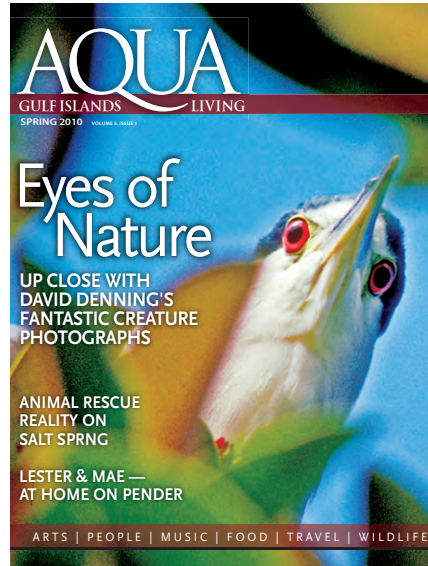


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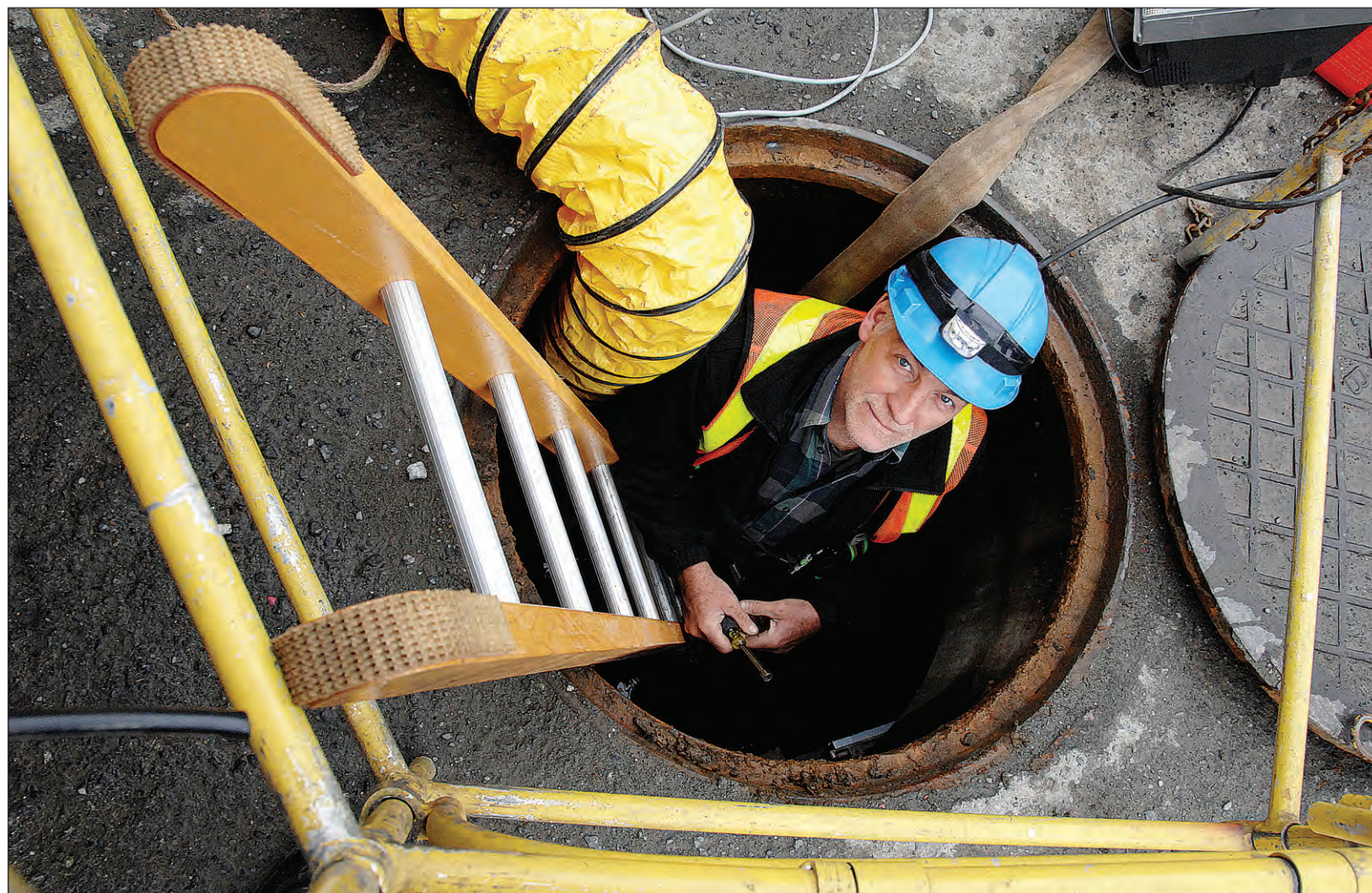


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**GOING UNDERGROUND:** Tim Collins disappears into a manhole as he troubleshoots a signal in the Shaw connection at the base of Ganges Hill.

**LIBRARY PROJECT**

## Wi-Fi worries beset new library

Board asked to study health impacts

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Participants at Monday afternoon's library association AGM urged board members to study the science and reconsider plans to make the new library building a Wi-Fi friendly zone.

"A lot of advice and science that is not beholden to industry shows people are getting sick [from Wi-Fi technology.]" said Chris Anderson. "We should take a strong look at this."

Wi-Fi technology gives computer users the ability to connect to the internet without having to physically plug into a network connection. Wireless technology has grown exponentially over the past several years concurrent with the popularity of laptop computers and handheld communication devices.

While the technology has been welcomed by millions of users around the world, Anderson said, evidence suggests Wi-Fi technology's convenience may entail harmful health impacts.

Anderson said incorporating Wi-Fi in the new library building could effectively render the facility off limits to the roughly 30 per cent of people believed by some researchers to suffer

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**ISLANDS TRUST**

# Islands Trust taxes up 4.6 per cent

New positions hoped to promote efficiency

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Islands Trust's 2010-11 budget is slightly lower than last year's, but property owners will be paying 4.6 per cent more for the Islands Trust this year than they did in 2009.

Islands Trust Council approved a \$6.4-million budget when trustees met on Hornby Island last week, which included funds needed for a new legislative services manager position.

"Ultimately the tone of the discussion was that the trustees realized the value, but were uncertain if we could start to pay for it this year," said Craig Elder, the Islands Trust's director of administrative services.

The new manager, who will cost the Trust

approximately \$75,000 for eight months in the 2010-11 budget year, will be responsible for handling administrative tasks such as local elections, records management and freedom of information requests.

Until now, such tasks were handled by various staff in Victoria.

Linda Adams, the Trust's chief administrative officer, said she anticipates the new position will increase efficiency and cost effectiveness at the Victoria office.

"We are constantly getting letters from constituents asking us to get involved in an advocacy role and that whole part of the job has grown over the past 10 years," Adams said.

Many of those requests, she added, get over-

looked as a result of having to complete mandatory administrative duties.

"It's become too big a job for one person," she said.

Funding the new position represents more than one per cent of the Islands Trust's total 4.6 per cent budget increase for the 2010-11 fiscal year. The increase represents approximately \$2.77 per \$100,000 of assessed property value.

Despite the tax increase, overall Trust revenue and expenses are down slightly from last year. Adams said the Trust experienced significant decreases in revenue from investment income and development application fees over the past year.

Another significant budget component is the

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# NEWSBEAT



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**SOMBRE DEPARTURE:** Marine salvage crews were in Fulford Harbour last week to remove the home of the late Dave Barnard. The 48-year-old died after his live-aboard vessel sank during a mid-January windstorm. Transport Canada supervised the vessel's disposal.

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## Trust expenses and revenue down

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hiring of a new planner on Salt Spring, estimated to cost roughly \$66,000 for 11 months.

"This is necessary to address the complexity of development application processing services on Salt Spring Island

and the need for proactive planning related to community challenges such as affordable housing, agriculture, sensitive ecosystem protection and industrial land uses."

Adams said costs were kept to a minimum as a result of cuts to a broad range of programs and services.

"It was a little bit from many areas,"

she said. "Cutting back on OCP budgets, deciding to do something next year and decreasing training.

"I think it was pretty spread around."

The Islands Trust represents approximately 12 per cent of the average total Salt Spring property tax requisition.

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## Library board to study Wi-Fi health impacts

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from electromagnetic hypersensitivity (EHS).

"This is a disability not recognized by our doctors but recognized by doctors in Sweden and dozens of other countries," he said.

He cited the New Jersey-based Progressive Librarians' Guild's 2008 recommendation that libraries adopt the precautionary principle when considering the use of Wi-Fi technology.

The organization recommends that boards and library staff "address the risks of wire-

less technology in public spaces, take steps in learning about the risks of wireless in terms of exposure and impact on library services, monitor wireless technology in their facilities, critically evaluate and adopt alternatives to wireless technology especially in children's sections of libraries, and create warning signage on risks of Wi-Fi throughout their libraries."

Anderson made headlines back in 2004 when he led a campaign to oppose the installation of a cellular phone transmission tower in downtown Ganges.

Three other people at Monday afternoon's meeting sup-

ported Anderson's request.

"I echo this concern and hope the building committee strongly considers it," said Marion Pape.

Tilly Crawley, chair of the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association, said she and fellow board members will study the potential health impacts and assess alternatives as work on the library progresses.

The board's immediate priority, Crawley said, is to prepare application documents in time for a May local Trust committee meeting.

She said Islands Trust planners are working to correct a possible planning error that

could see the library's maximum allowable lot coverage increase from 25 to 75 per cent of the McPhillips Avenue property.

The lengthy application process, Crawley added, means residents shouldn't expect to see any construction on the site until September at the very earliest.

"It's a long, drawn-out process," she said. "It will be months, but it is necessary."

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#### PARKS AND REC FACILITIES

# PARC optimistic about south-end recreation space

Community asked to 'step up to plate'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Parks and Recreation Commission's proposal to build a range of new recreation facilities on a 50-acre south-end property has generated plenty of support from local sports groups and community members over the past week.

"We weren't sure what the response would be, but it has been overwhelmingly positive," said PARC chairperson Gayle Baker on Tuesday afternoon. "People have said they are very excited about what we are providing."

Among those supporters is Ken Lee, president of the South Salt Spring Property Owners and Residents Association.

"I'm absolutely delighted about the news," he said.

"The community has been looking for this for quite some time and, at that price, it's a bargain."

Baker confirmed that PARC is interested in acquiring a parcel of land adjoining Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park and accessed off Furness Road for \$650,000.

As reported in last week's Driftwood, funds to purchase the property will come out of PARC's land acquisition and reserve fund. As such, the purchase will not result in any increase to the 2010 tax requisition.

The sale is subject to conditions that include successful rezoning from the the Islands Trust and approval from the province's Agricultural Land Commission.

Proposed uses for the land include soccer fields, baseball diamonds, community gardens and an extensive trail network.

"This relatively flat piece of land will provide a splendid range of recreational opportunities for all Salt Springers," states a PARC press release.

Since the decision was approved at a PARC meeting on March 22, Baker reports that the majority of neighbours contacted about the proposal have voiced approval of the plan.

Even many north-end residents, she added, believe the south-end recreation facility will become a valued island amenity.

Baker said she has heard of some concerns about the use of property within the Agricultural Land Reserve for non-farm purposes and the potential for increased traffic along Furness Road.

She said PARC will undertake upgrades along Furness Road to alleviate congestion in the area.

Nearly half of the 50-acre property will be used for sports fields. The remainder will be left in its natural state, according to a revised press release.

**"The community has been looking for this for quite some time and, at that price, it's a bargain."**

KEN LEE  
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"Nor will many trees need to be removed because the centre portion, where two soccer fields, four baseball diamonds, a tennis court, plus change rooms and parking will be located, is fairly open," reads the release. "Trees on the steeper north side and on the south portion will remain untouched, and a trail will connect to Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park."

A 20-metre perimeter buffer is proposed all around the property.

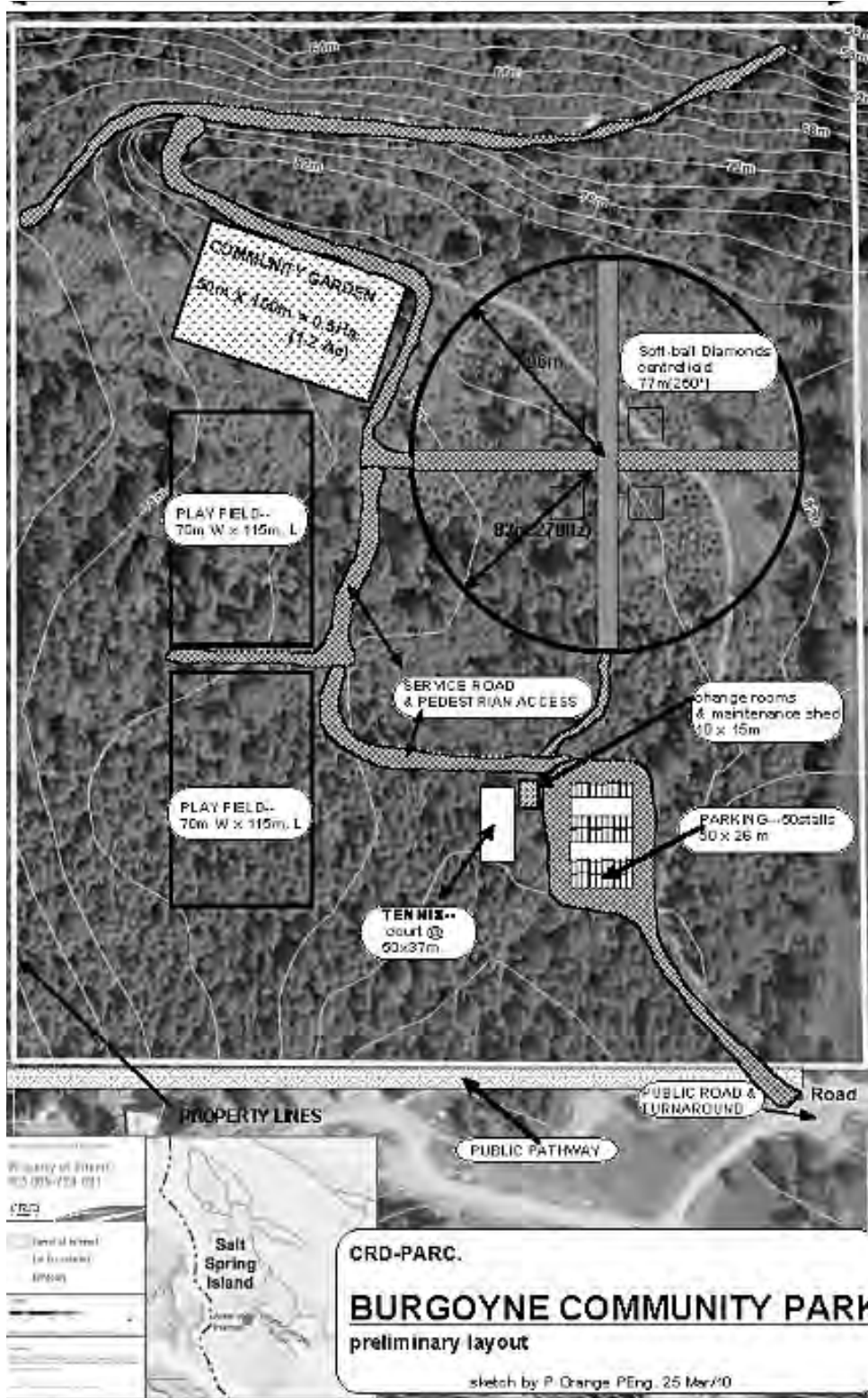
Purchase of the land could be finalized by the end of 2010.

PARC's 2011 budget will include funds for the initial preparation of soccer and baseball fields.

Commissioners said the success of the project will come down to community involvement in the form of labour, materials and equipment.

"At this point we hope Salt Spring Islanders will step up to the plate," Baker said.

Members of the public who wish to address the commission about this topic are requested to attend the commission's next monthly meeting on Monday, April 26 at 7 p.m. in the Portlock Park portable. Additions to the speakers' list can be made by calling the PARC office at 250-537-4448 by April 20.



## News briefs

### Grandson scam surfaces again

A Salt Spring grandmother is warning other grandparents to beware of a telephone scam that sees young men posing as grandsons in need of emergency funds.

An islander who asked to remain anonymous said she received a call from a man calling her "grandma" who sounded like her grandson who lives in Texas.

The man said he was at the

airport and needed money for his ticket because the travel agent wouldn't accept travellers' cheques.

When the woman asked where she should send the money, he replied, "Heathrow Airport," which didn't make sense with the rest of his story and prompted her to call the police.

It was the first such phone call the local RCMP office had heard about in some time.

The Driftwood had reported on an incident involving the same scam in January of 2009.

### Dragons remain at the Fritz

The April 2-6 movie at The Fritz Cinema is How to Train Your Dragon, which has been held over for another week.

The advertisement on the B6 What's On page is correct, but the text info below is for the following week's movies, which Michael Levy had sent to us in advance. We noticed the discrepancy only after our B-section had gone to press on Tuesday morning.

### Donations down, visits up at library

The Salt Spring Island Public Library Association attributes a \$25,000 decrease in overall revenue to lower-than-usual donations over the past year.

The library's total revenue decreased from \$267,250 in 2008 to \$242,579 in 2009.

"Donations were down substantially as a result of a lower fall fundraising campaign," said association

treasurer Peter Sharpe.

He suggested that the library's emphasis on its successful 2009 referendum may also have impacted fundraising efforts.

In other library AGM news, the association reported a total circulation rate of 134,933 books in 2009, representing approximately 64 loaned items for each hour that the library is open.

The library's print collection grew by 5,368 items and now sits at 52,824. The facility averaged 2,020 visits a week for a total of 101,000 visit on the year.

There are currently 6,531 patrons on file as registered library users.

In her annual report to board members, chief librarian Brigitte Peter-Cherneff announced that the library has experienced a dramatic rise in the number of teenage volunteers.

She said they can often be found lending a hand behind the desk and in the stacks after school and on Saturday.

"They have some great skills and add a new vitality to the library and it's been wonderful to see them get involved," she said.

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# NEWSBEAT



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**CHOCOLATE WEEKEND:** The Easter Bunny ( Meghan Moroz ) wraps chocolate eggs at Salt Spring Island Chocolate Co. in preparation for Easter weekend.

## WATER COUNCIL

# Hendren seeks 'total water' support

Amalgamation needed

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's CRD director has asked the island's Water Council how island water districts could be united under the regional district's umbrella.

Garth Hendren announced in June 2009 his desire to implement a "total water plan" as a way to streamline operating costs and put individual water districts in a better position to access federal and provincial grant money for system upgrades.

In the interim, Hendren said, he's encountered several roadblocks in his effort to implement an island-wide water system.

