



**HEATHER REYNOLDS**  
Hanging out and stuff and chilling with my friends.



**RAVELIN ELLIS**  
I'm here from Revelstoke to visit my cousin.



**ANTHONY CARVAJAL**  
Playing Call of Duty 6, Modern Warfare 2 on PlayStation.



**CARMEN MORRIS**  
I'm partying with Emma-Sky and Heather.

## Letters to the editor

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### Fantastic experience

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Our special thanks goes out to Harbour House management and staff and the RCMP for their warm welcome and to Salt Spring Air, Harbour Air and Seair for their cooperation and collaboration. Also special thanks to Mama Barb for the delicious baked goodies and Kelly for delivering them.

We are all very moved by this fantastic experience, which will stay with us for the rest of our lives.

Farewell from the CATSA Team: Team A — Marlene, Allan, Fred and James C;

Team B — Bert, Shondell, Mario and James S.

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**RACHEL JACOBSON,**  
SALT SPRING

### Challenge

Elizabeth May quite rightly identifies a crisis in affordable housing options for the most vulnerable in our community ("Housing Crisis" letter, Feb. 24 Driftwood.)

The wave of homelessness is not limited to Salt Spring Island or this single federal riding of Saanich Gulf Islands, but it is heart-

breakingly in evidence across the entire nation, in small towns and large cities alike.

Nor does the lack of affordable housing stand alone as the only social problem demanding our attention. Sadly, this is one of many challenging issues facing us today — from the lack of action on climate change, to a floundering response to the economic downturn that imperils our ability to provide health care, pensions, or meaningful career options for youth.

Solutions aren't to be found in Band-Aid fixes and they certainly won't arise as a result of partisan finger-pointing. To find a meaningful path of action, Canada needs a collaborative effort — one that soars above political affiliations and reaches out to all parts of the country to pull together the best ideas from the brightest minds in the country.

This is precisely what "Canada at 150: Rising to the

Challenge" seeks to achieve. Canada at 150 is a non-partisan event being organized by the Liberal Party of Canada, and it is about creating a strong vision for the future. Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff has set a bold goal for Canada at 150.

"The objective is not to advance simplistic solutions or short term tactics. I look to the conference to start a dialogue about the big issues that will determine the future well-being of Canadian families, individuals and communities."

Renowned leaders and doers from around the world are coming together in Montreal, from March 26 to 28, to grapple with issues and create a vision for what Canada could and should be when we mark our 150th anniversary in 2017.

This is also a grass-roots initiative. Canadians from all walks of life are being encouraged to participate in a number of ways. On the Canada at 150 website,

people are invited to "pitch their bold ideas" to be discussed by the panel. Two winners (one French, one English) will win trips to the Montreal conference.

People are being invited to sign up to watch the conference live at their own computers, as the event will be webcast at [www.can150.ca](http://www.can150.ca). Public events are being held across the country, to enable groups of citizens to observe the conference. In our community, an event is being held at the University of Victoria. I welcome everyone on Salt Spring Island, the Gulf Islands, and from across the riding of Saanich Gulf Islands to attend this gathering, to help prepare Canada for the future.

I encourage your readers — regardless of their political preferences — to visit the website: [www.can150.ca](http://www.can150.ca).

**RENÉE HETHERINGTON,**  
FEDERAL LIBERAL CANDIDATE, SAANICH GULF ISLANDS

**MORE LETTERS** continued on A8

# Buffy's unfathomable joy at simply living

Last week I buried Buffy. She was nothing special. The little Jack Russell terrier would have been 20 years old on April 22, and I guess that is noteworthy in itself — not record breaking, but nonetheless ancient.

Buffy had been dying for about two years. At the end she was mostly deaf, blind, incontinent and had a bad heart. At the end she was too weak to jump through the dog door, and would go on the floor.

Most times I would catch her in time, carry her outside to the grass, usually in my sock feet, usually in the rain, usually in the dead of night.

In the end, she could no longer walk around the block, or down to her favourite beach to sniff around the driftwood. I began carrying her on our walks in a shoulder carrier, with her little head sticking out, smelling the scent of the trees, the sea, feeling the breeze, feeling the sunshine.

The last night was bad. She laid down at the foot of my bed on her bath mat, deep sea wheezing. Each breath seemed painful. I could feel spasms of pain when I laid my hand on her heaving chest. I laid in bed listening for an hour, powerless. There was nothing for it but to listen and agonize. She fell into a troubled sleep, and so did I.

I was hoping she would go gently into the night. She didn't. In the morning, she

struggled to her feet and staggered to her water bowl, still shaking and wheezing. It was time to call my veterinarian's office. One more walk around the block in the shoulder carrier. One more little nap together. One more ride in the car.

It costs \$35 to kill your dog. Malcolm Bond walked grimly out to my car with his kit. "This is never easy," he said. He has to do this about 10 times a week, and it never gets any easier. A little spot on the front leg. The needle goes in. A look of surprise. It's done. Over.

Her head seems so small in my hands. I close her eyes and lay her head onto the dog bed, now with a slight red stain, a small drop of blood where the needle had come out. Malcolm puts a stethoscope to her chest. "It's over."

I quickly get the car in gear and drive home gasping for air. Buffy is laying beside me in the passenger seat, utterly still.

Last fall I had dug a hole in the garden and covered it with a piece of plywood to keep the weather out. It wasn't so deep or so wide — after all, it's only a 15-pound Jack Russell.

Cradling this lifeless creature, looking



**Peter Vincent**

### HEAD TO HEAD

down at that small hole, it no longer looked near big enough. I was afraid that I would have to put her down on the wet grass and work the hole bigger, but no. She fit just fine.

I called my two big dogs to come say goodbye. They were both sitting at the far end of the property, puzzled

and confused. They weren't about to budge. Grabbing their leashes, I marched across the yard, half pulling, half coaxing them over to the open grave. They looked at poor Buffy in that hole, the aged boxer gave her a little sniff and sat back on her haunches looking at me with those big brown sad eyes.

Time was wasting. A small cotton shroud to keep the dirt off, and then handfuls of rich loamy soil, followed by heavy tiles to fend off any raccoons or other jackals of the night. And I drive to work. Life goes on.

That was Buffy's last day of 20 years on the planet. Twenty years of house moves, career paths, loves and loves lost.

Twenty years of road trips through the desert southwest, of summiting the peak of Mount St. Helens, of kayak trips, of riding in a bike basket 100 miles, of spectacular

sunsets in the Canadian Rockies. A life well lived.

I also must admit that through those 20 years, I screamed at her, kicked at her, picked her up by the neck with murderous intent and slapped her. Can you imagine a 180-pound man smacking a 15-pound dog across the head? Hard? The thing is, I can't for the life of me remember what I was so pissed at. For these transgressions, I will forever be deeply ashamed.

But over the years Buffy opened my eyes. I evolved. I stopped getting angry at her. I stopped hitting. I marvelled at her unfathomable joy of simply living, at her unfathomable ability to forgive me my brutal behaviour.

Humans do unspeakable things to dogs. We kill them for sport. We watch them kill each other for sport. We eat them. We peel the skin off them to line winter boots. We vivisect and experiment on them. We take out our bad days, our bad relationships, our lousy jobs on them. We starve them. We leave them chained up in all kinds of weather alone. The crazy thing is, they forgive us.

Last week I buried Buffy. She was nothing special. Just this once, please put your Country Grocer receipts in the SPCA slot.

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# OPINION

## MORE LETTERS

continued from A7

### Begging to differ

With reference to the "Mistaken Identity" letter from Richard Harach of Natural-cape Landscaping in the Feb. 17 Driftwood, I beg to differ.

Mr. Harach is the person I took to court to recover monies advanced to build a fence in 2008.

I was successful in my court action, but the effort consumed one year, and in the end I received a lesser amount than the court award.

This Richard Harach may not be the contractor referred to in the 2008 article involving Isabella Point Road residents, but due to my experience I believe he is of the same breed.

You may edit or rewrite this, but I think there should be something in the paper to counteract the projection in his letter.

**PAULINE MCDONALD,**  
LOWER GANGES ROAD

*Editor's note: Firstly, Ms. McDonald's claim has been verified. Secondly, Richard Harach is not the person described in the Page A3 article in this week's Driftwood. We have received detailed complaints of three different individuals in the same type of business over the past 18 months, all wanting to ensure their fellow islanders do not have the same experience.*

### Pleasure vs the odds

Regarding "Fundraiser provides crucial service," March 3

Viewpoint.

I have never written a letter to the Driftwood before, so here we go. The issue is important.

"Ignorance is dangerous." This is a serious truth. So we should weigh the use of contraceptives carefully.

Contraceptives for youth provide a moment of pleasure, but it's not a good idea. The costs outweigh the benefits.

Let's weigh that moment of pleasure against some serious odds:

- a strong suspicion that contraceptives are a factor in breast and other cancers;

- a high risk of the relationship ending in failure, i.e., sorrow and emotional distress, because youth aren't yet fully mature. They are emerging adults, but not yet adults.

- the risk of being used by another person just for pleasure. Or worse, using another just for sex.

- the risk of becoming jaded about sex — "oh, it's just sex." There is no such thing as "just sex" — our relationships form our attitude toward life.

If we've been used for sex we somehow learn we are worthless and become bitter and jaded about love, sex and marriage. We deprive ourselves of the good side.

Youth are deprived of the opportunity to learn self control — something that comes in handy in life.

So that means disease, sorrow, lack of mature love, and being bitter and jaded. Doesn't look like good value to me: all those costs for a moment of pleasure.

There is an alternative. Exclusive, married love. Think about it. Sex is a gift. When human beings use it within its proper limits, they foster happiness.

Sex is a privilege and joy of a marriage; it is most joyful over a lifetime of greater and greater closeness; and it is always willing to receive the gift God may grant of a beautiful child. The child is a blessing, a joy and an expression of love. Human love in the divine plan.

Works better than human love without the divine plan.

**LOIS HOBBS,**  
SALT SPRING

### Apology

During the summer of 2009 I was caught stealing gas from the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club. I was contacted by the Community Justice program and through them I was able to meet with the manager of the club and arrange to provide compensation for the injustice I had done.

I would like to advise other people that are stealing gas or anything else from people in our community to think twice about what they are doing, that they know it is wrong and causing possible hardship to others. We all end up paying for theft in some way or another, either directly or indirectly.

I would like to apologize to the members of the golf and country club and to the community, and appreciate the opportunity to be able to work alongside the employee of the club to provide assistance and retribution where

needed, and also to the Community Justice program for contacting me directly to right my wrong.

Thank you.

**NAME WITHHELD AS PART OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM AGREEMENT**

### Kindness and generosity

Thank-you to those that helped make An Evening in Africa with Robert Bateman a successful fundraiser for the students at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda.

Thank you to Robert Bateman for the wonderful slide show and talk about his many experiences in Africa and to John Bateman for all his help behind the scenes.

A special thank you to Shawn and Lis Walton for entrusting their restaurant to me for the evening, to Sam Caviglia for an amazing menu and pulling of such a fantastic meal and to Carmen Proffitt without whose help I couldn't have done it.

To those that donated to the silent auction: Robert Bateman, Steven Friedman, Gabrielle and Lynda Jensen, John Bateman and Jocelyn Ferguson, Ganges Garment Company, Garry Oaks Winery, Frankly Scarlet, Sabine's Fine Used and Rare Books, Eau Vive Winery, Terri Ann Dunning, West of the Moon and Marlyn Horsdal, thank you for your kindness and generosity.

**ANNA SQUIER,**  
SALT SPRING

**MORE LETTERS** continued on A10



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

**HAWAIIAN ISLANDS:** Seen last weekend in Hawaiian garb at Country Grocer was Sarah Smith, promoting a chance to win a trip to Hawaii, and taking donations for a stop clock at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

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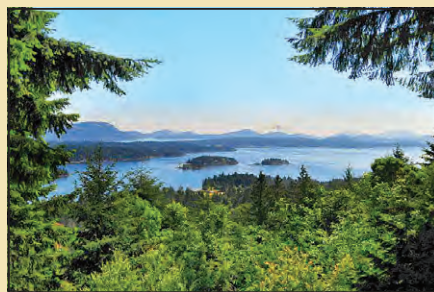
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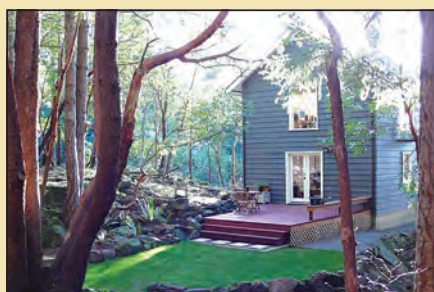
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## OPINION

# Fighting for love, plus faith and life

BY ROWAN PERCY

You are downtown, running errands, getting a DVD. A friend approaches, looking worried and whispers, "The police came to my house today with a lot of questions about you. Be careful." It's a scenario few of us on Salt Spring would dream of.

But Arsham Parsi, a young Iranian, who inspired many Salt Springers at the Pride 2007 festival, did anticipate these words. His gay activist work in Iran required code names because of surveillance from a regime that uses torture and whose judges hold arbitrary powers.

Says Parsi, "No one knew about [my work], not even my closest friends." Neither did his family.

When warned that his identity had been traced, Arsham first fled his home town, Shiraz, for Tehran, but soon had to escape into Turkey. Arsham said, "When I left my family and my friends, it was so hard. They didn't know what I was doing."

While he waited in Turkey for approval for refugee status from the UN, Arsham was filmed, with others, by Indian director, Parvez Sharma for Jihad for Love, showing this Sunday evening (see, end of article). It is a film of lyrical quality, affirming love, spiritual commitment and the need to be able to be who we are.

While gays, lesbians and transgendered people experience violence in countries of all religious faiths, this film focuses on the inner Jihad — spiritual struggle. It tells the stories of lesbians and gay men in nine countries over five years, as they challenge their religious leaders, find a way to be themselves, love who they love and wrestle with their faith.

Parsi, who features in two segments of the film, says "I have faith . . . There's an energy and I'm part of it . . . I don't agree with how religions define God. Once, I had that feeling that I was a sinner and had to become normal . . . but now, what I'm doing right now, help-

ing other people, that is my spiritual practice."

Here two years ago, Arsham galvanized audiences with his gentle spirit and way of speaking. He had been deeply affected by suicides of queer friends and militia violence against gay Iranians. After being beaten badly in public in Turkey for being gay and finally coming here as a refugee, Arsham made a vow as he first entered Canada. He promised to help LGBTs who flee Iran to seek a safe country.

Arsham works around the clock in a small apartment in Toronto for IRQR (Iranian Railroad for Queer Refugees), doing education and advocacy. He works with politicians and human rights groups in Canada, the US, and Europe.

IRQR carries 250 cases and has been able to help about 69 per cent of them. Still, many suffer violence in Turkey without money, in unsanitary conditions, unsafe housing, with inadequate food and fading hopes. Whenever Parsi is able to go to Turkey, individual cases move because of his advocacy.

Arsham's family now know why he had to flee, and though it took them awhile, today they accept him as gay. He can't go home to Iran, but he is grateful to Canada for freedom from torture and execution. He has won human rights awards for his humanitarian work.

The Salt Spring group, Allies for IRQR, will forward donations to IRQR's Refugee Sponsorship program. Donations will make a direct difference in the refugee claims and lives of LGBT Iranians.

Donations may also be offered to IRQR's campaign to stop all executions in Iran. 346 people were executed in 2009.

Jihad for Love, a fundraising film, Sunday, March 14, starts at 7 p.m. Lions Hall. Contact me, Rowan Percy, at 250-537-2831.

*Rowan Percy is a queer activist and writer living on Salt Spring.*

## MORE LETTERS

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### Honour French at Olympics

The Olympics were terrific in many ways, certainly for the corporate sponsors.

I watched a lot, had tears in my eyes when Alexandre Bilodeau hugged his disabled brother Frederic after winning Canada's first gold on home soil, when Joannie Rochette won bronze following the tragic death of her mother, and when Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, who have been skating together since they were seven and nine years old won gold.

Most of the opening ceremony was, to use an overworked word, awesome.

But it was not without flaws: the ugly rendition of O Canada by Nikki Yanofsky, the minimal use of French in an officially bilingual country. For me, the closing ceremonies were a big disappointment.

The image projected to the world was of a bunch of rubes, dancing Mounties and flying moose (yes I know it was supposed to be Canadians poking fun at themselves), some awful noise masquerading as music geared to the 15- to 25-year-olds. (Avril Lavigne? Who on earth chose her?).

I thought the shameful minimum amount of French would be corrected, no such luck. John Furlong did add a couple of short sentences in horribly fractured French, but little more. For those anti-French

language bigots (I hope there are very few on Salt Spring), it may be the coastal mountains or the Rockies or probably their ignorance of Canadian history that limit their acceptance of a wonderful Canadian fact, we are a bilingual country.

Some complained that all introductions were made first in French, then in English.

This was done in Salt Lake City, Beijing, and will be in Sochi (the Olympics requires it). Perhaps they need to be reminded that O Canada was composed by Calixa Lavalee, that the term Canadian in the early 19th century referred only to the French-speaking inhabitants of Quebec, (the others were the different First Nations, some slaves of African origin, the Irish and British colonists and the United Empire Loyalists) who moved north following the American revolution.

As for the Maple Leaf as a symbol of Canada it originated in Lower Canada (now Quebec) as a frequent design on embroidery. Remember that the next time you have the best syrup (maple) on your pancakes.

I have compiled a list of the number of Francophones in the top five (including women and men hockey players), 22 individuals with four winning in two sports and one, Charles Hamelin, winning medals in three events. Fourteen of these 22 won gold.

To conclude, remember the names Bilodeau, Rochette, Jean, Guay and the two Hamelin brothers, Francois and Charles (pronounced Sharl)

**JACK HALLAM, BRINKWORTHY**

## NEWSBEAT



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## SWIMMING

## Poets Cove challenge activates swimmers

Prizes await those who take the plunge

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Local swimmers involved in the Swim to Poets Cove challenge are busy plotting a 100-km journey with 36 waypoints.

They won't have to pack their wet suits or worry about ferry traffic on the extended route to Pender, however: this challenge takes place entirely in the lanes of the Rainbow Road pool.

Pool manager Jim Raddysh said around 30 swimmers have already signed up for the "virtual" course to South Pender. By recording the lengths they swim at the pool, they'll make their way across a chart as represented by a pin.

Stopping first at Chocolate Beach, the swimmers' route will take them to Scott Point, on to Prevost Island, along Galiano and Mayne, into Winter Cove and Lyall Harbour on Saturna, along North and South Pender and finally to Poets Cove.

"It's a lot of fun — it's a great way to motivate you to swim your lengths,"

said Raddysh.

Although the challenge is mainly meant to promote activity, there are some material benefits to participating. Each way-point gained gets swimmers their name in a raffle draw to be held on Aug. 1: the prize is airfare for two to Poets Cove and a night's accommodation at the resort. Poets Cove and Salt Spring Air are sponsors of the event.

Bimonthly draws on the 15th and 30th of each month will also give people the chance to get additional prizes such as goggles and swim caps.

Raddysh said length swimmers typically complete 40 lengths, or one kilometre, per visit to the pool — the first way-stop at Chocolate Beach will require 87 lengths.

"We've calculated it so that if you swam three times a week and did 1.5 km, and started on March 1, you could actually make it to Poets Cove [by the draw on August 1]," Raddysh said.

The challenge is free to join and swimmers are welcome to start participating at any time. Length swimming is available every day except on Thursday when the pool is closed.

## GRIEF COUNSELLING

## Support, recovery program helps people cope with loss

Six-week session starts March 30

The loss of a loved one is one of life's most difficult challenges, and an experience many people attempt to sort through on their own.

An island group with many years' experience helping others cope with death offers relief from solitary suffering.

Salt Spring's grief recovery program brings together qualified facilitators with people who are struggling to deal with a death and offers a safe environment to speak about grief in a group setting.

Countless islanders have benefited from past programs, which run for a series of two-hour sessions over the course of six weeks. Small groups of four to 10 participants learn to share their experiences, laugh, cry

and eventually cope with death.

Sessions are guided by trained facilitators who have themselves passed through the grief recovery program. Past participants have often found that relationships forged during the sessions last far beyond the six-week program.

The program is open to anyone, of any age, who has experienced the loss of a loved one. Participants normally begin at least six months after the death has occurred. Sessions can be repeated if required and extra counselling support is available. Community resources for grief recovery are also shared.

Spring sessions begin on Tuesday, March 30, 7 to 9 p.m., and run until May 4.

To register, contact facilitators Noreen Davies at 250-537-2654, Barbara Dams at 250-653-4945 or Susannah Devitt, evenings at 250-537-2570.



Islands Trust

### ISLANDS TRUST GALIANO ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

Proposed Bylaw No. 206 – cited as "Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 1, 2010"

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw at **1:00 p.m. Monday, March 15, 2010 at the South Community Hall, 141 Sturdies Bay Road, Galiano Island.**

At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw.