"I've got to be honest," he said

at Friday morning's Water Council session. "I was quite naive about this in a lot of ways and there are always these blocks that get in the way."

Hendren said one reason he'd like to see closer ties between the water districts stems from a Jan. 7, 2010 provincial government request calling for the amalgamation of the Harbour View, Mount Belcher, North Salt Spring and Scott Point water improvement districts before funding of an incorporation study would be looked at by the province.

Water district amalgamation and the creation of a "community council," Hendren repeated, are necessary before the provincial government even considers the possibility of allocating resources

to an incorporation study for Salt Spring.

"That is another reason I want to see this happen," he said.

Chris Dixon, chair of the Cedar Lane Waterworks District, said his personal experience with the Capital Regional District does not make him ready to jump forward and support a move to amalgamate.

"I would like to see the CRD tighten up its ship in a general way before giving them another level of control," Dixon said. "I don't think they are a good destination for more authority at this point."

Hendren asked that Water Council members provide further input at the group's May 28 meeting.

## HEALTH

# Norovirus season taking flight

VIHA acts to contain virus

Fears over H1N1 may have subsided, but a spokesperson for the Vancouver Island Health Authority doesn't want people reverting to old habits now that norovirus season has arrived in the region.

"[Norovirus] is almost as common as the common cold and it's easily prevented by hand washing and proper sneezing and coughing etiquette," said Shannon Marshall.

Measures taken to prevent the spread of H1N1 in the fall, she said, resulted in fewer than normal norovirus cases in late 2009.

Now that people's vigilance level has dropped, there's a concern that infection numbers could spike over the next several weeks.

Frequent hand washing, coughing and sneezing into one's sleeve, and the use of alcohol-based wipes and soaps are the best ways to prevent spreading the virus. Raw fruit and vegetables should be washed vigorously before they are eaten.

Symptoms include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain.

Though most people are rarely very sick or have to go to the hospital, Marshall suggests infected persons avoid contact with others and

take steps to remain hydrated.

Unlike the common cold, infected persons do not develop an immunity to the norovirus and are susceptible to repeat infection.

"Persons working in daycare centres or nursing homes should pay special attention to children or residents who have norovirus illnesses," reads information about provided on VIHA's website. "This virus is very contagious and can spread rapidly throughout these environments."

No cases of norovirus have been reported in any of VIHA's health facilities on Salt Spring so far this year.

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## RCMP REPORT

# Loose gravel sends van into lake

Driver uninjured in incident

Salt Spring police had a busy week, including responding to a call of a vehicle off North End Road in St. Mary Lake on Thursday afternoon.

The vehicle was located partially submerged on the shoreline, near the LePage Road turn-off. The female driver was found uninjured and was assisted out of her vehicle.

Witnesses saw the vehicle lose control after it hit a patch of loose gravel on the roadway and before heading into the water. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

• Salt Spring police and Coast Guard personnel responded to a Saturday evening call about three children who appeared to be stranded on a large rock in Vesuvius Bay and could be heard yelling for help.

“BC Ferries was advised of the incident and were quick to respond with a rescue boat off the Crofton-Vesuvius ferry,” said a detachment report. “The children, aged 13, 11 and nine years, were retrieved and transported to the government dock where they were met by police and taken home to their guardian.”



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Police and other emergency crews respond to the scene of this van in St. Mary Lake last Thursday.

• Police received a report of mischief to the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. Officers attended the scene on Saturday, March 27 and noted a broken window. If anyone has information regarding this incident, they are asked to contact Salt Spring RCMP at 250-537-5555.

• Also on Saturday, a vehicle approaching Upper Ganges Road and Vesuvius Bay Road failed to stop at the stop sign and continued driving after emergency lights were activated. The vehicle was even-

tually stopped between two police vehicles. The male driver exited the suspect vehicle and ran down a driveway. A foot pursuit resulted in the 41-year-old Salt Spring male being arrested and detained for dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, obstructing a police officer and flight from a police officer. The vehicle was towed. The man was released on a promise to appear in court in May.

• While on routine patrol in Ganges on Saturday evening, police observed a youth con-

suming alcohol and another in possession of alcohol at the Kanaka Road Skate Park. Police seized the alcohol and issued the youths each a violation ticket for being minors in possession, carrying a fine of \$230.

• On Saturday, March 20, police attended a single-vehicle crash in the 600 block of Isabella Point Road. The 46-year-old male driver and sole occupant was driving east on Isabella Point Road around a sharp switchback curve. While attempting to pull over for an approach-

ing vehicle, the driver went too far off-road, went down the ditch and flipped over. Ambulance services attended but were not required, and the fire department also attended. The driver was uninjured and the vehicle suffered only minor damage.

## PARC NEWS

# Hiking, swimming, market and more

And time to look ahead to Camp Colossal

BY KEES RUURS  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Spring has just arrived and summer's not that far off. That being so, our attention shifts to doing more outside, although the pool continues to serve our community all year long.

### Time to walk new trails

A short (750-metres) trail between Stark Road and Robinson Road called Dunbabin Trail is perfect for a Sunday afternoon stroll with the kids. It starts on Stark Road, across from #404, and meanders down to Robinson Road. There is no parking on Robinson Road, so please start your hike from Stark Road.

There is also a lovely water access point off Sunset Drive near the intersection with Sir Echo Road that you might enjoy walking. Just off Sunset Drive, 50 metres up Sir Echo Road is a paved parking lot. Park in that location and walk 80 metres south on Sunset Drive. Across the road you will see a sign that says “beach.” Take that short trail down to the water's edge and you get a great view across a lovely inlet along the shore.

Now one final reminder. Be aware that whenever you walk a trail that, more likely than not, there is private property on both sides of that trail. Please respect the privacy of those residents.

### Time for the Saturday market

The real proof that winter is gone is the fact the island's famous Saturday market is starting up again for the 2010 season on April 4. What more needs to be said other than to tell those who might be interested in becoming a vendor to contact the PARC office at 250-537-4448 for more information or email marketinthepark@crd.bc.ca. Remember, the market's philosophy is “Make it, Bake it or Grow it.”

### Time to plan ahead for summer

Summer 2009 was the busiest ever for PARC's Camp Colossal, a “drop-in” summer day camp, and planning now has begun for summer 2010. As a first step, PARC is looking to hire several day camp leaders for this coming summer. Please see the PARC ad in the Driftwood for more information on what's involved and on how to apply.

### Time for the swimming pool

1. LESSONS — As soon as the spring lesson schedule is finalized, it will be sent out by email to all the “friends of the pool.” If you wish to get these regular updates about the pool, let Jim Raddysh (jraddysh@recreation-excellence.com) know by email. You will then regularly receive updates about the schedule and

the programs at the pool.

2. AQUAFIT — The Down and Deep instructor is now offering a 30-minute core class before the Monday and Wednesday Down and Deep class. If you are interested in this additional workout you need only to show up at 5 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday.

3. SWIM TO POETS COVE — We have set up a 100-km course which will take you to all the Southern Gulf Islands and ends at Poets Cove on Pender. Of course, you are not actually swimming there in the ocean. Rather you will be doing your distances in the pool and marking them on a chart which is up at the pool.

This is a great way to motivate yourself to keep swimming and a fun way to keep track of your lengths. On Aug. 1 we will be doing a draw for a one night accommodation for two at Poets Cove plus float plane airfare with everyone who has been involved. The more you swim the better your chances are of winning and it's free to enter.

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## Thoughts & News

from Dr. Richard Hayden



### Keeping your teeth for a lifetime.

I saw an elderly lady the other day who had spent a lot of time, effort and money over her life to keep her teeth. She was now getting cavities in spite of her very good care. What was going on?

As we get older we tend to have less saliva to keep food moving. We also tend to have gingival recession which means that the roots of teeth become exposed. The root surfaces are far more prone to decay than the enamel covered parts of the teeth.

Sometimes we get less dextrous and are not as able to clean our teeth as effectively.

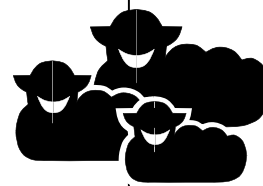
Some solutions that might help are... Drink lots of water particularly after eating. Have regular hygiene appointments with your dentist. Use a fluoride mouth rinse.

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# NEWSBEAT

## SUSTAINABILITY

# Fashion label up for national award

Online voting now open to public

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Local women love Nixxi, Jada-lee Watson's line of eco-friendly fashion.

Contemporary and comfortable designs that flatter diverse bodies are rewarding as well as appealing: Watson uses sustainable fabric blends and nontoxic inks and promotes fair employment standards.

The greater world has been a fan of Nixxi for some time as well, but two recent events have placed the label at the forefront of the sustainable fashion world on national and even global levels.

In January, Nixxi clothing was presented among the best of international eco-friendly designs at the Ecochic Fashion Show in Geneva.

Nixxi has also been nominated by Fashion Takes Action for the First Annual Eco Fashion Design Award, to be presented at The Sustainable Fashion Awards in late April. Nixxi is one of 14 labels from across Canada to be nominated for the award, chosen from what the FTA calls "the best that Canada has to offer."

Watson said she is pleased by the FTA's nomination. Each nominee was hand-selected by FTA based on a set of criteria that included materials



Model wearing Nixxi clothing.

used, labour and production practices and fashion design.

"The big thing is having the recognition for having made the choices I've made for my company. It takes a certain focus and energy to maintain the path that I'm on," Watson said.

Her choices as a designer, she points out, are never as simple as liking a fabric's feel or colour. Being sustainable means doing heavy research into where things come from and who is producing them in what way.

Watson's options have expanded over the past years and she now has seven regular suppliers of sustainable and organic materials.

The fact that mainstream companies are including eco-friendly components into

their lines has helped build that development. The FTA award brings recognition to the pioneers who started the trend and who are also top of the line creatively.

Salt Spring residents can add their voice to the national record through online voting at the FTA website (visit [www.fashiontakesaction.com/content/fta-design-forward](http://www.fashiontakesaction.com/content/fta-design-forward) and click on the green Cast Your Vote button). Voting closes April 16, after which a panel of judges will select a winner from the top three.

While the award is more about supporting the sustainable fashion industry and celebrating its community, the top prize is not insubstantial. If Nixxi wins, Watson is in line for \$50,000 worth of product development, including a trip

**"It takes a certain focus and energy to maintain the path that I'm on."**

JADA-LEE WATSON  
Designer

to New York for the Nolcha Fashion Week's Ethical Fashion Preview, a three-month national PR campaign and a Lookbook photo shoot with full creative team, including photographer, models, hair, makeup and stylist.

"There's been such great support for me for many years in the community, it would mean a lot to me to have Salt Spring out there for Nixxi," said Watson. "To have Salt Spring behind me would feel really great."

Nixxi is available locally at Sweet Somethings Gallery, as is a new sister line of children's clothes. Watson will also be returning to the Saturday market this season with one-of-a-kind garments.

"I work from home and do everything at home so I'm looking forward to being back in the community," said Watson, who until recently has concentrated on building her wholesale line to international success. "That whole market energy is fun."

## Capital Regional District CRD

### Notice of Open House – North Ganges Village Transportation Management Plan

Location: GISS Multi-purpose Room  
Date & Time: April 7, 2010, 5 pm to 8 pm

The CRD cordially invites the citizens of Salt Spring Island to attend an Open House to examine and provide comment and input on the preliminary designs, identifying various transportation infrastructure works within Ganges Village. Plans include the development of sidewalks, bicycle lanes, crosswalks, left turn lanes, and intersection options located along Lower Ganges Road from Atkins Road to Rainbow Road, and along Rainbow Road from Lower Ganges Road to the Recreation Centre.

This will be your opportunity to provide your input before final design plans are presented to the Transportation Commission for future implementation.



# BURNING PERMITS 2010

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- Burn permits are required for all backyard brush piles, incinerators, beach fires, campfires and Category 3 Land Clearing piles. It will be the homeowner / permit holders' responsibility to update themselves daily and before each fire is ignited, by visit the Salt Spring Fire Rescue web page, or contacting the Fire Station at 250-537-2531.
- Category 3 Land Clearing machine piles always requires a site permit and the ventilation index must be observed and followed as per the Ministry of Environment regulations.

**There will be no incinerators, small backyard burn piles nor Category 3 machine piles allowed from July 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>.**

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### Riders Guide

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M-F Trip operates Monday to Friday only.

3 Vesuvius					5 Fernwood			
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SAT 1:50	2:00	2:10	10:05	10:08	10:11	10:15	10:22
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## LOST & FOUND

### Brown women's jacket lost at soccer tourney

A Victoria family participating in last weekend's Salt Spring United Euro Challenge Cup hopes to recover a jacket left on the Portlock Park field.

"In our scramble to get to the ferry Sunday, my wife's jacket was left behind on the field at Portlock Park at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 28," wrote Chris Higgins in an email to the Driftwood.

The jacket is a short-cut, brown, rather expensive Eddie Bauer jacket. It was last seen on the fence at the park, said Higgins, but it was not put into the lost and found box at the Parks and Recreation Commission office.

Anyone who found the jacket or knows where it could be is asked to contact the Higgins family at 250-893-9322 or [chris@seasmokepr.com](mailto:chris@seasmokepr.com).

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# NEWSBEAT

## SATURDAY MARKET

# Spirit of inclusiveness at market opening

Overflow area to accommodate high demand for space

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

If your craft-making and artisan friends have been noticeably absent during the past weeks, it's probably just because they're scrambling to be ready for market day. Easter weekend marks the annual opening of the the Saturday Market in the Park, beginning this Saturday, April 3.

Around 150 farmers, long-term and day vendors typically participate each week. Market favourites who have set up tables for years are joined by an ever-changing cast of newcomers who inject fresh enthusiasm — and products — into the game.

Market coordinator Rob Pingle said the 2010 season will feature a newly created overflow area on the boardwalk behind the gazebo. The innovation is hoped to solve the overcrowding issues that occurred last year, leaving some vendors without space to participate. (New vendors who have yet to build up seniority points are admitted on a first-come first-served basis depending on available space.)

In his second year as coordinator, Pingle has been meeting with new vendors before the market even starts to help familiarize them with its policies. And although there was friction reported last year because of lack of space, Pingle's fair applica-



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Market vendor Claire Ryder carves a spoon as she sets up in Centennial Park before the official opening day.

tion of existing guidelines to everyone involved has won him the respect of the vendor community.

"It was felt the first-year people were not getting in, earlier and more often, so we looked for a solution," Pingle

said. "The boardwalk is a little removed, and untested, but it could be a gorgeous spot. Who wouldn't want to look out at the ocean?"

This season around 15 to 20 new vendors will be entering the marketplace with diverse, unique crafts such as handbags made of old vinyl records by Amanda Hoy and Christa Rogers.

"I'm always amazed at how creative one person's thoughts can be," Pingle said. "The new people are there and there's always a neat, new find."

Despite rumours of the market's political nature, a vendor survey completed last year shows that the people participating are happy with their experience. A once-feared rivalry with storefront businesses has also faded, with business owners recognizing the valuable tourist trade the market draws in.

"We have 150 vendors on average and they all work very hard on their crafts... It's nice that we can create this one day a week because most of these emerging artists can't afford to open their own businesses yet — although they may aspire to that."

Pingle said it's the personalities behind the tables that he most enjoys, with vendors ages eight to 80 on hand who are "willing to share stories and have a good time."

"For me, the nicest part of any shopping experience is hearing their stories about their artistic vision, and they'll share that with you."

The market runs every Saturday through the last week of October.

## BC PARKS

# Province increases camping fees

Extra funds to help improve reservation system

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A provincial government spokesperson blames "challenging economic times" and rising operating costs for camping fee increases that come into effect on April 1.

Campsite fees for Salt Spring's Ruckle Park will increase by a dollar to \$16 and campers at Galiano's Montague Provincial Park will see rates jump from \$18 to \$21.

Per-person fees for backcountry sites at Dionisio Point and Wallace Island campgrounds are

unchanged at \$5 per night.

Suntanu Dalal, a Ministry of Environment public affairs officer, said province-wide fee increases will help pay ongoing parks costs and allow the province to improve its Discover Camping reservation service.

"For example, more than 70 reservable parks across the province will now be offering site-specific reservations for the 2010 season — so if you want to camp close to friends and family, near a trail or by the beach you can now select the site that meets your specific needs," Dalal wrote in an email message.

When asked if the increases will mean more facilities and staff, Dalal said BC Parks reviews the need for facility upgrades

and park rangers very carefully.

"Increased operating costs are a reality as the costs for delivering recreational services has continued to rise," he added.

Since 2001, he added, the B.C. government has invested \$70 million in provincial parks to revitalize water systems and facilities throughout the Gulf Islands.

Charles Kahn, president of Friends of Salt Spring Parks, was neither surprised nor optimistic when told about the fare hikes on Monday.

"The province has got a huge debt and I guess this is it's approach," he said.

"The government has been raising fees on everything.

"I'm sure we are going to see a lot more cuts in services."

## FUNDRAISER

# BBQ for moustaches

Wednesday's the moment of truth for the Moustaches for Monkeybars campaign as Consts. Kent Emery and Brandon Smith hold a \$5 burger and beverage sale to raise funds for Salt Spring Daycare playground equipment.

The sale runs on March 31 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Country Grocer parking lot to get the last of the funds needed to ensure Staff Sgt. Danny Willis makes the sacrifice he promised. Willis said he would shave off his moustache of 29 years if Emery and Smith could raise \$1,000.

The shave-off takes place at 2 p.m. Donations are accepted at the RCMP detachment or Salt Spring Daycare. Receipts are issued for donations of \$25 or more. Country Grocer tapes are also accepted.

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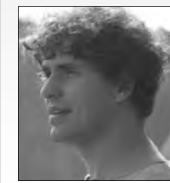
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EDITORIAL

## Path to the park

Few Salt Spring residents are probably aware that the proposed purchase of 50 acres of Burgoyne Valley land is a long-held dream of the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission.

Many may not particularly care. But acquiring an athletic park in the south end of the island was one of the medium-range recommendations in the 1992 PARC Master Plan, with the flat lands of the Burgoyne Bay area specifically targeted.

Demand for such facilities has clearly not dwindled, and as the recently adopted PARC Strategic Plan noted, several 1992 recommendations on this topic were not implemented in the past 18 years.

South-end facilities were also deemed desirable in both the 1997 and 2008 official community plan bylaws, with the latest version supporting such

land-use applications, provided they're referred to the local Agricultural Advisory Committee and the Agricultural Land Commission, if applicable.

**THE ISSUE:**

Proposed PARC land purchase

**WE SAY:**

Time to give input this month

via Furness Road. But like the vast majority of proposals involving land on Salt Spring Island, the process is not completely straightforward. It doesn't require a referendum to purchase the parcel, because PARC has been squirrelling away funds through cash-in-lieu payments from subdivision developers and by allocating some requisitioned funds to a parkland acquisition account.

But the parcel is in the Agricultural Land Reserve, which means it requires permission from the Agricultural Land Commission for it to be used for non-farming purposes, and it also requires a Salt Spring Local Trust Committee rezoning.

PARC is inviting public input into the proposal, specifically inviting delegations at its April 26 public meeting. (People should register for a spot on the speakers' list by April 20.)

On the surface it seems to be an all-positive proposal, meeting a long-held amenities need, and doing so without further property taxes required for the land purchase. But people living in the area may have specific knowledge to share either in support of or against the plan, and the agricultural community needs to have its say as well.

It will still be quite a while before we can say "play ball" in Burgoyne.



## Whole community not represented

BY JOANNE BEALY

I appreciate the hard work and long hours that went into creating the 50th anniversary edition of the Driftwood. I also understand that you couldn't possibly create an issue like this without disappointing someone. That said, with the likelihood that in some future time people will look to this one issue to understand the island and its community in this period, there is a weight of responsibility on the Driftwood staff to give a balanced view, to represent the whole community.

What I learned from this specially produced anniversary edition is that Salt Spring appears to be a white homogeneous community that keeps arguing about the same things year after year. There is nothing in particular that talks to me personally or makes me want to share this issue with others and say "look this is our island, this is where I live."

And the sad thing about that is there are things that have happened, even in the short 10 years that I've lived here, that would make me proud. I doubt that I'm the only one who has made note of the Driftwood's slight (however unintentional) of recent signature issues/events in the community, a few of which I list below:

1. Salt Spring Island, in my opinion, has never really healed from its treatment of its Japanese residents at the time of internment. It's been an open wound festering because as a "community" we had never truly acknowledged the pain of that time and what it means to this day that some islanders cannot visit certain parts of the island without great sorrow and trauma. In the last few years that acknowledgement was vocalized with the coming together of a diverse group of people with a dream to create a garden of reconciliation and remembrance and culminated in the opening of Heiwa Peace Park earlier this year. That we could have a "history" of the last 50 years with no

### VIEWPOINT

There is nothing in particular that talks to me personally

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mention of that is egregious. 2. When I moved here in 2000, the Texada fight was well underway. I supported it but, as a newcomer, was not as involved in that as I was when the Penelakut First Nation joined with SSI Residents for Responsible Land Use in 2003 to stop the development of their land on Walker Hook. Both were important fights. I can't help but feel that another serious error was made when the people whose land we live on do not appear anywhere in the Driftwood's last 50 years. Clearly they were here.

3. Last year, yet another diverse group of people came together to create All Souls Rising to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the black pioneers on Salt Spring. That could have added a bit of colour to the 2009 overview.

4. Then there was the first-ever Pride event on Salt Spring Island that brought together youth and adults alike across all sexual proclivities for education, discussion and celebration which led, three years later, to the first ever Pride Parade. Historical? Yes. Important to Salt Spring? Absolutely. Members of GLOSSI worked tirelessly to meet with members of the community at large to gather support and put fears to rest in members of the queer community. And the community at large stepped up.

It's perhaps too easy to miss the profundity of events right in front of us. We can't have it both ways. We can't celebrate "50 years of community" when large members of that community are rendered invisible. We can't talk about what a diverse, exceptional community we have here and keep showing the same old face to the world.

The writer is a Salt Spring poet, photographer and community volunteer.

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# IslandVoices

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**  
**"I don't think they are a good destination for more authority at this point."**

CHRIS DIXON, CEDAR LANE WATERWORKS, ON THE CRD

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked: What is your most memorable piece of Driftwood history?**



**USHA RAUTENBACH**

*My favourite photo was the toy truck in the pothole. That was superb.*



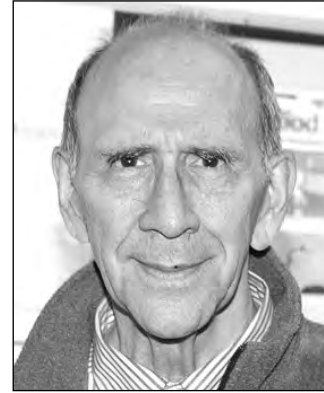
**JOHN CADE**

*The April Fools coverage. Things can be so "out there" on this island we have to do a double take to see "are these guys serious?"*



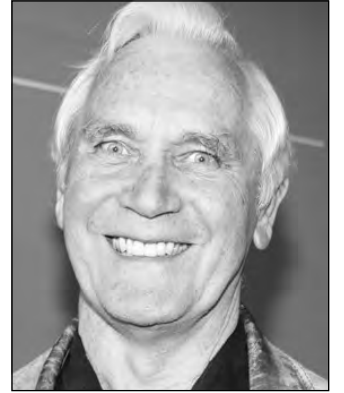
**MARIE BEAUDOIN**

*When my daughter was on the front page dressed as an angel in the December light-up parade in '92.*



**STAN SHAPIRO**

*The Wednesday after the referendum for the new library when the Driftwood announced the 78 per cent yes vote.*



**HARVEY MOORE**

*The coverage when the three whales took out another whale near the government dock.*

## Letters to the editor

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

### Real generosity

Of course, I was delighted to read of the Community Achievement Award that Richard Murakami is about to receive. ("Province recognizes Murakami generosity," March 17 Driftwood.)

It is true that he and his sisters have shown incredible generosity to a community that has not always been kind to them. At the same time, it is important for us to remember that this generosity is not confined to cheque writing for large and obvious projects. Perhaps the most important indicator of his loveliness and compassion is how he treats his customers. Richard gives daily from his heart for hard, dirty work that he, himself, at the age of 70, performs.

In the 30 years that I have

known Richard, he has often charged nothing or next to nothing for the work he does on my vehicles — and these experiences are not mine alone. There are times when you have to pay him with cookies because he will not accept money. This kind of generosity is rarer than that of cheque writing, though I appreciate the kindness of all.

And, magically, he is able to offer these gifts without making one feel demeaned or "poor."

It is a true honour to know this man. Salt Spring is lucky, indeed.

**KATE HOLMES,**  
SALT SPRING

### Time for referendum?

PARC's initiative to construct a dog park is okay, but the location is totally wrong.

Try the underused mega Mouat Park across the road.

Rainbow Road park was bought by Salt Spring taxpayers for indoor facilities only. But if PARC wants to allocate funds for a referendum, maybe the taxpayers would okay the change.

I certainly won't.

**BRIAN LITTLE,**  
FORMER PARC COMMISSIONER,  
SALT SPRING

### Line painting

*The following submission is geared especially for Thursday readers of the Driftwood.*

The RECLESS Soc. (Reclaim Centre-Lines for SaltSpring Roads Society) announces our first Easter Activist Weekend on Sunday, April 4, from 10 a.m. until the party.

Allocated teams will start from Southey Point, Scott Point, Isabella Point and Ruckle Park and repaint the

centre lines on all our roads, meeting at Portlock Park for a party when finished, complete with band, burgers and beer!

Sponsors include: Mark's Work Wearhouse (safety clothing & helmets); The Rental Stop (safety equipment); Mouat's (paint and brushes); Thrifty Foods (coffee and muffins); Embe (sandwich boards); Driftwood and CFSI. (Band to be announced.)

We will be collecting donations from appreciative motorists . . . proceeds to MADD . . . the more subscribed, the less the hold-up!

Please contact Ursula at: RECLESS\_ROADS@YAHOO.CA (note underscore) to register.

Let's paint our way to a safer Salt Spring Island! If they can't do it, we can!

Teams and start locations will be announced on April

1 and people will be emailed or phoned individually.

**URSULA PANDATTI**  
**AND ROSS KING,**  
BEDDIS ROAD

### Making it happen

A musical bouquet to everyone who helped make the Foggy Hogtown Boys CD release show at Fulford Hall on March 21 such a foot-stomping, swinging success. Those include the ticket outlets: Salt Spring Books, Acoustic Planet Music, Knotty Threads and Morningside Organic Bakery Café and Bookstore. The volunteers: Ken Lunn, Phil Vernon, Bev Franks and everyone who helped stack chairs after the show.

The Fiddleworks crew, who ran the concession organized by Ellie Langford-Parks, and Zav RT, who donated the Fiddleworks

sound gear. Living Water Media for lighting up the show. Country Grocer and Thrifty Foods for donating food and drink for the band and volunteers.

The Driftwood, a true community newspaper; Gail Sjuberg for the pre-show article, picture and What's On listings, and Susan Lundy for the post-show photo. Suzanne Little at the Salt Spring Community List for doing a feature article on the Foggies' return to Salt Spring.

Christy Gray for hosting the boys at her home. Rani Dunkley of Fulford Hall for spiffing up the space. And to the over 200 appreciative fans who came to the show on a Sunday night to support live music. Together we all made it happen!

**TRACY HARRISON,**  
**CARL BORGSTROM,**  
FRIDAS VILLA, SALT SPRING

## Seed catalogues: expansive university of fecundity

It was back in January or early February that they started to arrive in the mail. They excited us, aroused us, and titillated us. Even in the chill of winter, they stirred us and got our sap running. Just the thought of what we would find once we opened up these magazines made the endorphins in our brains run amuck and crash wildly into each other. Judging by the effect they had on us, it's a wonder Canada Post didn't insist they be wrapped in plain, brown, unmarked packaging.

No, we're not talking about Victoria's Secret, or one of the other many salacious skin mags passing themselves off as order-by-mail lingerie suppliers. What we have been eyeing lecherously over the past few weeks are none other than seed catalogues.

You heard me right. Seed catalogues! They go by exotic names like "Breck's Bulbs" or "Richters Herbs" or "Henry Field's Seed and Nursery Co." They come to us from strange and mysterious places like Brandon, Manitoba and Oakville, Ontario.

Just the names themselves are enough to send you scurrying to the privacy of your own bathroom. Corn seed with monikers like "Bodacious" or "Sugar Buns" can cause instant involuntary salivation. Dark red beets called "Bull's Blood" or "Mammoth Long" can make the skin blush a bright crimson. "Purple Softneck" garlic and "Teton de Venus" (breast of Venus) pear-shaped tomatoes force us to chill out under a cold shower.

If that's not bad enough, the names sound twice as erotic in Latin. Mouthing the words "Primadonna Echinacea" is like having a warm tongue probing your middle ear. "Ceanothus Impressus" promises countless nights of unbridled ecstasy. "Miscanthus Giganteus" makes you want to believe the size really does matter. The pleasures of "Syringa Vulgaris" will probably doom the sensual partaker to a lifetime of mindless depravity, but the risk is still worth it.

And the photographs. Ahhhh. Who can resist the charms of a collinsia in full purple and white bloom? Who wouldn't trade everything to be allowed to stand silently in a field of indigo-blue verbena? Don't you wish it could have been you in the picture of the boy standing next to the zucchini the size of Philadelphia?

If photos and descriptions of seeds, bulbs, and herbs are not enough to get your adrenalin flowing, the assorted gardening paraphernalia found in the back of most seed catalogues will certainly send you over the edge. Of course you will find the usual assortment of sprayers, hoes, weeders and trowels. For those looking for a little more mechanical advantage in their specialized gardening weapons, you can also choose precision titanium forged pruning shears



**Shilo Zylbergold**

### NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

or left-handed manganese aluminum alloy secateurs.

In addition to tools, you will also find all the other basic gardening necessities in your seed catalogue. From soil amendments to specialized technical instruments such as compost thermometers and pH test kits that measure the acid/alkaline level of your soil, your catalogue offers a cornucopia of gadgets that will make you feel astounded that, without these, you have ever been able to grow even a lowly radish.

Your seed catalogue is also your main ally in fighting off unwanted garden pests. If you are one of the many Salt Spring organic gardeners who would rather inject concentrated liquid bleach into your vein than let one drop of chemical insecticide touch even a single canker on the bark of your apple tree, here is where you'll find all the equipment you'll ever need. How about a couple of kilos of diatomaceous earth ("derived from the finely milled fossilized remains of prehistoric freshwater diatoms") to slice up the skins of slugs, cabbageworms, or any other crawling vermin who dare mess with you or your garden?

If the thought of harming these poor little critters feels somewhat cruel and distasteful, you may prefer ordering a few Sticky Aphid and White Fly traps. When

your traps are full, you can place them in the back seat of your car, drive down the road, and release your struggling captives in the wild (or more likely in your neighbour's yard).

Gardening also allows you to make your own personal fashion statement. Although not technically a seed catalogue, we find the Lee Valley Tools catalogue (published in Ottawa) can really put us in touch with our inner consumer. Lee Valley, or as we like to call it, "Frederick's of Findhorn," will gladly ship us garden aprons with so many strategically placed straps and pockets that we feel obligated to order a dozen more unnecessary tools to fill the spaces. In addition, we can also order the ubiquitous Australian Blundstone boots. As well as being durable and waterproof, these leather slip-ons have the reputation for being the most comfortable footwear available at a price just under the GNP of most Third World countries.

The seed catalogue is not just a convenient way for people to order seeds and other garden supplies; it is so much more. It is a metaphor for life itself. It offers an expansive universe of beauty and fecundity that can develop from the tiniest seed of potential. All we need to do is provide a little love and nurturing. And, of course, a valid credit card.

[thyme2001@hotmail.com](mailto:thyme2001@hotmail.com)

# Thank You!

**Thanks to all who dropped by the Driftwood's 50th Anniversary Community Newspaper Party, and thanks to those groups and businesses who brought their memorabilia:**

- Mouats Trading Co.
- Farmer's Institute
- Royal LePage
- Salt Spring Historical Society
- Salt Spring Inn
- Patterson's Market
- Ganges Pharmasave
- Harbour House
- Salt Spring Public Library
- Laurie's Recycling

## Here are our "best dressed" Islanders!



MARY TANTI AND MOBY THE DOG



SANDY ENGLISH



ELLIS HOFFMAN



COLLEEN & LORNE SHANTZ



TERESA HITCH

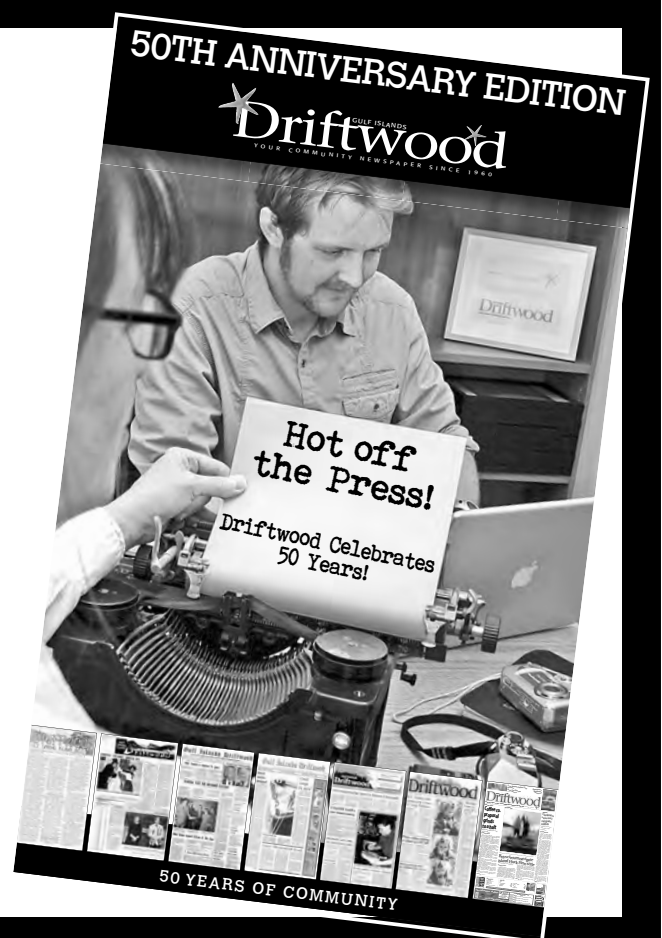
**THE WINNERS OF THE DOOR PRIZES OF 2010 COIN SETS WERE:**

**Carron Carson and Cindy Booth**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO: Deborah Hollingsworth!**

The winner of the ounce of gold in the "Gold Bar" contest sponsored by: Ganges Pharmasave, Country Grocer, Harlan's and the Driftwood.

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# NEWSBEAT



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Bruce Patterson gives a toast at the Patterson's Store display at last week's Driftwood 50th anniversary open house at ArtSpring. The event featured various displays from island businesses as well as an historical look at 50 years of publishing the Driftwood. See this week's Weekender for more photos and also check out the Gulf Islands Driftwood's Facebook fan page.

## A pint by any other name

**Q. Does anyone on the island serve a pint of beer ... I mean a 20-ounce pint?**

— Bob Mackie, Salt Spring Island

In Canada, the term "pint" has become a loosely used term.

Across B.C., pubs and restaurants advertise "pints" in ads and on sandwich boards, yet the amount that ends up being poured into your glass varies, due to a cloudy set of federal and provincial regulations that contradict one another.

A Vancouver Sun article printed last year surveyed 15 pubs in metro Vancouver and found that "the time-honoured working man's drink does not technically exist in B.C. due to a strange and desperate brew of federal and provincial regulations."

The federal government says anyone who claims to sell a pint in Canada is required to pour a full imperial pint measuring 20 ounces (568.26 millilitres).

Yet the B.C. Liquor Control and Licensing Branch says individual servings of draft beer cannot exceed 500 millilitres (17.5 ounces), which makes it impos-



Amy Geddes

### YOUASKED

READ THE BLOG AT [WWW.GULFISLANDS.NET/WORDPRESS](http://WWW.GULFISLANDS.NET/WORDPRESS)



sible for vendors to legally sell a true imperial pint.

Salt Spring beer vendors similarly flounder amid the discrepancy and a "pint" is a term used subjectively across the island.

Moby's manager Robert Steinbach echoes the dilem-

ma: "In this line of business a pint is anywhere from 16 to 20 ounces, depending on where you're at."

Steinbach says they served 20-ounce pints last year at Moby's, but discovered customers were unwilling to pay for a larger serving and preferred to spend less for a smaller portion — they now serve 18 ounces (including the head).

The Harbour House advertises pints, yet a server working last Monday measured out 14 ounces in their largest draft beer glass (also including head).

In a random survey of local pubs and restaurants, the Driftwood was not able to find a location on the island that serves a true, 20-ounce imperial pint.

A manager at Salt Spring Inn explained that in the restaurant business a "pint" is simply the term you use for "your biggest glass."

To further confuse the matter, in the United States a "pint" is 16 fluid ounces.

Anyone wishing to gulp down a true imperial pint will have to pour one for themselves at home. Cheers.