**Bylaw No. 206 – cited as "Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 1, 2010"**

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 206 is to amend the Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995 by inserting a target and objectives for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

A copy of the proposed bylaw and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing March 3, 2010 and up to and including March 12, 2010.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) (e) of the Local Government Act, additional copies of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Galiano Island, B.C., commencing March 3, 2010 and can also be viewed on the internet at the following URL: [www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/gl/bylaws](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/gl/bylaws)

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. The office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, by Fax (250) 405-5155 or can be **sent on-line** by going to the Islands Trust Website at the following URL: [www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/gl/meetings](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/gl/meetings) and completing the "**Public Hearing, March 15, 2010, Submission Form**", prior to **4:30 p.m., March 12, 2010;**
2. After **4:30 p.m., March 12, 2010** to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at **1:00 p.m., March 15, 2010.**

The public is encouraged to send any electronic response by using the on-line public hearing submission form. The Islands Trust does not guarantee that any email submission will be received by the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email submissions, if they are opened and received, to the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee for consideration, but the public should not rely on email as a means of providing a written submission.

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

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Robert Kojima, Planner, at (250) 405-5159 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

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Kathy Jones, Deputy Secretary

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 Golf Course on  
**Sunday, March 14th**  
**at 2pm.**  
 Potluck lunch.  
*All are welcome.*

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
**SSI SEARCH & RESCUE**  
 April 6, 2010 at 7pm  
 Search & Rescue Hall  
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 SSI Chapter Meeting Thurs.  
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#### COMING EVENTS

**Central Community Hall Society**  
 Meeting of the  
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 Central Community  
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**Tuesday,**  
**16th March, 2010**  
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**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MEETING**  
 7:30 pm at Fire Hall #1  
**Mar. 15, 2010**  
 PUBLIC WELCOME

**SOUNDER SLEEP** Workshop  
 with Anna Haltrecht. Mar. 27,  
 1-4pm, \$40. 250-537-5681.

#### COMING EVENTS

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### COMING EVENTS

**JONATHAN FIELD**  
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 Auditors (spectators)  
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 \$60 for 3 days  
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**UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
 "Potpourri Sunday". Today we  
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 and talents. Sunday March 14,  
 11am at S.S. Seniors Centre.  
 www.saltspringunitarian.com

**SS PAINTERS** Guild Spring  
 Show and Silent Auction. April  
 16th-29th at ArtSpring.

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**JULIE MACKINNON CERAMICS**  
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 Saturday & Sunday  
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#### INFORMATION

**DR. SHANE** Barclay's office  
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 The office number will remain  
 the same as 250-537-1828.  
 Please help us welcome Dr.  
 Ian Gummeson, Dr. Paula  
 Ryan and Dr. Manya Sadouski  
 to the office. Please be ad-  
 vised this is not a walk in clinic.

**KINGS LANE MEDICAL CLINIC**  
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### DEATHS



**Pamela Margaret Mowbray**

Pamela Margaret Mowbray (formerly Thomas, née Lynch) born in Sydney, Australia on Feb. 1, 1932, passed away peacefully in Port Moody on Mar. 1, 2010. Predeceased in 2002 by her husband and best friend for almost 50 years, Steve Thomas. Dearly loved and survived by her second husband Wilf Mowbray; her four beloved children Sandra Sellick, Stephen Thomas, Colleen Mudry-Ross, and Carolyn Bond; and their spouses Roger, Lydia, Hal, and Russell. Pam was the proud nana of five grandchildren: Steven, Erin, Natasha, Genevieve, and Stephenie. She enjoyed a close relationship with her niece, Linda. She is also survived by Wilf's children, Susan and Chris.  
 From 1951 to 1953, Pam worked for the Treasury Department of the Fijian government in Suva. She arrived in Vancouver aboard the "SS Orsova" in 1955 and started work in the Marine Building. She married Steve in 1956 and together they raised their four children. In the early 1980s, Pam returned to school and went on to work in the administration office at Brentwood Mall and later for the Burnaby Public Library. Residents of Burnaby for over 30 years, Pam and Steve retired to Salt Spring Island in 1992 where they built their dream home on Beddis Road and enjoyed the company of their island friends. They were lifetime members of the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club and Pam was a volunteer at Greenwoods. After Steve's passing, Pam lived in Coquitlam until her marriage to Wilf in 2008. Pam and Wilf lived on the quay in New Westminster overlooking the passing scene on the Fraser River. Always an ardent sports fan, Pam followed the BC Lions, the Vancouver Canucks, and her favourite tennis players. She was a passionate animal lover with a soft spot for elephants, cats, and bears. Pam was a long-time member of the Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals, an avid reader, and an ace Scrabble player. Beautiful music and flowers added much pleasure to her life. In 2007 she co-authored a memoir, "Remembering a Kensington Childhood". Pam will be forever loved and missed.  
 The family would like to express much gratitude to Pam's physicians and to the staff and volunteers at the Crossroads Hospice in Port Moody. At Pam's request, there will be no service. Friends wishing to remember Pam with a gesture of kindness may consider a donation to the Crossroads Hospice Society.

### COMING EVENTS

**Saltspring Cooperative Preschool**

Is now accepting enrollment for 3 and 5 year olds for the 2010-2011 school year. Come and find out about our new schedule, and be there for our fabulous basket raffle draw.

Please join us at our **Open House**  
**Saturday March 27th 10:00 - 12:00**  
 For more information please contact Clare at **538-8416**  
**saltspringpreschool@gmail.com**

### DEATHS



**WILSON, Colinette (Netta)**  
 Born 1918 in Eastbourne, Sussex, England, passed away peacefully March 1, 2010 on Saltspring Island. Predeceased by husband Lyle Patrick and infant son Robert. Lovingly remembered by her children Berna Chesters (Arthur), Warren Wilson (Jane Findlay), and Pamela Wolff (Tom), and grandchildren Patrick Chesters (Stephanie Dunn) and Alison Chesters (Andrew Muir). Our family would like to thank the staff at Greenwoods for their wonderful care and kindness. We would also like to thank Dr. Hansie De Kock for many years of compassionate care. A service will be held in All Saints Anglican Church on Monday, March 8th, at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Saltspring Island SPCA or World Wildlife Fund.

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## NOTICE OF OFFICE CLOSURE

THE SALT SPRING ISLAND OFFICE OF THE ISLANDS TRUST WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC ON **THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010**. REGULAR OFFICE HOURS WILL RESUME AT **8:30 AM, FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010**.

WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY CAUSE.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CONTACT OUR VICTORIA OFFICE AT 250-405-5151.

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## Annual General Meeting

The Gulf Islands Seniors Residence will be holding its' Annual General Meeting on Saturday, March 20th at 9:30 am at Meadowbrook Seniors' Residence, 121 Atkins Road, Salt Spring Island. All members and those who may be interested in becoming members are urged to attend.

## PARC GRANTS-IN-AID

Applications for Grants-In-Aid to assist with parks and recreation related projects, which directly provide additional recreation facilities, equipment, services or programs, are considered twice each year- in the spring and in the fall. Grants are usually awarded on a one-time basis, but under certain circumstances may be applied to ongoing programs. The deadline for the current applications is Wednesday, March 31, 2010. Application forms are available on our website [www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc](http://www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc) or at the PARC office. Call 537-4448 or email [parc@saltspring.com](mailto:parc@saltspring.com).



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## NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

BCSPCA

In accordance with Bylaw 5.15(d), 9.5(b), 9.5(d) and 14 of the Bylaws of The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of the:

**SALT SPRING ISLAND BRANCH**

Will take place on:  
Tuesday March 23, 2010 at 5:30pm  
At: Lion's Hall  
103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC

For the purpose of:  
Electing members of the Community Council for the branch, as well as conducting any other business of the Branch

For further information on the meeting or to obtain a copy of the draft agenda, please contact Brandy Glovka at [saltspring@spca.bc.ca](mailto:saltspring@spca.bc.ca) or (250) 537-2123

A copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society is available at: <http://internal.spca.bc.ca/govern.asp>



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGY

Islands Trust wishes to engage the services of a Consultant to research, design and plan a Salt Spring Island Community Affordable Housing Strategy. The work will be conducted in partnership with community agencies that are working to resolve barriers to housing. Request for Proposal documents may be obtained from Islands Trust Salt Spring Local Planning Office, 500 Lower Ganges Road, Telephone 250-537-9144. Proposals will be accepted up until March 26, 2009. For further information, contact Justine Starke at 250-538-5603.

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM SALT SPRING WEB DEVELOPERS

The web subcommittee of the **Salt Spring Tourism Committee** is inviting expressions of interest to receive a **Request for Proposal (RFP)** for creating a web site for Tourism on Salt Spring Island. The RFP's are available from [RobertBMackie@gmail.com](mailto:RobertBMackie@gmail.com). The Tourism Committee will be deciding on a Salt Spring graphic and tag line on March 10 and the proposals will be required by March 17 so that the committee has time to review them before presenting recommendations to the Tourism Committee on March 31. The site should be up by May 1.

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IWAV is a non-profit society providing services throughout the Southern Gulf Islands to women and their children affected by violence and abuse.

The Executive Director is responsible for the management and administration of a shelter, 24 hour help line, out-reach services, counselling programs and a community based thrift store. Responsibilities include service delivery, staff supervision, program development and oversight; and, fiscal management and accountability.

Qualifications include a Masters Degree in Social Work / Human Services or an equivalent combination of training, experience and education.


For more information and to view a complete job description, please visit: [www.iwav.org](http://www.iwav.org)

Applications will be accepted until March 26, 2010 by mail only to:

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## School District 64 (Gulf Islands)

**Re: Consideration of Local School Calendar Option for 2010/2011**

On September 9, 2009 the Board of Education passed the following motion:

"It was moved and seconded that in order to give ample time for public input and discussion, be it resolved the Board of Education will consult with the community in accordance with the School Act and the School Calendar Regulation to seek input and feedback regarding the proposed Local School Calendar. Written submissions may be made to the Board throughout the school year until April 14, 2010. Additionally, time will be allotted for public input on each island community immediately following the Regular Public Board meeting held on each island. Proper notice will be given in each community as to the time and date of these meetings."

Further opportunities to provide feedback include: Email through [www.sd64.bc.ca](http://www.sd64.bc.ca) - click on 'Four Day Input Form'; Individual written submissions addressed to the Board of Education, through Dawne Fennell, Executive Assistant; Public Meeting of the Board of Education - April 14, 2010 at Pender Islands School at 1:00 p.m.

To view the draft calendar to be considered for approval for 2010/2011 and a draft of the Preliminary Financial Projections for 2010/2011 please log into: [www.sd64.bc.ca/district.html#nextyear](http://www.sd64.bc.ca/district.html#nextyear). Copies of these documents will also be available at each school.