## RANTS and Roses

We would like to offer a big bunch of red roses to the man in the yellow pick-up who gave a ride home to my mother who after her hair appointment took a wrong turn while walking in the sun in Vesuvius and got lost. Thank you very much. J & J

Special spring roses to three very kind people. With my keys locked in the car at recycling, "Kamloops" Tom drove us and the groceries to town, then Dale closed her office at the Anglican Church and drove me back to the car, where Blaine from Shell Service performed his magic to retrieve the keys. Thank you all. Don

Gumboots full of roses to Jan Jang for all her efforts over the years in organizing fund raising flea markets for the Fulford Hall, and to Barb Lyngard and her neighbours for providing tasty and nutritious food for the flea marketers. All your efforts are greatly appreciated and they have contributed several thousand dollars towards the upkeep

of this venerable building. The Hall Committee

A perfect Wandering Minstrel rose for Lauren Anderson, GISS work experience student, for her excellent research skills and the write-up in the Driftwood promoting my Winter Light recording project. A bouquet of Chorale, Serenade, Sweet Harmony and Melody Maker roses to all the wonderful people who are blessing me with their faith and \$20 for a pre-pay CD. I look forward to sending you the finished product in late summer, when the Night Music roses are in full bloom. Bright blessings, Rasma Bertz

I wish to thank wholeheartedly my kind friends Robin and Bruce Manley. I could not have gotten through the day without you. Also, a host of hugs to the Bon Acres crew: Malcolm, Harold, Nora, Stephanie and Lisa. I am the third generation of family whose animal you've lovingly cared for. I am deeply grateful to you all, on behalf of my dog Sara and myself,

we love you. Judy Sims

Roses and our thanks to the 206 volunteers that helped with the Island Comfort Quilts' Community Quilting Bee on Sunday. Twenty-seven quilts and 30 carry bags were completed with many more in various stages to start next year's bee. Large bouquets to the following for their support: Mouat's, Salt Spring Propane, Country Grocer, Thrifty Foods, Bank of Montreal, Lions, South Salt Spring Women's Institute, Ganges Floor Coverings, Stitches, the IODE and the Farmers' Institute. ICQ Committee

White and red roses to Malcolm Legg and Salt Spring United for organizing a great mini-tournament last weekend. From the U10 Morgan team

There are not enough roses on the island to show my gratitude to Yve and Geoff for their endless time, support and kindness. I could not have made the last few months without you both. Thank you. Vanda



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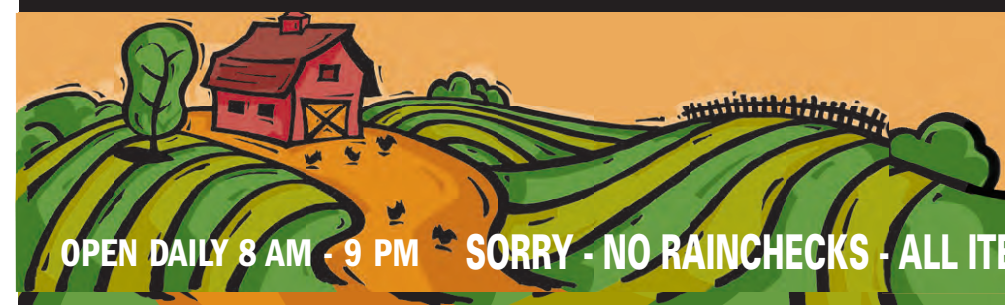
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**HAM OR LAMB FOR EASTER DINNER?** Among Easter foods the most significant is the Easter lamb, which is in many places the main dish of the Easter Sunday meal. Corresponding to the Passover lamb and to Christ, the Lamb of God, this dish has become a central symbol of Easter. But why the popular Easter is ham? Early Christians embraced ham, in part, to proclaim their religious beliefs. Among Europeans and Americans the pig was considered a symbol of luck.

Preheat oven to 350°. Place ham on rack in a shallow roasting pan. In a medium bowl mix together **1/2 cup roasted apple grill sauce, 1/3 cup soy sauce, 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg, and 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves.** Set aside. Bake ham for 30 minutes. Pour glaze over ham and continue to bake until ham is heated through, following package instructions. Segmented un-peeled apples can be placed around the ham during baking to roast.

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A MESSAGE FROM: HEU Salt Spring Community Social Services Local



## NEWSBEAT



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Firefighter Dominique Gaudet is joined by children at Tree Frog Daycare as he demonstrates life-saving techniques. Several firefighters attended a special session at the daycare last Friday.

## What about the old stuff?

Last month's eco-friendly new carpet challenge, which ended happily (see the Feb. 24 Driftwood), had an equally challenging second chapter. There I was, awarding myself brownie points for paying a bit of extra money to order a carpet that would break down into, essentially, new soil components some day, when it suddenly hit me: what about the old one?

With amazement, I realized I'd forgotten about the dark side of buying new stuff, the creation of garbage (despite the fact that I rant about it regularly). I had already closed my eyes to the fate of the old drywall, turning my back as it disappeared down the driveway in the back of a pickup, off to the landfill.



Judi Stevenson

### MY YEAR OF CHANGING CLIMATICALLY

Guilt, guilt. I couldn't do that again. I would have to "do something" with the old carpet. But what? Aha, a new challenge!

This challenge landed me in the brave new world of "product lifecycle responsibility." Clunky phrase, good idea. In a nutshell, PLR asks some why-didn't-we-think-of-this-before questions about the dizzying array of stuff pouring out of factories all over the world every minute of every day, all of which is eventually going to come to the end of its useful life. What happens to it then? And whose responsibility should it be?

In North America we mostly put the old stuff into a can, which someone else picks up and dumps into a landfill for us. You've seen the videos, right? Mountains of officially sanctioned garbage. Creeping tides of criminal garbage. Then there's the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a sea-going stew of mostly plastic garbage, reputed to be twice the size of Texas. (Hard to believe but true, and what's more, there are five of them, one in each ocean. Go ahead, Google it.)

Manufacturers have essentially passed the buck — quite a few bucks I imagine — to individuals and communities to manage all the garbage created by the consumer economy. PLR asks, why not expect them to take responsibility for the impacts of what they make, from pollution at source to packaging materials to end-of-life disposal? Shouldn't they be expected to figure out how to re-use or recycle my old carpet?

Here's the good news. In the U.S., where pretty much all of the petrocarpet sold in Canada is made, PLR is starting to take hold. Some of the big manufacturers will take back used carpet and recycle it, mostly into more carpet.

Bad news for me though: Canada is not included in the program. Somehow responsibility for dead carpets

ends at the border. It's something you might want to take up with your MP in terms of the environmental protection clauses in the Free Trade Agreement.

No getting out of it then, the responsibility had to be mine. Hmm. What is old carpet good for?

I had a vague notion that it can be used by landscapers to underlay ponds and paths and such. Staff at the carpet store said they sometimes had calls for this, but not predictably, and they had nowhere to put the stuff while waiting for a re-user to come along. So I asked some gardening friends if they wanted it. One of them replied a bit tartly: if you don't want it breaking down into chemical by-products in the landfill, why

would I want it breaking down in my garden? Good point.

The next thing I tried was looking on the internet for "recycling old carpet in Victoria." I wasn't sure I was prepared to drive it even that far, creating more carbon emissions, but certainly no farther. Alas, not an option anyway. There was a listing for a "carpet recycling centre," which made me perk up briefly. But the phone number didn't work so I was doubtful, and the day of reckoning was coming fast as the new carpet was about to arrive!

Hurriedly, I emailed the CRD's recycling hotline, who said they didn't know of any place in this area that would take used carpet, although they suggested that Ellice Recycle might take clean underlay, which apparently can sometimes be re-used "for packing lawn ornaments." Good to know but not good enough to meet my challenge.

I was losing heart. I found myself gazing at the old carpet, still on the floor, thinking that if only the renovation wasn't adding new bare floor space to the room, I'd just get it cleaned and keep it. After all, I'd always liked it, and it wasn't that dirty.

Light bulb! If it didn't fit into my home anymore, maybe someone else could clean it up and use it in theirs. Free carpet, gently used.

It was still the rainy season on Salt Spring at that point, so I couldn't put it out at the end of the driveway (works wonders in Toronto). Before trying the community list, which would likely have done the trick, I made a couple of calls to people who made other calls, and presto — off to a new home it went, just in the nick of time.

What I didn't say to the folks who came to pick it up was this: please try to recycle this carpet when you are through with it. I hope they are reading this article.

*Next challenge: opening up my garbage bag to see what else can be recycled.*



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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

Proposed Bylaw No. 102 – cited as "South Pender Island Official Community Plan, 2002, Amendment No. 1, 2009"

Proposed Bylaw No. 104 – cited as "South Pender Island Land Use Bylaw No. 92, 2003, Amendment No. 1, 2009"

Proposed Bylaw No. 105 – cited as "South Pender Island Official Community Plan, 2002, 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 bylaws at **10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at the South Pender Fire Hall 8961 Gowlland Point Road, South Pender Island, B.C.**

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

### 1. National Park Zoning

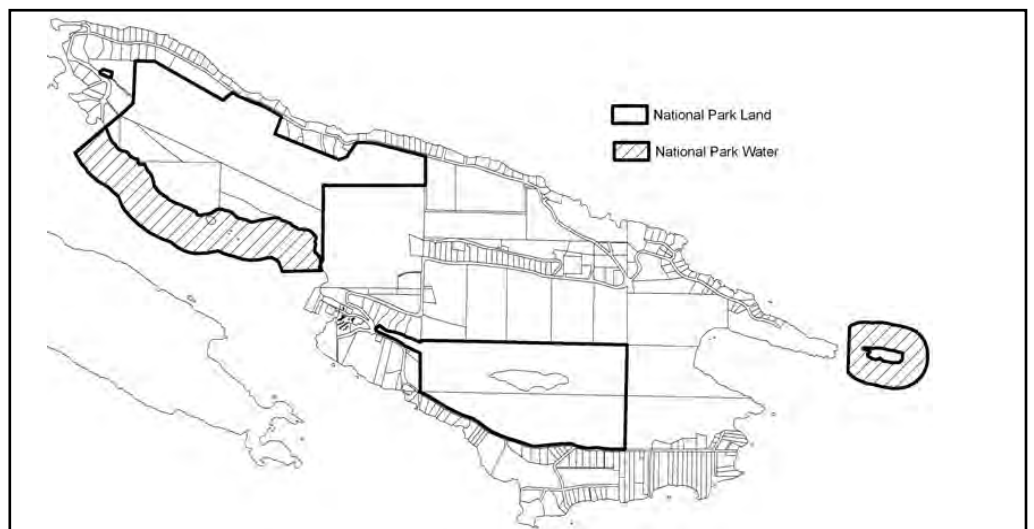
- Bylaw No. 102 – cited as "South Pender Island Official Community Plan, 2002, Amendment No. 1, 2009"

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 102 is to amend the Official Community Plan (OCP) policies, objectives, and schedules to address the lands and waters within the South Pender Island Local Trust Area that are part of the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve (GINPR). Lands within the GINPR will be designated as National Park (NP) and the waters within the GINPR will be designated National Park Marine (NPM).

- Bylaw No. 104 – cited as "South Pender Island Land Use Bylaw No. 92, 2003, Amendment No. 1, 2009"

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 104 is to create a National Park (NP) zone for the land component of the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve on South Pender Island, and a National Park Marine (W5) zone for the water component of the park in Bedwell Harbour and surrounding Blunden Islet.

The lands subject to Proposed Bylaws No. 102 and 104 are shown on the map below:



### 2. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction

- Bylaw No. 105 – cited as "South Pender Island Official Community Plan, 2002, Amendment No. 1, 2010"

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 105 is to meet the requirements of Bill 27 (Local Government (Green Communities) Statutes Amendments Act) by amending the South Pender Island Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2002 to include a target, policies and actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The proposed amendments would include a target of a 33% reduction in emissions, consistent with the provincial target, and new policies and amendments to existing OCP policies that would support reductions in greenhouse gas emissions within the local trust area.

A copy of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws 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 30, 2010 and up to and including April 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 bylaws may be inspected at various Notice Boards on South Pender Island, B.C., commencing April 1, 2010 and can also be viewed on the internet at the following URL: [www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca) and selecting [www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/sp/bylaws.cfm](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/sp/bylaws.cfm)

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/sp/meetings.cfm](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/sp/meetings.cfm) and completing the "Public Hearing, April 13, 2010, Submission Form", prior to **4:30 p.m., April 12, 2010;**
2. After 4:30 p.m., April 12, 2010 to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at **10:00 a.m., April 13, 2010.**

The public is asked 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 South Pender Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email submissions, if they are opened and received, to the South Pender 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 Proposed Bylaws 102 and 104 may be directed to Islands Office, Andrea Pickard, Planner at (250) 405-5189 or for Proposed Bylaw No. 105 to Robert Kojima, Planner, at (250) 405-5159. 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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Notice is hereby given that at the Annual General Meeting, to be held on April 20th, 2010 at the Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, two trustees are to be elected, to serve for a period of three years each. Nominations of candidates for these positions must be made in writing, duly signed, seconded, with signature of agreement by the nominee, and delivered to the District Office, 761 Upper Ganges Road, at or before 12:00 noon, April 1st, 2010.

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Nomination forms are available at the District Office.

Trevor Hutton  
General Manager

## RUNNING

# Racer links charity to passion

Nathan Cooper makes daily commute by foot

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

People travelling along Fulford-Ganges Road lately have probably noticed Nathan Cooper running it at some point during the day.

His perseverance in all weathers and his ability to cover lengthy distances in a surprisingly quick time have piqued the interest of local residents, many of whom are wondering whether Cooper is in training or if he just likes to run.

Both are true, Cooper revealed during a recent interview at the Rainbow Road Pool, where he is employed as a lifeguard.

After racing in 100-mile all-terrain events for the past five years, Cooper decided to run across Canada for his 30th birthday next year and to benefit a wilderness charity, The Big Wild, at the same time.

"I got tired of training all year for one day," Cooper said. Instead of running to get nowhere, he thought, "Why not get somewhere and raise money for something I care about?"

Cooper arrived on Salt Spring in November 2009 when he was flown in to manage the pool during Jim Raddysh's 50-year birthday vacation.

He has previously managed pools for Recreation Excellence in his home province of Alberta.

Just before coming here he was uniting his management skills and an interest in photography, helping run a photography studio with a friend in Penticton.

Except for a brief stint



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Nathan Cooper balances in the Rotary fitness park at Rainbow Road Pool.

with a car when he was 20, Cooper has never been a real driver. For the past eight years he has relied on his own power, at first mainly using bicycles and lately on his feet — after getting fed up with his bikes always getting stolen.

Running is something Cooper first tried in junior high school in Calgary. He joined in because it was the only club his small school had, and it offered the chance to miss school now and then. At 220 pounds, it was not an easy out.

Cooper's modern physique betrays none of his early awkward years and instead is evidence of how running has become part of his daily life. Twice a day he runs the 8.5 km between town and home, which is halfway between Ganges and Fulford. Though he can't say how long that takes, his fastest 10-km racing speed is about 35 minutes.

"I haven't worn a watch since I was a kid. It's not worth measuring — I just enjoy it," Cooper said.

And while some people

would view running as principle transportation as a type of punishment, Cooper finds the practice relaxing and even enjoys Salt Spring's terrain. He has lived in the Rocky Mountains and in Japan, doing mountain runs each day in both places. His Canadian all-terrain races have also included mountain portions and wilderness trails.

This year for his birthday Cooper did a "fun run" from Fulford to Fernwood and back, stopping at all the coffee shops on the way. Next year his plan is even more ambitious: Feb. 25, the day he turns 30, is the date motivating his run across Canada.

The run from Victoria to St. John's will cover more than 10,000 km along the mostly completed Trans Canada Trail.

Cooper is currently working on his website for the run at [www.project30.ca](http://www.project30.ca). He will be collecting pledges for The Big Wild, a group started by Mountain Equipment Co-op and the Canadian Wilderness Foundation that aims to protect at least half of the country's remaining wilderness.

He's already finding support from friendly Salt Springers, who are apt to stop and ask him what he's up to or just cheer him along his way.

"It's almost weird to get the 'hurrahs' after so many years of getting things thrown at me," said Cooper, whose years of running through Alberta's university towns have seen people throw eggs, beer cans and even firecrackers at him.

To give Cooper more Salt Spring style commentary or to make a pledge toward his 2011 run, email [nathan@project30.ca](mailto:nathan@project30.ca).

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## SPORTS &amp; RECREATION

## Salt Spring U18 silver girls off to gold finals in Sooke

Euro Challenge Cup a hit

Salt Spring's U18 silver-division champion girls were thrilled to win a 3-0 shutout game against the Bays United gold team on Sunday.

The win means the Salt Spring team advances to the district gold finals in Sooke on April 11.

• Also on the weekend, the U14 Salt Spring United girls team hosted Bays United in the district cup semi-finals. In regular season, the local girls narrowly beat Bays United for a third-place season finish by winning their final game of the year. Bays United arrived determined to win and played a skilled game. Despite strong defence and a play by Linda Herbert and Zorah Wiltzen that set Brenna McIntyre up to score a goal, they were defeated 2-1.

• The eight-year-old boys and girls participated in their second tournament, the Salt Spring United Euro Challenge Cup at Portlock Park last weekend.

Losing the first game to IPT U9 Academy, the Reds took their game up a notch to make it close against the 10-year-olds from Nanaimo 1-3 on Saturday.

On Sunday morning, the Reds played a tough match against the Salt Spring Blacks, drawing 0-0. Earning the shutout for the Reds were Brennan Stonehouse and Cassy Marr. The final match brought the Reds' first-ever win against nine-year-olds from Gorge (1-0), Eric Berendt ending a solid tournament in goal with the shutout and Stonehouse with the goal.

Tristan Collombin, Fraser Byers, Aidan James and Molly



U18 girls off to gold finals.

Booth helped cut the goals against down drastically, while doing well supporting the attack.

Stonehouse worked the centre midfield well, always pressuring and wanting the ball. Griffin Williams-Macalister, Haley Cadenhead, and brothers Isaac and Graham Faulkner were tireless in their pursuit of balls up and down the wing. Marr was strong as she filled in at centre-midfield, striker and goal.

Davis Cooper-Smith shone with his aggressive desire around the ball, a born striker.

• The previous weekend, Salt Spring's U14 girls hosted Cordova Bay at GISS for the district cup quarter-finals. The first minutes of the game saw both teams playing hard, but when Salt Spring warmed up, they took the lead in plays on goal while the quick defence of Abi O'Donnell and Zoe Savage shut down the response.

Jade Beauvais kicked a perfect corner kick into the middle of the net and Brenna McIntyre was in position to send the ball in the net for the 1-0 lead. A foul kick gave Cordova the chance to tie the score 1-1 a few minutes before the half.

In a quick turn-around, Zorah Wiltzen ran the ball down the field and passed to Becki Steel, who kicked the ball in the top of the net just out of the goalie's reach for the 2-1 lead.

Next, O'Donnell sent a strong pass up the field to McIntyre, who sent a long shot flying into the corner of the goal for 3-1 at the half. Cordova continued to drive and got some shots off, but keeper Cassidy Fraser intercepted anything that came her way. Salt Spring continued to play their best and midway through the second half Wiltzen eluded her defenders and snuck a beautiful cross kick past the goalie into the corner of the net for 4-1.

The defence continued to shut down Cordova, so that Wiltzen could drive the ball back down the field again and pass to Steel in front of the net, who kicked it in for the 5-1 win. The girls now move to the semi-finals against Bays United at home on March 27.

## WATER SPORTS

## Synchro can put a new spin on local swims

New courses begin

on April 6

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Swimmers may finally have a chance to get in shape without having to move an inch, thanks to a new program at the Rainbow Road Pool.

"Synchronized swimming is about working really hard to stay really still," said Michele MacKenzie, a long-time swimmer and coach who moved to the island in 1999. "It's a very rigorous workout."

As one of the founders of the 15-year-old Synchro Yukon Society, MacKenzie has plenty of experience teaching kids and adults all about

twist spins, cranes, eggbeaters, flamingoes, rocket splits and everything else that goes into a decent routine.

Because of the Rainbow Road Pool, she finally has a chance to pass on some of that expertise to aspiring swimmers of all ages and either gender who are interested in putting a little twist into their swim.

"When I got here, I was quite excited about coaching, but found out that the only pool was four-feet deep and only open in the summer," she said.

A recent exploratory class with students from the Salt Spring Island Middle School proved so popular among students, most of whom had no

prior synchro experience, that MacKenzie figured the time for full-fledged courses was ripe.

Not only did participants have a great time, many were thrilled to see just how quickly they picked up the seemingly complex figures. That even included a group of boys who decided to give the sport a whirl.

According to MacKenzie, the sport is an ideal way for athletes to work on toning their muscles, spice up their regular swim and become more aware of their body's full potential.

Participants in the new course begin by learning some preliminary synchronized swimming techniques and basic figures. When students

are able to string together a few figures, students can get to work putting together a routine.

MacKenzie said an enthusiastic response could evolve into performances for friends and family and even the possibility of competing against teams on Vancouver Island.

Classes start on Tuesday, April 6. Beginner courses for children between the ages of 8 and 11 run from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. An intermediate course for teens and adults will be offered between 6:30 and 7:15 p.m. The cost for the full eight-week program is \$60.

For more information visit the Rainbow Road Pool or call MacKenzie at 250-538-6262.

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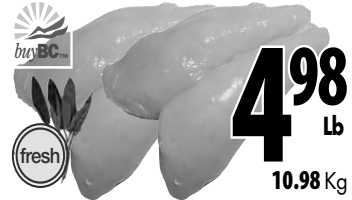
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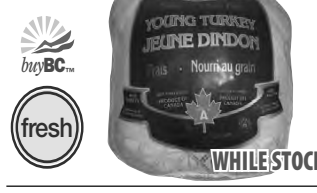
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## SPORTS & RECREATION



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**ON THE BALL:** Aidan Haigh fights for the ball during last weekend's Euro Challenge Cup held for youths aged U8-U11 at Portlock Park.

### MEN'S SOCCER

## Old Boys fall short

Alumni FC strives to avoid demotion

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A fast and furious Vantreights attack left Salt Spring Old Boys players licking their wounds after a 3-0 season-finale loss on Sunday afternoon.

According to coach and player Richard Steel, the Old Boys took to the field with no shortage of spirit in hopes of finishing off the year with a win.

Unfortunately, Vantreights' striker proved too quick for the home team's defence and was instrumental in all three of the opposition's goals.

"[We] piled the pressure on in the second half, but were unable to find the back of the net," he said.

The defeat gives the Old Boys a lock on final place in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's Masters-C division with a 2-9-3 record.

In spite of the loss, Steel said players showed great enthusiasm and a classic never-say-never attitude.

"As 'player coach' I couldn't have

asked more from any of the team. It's been a great season with the team consistently playing above themselves," Steel said.

Player Andrew Haigh, he added, came out and had "a stormer of a match."

In other island soccer action, Salt Spring Alumni FC ended its recent losing skid when Sooke United failed to make an appearance for Sunday morning's match.

The forfeit puts Salt Spring a single point ahead of Sooke in the fight to avoid last spot in the Masters-A division.

Given that Salt Spring has three games in hand, it appears the team stands to dodge demotion to the Masters-B division for the 2010-11 season.

FC Alumni will attempt to extend its winning streak when it travels to play Cowichan on Thursday, April 1 at 7 p.m.

The team's final game of the year is at Portlock Park against Cowichan on Sunday, April 11 at 10:30 a.m.

FC Alumni is only four points behind Cowichan in the race for eighth position.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

## United launched into semi-finals with 4-1 win

Local women look forward to April 11 match

SS United's Div.-2 women were the clear winners at Sunday's Shergold Cup quarter-final match, taking home a 4-1 victory against Prospect Lake Over-30s.

Prospect Lake scored the first goal, which provided the spark to light United's fire to win the game. Salt Spring players controlled the play throughout for the rest of the day, denying Prospect Lake from getting back into net.

United's Rhea Davidson scored the goal to tie up the game at the end of the first half.

The team continued the momentum into the second half and put away three more goals, maintaining possession and consistently finishing passes.

United's second goal came from Joelle Morrison, who contributed to the third goal soon after.

"Joelle controlled a pass and

turned and shot a beautiful ball into the back of the net to give us the 2-1 lead we needed and deserved," said player Sue-Anne Donaldson.

"Shortly after, Joelle crossed a ball to Rhea, who made no mistake in putting the ball in the back of the net."

United commended Cheryl Johnson for her play throughout the match.

"Wow! She had a great game and gave us the clincher win with a textbook-perfect header into the net to leave us with a 4-1 lead," said Donaldson.

United advances to the cup semi-finals living up to its name — the team could not be more solidly bonded.

The semi-final match will be played April 11 at 2:15 p.m. in Victoria. United is planning to bring the cup home.

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## Galen Alfred Jones

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Galen Jones passed away after a brief fight with cancer. Passing peacefully at home with his family by his side, loving wife Betty, and girls Penny (Darren), Heather (Buck), Tammy, Chelsea (Forest) and nine grandchildren. He is also survived by one brother and one sister. The family wish to thank Dr. Reznick, Dr. Gummesson, nursing staff at Lady Minto Hospital, Royal Jubilee Hospital, the Cancer Clinic, and Home Support Nursing for their kind and caring support.

At Galen's request there will be no service. Donations to the Cancer Society or Red Cross would be appreciated. Friends are invited to join in a celebration of Galen's life at a date yet to be set.

Our hero lives on forever in our hearts.



### WENDY'S CHILDREN:

Patrick, Lindsay, and Anna would like to thank all of her friends on Salt Spring and beyond that shared part of her life. She has been a part of the community for many years and will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered. Her celebration of life was a beautiful day and everyone who offered support has been greatly appreciated. We would like to send a few special thank-yous: to Romi for his heart, courage and devotion. Lisa Lloyd for her friendship and hosting at her beautiful place, Heidi for her spectacular spread, Stephanie for her angelic voice, Sue for the beautiful flowers, Manu, The Local for making things smooth. Babsie, Judy, Zoe, David, Francie and the farm crew, your friendship is never forgotten. To those many more who have shared memories, thank you. We hope mom's kindness, generosity, and a little dash of crazy carries on. We will miss her so much and will always admire her bravery, dignity, wisdom and grace. Love you always mommy.  
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**1st hr. free to new students**  
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### COMING EVENTS

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MEADEN HALL  
Royal Canadian Legion  
7 PM TO 10:30 PM  
**CANCELLED**

Sponsored by  
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Royal Canadian Legion Br. 92

### CALL FOR ENTRIES

**8TH ANNUAL**  
Kitty Coleman Woodland  
Art & Bloom Festival.  
Fine Art and Quality Crafts  
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May 22, 23, 24  
Applications for Artisans  
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[woodlandgardens.ca](http://woodlandgardens.ca) or  
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## SUSAN HAIGH

**New Studio**  
Open  
for the  
Easter Art Tour  
this Weekend  
10am-5pm  
Fri-Sun  
289 Cusheon Lake Rd.  
info:  
**250-537-8912**

**VERNON BC SEARCH & RESCUE**  
searching for past members to  
celebrate Vernon Search &  
Rescue **50th Anniversary.**  
Please contact Stephanie at  
250-503-6423 for more information.

### COMING EVENTS

### CENTRE FOR CHILD HONOURING

presents  
**Mark Anielski, Ecological Economist**  
"GENUINE WEALTH:  
CREATING A GREEN CHILD  
HONOURING ECONOMY"  
Award-winning author of the  
bestselling book *The  
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well being for nations,  
businesses, communities &  
families.  
Reserve your seat!  
**3PM SUNDAY, APRIL 18**  
291 Long Harbour Rd.  
Tickets \$10 at Salt Spring  
Books and ant the door  
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Carpooling advised

**COMING SOON!** Salt Spring  
Painters Guild Spring Show.  
April 16-29 at ArtSpring.

**GOT PAIN?** Stiff, sore?  
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**HOST AN** Event for the 11th  
Annual Arts and Culture  
Week! April 18-24, schools &  
arts councils across BC are  
presenting arts events.  
[www.bcartsweek.org](http://www.bcartsweek.org).

**THURSDAY APRIL 8.** Robert  
Bateman- Thinking Like an  
Artist and a Naturalist. Art-  
Spring. Annual fundraising  
event for the SSI Conservancy.  
Doors open for silent  
auction at 6:30. 3 limited  
edition Bateman prints for the  
live auction. Multi-media  
presentation at 7:30.

### COMING EVENTS

*April Special:* Your  
first yoga class at the Centre is FREE.  
Bring a friend for tell a friend and take  
advantage of this opportunity!

*Class Schedule*  
Monday: 7:45am-8:45am, 4:30pm-6pm  
Tuesday: 7:45am-8:45am, 4:30pm-6pm  
Wednesday: 7:45am-8:45am, 4:30pm-6pm  
Thursday: 7:45am-8:45am, 4:30pm-6pm  
Friday: 7:45am-8:45am, 9am-10:30am

250.537.2326  
[www.saltspringcentre.com](http://www.saltspringcentre.com)

**Salt Spring Fire / Rescue**  
**Course Announcement**

**Air Brakes Endorsement Course**  
April 9th - 11th  
Fire Hall #1  
Instructed by Front Line  
Fire Department Training

To register for this class please call  
the Salt Spring Fire Department  
at 537-2531 or [trainingofficer@telus.net](mailto:trainingofficer@telus.net)

Course Times  
Friday 18:00 - 21:00  
Sat 08:00 - 16:30  
Sun 08:00 - 16:30 or earlier

Registration is \$325 For further info  
for the course, please call or email.  
payable to the Salt Spring Fire  
Department. Thank You.  
*Capt. Jamie Holmes*  
Training Officer  
Salt Spring Fire Rescue

### COMING EVENTS

**RUMSBY** July 10, 1930 - March 25, 2010  
**Arthur George** passed away at Braehaven  
Lodge Salt Spring Island. He is survived by his  
loving family, his wife Margery (SSI) daughter  
Roberta and grandson Michael (both of  
Spectacle Lake, BC), son Walter (Cindy) (SSI),  
and numerous cousins. He was predeceased  
by his parents George and Marion Rumsby.  
He attended Oaklands School, Lampson  
St. School and Esquimalt High School. Art  
was graduate of the 1949 class Victoria High  
School. After three years studies at Victoria  
Collage and UBC he worked as an electrical  
draughtsman at Yarrows, V.M.D. shipyards  
in Victoria and at Vickers-Montreal. To be  
his own boss he worked as an electrical  
draughtsman and electrician for 17 years in  
the Shawnigan-Cowichan Valley Areas. He  
spent his pre-retirement years as supervisor  
of the Electrical-Electronic department for  
Naval Engineer Unit (Pacific). He treasured the  
68 years he "lived and played" at his beloved  
Shawnigan. He always had many projects  
on the go and was often called upon to help  
friends with theirs. His retirement years were  
spent boating and camping which he loved  
dearly. Because of ill health he moved to Salt  
Spring in 2006.  
The family wish to give heartfelt thanks to  
Dr. Shane Barclay, Emergency staff at Lady  
Minto Hospital and to the staff and residents  
of Braehaven for their care, patience and  
understanding.  
Keep on a' boating Art. In lieu of flowers those  
wishing may make a donation to Greenwoods  
or a charity of their choice. Private service will  
be held at a later date as per Art's wishes.

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Dubois: *The Seven Last Words of Christ*  
Fauré: *Cantique de Jean Racine*  
Handel: *Israel in Egypt, Part One*

Conductor: James Stubbs

Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm  
Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm

SALT SPRING ISLAND UNITED CHURCH  
111 Hereford Avenue

Tickets: \$15/adult and \$5/youth  
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at the door

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## Cuban Salsa Classes

Malou Hall  
Sundays 6-8 pm  
April 11, 18, 25  
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

\$80 for 8wk program

Registration, payment & demo Tuesday April 6, 6 pm at Salt Spring Middle School dance studio.



## Garry Oaks Estate Winery

WINE DATES  
x 144.00  
285881  
COMING EVENTS

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250-653-4687  
GarryOaksWinery.com

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## Look for this week's Horoscope in Friday's edition of The Weekender

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## StageCoach Theatre School FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT OLIVER

Friday April 16 7 p.m.  
Saturday April 17 2 p.m.

ArtSpring Theatre  
Tickets on sale now  
\$12 for adults • \$8 for kids under 12

SPECIAL GROUP RATES  
Get your tickets today!

## Fundraiser for Christopher Jason

(let's help this little guy get to Germany for Stem Cell Therapy)


Saturday, April 10th 7pm  
Fulford Hall

Come and dance the night away to a great line up of local musicians.  
(door prizes - appetizers)

\$15 per ticket on sale at Island Star Video \$20 at the door

Stem Cell Therapy

- Silent Auction
- Cash Bar
- Door Prizes
- 50/50 Draw



\* The Brent Shindell House Band with Dave Roland, Matt Steffich & Lorne Burns  
\* Auntie Kate & the Uncles of Funk  
\* Stephanie Rhodes

www.christopherjason.ca



## New shipment in for spring!

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SATURDAY, APRIL 3. Mittenatch Island, Jewel of Georgia Strait with Alison Watt. And, The Mittenatch Nature Legacy- The biological legacy of Mittenatch Island with Rob Butler. Mittenatch Island is an important nesting colony for thousands of bird species. Fundraiser for the volunteer Ecological Reserve Wardens. Co-sponsored by the SSI Conservancy, Lion's Hall. Silent auction open: 6pm. Slide pres. 7 pm.

## Who reads us?

88% of Islanders read the Driftwood each week.  
-Combase survey

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## Knotty Threads on the Fine Art tour

Krave Easter Chocolates

New: Local hand spun yarn hand painted shawls work by Kristin Chursinoff

111 Morningside Dr. in Fulford  
Apr. 2/3/4 & 5  
Fri/Sat/Sun & Mon  
10-5pm  
250-653-4137 for more info



## HUGE ONE DAY ONLY Annual sidewalk sale

Saturday, April 3rd  
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up to 50%

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INFORMATION

## Connecting your giving to island needs



Each year your community foundation distributes over \$100,000 in grants to our island's charitable organizations. Please send your donation to SSIF, Box 244, Ganges PO, SSI, BC V8K 2V2 or donate through the Foundation's website.

For more information please go to the website, phone 537-8305, or email info@saltspringislandfoundation.org  
www.saltspringislandfoundation.org

## Run it 'til it sells. \$24.99

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All ads appear on-line at:  
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Your private party (merchandise) classified ad will run in our next 4 insertions • If you need to modify the ad or run it again, just call us and we'll run it again for another 4 insertions • Extra lines at 1/2 price • Please, no more than 3 items, call to remove an item.


## NOTICE

### Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District ELECTION OF TRUSTEES 2010

The following persons were elected as Trustees of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District, by acclamation, for a term of office commencing at the termination of the Annual General Meeting to be held on April 19th, 2010 and ending at the termination of the Annual General Meeting to be held in the year 2013.

**Ronald B. Chamney**  
**Michael Schubart**

There will be **NO** election by voting on April 19, 2010.



Thomas F. Moore, returning Officer

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LOST AND FOUND

FOUND: BLACK BRC mountain bike at info centre. 250-537-1763.

FOUND: T-SHIRT (green w/ lace), Fulford area. Call 250-537-1813.

LOST: ENGLISH hazelnut walking stick, natural wood, sentimental, 250-537-1772

GULF ISLAND RETREAT Charming 2 bdrm cottage on romantic Protection Island near Nanaimo. Check out the website at www.paigecottage.com for pictures and rates. Email: paigecottage@gmail.com

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WANTED: EXPERIENCED Fulltime Receptionist to answer incoming calls and greet clientele at Regal Ridge in the sunny South Okanagan. Please submit resume admin@regalridge.com / amanda@regalridge.com.

WORD OF THE WEEK  
**'Mytacism'**  
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# Thank You!

Thanks to all who dropped by the Driftwood's 50th Anniversary Community Newspaper Party, and thanks to those groups and businesses who brought their memorabilia:

- Mouats Trading Co.
- Salt Spring Historical Society
- Ganges Pharmasave
- Farmer's Institute
- Salt Spring Inn
- Harbour House
- Laurie's Recycling
- Royal LePage
- Patterson's Market
- Salt Spring Public Library

## Our "best dressed" Islanders are

MARY TANTI AND MOBY THE DOG  
SANDY ENGLISH  
ELLIS HOFFMAN  
COLLEEN & LORNE SHANTZ  
TERESA HITCH

## THE WINNERS OF THE DOOR PRIZES OF 2010 COIN SETS WERE:

**Carron Carson and Cindy Booth**

CONGRATULATIONS TO:  
**Deborah Hollingsworth!**  
The winner of the ounce of gold in the "Gold Bar" contest sponsored by:  
Ganges Pharmasave, Country Grocer, Harlan's and the Driftwood.



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Saltspring Island, BC

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Successful applicants will have great interest in retailing, working with the public and learning about (or have knowledge of) wines, beers, and spirits. They will participate in developing a business recognized by its customers as first-class due to the expertise and service attributes of its staff and management, the store environment and product offerings.

Duties include stocking, serving customers, check-out operation and general tasks.

Please apply in person with resume to:

Nicki Hockley, Manager,  
Upper Ganges Liquor Store  
378, Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island,  
BC V8K 2V7

Or by email [nicki@uppergangesliquorstore.com](mailto:nicki@uppergangesliquorstore.com)

No phone calls, please.

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**CERTIFIED DENTAL** Assistant is required on beautiful Salt Spring Island BC. Start immediately. Please call Dr. McGinn at 250-537-1616 or e-mail resume to [drmcginn@telus.net](mailto:drmcginn@telus.net).