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## SOCIAL JUSTICE

# Funding cuts challenged

Kairos springs into action against CIDA

Members of Salt Spring United Church are making an appeal to the Canadian International Development Agency to restore funding to Kairos, a long-standing social justice organization.

Press material for the group explains Kairos (from the Greek word meaning "moment of truth") comprises 11 Canadian churches and 10 nongovernmental organizations.

Although Kairos has maintained a cooperative relationship with CIDA since 1973 (under the group's former name, Ten Days for World Development), the organization has been told that it no longer fits CIDA priorities.

Press material describes how despite this claim, Kairos' two latest funding proposals were developed in accordance with two of CIDA's identified objectives: promoting good governance (human rights) and advancing ecological sustainability (reducing the impact of climate change and addressing land degradation).

"Our proposal was seen by CIDA staff to be within their criteria and goals throughout the approval process," Tom Mitchell, United Church representative, says in the press release. "The Kairos focus on human rights is consistent with the ODA Accountability Act, which was implemented in June 2008. This act requires all Official Development Assistance to be consistent with international human rights standards."

"The negative impacts of this funding cut, in terms of human suffering will be immense, if not reversed," adds Mitchell.

In the Congo, Kairos partners with the Heritiers de la Justice to establish a women's legal clinic.



PHOTO BY LINDA DOUCETTE

Islanders protest a Canadian International Development Agency funding cut to Kairos outside the Salt Spring United Church on Sunday.

Mitchell explains the loss of this funding "will compromise the fight to address the use of rape as a weapon of war."

In the Sudan, Kairos is working with the Sudan Council of Churches (SCC) to push for the implementation of a peace plan. "In this country with a very weak civil society, the SCC with the help of Kairos is a strong voice to bring peace and stability to the lives of women, children and communities under attack by paramilitaries," Mitchell states in the press release.

In Indonesia, Kairos supports KONTRAS (The Commission for Disappearances and Victims of Violence).

Mitchell says, "KONTRAS is effective in making sure the Indonesian Government investigates past military abuses and compensates victims and their families. Without support from Kairos, KONTRAS will lose ground and be unable to hold the Indonesian Government accountable to National and International Covenants."

In Columbia, Kairos supports Organization Fememina Popular, a grassroots women's rights organization in Magdalena Medio, an area that has experienced some of the worst human rights abuses in that country. The OFP has 5,000 members and operates 22 women's centres, offering programs which include developing the human rights of women, health and legal services and education.

The OFP recently appealed directly to Bev Oda, Minister of International Cooperation, to continue funding to Kairos so that Columbians could grow up without being recruited by armed groups, kidnapped or assassinated.

"We strongly urge Prime Minister Harper and Minister Bev Oda to reverse these funding cuts and restore the faith of the Canadian people that we do indeed have a government capable of acting with compassion and justice," Mitchell concludes.

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### Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

Getting clear on what are your dreams and ideals is floating in your mind. Desires to try new things without having to commit yet, may be extra attractive. Trial runs are not always available but when they are, bonus. Tending to unfinished business close to home is vying for attention as well. Make plans now and act upon them more fully soon.

### Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

Meeting people, making new friends and/or deepening existing relationships is in focus. Visions of a brighter future and more fulfilling associations are featured. Some noticeable shifts and changes in you, your home, family and lifestyle in general are giving you new perspectives. Commit to getting involved and making the changes you feel are needed.

### Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

Approaching authority figures and others with leverage is likely now. Networking, making plans, setting dates and working out the details of pending deals and agreements is featured. It is important that you take risks to take the initiative and vice versa. Brainstorming for ideas is likely very so too is spreading yourself too thin. Manage your time effectively.

### Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

New ideas, concepts and philosophies are dancing in your mind. Spiritual visions and heightened states of awareness are extra likely now. Whether by inspiration or necessity, you want to gather new tools and techniques and angles. Clearing space to focus on special projects is also likely. Meanwhile, dreams of travel and adventure are teasing.

### Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

Financial interests, concerns and considerations are on your mind. You want to take actions that will help you to feel more secure. This may require that you squarely face some of your fears in this regard. Investigations and research into new strategies is probably now. You may also be interested in clearing subconscious blocks. Take a holistic approach.

### Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

Creating opportunities and making the most of those that are rising on their own is a central theme now. At worst, you feel a little overwhelmed and unclear about where to focus first. Let need verses desire, guide your actions. Be extra careful now of get rich quick schemes and alluring deals that seem too good to be true. Outline your priorities then act on them.

### Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Creating a healthier rhythm and routine continues. Doing so often requires that we surrender to the facts of what is and is not working. What pleasures do you more harm than good? Humans are habitual by nature and cultivating healthier habits requires commitment and focus. Moderation is ever a good rule. Commit to making the changes you know you need to make.

### Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

A creative surge is washing in on your shores now. There is reason to believe that you feel inspired and grateful. This is good because you may need all the support you can get to push through other challenging areas. Tending to your health may be extra important and necessary now. Achieving new levels of freedom is featured and this will increase yet.

### Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

New levels of energy, enthusiasm and confidence are brewing close to home. You feel inspired to use this boost to nurture a new quality of balance. This push for change is equalled only by an urge for freedom. This will increase steadily. Meanwhile, returns for past efforts are coming in. Either way it is time to explore some new creative angles.

### Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Many new thoughts, ideas, concepts and perceptions continue to pour in. These may be inspiring you to express yourself imaginatively. Asserting your feelings and experiencing the same from others may be the source of excitement and perhaps some drama. Somehow, you are earning a new status and/or reputation that won't soon be forgotten.

### Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

The progressive March out of winter into the spring season should be bubbling on for you and the momentum will increase this week. External forces in the way of people and events will give you an extra push as well starting this week. This should feel quite welcome as you are ready to explore new options. Meeting new people and making connections for both business and personal interest will bring satisfaction.

### Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

You are in an expansive cycle. New levels of energy and enthusiasm are yours to enjoy. Something big is growing within, perhaps literally or figuratively, or both. You do have some work to do, however, to fulfill the potential of this opportunity. Working both within and without will prove most effective. Whether this implies your home or your own self or both depends on your situation.

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## Fresh, new talent featured at interactive craft bazaar

Style, fun, music and more at inaugural happening

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Two island artisans are hoping to develop an interactive marketplace experience with the inauguration of a new biannual craft fair.

The Salt Spring Island Craft Bazaar opens Saturday, March 13, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Mahon Hall.

Zoe Dubien and Kathryn Burke, the two women behind the event, said they decided to create a new type of craft fair based on what the experience "could be."

Dubien makes stylish, eco-friendly baby hats under the label Owl and Dot Dot, and Burke knits baby headbands decorated with elaborate silk flowers (inspired by her daughter's lack of hair) as Who Loves You, Baby. She is also a partner with Katie Parsons in making feathered headbands for adults under the label Featherettes.

Dubien and Burke were sharing a table at a craft fair last winter when they started thinking about ways to make the day more fun for shoppers and for vendors.

"We started brainstorming about it while we were waiting for people to stop at our table, and then very quickly made it happen," Dubien said.

Burke's previous event-planning experience includes the

highly successful Salt Spring's Top Model contest held last year.

"It's been great to work with someone who's just as committed and enthusiastic as I am," Burke said of her partnership with Dubien.

Several ideas have been implemented to create the "not your average craft fair." A relatively small number of craft vendors (around 20) will promote a sense of flow without overcrowding, while live acoustic music will be played by a series of performers on stage throughout the day. All crafts must be handmade and all music must be original.

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ZOE DUBIEN  
Co-organizer

Also on stage will be an exhibition of art and photography featuring work by Shel Neufeld, Angelo Scaia and Francis Boutin.

Visitors are encouraged to take part in the wholesome catering of live foods and Soya Nova tofu products by Jim Robson, while relaxing in the designated seating area. The hours have been set to go later than usual, closing at 7 p.m., to encourage a feeling of intimacy as darkness falls.

Another highlight is the do-it-yourself crafting station, where Dubien and others will teach people how to create different projects throughout the day. A schedule of workshops will be posted.

As the main attraction, the 26 participating vendors, musicians and visual artists are all up-and-coming artists whose work is new and fresh — some are selling for the very first time. Six vendors are new moms with new businesses.

A few star attractions include knitted toques by Charlotte Holmes, collapsible hula hoops for kids and adults made by Amanda Kimmel, fabric creations from the Wrestler and the Needle's Diane Perry, and original designs by Amber Melville, the owner of Sweet Somethings Gallery.

As part of their mission to attract a younger crowd, the organizers have established a relationship with the high school. They hope to have participation by teen artists and musicians for the second installment of the craft bazaar, being planned to take place around the major Christmas fairs.

If their own enthusiasm is anything to judge by, Dubien and Burke have a vibrant and festive community event in the making — and though the planning process has been "a learning experience," it's one the two women are easily taking in stride.

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Is it something in the water? Does the act of moving to Salt Spring trigger some latent auto-immune response that screams "Free time is bad for you?"

It is common knowledge that the island is home to a lot of people who fear that time may weigh heavily on their hands. That's in the beginning. So heavy in fact that moves to lighten that load start almost immediately after the last piece of china is unwrapped.

I am talking of course about volunteering. That act of self abnegation that has Salt Springers to a man say, "I don't know how I ever found time to work." Community Theatre is just one of untold numbers of organizations that are the recipients of all those superfluous hours. Salt Spring Community Theatre's upcoming production of the farce *Who's Under Where?* is providing ample opportunity for high drama behind the scenes: A director unused to the fickle charm of our ways. Conflicting medical appointments that were set in place during the last ice age, and off island. Rehearsal times and trips to Mexico/Olympics/Hawaii all muddled together, sets needing building in three hours, preferably between dancing classes previously booked. Ah, the joys of community theatre and its willing participants.

Somehow, as plans unravel, abracadabra, something magic happens islanders are the benefit of other islanders unbridled need to get involved and the show must go on.

*Who's Under Where?* is on stage at Mahon Hall from March 26 to March 28 at 8 p.m. with matinee performances starting at 2 p.m. on March 27 and 28.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

**CAFE MUSIC:** Salt Spring musician Daryl Chonka is seen through the glass as he entertains at Tree House Cafe.

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### CONCERTS

# Foggies return with *Scotch and Sofa*

One of Canada's top bluegrass bands set to shake Fulford Hall

Islanders are invited to spend the last night of March break celebrating the music of Toronto-based bluegrass phenomenon, The Foggy Hogtown Boys.