**CERTIFIED DENTAL** Assistant required for ft position. Start immediately. Please call Dr. McGinn at 250-537-1616, or e-mail resume to [drmcginn@telus.net](mailto:drmcginn@telus.net).

**FULL TIME**, laborer needed for recycling depot on Salt Spring Island. Send resume with references to the Cowichan Valley Bottle Depot, 6476 Norcross Rd., Duncan, BC, V9L 5T3 or email: [info@islandreturnit.com](mailto:info@islandreturnit.com)

**HASTINGS HOUSE** has positions available in our House-keeping Department for part time, day and evening shifts. Please drop off your resume to our reception office.

**HERITAGE PLACE** for Seniors invites bids on a contract basis for the maintenance of its established gardens. Please contact Donna Regen at 250-537-2845 for details and an appt. to view the grounds.

**LEMARE LAKE** Logging Ltd., is accepting resumes for Coastal Hand Fallers on Northern Vancouver Island. Please send resume by fax or email; Attention: Jen Ouellette, 250-956-4888 or [jouellette@lemare.ca](mailto:jouellette@lemare.ca)

**LICENSED AUTOMOTIVE** technician is required for OK Tire in Port Hardy, B.C. If interested please send fax resume to 250-949-7723 or email: [oktire@cablerocket.com](mailto:oktire@cablerocket.com) Attn: Gus.

**MARKET PLACE** Cafe is accepting applications for cook. Eight years experience minimum. Must have resume, 103-149 Fulford-Ganges Rd.

**NAHANNI CONSTRUCTION**, Yellowknife, NT. Nahanni Construction is currently looking for Journeyman Certified: Electricians, Welders, Plumbers and Scaffolders. Please apply by sending your resume to: [Jody@NahanniNCL.com](mailto:Jody@NahanniNCL.com).

**THAI COOK** assistant for restaurant in Salmon Arm, BC. Two years experience 35 - 40 hrs per week. \$1,500 - \$2,000 monthly. Fax resume Nipa 1-250-804-0694.

**SALT SPRING INN** requires an experienced Prep/Line Cook, and dishwashers for the upcoming season. Resume in person please.

**PART TIME** housekeeper at Green Acres Resort. 250-537-2585.

**SALT SPRING INN** looking for p/t early morning cleaner Contact: Tom 250-537-9339



## Island Women Against Violence (IWAIV)

### Salt Spring Island Transition House has vacancies for 2 front line support workers:

1. On call.
2. Temporary part-time

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Crisis line training/background or equivalent. Knowledge of family violence dynamics. Feminist analysis of violence against women and children. Excellent communication skills. Direct frontline transition house experience an asset.

For complete job description contact Transition House Coordinator 250-537-0719.

**Submit resume to: Transition House Coordinator,**  
**Email: [thcoordinator@iwav.org](mailto:thcoordinator@iwav.org)**  
**Fax: 250-537-0736**  
**DEADLINE: 4 p.m. April 2, 2010**

*Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.*



## Secretary / Administrative Assistant Job Posting:

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue is seeking a full time Secretary / Administrative Assistant, reporting directly to the Fire Chief. Responsibilities include, but not limited to; customer relations, office administration, multi tasking, working under pressure, filing, and data entry. The suitable candidate must be; a team player and professional in manner, a quick thinker, able to learn quickly and be self motivated; be able to adjust to all types of stress and demanding situations quickly and often; be able to take directives and process tasks with limited assistance or unsupervised.

Applicants must have a minimum of Grade 12 education plus high competency skill levels relating to: customer relations, confidentiality, typing 60 correct words per minute, dictation, booking of appointments, composition of letters and correspondence. The candidate must have excellent; verbal communication and strong listening skills; as well as a thorough knowledge of all Microsoft applications.

Applicants must include within their resume; their work experience and a list of four potential references. If you are interested in being part of this progressive team please submit your resume to the Ganges Fire Station by 5:00pm on March 31st / 2010 in person or by registered mail to Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue, 105 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2T1.

**Please clearly indicate on the front "Secretary / Administrative Assistant Application".**

The Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District offers a competitive salary and benefit package.

The tentative start date is April 12th 2010. Only those applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.

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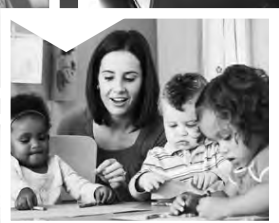
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## Island Women Against Violence (IWAIV) is seeking an Executive Director

IWAIV 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 April 9, 2010 by mail only to:

**IWAIV Search Committee**  
**#2 - 130 Corbett Road, \***  
**Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1T2**

*\*Address incomplete in previous ads. Deadline extended.*

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**OIL SPILL** Response Technician-Vancouver Island-Duncan Burrard Clean Operations, a division of Western Canada Marine Response Corporation is an Oil Spill Response Organization, certified by Transport Canada to provide oil spill response services to ships, and oil handling facilities in British Columbia waters. This is a one year temporary position with potential to be permanent. We offer a competitive salary and benefits package. We are looking for a qualified and highly motivated individual to join our Vancouver Island oil spill response team, based out of Duncan. As a member of the response team, the successful individual will take a role in the maintenance of specialized response equipment, our vessels, and will participate in hands on response training for marine oil spills on the B.C. coast. All applicants must hold a 60 Tonne Master Limited ticket or better, issued by Transport Canada. Mechanical aptitude and emergency response experience are definite assets. The location for this position is based out of Duncan. Please submit a cover letter and resume to: Web Site: [www.burrardclean.com](http://www.burrardclean.com) Email: [billj@burrardclean.com](mailto:billj@burrardclean.com) Fax: (250) 746-9447

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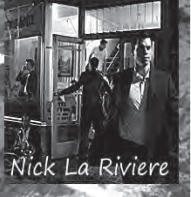
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**VISUAL ARTS**

## Easter weekend heralds SSI's start to the fine art season

Eric Klemm retrospective and new work at Mahon Hall

Salt Spring's visual arts terrain will be fantastically fertile this weekend with 40 galleries, studios and special exhibits participating in the Easter Art Tour.

The tour runs Friday through Sunday, April 2 to 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and people can pick up a self-guided tour map at Mahon Hall.

The focus of the fourth annual event is a retrospective exhibit by world-renowned photographer Eric Klemm, which will be set up at Mahon Hall.

In addition to images from his acclaimed Silent Warriors series among others, viewers will be the first in the world to see three large-scale prints from Italian Journey, his newest



Eric Klemm's Venice, Sept. 28th from Italian Journey.


photographic project.

Italian Journey involved Klemm taking precisely the same trip and visiting the same stations on the exact same day as the German poet Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, except 223 years later. The Salt Spring artist left Carlsbad in the Czech Republic on Sept. 3, 2009, travelling through Germany to Lago di Garda, Verona, Vicenza, Padua, Venice, Ferrara, Bologna, Florence, Perugia, Assisi

and arriving in Rome at the end of October.

"My photographs are a personal essay, inspired by Goethe," said Klemm. "It has not at all been my intention to produce a comprehensive account of Goethe's book. Nevertheless there were many moments of profound communion."

See the Driftwood Weekender this Friday for more on the Easter Art Tour, which is sponsored by the Salt Spring Arts Council.



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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### DANCE PARTY

# You only turn 40 once: Pogo reunion at HHH

Guest performers and the Mancubs celebrate David Jacquest milestone

David Jacquest will be familiar to long-time Driftwood readers who have followed his exploits and is known for famously having won more scholarships than any other Gulf Islands Secondary student in the '80s, only to drop out and pursue his one true passion: playing rock and roll.

He celebrates his 40th birthday this weekend with a Saturday, April 3 party in the Green Room at the Harbour House flanked by a bevy of well-known Salt Spring Island musicians.

The bill features island favourites Sharon Bailey and the Skinny Dippers; Palu Rainbowsong; guest Mancub Aaron Trory; and even features a reunion of one of Salt Spring's great rock groups of the '80s: Pogo and the Carrot Revolution. The group featured Malcolm and Roderick Shoolbraid. David was Pogo.

Jacquest offered the following Q&A between himself and his alter ego (respected fictional correspondent and music critic) J.D. Rocker'fella in advance of the Saturday night party with his friends and band-mates the Mancubs.

**JD: How did you come up with the name "the Mancubs"?**

DJ: I'm a huge fan of Rudyard Kipling and also the original Disney Jungle Book movie so I wanted to pay tribute to that. It was a good name for describing our eternal foolishness and would also appeal to children, which was important to me. Mowgli is the innocent "man cub" in a jungle of potential hostiles and I thought that was an appropriate metaphor for the life of any artist, and musicians in particular, who seem to get into more trouble than the rest of them!

**JD: I hear you're working on a new album. What can you tell me about it?**

DJ: Well, it's an e.p. really, produced by Roderick Shoolbraid, which with a little luck will metamorphosis into a whole album as we've got dozens of songs around. I've got literally albums worth of unreleased material in many genres and Dave Lettinga (Mancubs bassist and fellow songwriter) seems to write one or two songs a week so in that sense we'll be good to go if we can keep having the time and energy for it!

**JD: What can you tell me about the music you're recording?**

DJ: At this point we're working on the feel-good hit of the summer called Salt Spring Girls, which Dave Lettinga wrote with a little help from yours truly here



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

David Jacquest performing at Canada Day events last year.

**A little tradition mixed with a bit of the avant-garde; so it should be a very fun evening all around!**

content-wise, and one called Crawl, which is one of the heaviest things I have ever written and it's heavily influenced by Iggy and the Stooges as far as vocal delivery and attitude goes. The two others are quite sophisticated pop numbers which are technically the most advanced things I've ever played on so there are some fun challenges there and the material really is all over the map. If we add in some dance music and a couple more rock tunes, at some point we'll have a pretty good album, I think.

**JD: Who else is on the bill?**

DJ: We've got Palu Rainbow-song to open which I'm really excited about as he entertained me to no end at the Treehouse open stage last summer. Palu is Canada's biggest Youtube star and generally takes suggestions from his audience as to what his mate-

rial should be, and then makes it up on the spot! Very impressive!

Then my sister Suzanne is coming from Alberta to sing a few "filkes," which contain her own lyrics set to tunes by Abba and other groups people are familiar with. Her material is very earthy and generally leaves people in stitches, so I'm predicting this will be my favourite part of the evening. Then Nikki and I are going to play a couple of tunes together as the Savage Blackberries, followed by the first public performance by old-time island group Pogo and the Carrot Revolution in almost 15 years.

Following that bit of mayhem we'll have a set by Sharon Bailey and the Skinny Dippers before the Mancubs finally hit the stage for an hour or two of good old-fashioned rock music. A little tradition mixed with a bit of the avant-garde; so it should be a very fun evening all around!

**JD: In the past you've done tributes to the Beatles, Elvis Costello, Led Zeppelin and Van Halen. Who are you doing this time around?**

DJ: It's a party. We're doing everybody!

David Jacquest's 40th birthday party begins at 7 p.m. Admission is limited and by donation so people should come early to guarantee their place on the dance floor! Children are welcome!

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Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. will see the United Church sanctuary filled with wonderful music offered by more than 60 musicians and directed by Jim Stubbs.

On the program is Part One of Handel's great oratorio for double choir: Israel in Egypt, the beautiful Cantique de Jean Racine by Faure and the dramat-

ic cantata The Seven Last Words of Christ, by Theodore Dubois.

"Bringing together many musicians with very busy schedules is a challenge, but the rewarding end result will be a great concert for singers, players and audience members alike," promises a press release about the event.

Tickets are available at the United Church office in advance or at the door.

## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## VISITING PERFORMERS

## 'Groove shoes' required for Kuba Oms

Band includes Moby's stop in busy touring schedule

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Springers will have the rare chance to see a big name act in an intimate venue when Kuba Oms and Velvet take the stage at Moby's on Friday, April 2.

Oms' live electronica jams with his band Velvet have been legendary in Victoria's club scene for over a decade. A record deal that went south and personal issues took the spotlight away for a period, but recently that light has been focused more brightly than ever. Last year's competition/boot camp for emerging artists produced by Vancouver rock radio station The Peak positioned Oms as a major contender for \$150,000 in development funds, as one of 20 finalist groups from the 450 who applied.

Critics have compared Oms' sound to a mixture of soulful acts, from Ben Harper to Jamiroquai and Stevie Wonder. Of mixed Scottish and Indian heritage, he's got the looks to complete the rock star package.

Hismusicas evolved over the years to shift from a jazzy electronica sound to one that's more influenced by the psychedelic rock Oms enjoyed listening to as a teenager, "wicked old groups" like Jimi Hendrix and Led Zeppelin.

Oms missed out on the Peak Performance Project's top three prizes but was a runner-up and an audience favourite. The experience not only put him back in the game but linked



him creatively to some of B.C.'s most exciting new bands.

"It was cool," Oms said during an interview from his home in Victoria. "We didn't win but we felt like we did. It created quite a community amongst all the emerging artists and I made a lot of friends. A few collabs will be coming out of it."

The experience also provided the kick-start for Oms to release his long anticipated solo album — he says he always works better with a deadline.

Since finishing the Peak Performance Project Oms has rocked huge crowds playing multiple shows in arena-type settings for Olympic events in the Whistler and Vancouver in what he called a "once in a lifetime experience."

"I know there was controversy about the Olympics in the years

and months coming in, with the homeless people and drug addicts in the Downtown East Side, and money going to sports instead. But I really felt it was quite fascinating to see the city and country come together like that.

"I got to meet some cool folks — I met a lot of athletes while playing in the athletes' village."

Oms' current touring schedule will have him in Montreal and Toronto before he gets to Salt Spring — in Montreal sharing the stage with Common, the chart-topping and Grammy-winning socially conscious rapper. After the Salt Spring gig he goes to LA.

In fact, it's only the lucky fact of Oms' friendship with Moby's music programmer Matt Johnson that brings the group to the island, but don't expect them to hold back. The

energy will be just as intense as bigger stages.

Oms said the show at Moby's will feature some of his solo tracks, but will mostly consist of Velvet's material, which he describes as live house music with a disco vibe: "If you close your eyes you might think it's a DJ, and then you open your eyes and you're like, 'Whoa!'"

"We're very improv based — we really groove off the audience."

"We don't usually play small rooms. I'm a bit of a hippie so I'm excited to go and soak [Salt Spring] up a bit," Oms concluded, adding that audience members should definitely bring their groove shoes on Friday night.

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Kuba Oms performs at Moby's on Friday, April 2 with Velvet.



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## FILM

## Galiano alumnus snags Genie nod

Rip! A Remix Manifesto is piling up awards

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Former Galiano Island resident Brett Gaylor has been nominated for a Genie Award for his documentary film called Rip! A Remix Manifesto.

The nod for Best Documentary Film by the Canadian Cinematic Academy comes on top of a dozen awards and nominations Gaylor has already received.

His film about the creative use of others' material and copyright laws in music is the winner of audience choice awards at documentary festivals in Cape Town and Amsterdam, winner of the People's Choice award and a special jury award for best documentary at the Whistler Film Festival and winner of the Don Haig award at Toronto's Hot Docs festival.

Produced jointly by the National Film Board and members of Eye-SteelFilm, Rip! A Remix Manifesto

invites viewers to immerse themselves in "the energetic, innovative and potentially illegal world of mash-up media."

EyeSteelFilm's web site describes how the feature length documentary follows Girl Talk, a "biomedical engineer turned live-performance sensation."

"Utilizing technical expertise and a ferocious creative streak, Girl Talk repositions popular music to create a wild and edgy dialogue between artists from all genres and eras. But are his practices legal? Do his methods of frenetic appropriation embrace collaboration in its purest sense? Or are they infractions of creative integrity and violations of copyright?"

Maclean's Magazine calls the film "a knockout," while Needle Drop Magazine says it is a "film that everyone should see."

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Jon and Roy take the stage at ArtSpring this Saturday night with songs from their new CD.

## CONCERT PREVIEW



# West coast cutting-edge band on SSI, ready to release new CD

ArtSpring audience among first to hear Homes from Jon & Roy

Salt Spring Islanders will be among the first to be treated to music from the second album by popular Vancouver Island "new folk" performers Jon and Roy at a Saturday, April 3 ArtSpring concert.

Expectations are high since Jon and Roy's debut album — Another Noon — surprised the band with how far its music travelled.

"Soon after its release, songs from Another Noon found their way into the scores of many movies and TV shows," explains press material. "Volkswagen called to use a song in a commer-

cial. Their music appeared on charts and radio internationally. They found themselves playing live all over Canada, performing at major festivals, on tour in the UK and doing shows and tours with Xavier Rudd, The Cat Empire and Buck 65. Suddenly a band that had focused more on its rehearsal space and local fan base now began a more frenetic pace as it addressed a growing audience worldwide."

Coming back home to record, to the roots of where they began playing, was the start of a long and creative process.

Having developed from its origins as the duo of Jon Middleton (guitar/vocals) and Roy Vizer (drums/percussion) into a four-piece band, with the addition of long-time accompanist Dougal Bain Maclean on violin/man-

dolin and friend Ryan Tonelli on bass, the band has explored a new approach in their songwriting, which is evident on their new album Homes.

"This is a collection of 14 meticulously crafted songs in the continuing vein of Jon and Roy, an album that ventures into new territory as the band evolves and grows."

Homes is being issued by Victoria's Blue Heron Records and distributed by Warner Canada.

Saturday night's concert begins at 8 p.m., with doors open at 7:30 p.m. The band will be joined by Salt Spring's own Billie Woods.

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**The Fantastic Mr. Fox**

In a trend that I hope continues for some time, it appears that "serious" directors are making extremely successful turns working on films aimed at kids. My favourite early example is Alfonso Cuarón's Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, but as of this year we've also had Spike Jonze's Where the Wild Things are and now Wes Anderson's The Fantastic Mr. Fox.

Wes Anderson's films are hard to describe but easy to recognize: Rushmore, The Royal Tenenbaums, The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou, and The Darjeeling Limited. In a strange way, The Fantastic Mr. Fox is a completely different affair yet thematically similar. It may be shot in old-school stop-motion and have animals as main characters, but those characters are the same Anderson-esque collection of social misfits and charming rogues.

Mr. Fox (George Clooney) and Mrs. Fox (Meryl Streep) live with their son Ash (Jason Schwartzman) in a newly acquired birch tree. Although he's living the semi-charmed domestic life, Mr. Fox yearns for the risk and challenge of his youth.

Recruiting first his friend Kylie (Wallace Wolodarsky) and then Mrs. Fox's very athletic nephew Kristofferson (Eric Anderson), Mr. Fox starts spending his nights raiding local farms.

His haphazard new plan backfires as three local farm owners retaliate by coming after every animal in the area, and our hero is forced to figure out a way to save the community.

Anderson's distinctive style is perfect for the material, making his film a wonder to look at and worthy of multiple viewings. There is always something to look at, whether it be the fuzzy hair on the creature's faces, the infinite amount of detail in the background, or Anderson's trademark wide shots that frequently show a cross-section of landscape from high in the sky to hundreds of feet underground.

Like Where the Wild Things Are, The Fantastic Mr. Fox is not really aimed at younger kids. Older kids might well be entertained, but it's adults that will most appreciate the film's hilariously awkward dialogue, pitch-perfect voice acting by big-name Hollywood actors and occasional melancholy.

Anderson, Jonze, and Cuarón are proving something I've felt for a long time: free from the tyranny of dealing with supposedly "adult" realism, kids' movies can often be more insightful than anything Hollywood deems a "serious film." It's too bad that so many of us old people think animation and talking animals automatically mean Saturday morning cartoons.

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## CONSERVANCY EVENT

# Robert Bateman to speak on recent work at fundraiser

Lecture and auction benefits nature

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Celebrated Canadian wildlife artist Robert Bateman will speak about his most recent artistic works at ArtSpring next Thursday, April 8.

The multimedia presentation is being billed as Thinking as an Artist and a Naturalist, the two sides of Bateman that have inspired his life's work. While that title plays off Thinking Like a Mountain, the 2002 publication of the personal philosophy that underpins his nature paintings, Bateman said an alternative title could just as well be Bateman: New Works — the title of an upcoming book being released by Greystone this fall.

"I based a lot of talks on that book, and there will be some overlapping of ideas because I still hold the same general philosophies,"



PHOTO BY BIRGIT FREYBE BATEMAN

Robert Bateman sketching an elephant in South East Asia, 2009. His multi-media presentation runs April 8 at ArtSpring.

Bateman said in an interview on Monday.

Despite the shared intent, however, the upcoming presentation will consist of material that will be entirely new to past audiences.

"Everything will be fresh and new. I base the talk on paintings I've done in the last 15 years."

He will also discuss his recent techniques, such as graphite drawings on canvas and the addition of original hand-pressed prints.

The diverse subjects he's painted over the past decade and a half will be the springboard from which to address environmental and social issues. For example, he said, an image of polar bears will lead in an obvious direction.

Another image of an "in-your-face" tiger-skin rug will lead to a discussion on "one of the most sinister and stupid acts affecting some of our species" — the illegal hunting of animals such as tigers, bears and rhinos for virility medicines.

Another topic that's likely to come up is Bateman's most recent campaign against "nature-deficit disorder" (the term coined by author Richard Louv).

"Kids are not going out into nature anymore. I'm proud of my daughter Sarah, who's an activist in that area. She's working with volunteers to make sure that is happening," Bateman said.

The group Sarah volunteers with is none other than the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, which Bateman will benefit with the proceeds of the lecture and the donation of three original prints for silent auction.

Bateman said groups like the conservancy have increased in number many times since he first started environmental awareness work in 1965, working to achieve real results like the saving of B.C.'s Carmanah Valley from logging companies.

However, even with the admirable progress made by environmen-

tal groups, Bateman said, organizations like the conservancy need to be supported in their work.

"There's a huge and growing movement and all kinds of people out there doing things to keep down the rampant development of the '50s and '60s. The tar sands is another area. But the people who just want to make a dollar are getting more organized too."

"I think that things are happening so quickly here on Salt Spring, being such a wonderful place to live, that a lot of wonderful lands and places that need to be conserved are being developed."

Tickets to the presentation are \$25 at the ArtSpring box office. Arrive early for the 7:30 show for the chance to take home Bateman's original art through the silent auction, beginning at 6:30. The prints are: Screech Owl in Pine (2009), valued at \$200; Spirit Bear (1996), valued at \$500; and Wolf Pair in Winter (1994), valued at \$1,700.

## MUSICAL THEATRE

# Oliver musical coming this way via Stagecoach Theatre School

Tickets now on sale for April 16-17 show

Stagecoach Theatre School students have been working for months on their annual year-end show, and promise an evening of great entertainment when they present Oliver on April 16-17.

Directed by Maggie O'Scalleigh and Adina Hildebrandt, this well-known musical features students from the On Stage and Musical Theatre classes.

"The large cast will sing and dance into your hearts as they retell this famous story, specially adapted for the ArtSpring stage by Adina and Maggie,"

states a press release. "There will be sets, costumes, make-up — a full production! Of course, the live show band is under the direction of Karen Arney."

In addition to the grassroots production, the special opening act is a live radio play entitled The Black Knight. It will feature students from the Spotlight class under the direction of Don Keith.

Stagecraft class members will manage the lighting, sound and stage management for both productions, and their instructor Marv Coulthard has arranged some interesting surprises.

There will also be a silent auction at the event, featuring work by local artists and

treasures from generous donors.

Tickets for the show are on sale now at ArtSpring. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$8 for kids under 12.

A special rate is available for groups of 10 or more, and Stagecoach suggests islanders could collect to purchase 10 seats, which could then be donated to Salt Spring Community Services for families who might otherwise be unable to afford to attend.

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### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Mexico City & The Russian Play.** Halifax-based 2b theatre's production of two one-act plays by Canadian playwright Hannah Moscovitch. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Plastics-Styrofoam Recycling Depot.** Pick-up service at Country Grocer parking lot. 9 a.m. to noon. Info: www.pacificmobiledepots.com

## Thurs. Apr. 1

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Mexico City & The Russian Play.** See Wednesday listing.  
**Open Mic.** Hosted by Stephanie Rhodes at The Local. 8 p.m.  
**Blues Night.** With Gary Preston & Dave Roland at Moby's. 8 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Mindfulness Meditation.** Seven Thursday Vipassana course begins with Heather Martin. Info: hmartin@saltspringwireless.com

## Fri. Apr. 2

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Mexico City & The Russian Play.** See Wednesday listing.  
**Easter Celebration.** SS United Church Choir, Bach on the Rock Choir and Bach on the Rock Orchestra perform at the United Church. 7:30 p.m.  
**Tom and Scout Upex.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 5 to 8 p.m.  
**Kuba Oms & Velvet.** Live music at Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.  
**Alan Micelli.** Live music at the Harbour House. 6:30 to 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Rollerblading.** Fridays at Fulford Hall. 7:30 to 9 p.m.

## Sat. Apr. 3

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Jon & Roy.** CD release concert at ArtSpring. With guest Billie Woods. 8 p.m.  
**Easter Celebration.** See Friday listing, except the concert time is 2 p.m.  
**David Jacquest's 40th Birthday Party.** Mancubs, Sharon Bailey & the Skinny Dippers, Pogo & the Carrot Revolution and more. All-ages event at the Harbour House Green Room. Doors at 7 p.m.  
**Vaughn Fulford & the Folk Fiendes.** Live music at the Harbour House. 6:30 to 9 p.m.  
**Julia Beattie.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 5 to 8 p.m.  
**DJ Hotness.** Music at Moby's. 8 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Mitlenatch Island Fundraiser.** Multimedia presentation, art and book auction. Benefit for volunteer island wardens. Lions Hall. Doors at 6 p.m., presentation at 7 p.m.  
**Saturday Market in the Park.** First market of the season begins today in Centennial Park.

## Sun. Apr. 4

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Live Jazz.** TBA at Moby's. 7 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Easter at the Cheese Farm.** Open house with baby animals, Easter Bunny and Easter egg hunts at 285 Reynolds Road. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Wine Appreciation Course.** Five-Sunday Community Ed course begins today. info@ssicommunityed.org.

## Mon. Apr. 5

### ACTIVITIES

No activities scheduled at this time.

## Tues. Apr. 6

### ACTIVITIES

**Arthritis Self-Management Program.** Six-Tuesday course begins. Info/registration: Sharon Glover, 250-537-4607.  
**SSI Search & Rescue.** AGM at SAR hall. 7 p.m.

## Wed. Apr. 7

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Angele Dubeau & La Pieta.** Virtuoso violinist at ArtSpring. 8 p.m.  
**Simon and Doris Rook.** Piano recital at Music and Munch. All Saints. 12:10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**CA Activity.** SS Painters Guild workshop with Nancy O'Toole. ArtSpring. 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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### EXHIBITIONS

- Easter Art Tour** — pick up a self-guided map for 40 fine art galleries, artist studios and special exhibits at Mahon Hall, and see the Eric Klemm retrospective at the hall. Tour runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily Fri., April 2 through Sunday, April 4, with a reception with photographer Eric Klemm on Sat., April 3, 6 to 9 p.m.
- Susan Haigh's new studio** is open at 289 Cusheon Lake Road. Visit the studio on the Easter Art Tour. April 2 to 4, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Point Gallery:** 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 10. Walk-in entrance on South Ridge Drive in Fulford. More information: 250-653-0089.
- Margaret Briggs** has a retrospective show of her paintings at **Island Savings Credit Union** until the end of April.
- Starfish Gallery & Studio** is featuring new work from local photographers **Gilean Proctor**, **Susan Huber**, **Ken Ketchum**, **Skip Smith** and emerging artist **Anais La Rue**.
- Gallery 8** — formerly J. Mitchell Gallery — has re-opened its doors in Grace Point Square with a fresh new look, including work by **Carol Evans**.
- Cafe Talia** features native eagle masks, drums and oars by **Halukwii** from Nitinaht Lake, B.C.
- Shari Macdonald** shows new photos at **Jana's Bake Shop**.

### Thinking Like an Artist and a Naturalist

Multimedia presentation by Robert Bateman  
Thursday, April 8 ArtSpring  
Silent auction, 6:30 p.m.; Presentation at 7:30 p.m.  
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**BOOK LAUNCH:** Artist Carol Evans, right, signs a copy of *The Shores We Call Home: The Art of Carol Evans* at a reception at Gallery 8, where her artwork can be seen, on Friday night.

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**FIRST NATIONS**

## Salt Spring puts creative energy into Raising the Longhouse event

Fundraiser set for April 11 at Fulford Hall

**BY KATE LESLIE AND JACQUELINE THOMAS**  
 SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

As Salt Spring is known for its artists and musicians, it is fitting that the community will soon be hosting a cultural extravaganza, Raising the Longhouse, to fundraise for the loss of the Tsawout First Nation's own cultural centre.

Last summer the Tsawout Longhouse, located on the Tsawout's reserve just south of Sidney, burned down. (The Tsawout First Nation owns reserve lands on Salt Spring, as well as on other Gulf Islands and the Saanich Peninsula).

This was a great loss to all the Saanich First Nations, as the longhouse is the place where traditions are passed on, names are handed down and children are raised up in the ways of their culture. The Longhouse was important for the cultural revitalization of ceremonies and community feasts, many

of which were lost during the residential school era, or pushed underground by federal government bans.

Tsawout Longhouse spokesperson Eric Pelkey will be one of the speakers at the Salt Spring event. Shortly after the fire, he shared his thoughts about the significance of the disaster: "When the people are brought into the longhouse they get taken back to their culture. They eat a special diet to clean out their system so it is like a mind, body and spirit purification. Seven of my children have been in the longhouse with their grandmother's teachings, so this is a great personal loss to me."

Salt Spring Islanders for Justice and Reconciliation, together with other Salt Spring groups and individuals, have committed themselves to raise funds to help rebuild the longhouse. The fundraising campaign opens on April 11 at Fulford Hall with the cultural event, Raising the Longhouse, where aboriginal and non-aboriginal participants will come together to educate, entertain and delight.

A press release explains: "We feel a connection to the Tsawout people not only because of the support and invitations to lunches and events that have passed between us, but because most of us over the years have enjoyed — as have many island people — the generous sharing of the Tsawout Reserve lands on Salt Spring, at the south end."

Tsawout participants will include singer/drummer Toby Joseph and speakers Eric Pelkey and Doreen Pelkey; from Nanaimo and Salt Spring are Ed Peekeekoot and Alan Moberg; also from Salt Spring are Judy Sims and Sweetwater, and Olympic fiddler Wesley Hardisty of the group Wallabee Indeed. To round off the cast is Shilo Zylbergold as MC. Before the event and during the intermission, an assortment of delectable wild foods will be offered for sale by participants of the Wolf Kids program under the tutelage of long-time caterer David Krieger.

Doors for Raising the Longhouse open at 1:30 p.m., with the event beginning at 2 p.m. A suggested donation of \$15 is requested.

**DANCE**

## GISPA dancers pair with innovative troupe

Helix Dance Theatre at ArtSpring April 9

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A new dance company that brings together students from Vancouver Island and Salt Spring will visit ArtSpring for its debut performance. Parksville-based Helix Dance Theatre will showcase gifted young dancers, including locals Amalia Smith and Anna Melious on Friday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m.

According to press material, Helix uses "contemporary jazz theatre as a medium to convey education through dance." Artistic directors and founders Sarah Panichelli-Devito and Kortney Hunchuk guide dancers through a collaborative choreography process that develops dancers' leadership skills and helps prepare them for their next level of training as artists.

Jill Smith, who has taught dance at the Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts throughout

the program's five-year history, said the goals of Helix and GISPA are remarkably similar. That's why she encouraged Helix to perform on Salt Spring and to provide a workshop for GISPA dance students.

"The whole concept is meant to be inclusive — they're creating a community of dancers," Smith said of Helix. "The concept of GISPA is youth creating their own dance. It's great to connect with a similar community."

Smith said the Helix dancers are at a level where they're ready to step up and be more mature in preparation for future dance careers. The girls range in age from 16 to 19 and come from Salt Spring, Parksville, the Qualicum area and Courtenay/Comox. The advantage to the cross section of ages and training is a much more diverse, professional type studio.

"I think it's really healthy," said Smith, whose daughter Amalia is a rising star at GISPA and also a member of Helix. "Every studio has its slightly different style of teaching and style of dance, so

they bring them all together like a real studio rather than a school setting.

"There's some great dancers in this group, and all different ages. Someone can always do it better than you, or different than you — so it creates an environment of growth."

The Helix directors' edgy choreography skills will be shared by GISPA students, who will design a dance piece during the day and perform it on stage at ArtSpring that night.

The group is formulated to work on issues that concern youth directly — a piece they have been working on since October, for example, looks at young society's addiction to electronic communication devices.

The audience can also look forward to a solo by Amalia Smith, who last December presented an astonishing self-choreographed piece to the song I Have a Dream.

Tickets to the show are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students, available at ArtSpring.

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## EDUCATION

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According to the SFU website, the class typically meets on six occasions on a Friday evening and a Saturday. "During the first of the two summer sessions, students complete two courses at SFU. Classes usually run for three weeks beginning the first week of July."

The degree requires completion of seven five-credit courses and a comprehensive examination.

See links through "news and events" at [ssartsCouncil.com](http://ssartsCouncil.com).



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**MUSICAL BACKDROP:** Greenwoods resident and entertainer Murray Anderson plays the piano as residents gather to listen and socialize.

## LITERATURE

# Three of 10 on bestsellers' list call Salt Spring home

Horsdal, Evans and Brett all on B.C.'s roster

Books by three Salt Spring authors are on the top 10 best-selling list among B.C. books for adults this week.

As of March 26, a North Shore News list compiled with data from TBM BookManager Ltd. had Trauma Farm: A Rebel History of Rural Life by Brian Brett in number two spot; The Shores We Call Home: The Art of Carol Evans in fifth spot; and Sweetness from Ashes by Marlyn Horsdal in sixth spot.

The previous week saw similar

results from an Association of Book Publishers of B.C. list.

Brett's book, published by Greystone Books, won the Writers' Trust award for non-fiction last fall, was longlisted for the B.C. Award for Canadian Non-Fiction, named an Amazon Top 100 Book for 2009 and was recently nominated for three prizes in the B.C. Book Awards, with the winners announced April 17.

Evans' book, a collection of images from three decades as an artist, with a narrative from the artist and a foreword by Arthur Black, is newly released by Harbour Publishing.

A public reception with Evans was held at Gallery 8 at Grace Point Square on March 26.

Horsdal's first novel about family in its various guises, and set in both West Africa and Ontario, is also fresh off the press and receiving great reviews.

The local release of Sweetness from Ashes, published by Brindle and Glass, was celebrated at an ArtSpring event on March 21, along with readings from authors Ann Erickson (Falling from Grace) and Margaret Thompson (Adrift on the Ark).

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## Alana Melville, Captain of Val's Vixens, the first team to register for the 2010 Relay for Life answers some questions for us!

### Why do you participate in the Relay?

I have had cancer affect my life since I remember. I know many cancer survivors and have lost many including my mom to cancer. Cancer has and is affecting someone we all know, whether fighting cancer or being support to someone who has been diagnosed with cancer. The feeling you feel when you hear the word cancer is not good. So I participate to gather all of us together to keep hope alive that cancer will be made history one day.

### What are your fundraising goals and how do you plan to fundraise?

My fundraising goals are, personally 2000.00 and for the team Val's Vixen's 5000.00. I have been raising money towards cancer research for many years now, and have found that approaching people with a friendly smile and information on the relay and why you're doing it works well. I find that many, if not all people have their own cancer story, so there is no hesitating in donating. Our team this year thought maybe a hotdog stand or a kissing booth. It would be a fun way in raising donations.

### What is your most memorable Relay moment?

I was "recruited" by the SSI Firefighters last year for my first Relay of Life, and it was amazing. So I have them to thank in many ways for encouraging me to start my own team this year, and on our island too, it feels like I'm supporting our community as well. My most memorable Relay moment would be walking in the middle of the night in the silence. Finding that peace and hope in cancer with walking with those remembered, walking with those who want to make a difference, walking with the love and support that you feel, and a word doesn't even need to be uttered. It's a silent connection at 3am in the morning. That's when it hits me To find out more about Alana and Val's Vixens go to her webpage at [www.cancer.ca/relay](http://www.cancer.ca/relay). See you at the Relay for Life on May 28 and 29, 2010 at Portlock Park!! For more information visit the website or contact Kirsty at [kirsty@saltspring.com](mailto:kirsty@saltspring.com).

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## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT



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**ON TAP:** Canadian roots-rock musician Mark Reeves dropped by the newly renovated Tree House Cafe for a mesmerizing show last Thursday night.

## MUSIC &amp; MUNCH

## Mother, son talents merge for piano event at All Saints

Doris and Simon Rook perform April 7

Music and Munch at All Saints By-the-Sea next Wednesday sees a unique presentation — a mother-son performance by two very accomplished pianists — Salt Spring Islander Simon Rook and his mother Doris Rook (nee Rees), now also an island resident.

Doris was born on March 25, 1912 in London, England, the youngest child of eight in a working-class family.

From an early age she aspired to become a pianist. All her siblings in their turn received piano lessons but, with the exception of one sister, all had fallen away from their lessons; the consequence being that Doris was told that she must wait until age nine and then only if she was still keen could lessons begin.

Her interest in and love of the instrument grew from there and the piano became a central part of her life.

As time went on the youthful Doris was able to fund her own lessons and eventually work toward acquiring the prestigious Licentiate of the Royal Academy of Music teaching diploma, which led to her long career as a professional teacher of piano.