The group is set to return to Salt Spring with *Scotch and Sofa* in hand: that's not the drinking or sitting kind, but the CD kind. The boys are set to release their new album at Fulford Hall on Sunday,

March 21, at 7 p.m.

Recorded live, off the floor, the fifth album from the Foggies gives the listener their very best of a four-day session. Press material promises this album captures the infectious energy of Canada's top bluegrass band.

The five-piece band is made up of Chris Coole on guitar and vocals, John McNaughton on bass and vocals, Chris Quinn on banjo, John Showman on violin and Andrew Collins on mandolin and vocals. Music-lovers may recognize John Showman's name from Salt Spring's Fiddle

Camp or the Creaking Tree Quartet where he plays with Andrew Collins.

Press material describes Quinn as "a walking encyclopedia of the history of bluegrass in both the United States and Canada," who can recall the York County Boys as the first established Canadian bluegrass band in 1956.

Quinn first got into bluegrass music at age six with the Flatt and Scruggs album *Live at Carnegie Hall* borrowed from his dad and played on his little suitcase record player.

"The Foggies describe themselves as having a lot of respect for traditional bluegrass while accepting the fact that they bring a contemporary sound to this tradition, as they are essentially city boys playing mountain music," states their press release.

Tim Perlich, music editor of *Now Magazine* in Toronto (also known as *Hogtown*) has written: "While no one was looking, the Foggy Hogtown Boys evolved from a group of excellent musicians playing bluegrass to a great bluegrass band."

Greg Quill of the *Toronto Star* has said "Toronto's luminously gifted string band set a new benchmark... both a sense of fun and an intellectual sharpness that befits their status as one of the hardest working bands in the North American roots music area."

The Central Canadian Bluegrass Awards

has also recommended the group, awarding them Best Overall Band in 2006 and Best Instrumental Band in 2007.

**Recorded live, off the floor, the fifth album from the Foggies gives the listener their very best of a four-day session.**

Frida's Villa will be presenting the group's Fulford Hall appearance, where there will be both concert-style seating and a place to dance for those who like to kick up their heels.

The show starts at 7 p.m. to accommodate families. Fiddleworks will be raising funds for their work in the North and their summer camp on Salt Spring by operating the concession.

Advance tickets can be purchased online at [www.fridasvilla.com](http://www.fridasvilla.com). Tickets can also be bought in the south end from Knotty Threads or Morningside Organic Bakery and Bookstore, and in Ganges from Acoustic Planet and Salt Spring Books.

Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door and children under 12 are \$5 at the door.

To hear a preview of the band, visit [www.foggyhogtownboys.com](http://www.foggyhogtownboys.com).

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## ON STAGE

# Howard and Mimi play deemed a true gem

A purr-fectly balanced comedy-drama bounds onto ArtSpring stage

Islanders are in for a treat when a United Kingdom Fringe Report award-winning play is presented at ArtSpring this weekend.

Howard and Mimi won "best play" honours in 2009, and The Academy Presents crew doing Salt Spring's production is excited to share it with a local audience.

Shows run Friday and Saturday, March 12-13 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, March 14 at 2:30 p.m.

"Director Lynda Jensen has been charming Howard and Mimi off the pages into life in her beautiful oceanside studio," explains a press release.

"Howard the boisterous and eager hound is doing his best to understand and make friends with Mimi, the fabulous feline whose space he is forced to invade. They are the human embodiments of the animals they are!"

Luc Blanchet plays Howard and Sue Newman is Mimi.

Newman is familiar to island audiences for her work in all genres of the



PHOTO BY MEGAN MANNING

Sue Newman and Luc Blanchet star in Howard and Mimi, at ArtSpring this weekend.

performing arts on Salt Spring, including the Newman Family Productions' Christmas With Scrooge masterpiece.

Not only does she play the part of the

witty, sophisticated and independent cat Mimi, but she's composed original music for the show as well.

Blanchet got his training in theatre at

high school and college in Montreal and has also appeared in television commercials. He said he is thrilled to be working on such a wonderful script.

Director Jensen told the Driftwood in an article published in the March 5 Weekender that Gold's writing has been "a gift."

"It's a wonderful script — just a joy to work on," Jensen said. "It reflects the human condition in a very familiar way. It's at times funny and at times very touching and intense."

"Caroline Gold's gorgeous script, with its sparkling dialogue and thoughtful plotting, is a magical theatrical delight," declared the Fringe Report.

The production is a fundraiser for the Salt Spring Arts Academy, with all proceeds from the play going to build and maintain a bursary fund for students at the academy.

The play is not suitable for kids or young teens.

Tickets are \$20 and available at ArtSpring, 250-537-2102.

For an in-depth preview of the show, pick up a copy of the Driftwood's free Weekender paper of March 5, or find the story online at [www.gulfislands-driftwood.com](http://www.gulfislands-driftwood.com) in the Entertainment section.

## RITUALS

# First new moon ritual from Astara: March 15

At Beaver Point Hall

A Salt Spring woman is offering monthly new and full moon rituals, with the first one scheduled for Monday, March 15.

Astara, of Goddess Celebrations, says the new moon ceremony, for women only, "dives deeply into our darkness, from where we dream our new seeds. We release the old, cleanse, transform and recreate ourselves connected and ready to grow into our fullest potential."



ASTARA

In a press release she explains that the ritual is a "powerful, connecting circle for women, in which we build a strong, safe sisterhood. We explore the womb space, the creative void, from whence we give birth to ourselves, and our hopes for our world."

"It is in uniting and becoming empowered as the goddesses we are that we have the love and the strength that this earth, our men and children need from us."

It begins at 5 p.m. at Beaver Point Hall, with a recommended donation of \$10.

The first full moon ritual will run on Tuesday, March 30, from 7 to 9 p.m., also at the hall. It will be for women and men.

Astara has been apprenticing with Serah, a grandmother priestess, goddess and medicine woman.

Her rituals have touched and transformed people throughout Australia, Indonesia and Eastern Canada.

Astara's words, teachings and stories have also been channelled by gifted channeler and healer Kai Soleil.

He is presently offering private sessions and group healings on Salt Spring. See [www.spirithealer.ca](http://www.spirithealer.ca).

Spiral of Life rituals explore all aspects of existence, from life to death, rebirth and beyond.

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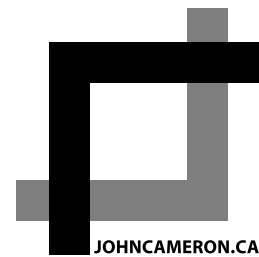


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## CONCERTS



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Annabelle Chvostek plays at a March 17 house concert on Salt Spring.

## Dynamic performer at house concert

Annabelle Chvostek

The Home Routes house concert series continues on Salt Spring next week when Annabelle Chvostek, a former member of the Wailin Jennys, performs on the island.

On Wednesday, March 17, she will play at the home of series organizer Rob Pingle, beginning at 7 p.m.

Chvostek's last solo album, called Resilience, was nominated for Con-

temporary Album of the Year at the Canadian Folk Music Awards and offers up a contemporary urban roots sound.

Her style was best described by the *The Montréal Gazette*, which wrote: "Annabelle doesn't fake the folk. She freaks it."

Tickets (\$15) for the event are limited, since it takes place in Pingle's living room, so get them soon at Acoustic Planet Music or by calling Pingle at 250-538-7262.

## CONCERT REVIEW

# Chemistry and howling audience at folk club show

Equal billing for two acts experiment a hit

BY TANYA LESTER  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The two acts performing at the Salt Spring Folk Club last Monday were like book ends celebrating the splendid range of the folk music genre.

Bruce Brackney, accompanied by Rick Van Krugel, has two generations on the Headwater band members, who balanced the club's first-ever double bill.

On the surface, the two groups have a lot in common. Both skillfully play a variety of stringed instruments, sing, tell stories and have songs about trains in their repertoire. That is where the similarities end, as there was so much more involved in how each act enthralled those packed into Fulford Hall.

Brackney is a charismatic octogenarian who "kicked around the American West" playing the same venues as Utah Phillips and other greats, as well as performing on the *Prairie Home Companion* radio program and with groups like *Rose Tattoo* before moving to Canada in 1983.

He described one of his contemporary's music as being "hokum as a genre," which "has a lot to do with bombast and yadda yadda." This perfectly sums up Brackney's own story telling — that seems to venture over the line into the tall-tale variety — and musical offerings. Songs like *Ragged but Right* with lines like "my clothes are made from zebra skins right out of the zoo" are mostly nonsensical.

Brackney, with Van Krugel as side-kick, coaxed the audience into howling like dogs and even got Raffi, of *Baby Beluga* fame, up to yodel in accompaniment with their ditties.

Still, their performance was not all fun and games. Like the old-timers who mentored them, many of their stories and songs were political from a working-class activist point of view. One song chronicled the orphans who were put on trains and sent out to the western United States with the possibility of being adopted when they arrived. Brackney was among them.

Another song, in which the audience was instructed to join in with the "it's bullshit" chorus included the lines "make a little money, make a little war, but do it in the name of the Lord."

These songs reminded me why folk music is important. It helps people to take a break from painful aspects of their lives and inspires them to bring about positive change.

Headwater opened with a song showcasing the perfect voice of band member Jonas Shandel. Right from the start, it was clear the four musicians really complemented each others' obvious strengths on their stringed instruments of choice.

These 20-to-30-something musicians are all outstanding, but if I had to select one for first place, Tim Tweedale on his steel guitar would get my nod.

To be fair, Shandel and Matt Bryant wrote most of the band's songs and, along with Patrick Metzger on upright bass, have the gift of enjoyable banter down to a bit of a fine art. This band has chemistry.

Their folk, roots and blues music fits with the depth of their song lyrics, often spiked with references to love and the tension of intimate relationships.

Their lyrics, and the high-powered music that goes with them, reflect the lives of young men who are biting off a large chunk of life. In fact, Vienna, Austria is the last place they played before wowing everyone at Fulford Hall.

With Shandel and Bryant having survived a rock band before putting together this folk group, their background bled through in at least one piece with the four intensely belting out to rock the place.

Anyone who has not experienced Headwater, who played in Centennial Park during the Saturday market last summer and at Moby's Pub, needs to make the effort to see them live. Second to or in addition to that, buy their CDs: *My Old Friend* and *Lay You Down*.

The verdict on the folk club board's decision to try a double bill? It worked very well.

This year the folk club brought in March and will help us navigate out of it, too. The famous Gumboot Gala featuring Bill Henderson and Valdy, musicians extraordinaire, along with "surprise" guests (read — some of the best our island has to offer) will hit the stage on Monday, March 29 at 7 p.m. To get a spot at this fundraiser for the folk club, purchase tickets at either Acoustic Planet, Salt Spring Books, Stuff and Nonsense or at the door, if any are left.

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**GODDESS DANCE:** Kaia Mitchell performs a Kundalini dance at last weekend's Juicy Amazing Goddess Woman Event. The weekend featured displays and performers and took place at the Farmers' Institute.

## ART GALLERIES

# Point Gallery's spring show looks at art's role in society

Artists' work speaks to our connectedness

Margaret Day, curator of The Point Gallery, has announced the space will begin its new season with work that addresses the role of art in society — not as a commodity but as an instigator of dialogue and as witness to a common humanity.

"Once again we are fortunate to have two artists who are not afraid to position themselves in relationship to their own identities, the social issues that surround them and the world in which we all live," Day said in a press release.

In Mute Traces, Vancouver Island artist Heather Thomas uses common objects altered, amended and positioned to question the culture of war in the 21st century, and the terrible consequences of what is so casually referred to as "collateral damage."

Thomas' influences are activists and thinkers: the writers Arundhati Roy, the philosopher Slavoj Zizek and filmmaker Mosham Makhmalbaf, whose film Kandahar was the trigger for the sculpture Civilian.

"To convey the horror, to represent the unrepresentable, visual metaphor has been used in a way that both haunts and chills us into a realization that in war we are all complicit, we are all in some sense wounded by the violence done to others," press material explains.

The Crowd is an installation of terra cotta figures by Salt Spring artist Deborah Gainor. The middle child of a large family, who is fascinated by how things are put together and how they fall apart, Gainor's work examines the fragility and strength of the group dynamic.

"Each piece begins life as a lump of clay and comes to life in the artist's hands as she considers the effect a singular moment

of revelation might have on this newly created being," states press material.

"Set aside, fired, the spontaneity of that moment becomes fixed, set in stone. The process is repeated and ritual becomes a factor to be considered in the finished piece which is not of one but many. The individual is lost, merged in the concentrated experience of the crowd."

Day concludes that "the work of both artists speaks to our connectedness, our shared emotions and our responsibility to each other in a globally connected culture."

The exhibition opens Sunday, March 14, with a reception for the artists from 2 to 5 p.m. and continues until Saturday, April 10.

The Point Gallery is a privately funded alternate gallery. Entrance is by donation, with donations in this instance to be divided between the artists and War Child Canada.

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## Wed. Mar. 10

### ACTIVITIES

**The Story of the Driftwood.**  
SS Historical Society presentation. Central Hall. 2 p.m.

## Thurs. Mar. 11

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Open Mic.**  
Hosted by Stephanie Rhodes at The Local. 8 p.m.  
**Blues Night.**  
With Soul Shakedown & Friends at Moby's. 8 p.m.

## Fri. Mar. 12

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Howard and Mimi.**  
Award-winning British play by Caroline Gold. An Academy Presents production at ArtSpring. 8 p.m.  
**The Barley Bros.**  
Live at the Legion, 7 p.m.  
**Richard Cross.**  
Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 5 to 8 p.m.  
**Ramesh Meyers**  
Live music at the Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9 p.m.  
**Da Fuego.**  
Live band at Moby's. 8 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Weekend Jewellery Course.**  
First day of March 12-14 course at Martinus Studio. Info: 1250-538-1730; www.martinus-gold.com  
**Rollerblading.**  
Fridays at Fulford Hall. 7:30 to 9 p.m.

## Sat. Mar. 13

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Howard and Mimi.**  
See Friday's listing.  
**Planet Music.** Live band at Moby's. 8 p.m.  
**Sweetwater & Co.** Live music at the Harbour House Hotel. 6:30-9 p.m.  
**Sharon Bailey.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 5 to 8 p.m.  
**Carmen - Met Opera Live in HD.**  
ArtSpring. 10 a.m. (Call for ticket availability first: 250-537-2102.)

### ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Island Craft Bazaar.**  
At Mahon Hall, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
**Krayenhoff Memorial Bridge Tournament.** Plus lunch. At Fulford Hall. Noon. For \$20 tickets call 250-537-0897.  
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## Sun. Mar. 14

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Howard and Mimi.**  
The Academy Presents production at ArtSpring. 2:30 p.m.  
**John Charowsky.**  
Live jazz at Moby's. 7 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Jihad for Love.**  
A fundraising film for the Iranian Railroad for Queer Refugees group. Lions Hall. 7 p.m.

## Mon. Mar. 15

### ACTIVITIES

**New Moon Ritual for Women.**  
With Astara at Beaver Point Hall. 5 p.m.  
**SSI Fire Protection District.**  
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**Toastmasters International Speech Contest.**  
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## Tues. Mar. 16

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Janina Fialkowska.**  
Distinguished Canadian pianist celebrates Chopin's 200th birthday with an all-Chopin recital. ArtSpring. 8 p.m. Call for ticket availability: 250-537-2102.

### ACTIVITIES

**Central Community Hall Society.**  
Board of directors meeting at the hall. 7 p.m. Public welcome.

## Wed. Mar. 17

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Annabelle Chvostek.**  
Past member of the Wailin' Jennys performs as part of Home Routes house concert. 7 p.m. Tickets at Acoustic Planet. Info: Rob Pingle, 250-538-7262.  
**St. Patrick's Day Bash.**  
Live music at Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**The Art of Scrapbooking.**  
Community Ed course begins. info@ssicommunityed.org  
**Tuscan Textures in Watercolour.**  
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**Valentine's Day and Dear John** play next at The Fritz followed by **Alice in Wonderland!**

### EXHIBITIONS

- **Point Gallery:** Opening of a new season on Sunday, March 14, 2 to 5 p.m. In the upper gallery is The Crowd, terra cottas by Deborah Gainor. Lower gallery is Mute Traces, an installation by Heather Thomas. Show closes April 10th. Walk-in entrance on South Ridge Drive. More information: 250-653-0089.
- **ArtFully** off in all Directions, an exhibition of visual art by Salt Spring school children, runs March 8 to 19 at ArtSpring.
- **Starfish Gallery & Studio** is featuring new work from local photographers Gillean Proctor, Susan Huber, Ken Ketchum, Skip Smith and emerging artist Anais La Rue.
- **Expose: Alanda Nay with Emily McPhee** is the March exhibit at Salt Spring Coffee Company in Ganges.
- **The Salt Spring Painters' Guild** shows an exhibit of flowers in the ArtSpring lobby for the month of March.
- **J. Mitchell Gallery** — soon to be known as Gallery 8 — has re-opened its doors in Grace Point Square with a fresh new look.
- **Cafe Talia** features native eagle masks, drums and oars by Halukwii from Nitinaht Lake, B.C.
- **The Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild** is showing and selling works at Bruce's Kitchen.
- **Gillian McConnell** has work hanging at Salt Spring Books.
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RCMP

## SSI officer, horse lover to join RCMP Musical Ride

Acceptance to group fulfills dream for Jenn Burgoyne

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The next time Salt Springers see RCMP officer Jenn Burgoyne, she could be in the formation once immortalized on the 50-dollar bill: in choreographed unity with 30 other officers, all wearing iconic scarlet uniforms and mounted on pure black horses.

Burgoyne is leaving the island shortly for a posting with the RCMP's Musical Ride. A position with the organization's world-famous exhibition of goodwill is one that only a few are lucky enough to gain — but for Burgoyne, it seems almost pre-ordained that she should take her place on the signature formation.

Burgoyne has been riding since her early childhood in Ontario, where her aunt owned a trail-riding business. She chose the RCMP over other policing units for her career precisely because of the Musical Ride.

Her first posting to Salt Spring three years ago brought with it the fulfillment of a lifelong dream to keep her own horses. She has even incorporated her love of all things equine into charity work, organizing an annual ride for the Children's Wish Foundation.

According to the RCMP website, "the Musical Ride consists of the execution of a variety of intricate figures and cavalry drill choreographed to music. Demanding utmost control, timing and coordination, these movements are formed by individual horses and riders, in twos, fours and eights at the trot and at the canter.

"Months of training, practice and many kilometres/miles around the riding school make horse and rider one. The horses must not only appear in the Musical Ride, but on Parliament Hill, in parades, special events and have the ability to



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

RCMP Const. Jenn Burgoyne with her horse Kit on Salt Spring.

travel and adapt to different environments, not to mention hours of petting and photo-taking that the horses must patiently endure."

Burgoyne spent six weeks in November and December 2009, trying out for a place with the group. At the end she was offered a position for transfer. Ironically, the aptitude for horses that makes her seem an obvious choice for a mounted posting could have, in fact, been her undoing.

"Basically everyone said they don't like people with riding experience," Burgoyne said. "So I was shocked when I heard I was in."

The preference for officers without previous riding experience comes from the fact that it can be easier to train people fresh than to break ingrained habits, Burgoyne said. Burgoyne's riding habits must be the right kind, because she will be leaving for the ride's home base in Ottawa this April.

The first year will be spent training. Her participation in the cross-Canada tour will begin in the spring of 2011.

At the end of three years, Burgoyne could be posted to anywhere in Canada, or even asked to stay on with the ride. While she's enjoyed her first posting here, there's no doubt that Burgoyne will be riding into a bright future when she starts her cross-Canada drive a few weeks from now.

"I'm getting to represent Canada and I'm getting to see the countryside," Burgoyne said. "There's things I'll miss about the island, but Ontario is home for me — I'm getting to go back to all my family."

## TOASTMASTERS

### Islanders take first step in international competition

Public welcome to March 15 contest and weekly sessions

Members of the Salt Spring Toastmasters club have been fine-tuning their oratory skills in preparation for a chance to become this year's international champion.

The Toastmasters Annual International Speech Contest has begun with the first of five competition levels beginning at 7 p.m., Monday, March 15

at the Harbour House Crofton Room.

"Every speech needs an audience and therefore the Salt Spring Toastmasters club would like to extend a cordial invitation to any interested community members that would like to participate," a press release states.

Judges will evaluate and rank the speech competitors and choose one person to continue to the area level of competition and potentially on to the Division G

and District 21 levels.

All winners at the district level will compete during the international conference being held in Palm Desert, California. Club members hope a Salt Spring member will be among them.

In addition to the speech competitions, members compete in an evaluative speech program to analyze, critique and provide positive suggestions for speakers.

According to press material, the evaluative process

is an important component of Toastmasters in which interested guests may find themselves informally participating.

A few of the local Toastmasters members slated to speak on March 15 are James Falcon, Denis Fortin, Oni Freeman, Beulah Gordan and Kathryn Holm.

The Salt Spring Toastmasters meet at 7 p.m. every Monday at the Harbour House Crofton Room.

Interested guests are always welcome.