During World War II she also kept busy giving concerts to the troops and raising money through charity recitals, concentrating mostly on the 19th-century classical composers, Chopin, Grieg, Liszt and Schumann. In 1945 Doris met a printer by the name of Frank Rook in a pub in Norwood Green, at that time a village outside London. They fell in love and in 1946 were married, and two years later their son Simon was born.

Simon Rook, as one would expect, received an excellent education in the finer points of piano playing from his mother, although she also encouraged the lad to study languages at university. In 1971 he emigrated to Canada and studied at the University of Toronto where he met a young New Zealander named Heather Horne; one thing led to another and they married in 1979. Simon studied at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto and the two moved to Elora where he began his full-time teaching career.

In 1988 they came west to Salt Spring Island and Simon soon became involved in the musical life here, notably in the formation of the Arts Council. He was part of the fundraising to build ArtSpring, was on that board, and at the same time was giving harpsichord recitals for the cause and continuing his piano teaching until his retirement in 2002.

In April of last year Simon left for London, helped his 98-year-old mother pack her belongings and returned with her to the island where she set up her new home at Heritage Place to the pleasure of her new neighbours there she entertained them with a short recital last September.

Simon has performed at Music and Munch since the mid '90s, but this Wednesday's will be very special for him, for his mother and for their audience. Doris will be performing old favourites from musicals of the '30s and '40's; Simon, the classics of Beethoven and Liszt.

Free performance begins as usual at 12:10 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7 and will be followed by a light lunch (optional) put on by the Anglican Caterers for \$5.50.

## MUSICIANS

## Songwriters urged to sing about island life

Cowichan Folk Guild launches contest

Gulf Islands songwriters are invited to participate in the Cowichan Folk Guild's first "islander exclusive" song contest.

"We're looking for a great song which reflects what it means to live on an island," said the guild's artistic director Robert McCourty. "How has it affected your life and what does it mean to you to live in such a special place? We are a unique breed to have chosen this location to live, so we thought it would be fun to hear how songwriters feel about it."

The Islands Singer Songwriter Contest is open to residents of Vancouver Island or the Gulf Islands, with a closing deadline of May 15.

The contest is open to all ages and is not based on the "idol" model, said McCourty.

The contest will be divided into three regional semi-finals to be held in June: Courtenay for the north island, Duncan for the central and Victoria for the south island.

The field will be narrowed to nine songwriters for each regional performance where they will perform their songs for the audience, who will in turn vote for their three favourites from each region.

The nine semi-finalists will then be invited to perform live on the opening Friday night of the 26th Annual Islands Folk Festival on July 23.

Three winners will be selected by a panel of music business professionals.

The grand prize winner will receive \$1,000 of studio recording time, a brand new guitar, another performance at the festival, media interviews, radio air-play and career-building bragging rights of being the first winner of the Islands Singer Songwriter Contest. Second and third place prizes will also be awarded.

The Folk Guild hopes to make the contest into an annual event. Full contest regulations and a printable registration form are available on the Cowichan Folk Guild's website at [www.folkfest.bc.ca](http://www.folkfest.bc.ca).

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## Notice of Annual General Meeting Highland Water & Sewer Local Services Committee & Fernwood Water Local Service Committee

Please be advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Highland Water and Sewer Local Services Committee and the Fernwood Water Local Service Committee will be held jointly on

**Thursday, April 8, 2010 at 5 p.m. at the  
Fernwood School Library**

Residents of the Highland Water, Maliview Sewer and Fernwood Water Local Service Areas are Welcome to attend.

Local service committees such as the Highland Water and Sewer Local Services Committee and the Fernwood Water Local Service Committee play an important role in the delivery of water, wastewater and other services in the Capital Regional District (CRD) electoral areas. Each local service committee holds an Annual General Meeting (AGM) to elect committee members and report to the community on the operation of the service. The Highland Water and Sewer Local Service Committee and the Fernwood Water Local Service Committee AGMs will be held jointly at the Fernwood School library at 5:00 PM on Thursday, April 8.

You are strongly encouraged to attend the AGM. Staff will report on operations, projects and financial status, and elections will be held for committee members to represent the community in governance of your water service. You will have an opportunity to ask questions of staff and committee members, and you might even consider standing for election as a member of your committee. Generally, any adult who lives or owns property in the service area can serve on a local service committee, and it is not a large time commitment (typically 2-6 meetings per year).

There will be four vacancies to fill this year for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2010 and expiring on June 30, 2012 as follows:

- One vacancy in the Fernwood water local service area
- One vacancy in the Highland water local service area
- One vacancy in the Maliview sewer service area
- One vacancy representing the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area on the Highland Water and Sewer Local Services Committee

There will be important decisions made in 2010 as the water treatment project proceeds and the Fernwood and Highland areas prepare to merge, so please give serious consideration to serving on your committee.

Topics to be presented include:

- Status of current capital projects: Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) water treatment plant at St. Mary Lake and underwater interconnect pipeline
- Financial status of operating, capital and reserve budgets
- Status of Fernwood/Highland local services merge - anticipated in 2011
- New user fees and charges structures

This is your opportunity to ask questions of your local service committee and staff regarding delivery of services.

For more information, contact Gary Plevin, Local Services Engineering Technician [gplevin@crd.bc.ca](mailto:gplevin@crd.bc.ca) or 250.360.3099.

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# People & Community

## EQUESTRIAN

# The dream horse that made history

Pringle Farms Arabian puts Canada on the map

BY PATRICIA LOCKIE  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

For horse lovers, and especially for the Arab horse lover, this story is the stuff of dreams.

It's about an equine beauty queen who went from Canadian obscurity and took home the crown, not to mention the admiration of horse breeders, handlers and judges across a continent.

This gorgeous grey Arabian mare is aptly named Island Elegance, Ellie for short. Ellie's path to stardom was paved on Salt Spring at the training farm of John and Andrea Pringle.

In the tough world of top-level Arabian halter competition — where the horse is shown on a line by a handler and judged by a panel of experts on confirmation and presentation — Canadian-bred horses for decades have left the show ring unrecognized in competition against American and other international horses.

The International Arabian Horse Association, based in Colorado, runs the competitions.

Last year in Regina at the Canadian national championships, Ellie became the first Canadian-bred Canadian national champion mare ever. It was an historic moment, the first such win in the 52-year history of the Canadian Nationals.

An Olympic-sized moment for proud Canadian breeders of Arabian horses, especially for those whose horses were a distinguished part of the champion's bloodlines, and for Ellie's many fans watching in the stands.

Proudest of all were John, Andrea and Jody Pringle, who had readied the horse for this pinnacle of competition.

Working as a team, the family had amply rewarded the faith placed in them by Ellie's owner, Don James of North Saanich, a businessman who for many years had nursed a dream of



Island Elegance and John Pringle (right) in the judging ring in Scottsdale, Arizona.

breeding a national calibre champion.

Getting Ellie to that championship win took two years of dedicated time, skill and attention to detail by the Pringles.

John worked with the horse month after month, and took her to the prestigious Scottsdale show in the winter of 2009 where Ellie's extraordinary presence made her the talk of the show. The outsider from north of 49 was suddenly hot.

"We have never handled a horse that has generated so much excitement and attracted so much positive attention at shows," said John.

Ellie came back to Salt Spring with a reserve championship, after facing off against stiff competition from some well-known national champions.

More competition came in Monroe, Washington where John showed her to a regional championship win. This was no small victory since Ellie was up against leading halter horses from across the U.S.

shown by the best halter trainers in the business.

As the end of July approached, tension mounted.

Ellie was about to compete in her own backyard at the Region 17 (Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia) Championships in Langley.

Jody showed her to a championship win in the amateur to handle class, whilst her father took the reserve championship place competing against other professional handlers.

So, now the stage was set for Regina and Canadian nationals. American trainer Jeff Schall came on board to add his considerable expertise in the show ring to Ellie's prep work.

Team strength paid off. Ellie did what no other Canadian bred mare in the history of Canadian nationals had ever done before: she took the gold with her championship win. Her victory meant that at long last Canadian bloodlines had been recognized as the best in her class.

Ellie's amazing story did not end there. Last fall in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the U.S. National Championships, Ellie won the reserve championship in the senior mare category, a glorious end to a magical year.

In recognition of her outstanding achievements, Ellie has been recently named Horse of the Year, winner of the World Arabian Horse Organization Trophy.

In its remarks, the Canadian Arabian Horse Registry, the trophy's awarding body, said the selection committee felt that Island Elegance "is a shining example of superior Canadian breeding and represented the high level of quality that the Canadian industry can accomplish."

John sums up his family's journey with this very special horse by saying, "We felt honoured that the owner had the confidence in us to take Ellie to her full potential. This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity because there are very few horses in the world as special as she is."

## RECYCLING

# New plastics depot runs today in Ganges

A depot/drop-off service for soft plastics and styrofoam recycling holds its first collection day in Ganges today (March 31).

Islander Marnie Slinn has arranged for Pacific Mobile Depots to pick up those items for a per-bag charge at the Country Grocer parking lot north of the liquor store from 9 a.m. to noon.

See [www.pacificmobiledepots.com](http://www.pacificmobiledepots.com) for details on the types of plastics and styrofoam collected.

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# PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

## NOTABLE ISLANDERS

# Family, friends honour political icon

Ceremony christens Drummond Park bench

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A rainy afternoon wasn't enough to dampen the spirits of people assembled to recall the late Marcus Holmes' commitment to preserving and protecting the island's special places.

"This is wonderful," said his wife Jean Holmes at a ceremony overlooking Fulford Harbour on Thursday afternoon. "It feels like he's here with us."

Marcus Holmes' sons Barry and Donald had a bench and plaque installed on the site as a tribute to their father's time as Salt Spring's regional director for the Capital Regional District and chair of the Islands Trust after it was created in 1974.

Aside from the Sec-



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Drummond Park got much more than just a bench on Thursday as family members Donald, Jean and Barry Holmes (pictured from left) marked the legacy of former island politician Marc Holmes.

ond World War veteran's passionate involvement in local politics, Holmes helped start the Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club.

"He had a great love for this island and spent the remainder of his life helping to preserve its natural beauty and rural character, often

against great resistance of over-zealous developers," reads part of the message engraved on the bench.

Barry Holmes, who now lives on the outskirts of Kingston, Ontario, made the trip out to his former island home to share the March 25 event along-

side nearly a dozen of his father's close friends and former co-workers.

Participants spoke of the politician's love for the island. Holmes' sons said they are still very proud of their father's sense of perseverance and a willingness to stick up for his beliefs.

"He worked hard to preserve the integrity and the beauty of nature," Barry said.

Fellow co-workers from the Islands Trust noted Holmes' instrumental role in the development of the island's original land-use bylaw.

First and foremost, however, was his insistence that islanders themselves need to take on the responsibility for planning growth responsibly.

"If the people of the islands are determined to preserve their islands and with the support of the provincial government, we shall be able to avoid the islands being used as a housing resource base for large numbers of commuting workers," he told the Driftwood following his retirement in 1978. "Salt Spring is lucky, not having the large developments some other islands have."

Marc Holmes died in 2006 at the age of 93.

## FAMILY FUN

# HoppinTots promises playful time for parents and tots

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active, creative and playful ways, which get children moving, singing and laughing.

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Astara tries to have a palate of fun songs, stories and games

ready so that she can remain open to what the children are presently in the mood for.

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7:00 p.m. All Saints'

**EASTER EVE, APRIL 3RD**  
The Great Vigil of Easter  
10:00 p.m. All Saints'

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH**  
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2:00 pm: Celebrate Easter Concert

Easter Sunday, April 4th  
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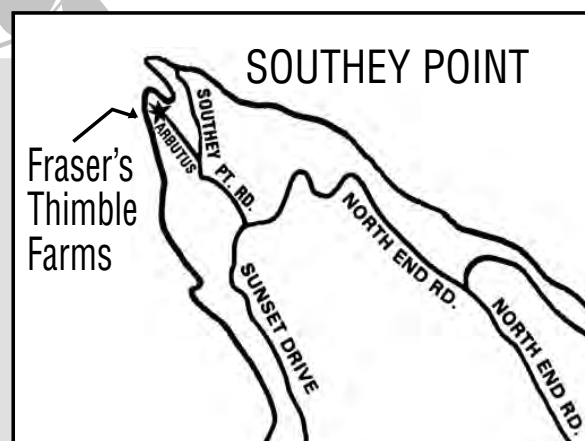
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## HIKING CLUB

# Trail and nature club's April activities unfold

### Presentations

On April 22, Andrea Rankin will present Hiking in Turkey at 7:30 p.m. in the lower hall of the United Church. Members and non-members are welcome.

### Hikers

April 6: Zeke Blazecka will lead a moderate hike in Ruckle Park. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at Ruckle Park gates at 10:15 a.m.

April 13: Kees Visser leads us on a strenuous hike halfway up Mount Sullivan and then to Bold Bluff. There will be a few rough and off-trail sections. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at Burgoyne Bay at 10 a.m.

April 20: Nigel Denyer will lead a strenuous hike around Mount Sullivan. Total distance is 10 km; some bushwhacking. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

April 27: Mary Hof will lead us on a moderate hike with a few strenuous

sections on Mount Tzouhalem. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to catch the 9 a.m. ferry to Crofton. We will meet the leader at the corner of Genoa Bay Road and Maple Bay Road at 9:35 a.m. New hike!

### Walkers

April 6: Nieke Visser will lead a shoreline walk in Ruckle Park to King's Cove, returning via Merganser Pond. This is not an easy walk. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or in the lower parking lot in Ruckle Park at 10:20 a.m.

April 13: Marg and Art Simons will lead a walk between Harrison and Baker Roads down to the beach. There are some hills on the walk. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m.

April 20: Harry Burton will lead a moderate walk from Beaver Point Hall to Eleanor Point. Our walk will explore the land of Mr. James Hector Monk, who purchased 264 acres of land stretching from Beaver Point Road and King Road all the way to Eleanor Point for \$2,500

in 1904. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 a.m.

April 27: Linda Quiring will lead a moderate walk through woods and a rare private oak reserve to a surprise ending.

This walk involves a very steep but short patch. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:15 a.m.

### Ramblers

April 6: Joan Wrigley will lead a ramble in the Tripp area. Meet at Portlock Park at 10 a.m.

April 13: Carolyn Mouat will lead a ramble in the Sunset Drive area. Meet at Portlock Park at 10 a.m.

April 20: Marshall Heinekey will lead a ramble in the Vesuvius Bay area. Meet at Portlock Park at 10 a.m.

April 27: Beth Ranney will lead an off island trip to Honeymoon Bay. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:20 a.m. to arrange carpools. We are taking the 9 a.m. ferry from Vesuvius.

### Nature Excursion

Sunday, April 18 – Nature Outing: Tour of Glendale Gardens and the Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary. Meet at ArtSpring at 8:50 a.m. to carpool on the 9:50 a.m. Fulford ferry. Bring binoculars, camera, walking shoes, water and lunch. Lunch may also be purchased at Glendale Gardens. Our day includes a tour of Glendale Gardens with Jane Tice focusing on native plants and plants of special interest to naturalists, lunch with a talk by Hayley Rosenberg and bird watching at Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary. We may visit the Olympic legacy mural Kunamokst at the Victoria Airport. More information (including costs) can be found at <http://www.glendalegardens.ca>; <http://www.swanlake.bc.ca>; <http://www.muralmosaic.com/kunamokst.html>. Contact Teresa (tghitch@shaw.ca) to register. Limited to current SSTNC members only.



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## PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

### ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

# Transition Town event puts some wheels on electric vehicles idea

April 10 forum set to discuss the options

BY JON HEALEY  
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Electric vehicles on Salt Spring? Transition Salt Spring thinks so!

Transition Salt Spring believes electric vehicles are a viable option for transportation on Salt Spring. To this end they are sponsoring a sustainable transportation forum that will explore ways to promote the adoption and use of electric vehicles on Salt Spring.

The forum is scheduled for Saturday, April 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. at All Saints By-the-Sea.

Transition Salt Spring is a local group promoting Salt Spring as a transition community. The Transition Town movement is a response to lack of action by government leaders to seriously attack the challenge of declining fossil fuel supplies and greenhouse gases.

The movement was started in the town of Totnes, England and is an initiative to build more resilient, self-sufficient communities that will be prepared to handle the economic and social shocks anticipated to result from peak oil and climate change.

The movement is spreading rapidly. Many places in Canada and around the world are embracing the principles of a move to a more resilient and sustainable community.

Peak oil and climate change are key issues prompting interest in building sustainable, resilient communities. Peak oil is likely to be the major factor encouraging citizens to take up alternative forms of transportation.

Peak oil does not mean the end of oil supplies but does mean the end of easy and cheap supplies. Fuel prices seem high now but they will continue to rise as supplies dwindle and demand from developing countries rises.

Electric vehicles are a key component in any plan for an affordable and sustainable transportation system.

They are ideally suited to the shorter-range, stop-and-go driving that is standard for us on Salt Spring. The key questions are: what kinds of electric vehicle are best suited to Salt Spring and how do we promote their adoption here on the island?

There are many interesting developments that we can explore.

We already have a number of electric bikes and scooters appear-

ing on Salt Spring but our roads and pathways are not conducive to their safe use. How might this problem be rectified?

Neighbourhood Electric Vehicles have been discussed as an option for Salt Spring. There are some regulation issues that would have to be addressed but they do have possibilities.

Most of us are familiar with the hybrid car concept and we have some examples here on Salt Spring. These vehicles use a combination of electric and gasoline or diesel engines.

An advance on the hybrid concept is the plug-in hybrid. These vehicles have increased battery capacity and plug-in charging systems. The car can be charged up overnight at home and then used as an electric only vehicle for local trips during the day.

Many people view the full electric vehicle as the only real long-term solution. Interest in these vehicles is building and a number of independent manufacturers have already put vehicles on the market.

Unfortunately these vehicles are expensive and do not serve most of the driving public. Now the major auto manufacturers are beginning to introduce full electric vehicles that will be affordable for the average citizen.

These initiatives are important but more is needed if we are to really get the problem of emissions and rising costs addressed.

The solution may be found in conversion of existing vehicles. There are resources and kits available to assist with converting existing vehicles to plug-in hybrids or full electric vehicles.

Imagine taking your gas-guzzling pick-up and converting it to a hybrid that will meet most of your transportation needs on pennies a day. Or converting your small truck or car to a full electric vehicle for daily use on Salt Spring. What kind of support would you need and how it can be established here on Salt Spring Island?

If you are interested in the possibility of converting an existing vehicle or are wondering how we might build the local infrastructure and gain necessary government support for electric vehicles, please plan to attend the forum.

This is a practical, hands-on kind of event that we expect to result in some action. We have resource persons to assist discussion and electric vehicles to demonstrate.

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