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## FUNDRAISER

# Scrabble tally still on the rise

Word-wizards and grandmothers make Scrabble fundraiser a success

An ongoing Scrabble tourney brought in scores of participants to its headline event last Saturday, as game fans converged at ArtSpring for a sponsored showdown.

The successful event marks the island's second annual Scrabble competition as a fundraiser for the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign. Saturday's party was the caper to games taking place throughout the previous week at places such as the Salt Spring Inn and Salt Spring Elementary School.

Tourney organizer Patricia Brown said the pledges collected so far amount to around \$6,000. With more games yet to be played by participating schools (who are holding student events in conjunction with the adult tourney), Brown is confident the group will match the \$8,000 raised last year.

Brown said that while many of last year's participants were at the tourney because they support the Grandmothers' cause, this year there were many who came just because they are keen Scrabble players. She hopes that this "double draw" will continue to help build participation in the coming years.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Cody Pursell runs along the beach near the Fernwood dock with a kite on a sunny, warm weekend. However, a few snow flurries then arrived on Monday.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

# Newspaper group essay contest open

Youth-paper partnership is topic

Graduating high school students across B.C. and the Yukon can win scholarships from the community newspaper association through its annual essay contest.

This year, scholarships of \$3,500, \$1,500, and \$500 are awarded to the three students who write the best 500-word essay answering the question: "How could your local paper partner with the youth in your community to make a positive difference?"

The essay, along with an application form available at [www.bccommunitynews.com](http://www.bccommunitynews.com), must be submitted to the student's local community newspaper — the Gulf Islands Driftwood for Grade 12 students at GISS — by Friday, April 23.

The local winner's submission will be forwarded to the B.C. and Yukon Community Newspapers Association for judging.

Finalists' essays are judged on originality and creativity, writing ability (including spelling and grammar) and content (including demonstrating knowledge of the community newspaper industry).

Any graduating high school student is eligible to apply, regardless of their intended program of study, but they must plan to attend a post-secondary institution.

Entrants should note this is not the same essay connected to the Barbara Richards Memorial Scholarships offered by the Driftwood.

## EARLY EDUCATION

# Co-op preschool taking fall registrations

New policies offer parents more options

Registration time is already here for fall's education programs, and the upcoming season will offer more reasons than ever to check out the Salt Spring Cooperative Preschool.

School administrator Clare Nuyens said that new program hours and additional teaching staff will give parents more

options and help accommodate busy work schedules.

While previously classes were divided between three and four year olds, the adapted program will feature multi-age classes.

Parents can then choose between either a Monday and Wednesday schedule or one for Tuesday and Thursday.

Preschool teacher Lisa Dodd will get help this fall from teaching assistant

Melanie Dashwood. With the additional staff member present, parent involvement will change from two parents "on duty" per day to just one.

"This will be more consistent for the kids and mean less time commitment for the parents," Nuyens said.

"We're trying to be more adaptable to accommodate parents' needs."

Parents can check out the preschool at their upcoming

open house, set for Saturday, March 27 from 10 a.m. to noon.

The public is also reminded not to miss the preschool's annual spring carnival and Disneyland raffle draw on May 16.

For more information or to register a child, contact Nuyens at 250-538-8416 or email [saltspring101@gmail.com](mailto:saltspring101@gmail.com). Registrations will be accepted throughout the spring and summer.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

# Quilting bee lining up volunteers

Talents of all kinds sought

Volunteers are still needed for one of Salt Spring's most warm-hearted and fun community-building events.

The Island Comfort Quilts Community Quilting Bee runs on Sunday, March 28 from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Farmers' Institute.

As is stressed each year, participants don't need sewing

skills in order to help out, since there's a number of different jobs to do to make the quilts that are distributed to people undergoing cancer treatment or other life-threatening experiences.

A confirmation of participation is appreciated by sending an email to [islandcomfortquilts@shaw.ca](mailto:islandcomfortquilts@shaw.ca), or calling coordinator Marguerite Lee at 250-537-5302.

People should indicate if they would like to be a quilter, for sewing the quilts; a sewer for making bags; an ironer for pressing all the squares and seams; a hand-stitcher for blind-stitching the bindings; a helper for pinning, tying, cutting and various other jobs; or to help with set-up and take-down of tables (which would be required at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday).

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**SPRING CLEANING:** Eric Peterson hoses down the prop of a Salt Spring Air float plane.

LIVING LINKS

# Living history and living language

People to give first-hand accounts desired for new school program

**BY SARAH HOOK-NILSSON**  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

We are looking for “living links,” adults and especially seniors who have stories to tell about growing up in the Depression, war veterans who fought for their country in the Second World War or seniors who can talk to students about what it was like to live behind the Iron Curtain.

A friend recently commented that when she was young, it was believed that teenagers could not grasp complexities so history was taught as black and white rather than complex with subtleties of viewpoint. When we were at school, many students did no more than memorize isolated “facts” in history textbooks in order to

pass exams. Some of these statements — the ones we didn’t understand and could not explain — became part of our accumulation of unused knowledge, if they were not already forgotten shortly after the exams. Other statements — the ones we misunderstood and supposed to be true — became part of our stock of working ignorance.

From what I have seen through the eyes of two recently graduated sons, high school history these days is being taught differently.

The object of History 12, for example, is “to provide a disciplined study of history in this century with a continued emphasis on developing critical thinking skills.”

From text books, complete with factual inaccuracies and oversimplifications, based on the who, what, when and where, we have progressed to encouraging students to understand why and

how past events have happened, allowing for different viewpoints to be expressed.

This social approach to history is often described as “history from below” because it focuses on everyday people and how they have shaped history. A more global perspective has replaced the interpretive historical views that told us what was right and wrong.

We are looking for residents of our community who can give first-hand accounts of historical events.

By offering students in-depth glimpses and personal viewpoints you will bring history alive for them in a way that no amount of the factual details we were obliged to memorize could ever do.

If you are interested in participating in Connecting Generations, please contact me, Sarah Hook-Nilsson, shooknilsson@sd64.bc.ca or phone the high school at 250-537-9944 after the spring break ends on March 22.

## Laundrys break record percentage score

Medal-winners and other stars make for glittering bridge nights

**BY JILL EVANS**  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The Olympics were in full swing on Feb. 22 and many records had been broken on the hills, tracks and rinks. Those were not the only ones, though, because of the three and a half tables of bridge players who could tear themselves away from the ice dancing, Flo and George Laundry broke the all-time record percentage score

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with a 78 per cent to win (imaginary) gold. The previous record of 71 per cent had been held for many years by Isabelle Richardson and her partner of the time, the late Conhor Vane-Hunt.

Silver (sorry, it’s irresistible) went to Ian Thomas and Zelly Taylor, also with a considerable percentage, and bronze was earned by Irene Hawsworth and Joanne Elizabeth.

March comes in like a lion because the constellation Leo rises in the east at the beginning

of the month, and goes out like a lamb with Aries at the end. Starting the brightest among the five full tables on March 1 were Prem Margolese and Paul Retallack, with Flo and George Laundry next in magnitude. There was equal luminosity between the Ian Thomas-Zelly Taylor partnership and the Isabelle Richardson-Jean Elder pair, sharing third place.

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## Ferry unloading: a matter of luck

*Does BC Ferries have a plan for how they load cars onto the Fulford and Vesuvius ferries? If I'm in line early and still get put on the outside lane, then what's the point of getting there early? My question is: Does BC Ferries have a "first there, first off" policy?*  
— Erin Jory, Salt Spring Island

BC Ferries confirms that at the Fulford ferry terminal, they do load vehicles on a first-come, first-on basis.

But! Just because you drive on the ferry first does not mean you will drive off first — highly annoying for those who make an effort to arrive early, thinking it will get them ahead of the game.

BC Ferries does, however, have a method behind what many may assume to be willy-nilly, loading/unloading madness.

BC Ferries' goal is to stow the large/heavy vehicles in the centre lanes because it makes for a neater, safer arrangement of vehicles on deck.

"It is easier to keep semis, etc. in a straight line," spokesperson Deborah Marshall says, "rather than have them go out to the sides where they will not be straight and take up more lane space — ending up closer to the vehicle next to them."

In addition, ferry crews organize vehicles into blocks (block stowing) versus filling each lane, one at a time. This is for safety; to avoid creating "pinch points" where long lines end up placing



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Vehicles load onto the Skeena Queen at Fulford Harbour.



**Amy Geddes**

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vehicles too close to one another and to minimize car doors being opened into oncoming traffic.

"If we load long lanes," Marshall says, "people will not see a car loading next to them and they feel safe to get out. If they do not check they can open their door into oncoming traffic."

So even if all vehicles in line were itsy-bitsy Smart Cars, they would still be loaded in a block

formation instead of long lines, which would be the only way to accommodate a "first on, first off" policy.

When unloading, crews make an effort to let the smaller, "underheight" vehicles off first so they are not stuck behind the larger, slower vehicles or tempted to try to squeeze past them.

Unfortunately, there is no beating "ferry time" on this one. Getting to exit first is largely a matter of luck.

The final word from Marshall: "Our crews discharge our ships as expeditiously as possible. If we tried to enforce a 'first-on, first-off' procedure it would take more time to load and unload."

*Have a comment about this story? Post it to the blog or email [ageddes@gulfislands.net](mailto:ageddes@gulfislands.net).*

### FORMER ISLANDERS

## GISS grad makes national top 10 in predicting the workplace of '40

Jillian Walker in thick of human resources project

A former Salt Spring resident and a Gulf Islands Secondary grad has made the top 10 list in Focus2040, a national business competition.

A Calgary resident and University of Lethbridge student, Jillian Walker competed against undergraduate and graduate business students from across Canada in predicting what the workforce and work environment will look like in 2040.

"Jillian's submissions addressed employee values, environmental sustainability

and organizational structure," states a press release. "She also explored futuristic and technological-driven concepts in the workplace of tomorrow."

Entries were judged by a panel of academic experts and corporate executives based on criteria such as creativity, plausibility, coherent vision and innovation.

"I am thrilled to be participating in this competition and representing western Canada as a leader of the future," she said.

"It is critical for both Generation X and Generation Y to realize the impact they have on 'tomorrow.' As a society, we have to strive to set future generations up for success."

Walker will present her final predictions to a panel of judges at the Art Gallery of Hamilton on March 23. The grand prize is a paid internship with BPI Group in Paris, France.

Walker graduated from GISS in 2002 and then received her undergraduate degree from Mount Royal College in 2006. She is now pursuing her Bachelor of Management in Human Resources at the University of Lethbridge's Calgary campus.

She is employed full-time in the public sector and is actively involved with Calgary's not-for-profit community. Walker is also on the local and national board of directors for Junior Chamber International (JCI).

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# PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY



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**HANDING OVER THE BUCKS:** Saanich and the Islands MLA Murray Coell (left) hands over a representative cheque for the \$557,000 needed to upgrade Croftonbrook, which is jointly administered by the Legion, Lions and Rotary. Receiving the funds are, from right, Stan Peters for the Legion, John Neville for Rotary and MacMacDonald for the Lions. "The 20 units were built in 1985 and are desperately in need of repairs," said Neville, who is also vice-chair of Croftonbrook. "Murray Coell's timely assistance should allow us to keep these units comfortable for another 25 years."

## VOLUNTEERISM

# Reserve table now for volunteer fair

Lions Club event gives groups a chance to educate and recruit

Salt Spring's Lions Club is hosting a volunteer fair later this spring, and has started to sign up groups to participate.

Every non-profit organization, service club, arts and cultural group, or individual that provides a service to the community and utilizes volunteers is welcome to join the event.

The Power of One Community Volunteer Fair will be at Salt Spring Island Elementary School on May 29.

"This event is free to the community and designed to help raise awareness about the services, groups/organizations that exist on Salt Spring Island, and encourage residents to find out how they can access the services these organizations offer and to reflect on how they can get involved and give back to the community," explains a press release from the Lions.

"Attendance will provide your organization with the opportunity to showcase and promote your services to a large number of island residents and recruit volunteers. It also will enable you to network with other non-profits as well as promote your cause in a public forum."

A registration form for the fair is available at <http://members.shaw.ca/eesmith55/fair/> and registrations must be received by April 15.

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During Fraud Prevention Month, CanadaHelps.org and Capital

One are working together to help Canadians learn more about charity fraud.

*Here are two tips to make sure you're giving to the right organization:*

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**MEN'S SOCCER**

## Salt Spring FC eyes division title

Fan support encouraged for weekend finale

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring FC took full advantage of a short-handed FC Sagres squad, turning the visitors' weekend trip to the island something players would rather forget. "FC took control of the game early and never gave it back," said player Ryan Smith. Smith, who normally plays for Ganges Gremio, was a late addition to the Salt Spring FC side. Gord Akerman opened the scoring with a well-worked counter-attack beginning with FC keeper Miguel Alvarado. FC continued to pour it on with Jason Moulton and Jeremy Byron adding goals before the half to put the game out of reach.

Smith scored the first of his three second-half goals only 10 seconds after the opening whistle.

"After that it got worse and worse for Sagres," he said.

"FC's defence remained dominant, allowing virtually nothing through."

Sagres scored a consolation goal on a desperate shot from well out, but the damage was done," Smith said.

Smith scored his third goal to complete his hat trick with only seconds left in the match. The 6-1 victory marked Salt Spring FC's fourth consecutive win. The team sits in second place in its division with 28 points and an 8-3-4 record. FC is only two



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Chris Jason is part of a soccer ball sandwich in FC action last weekend.

points behind first-place Juan de Fuca. Salt Spring FC's next game is against sixth-place Vantreights on Saturday afternoon at 2:15 at Portlock Park. A win would clinch first place for FC.

It's hoped huge crowds will be on hand to cheer the team on to a well-deserved division title, Smith added.

In other Vancouver Island Soccer League news, Ganges Gremio will be back in action for its final home game of the year. Game time is Saturday afternoon

at 2:15 against the Peninsula Statchers at Portlock Park.

"A win can jump us up into third place," Smith said. "To move into second, we would have to take full points from the remaining two games, but it is questionable whether we'll get to play them both as one of our opponents has said they may be folded at this point."

Smith said he and his teammates await to see how the league will handle the situation.

**WOMEN'S SOCCER**

## Div.-2 women triumph in second cup game

One more match en route to hoped-for final spot

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The second game of the Shergold Cup series was a blow-out for Salt Spring's Division-2 women, taking home a defining 3-0 win against the Castaways Over-30s.

SS United player Sue-Anne Donaldson said the game was

fast-paced right from the beginning. Both teams wanted the win, but Salt Spring took it home and it was well-deserved.

"Both teams had their chances in the first, but it was not until about three quarters into the first half when Rhea Davidson made a sweet tictac-toe play," Donaldson said. "It passed two of their defence and crossed the ball in front of the Castaways' net to Cheryle Johnson, who made no mistake in hitting the back of the net."

Salt Spring started hard in the second half with a 1-0 lead. Although the Castaways were first to the ball, United prevailed, making two touch passes.

"Throughout the second half our defence was strong and did not let the other team capitalize on their chances," Donaldson said.

"The intensity was high and it paid off when Lorna Walde passed a great through-ball to midfielder Joelle Morrison. She struck a perfect ball low and in the corner — their

keeper had no chance."

Shortly before time ran out in the second half, Lindsey Graham passed a perfect ball directly to Rhea Davidson's foot. Davidson placed the ball out of the keeper's reach to give Salt Spring the 3-0 win.

Keeper Erin Hornell was congratulated for a well-deserved shut-out.

Salt Spring will need to bring home a win against Peninsula D3A on March 14 at Blue Heron to ensure a spot in the finals.

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# SPORTS & RECREATION

## U9 team impresses at first major tournament event

Prospect Lake tourney a perfect place for working on skills and having a blast

The U9 Red boys and girls made their first road trip of the year Saturday to Beckwith Park in Victoria and participated in the Prospect Lake Youth Soccer Tournament.

Salt Spring's boys and girls were up against boys that had been playing together in seven aside format all year and did very well, improving and having fun all day long.

Eric Berendt performed solidly in goal, coming out to help anchor the midfield at other times. Tristan Collombin and Molly Booth

### SOCCERKICKS

played intuitively well as back line partners, covering for each other and keeping the skilled opponents in check.

Davis Cooper-Smith played smart in his role as striker for much of the tournament, taking on defenders and providing a high target for clearances. His performance in goal in the last game was stellar.

Griffin Williams-Macallister was our all-around player, moving into any position needed and doing it with conviction and always a smile.

Brianna Wilson and Jocelyn Besson caused the opponents lots of grief with their runs up and down

the wing and their solid defensive techniques.

Cassy Marr played positionally perfect in goal, cutting her angles and forcing the shots to her. Her hard work in the midfield at other times was energizing.

Graham Faulkner was brave in goal and assisted the team with his work in the midfield.

Brennan Stonehouse shone as centre-midfield, working hard to be on the ball at all times and taking control of the field with his knowledge and intuition of the game.

"These boys and girls are proud of their accomplishments and are going to be a force to be reckoned with in future tournaments as they learn more about game structure," noted a parent reporter.

"They have the skills and atti-

tude and they are great ambassadors for the game and Salt Spring."

• Salt Spring's U14 girls met Cordova Bay at sunny Lochside Turf for their last regular-season game. The first half was a quick-paced game with both teams responding with tight defence and big kicks, including those by Linda Herbert.

Zoe Savage got hit in the hand near the goal, but was in position to block the indirect kick by Cordova. Becki Steel turned up the heat with a fast drive down the field and a long kick that was headed towards the goal, and Brenna McIntyre was there to secure the ball in the net for the 1-0 lead.

Cordova fought back and a play between keeper Cassidy Fraser and a Cordova striker tied the score at 1-1. The girls repeat-

edly attacked the goal until Jade Beauvais stopped a Cordova goal kick and sent a long power shot into the net for the 2-1 lead at the half. Cordova pressed on, but they were outplayed by Jasmine Cooper's energetic attacks, the tough defence of Zoe Savage and Jenna Dawson, and McIntyre's continued drives.

Beauvais and McIntyre were repeatedly shooting on goal when the keeper kicked it out to Becki Steel, who sent a forceful kick back into the net to take the game 3-1, securing the U14 girls a third place finish for the season.

*Soccer Kicks pieces are submitted to the Driftwood by team coaches and parents. Send your game reports (aim for 200 words maximum) to news@gulfislands.net.*

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### Spa Explained

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Another amazing story told to me by my supervisor of a young boy that lost his father and was distraught with sadness. The day of the funeral was hard for him and later in the afternoon he found himself sitting on his Dad's bed. Just before dinner he cried out to his Dad and asked for some sign that he was ok. He was called for dinner and came down. After dinner, he returned to his father's room. There, where he had been sitting, was a beautiful golden locket and on it were inscribed his father's initials. The young boy felt a tremendous sense of calm and relief knowing that indeed, his father was ok. As I venture out into this deep and profound work accompanying people on their grief journeys I have no doubt that I will hear more amazing stories that honour the mystery. Our hearts are not to be troubled by this, simply allow yourself to see the fullness and beauty in it.



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## SPORTS & RECREATION



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**BIKE ON:** Graffiti at the Kanaka Road Skatepark makes a colourful backdrop for this biker on a recent sunny day.

### MEN'S SOCCER

# Alumni advances to the semi-finals

Team wins fourth in a row

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Alumni FC soccer team earned an opportunity to go down in history by defeating Nanaimo United in the Tony Grover Cup's quarter-final match on Sunday.

Alumni FC has made it to the semi-finals in two of the past three seasons, only to have its hopes dashed on each occasion.

Should the team win this weekend's match, Alumni FC would qualify for the cup final and earn a berth into the provincial championships held in early summer.

"We're one win away from making it to the provincials and two wins away from the cup," said coach Lyle Brown. "This would be the farthest any Salt Spring over-35 men's team has ever gone."

Alumni FC players fought hard through a deadlocked first half before unleashing their offensive prowess on Sunday morning.

"They tried to take it to us and we battled pretty much for the entire first half," Brown said. "Then [in the second half], the tide started to shift on them and we slowly gained momentum."

Alumni FC took a one-goal lead

after a Colin Walde free kick deflected off a Nanaimo defender. The team sealed the deal late in the second with a breakaway goal by Richard Lee.

Ken Marr was in net for the shut-out.

The team faces Division B's Cordova Bay squad this weekend, though a place and time for the match had not been set as of Monday afternoon.

In other masters' division soccer news, the Salt Spring Old Boys put on a spirited display against division-leading Bays United on Sunday.

The Old Boys fought back from a two-goal deficit to bring the game within one with only minutes left in the game.

Mike McCormick scored each of the home team's goals. McCormick's performance helped him take a decisive lead in the golden-boot race with only two games left in the season.

"We fought hard, never gave up and gave them a much harder game than they expected," said player Richard Steel.

Bays sealed the win by scoring a fourth-and-final goal in the game's final minutes.

The Old Boys were boosted by the last-minute signing of young Grigor Hope, who showed his pedigree in midfield, Steel added.

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