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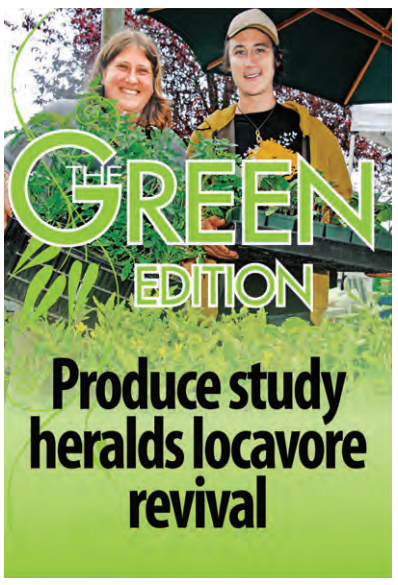

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SOCCER DIVE: The goalie appears to have no chance here as Salt Spring Alumni soccer squad takes on Islands United on Sunday. The game was part of a weekend full of soccer at the annual Challenge Cup soccer tournament on Salt Spring. See story and photos, page A14.

ISLANDS TRUST

Bylaw typo prompts library changes

Lot-coverage increase offers design wiggle room

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An effort to fix a long-standing typo in the island's land-use bylaw could mean some major changes at the island's new library.

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee has scheduled a June 2 public hearing to collect input on an amendment to increase the maximum lot coverage of the library's 129 McPhillips Ave. property, expanded from 25 to 75 per cent.

The property is one of two adjacent sites to be used for the new Salt Spring Island library building.

LTC approval of a larger site footprint, library board chair Tilly Crawley said, would force library board members to consider new building designs.

In spite of an anticipated three-month delay, it's unlikely the board will encounter significant cost overruns as a result of the redesign process, she said.

"The amount of the redesign will be eaten up by savings in construction costs," she said. "We'll probably end up with a better library."

Should trustees approve the bylaw amendment at their next LTC meeting on June 3, Crawley said, library board members will seek consensus on a new design as soon as possible.

The building's final size, construction of a second storey and exterior design elements are all up for review.

"Almost anything we build on this lot will be a little bit of a compromise," she said.

Crawley said the board will consider seeking public input about the new library design when it is finalized in late June.

Leah Hartley, regional planning manager at the Salt Spring Trust office, said she did not know how long the typographical errors have been hiding in the island's land-use bylaw.

The lot coverage error was only discovered when staff were examining a discrepancy involving parking requirements on the lot, well after the property at 129 McPhillips was purchased by

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FIRE

Hot water heater causes pool fire

Staff action prevents structural damage; facility re-opened quickly

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

About 50 people were evacuated from the Rainbow Road Pool late Friday morning after a fire broke out in the boiler room.

Pool manager Jim Raddysh said the pool had been open since 6 a.m. and lessons were underway up until 11 a.m.

He said a funny odour was detected on the pool deck, but he first assumed it might have something to do with the dismantling of a house taking place on the PARC property.

When Raddysh went downstairs to investigate, he could see the filter room was quite smoky.

"Through further investigation with a ventilation mask I discovered the domestic hot water electric boiler was smoking quite badly."

When he saw some flames through a crack in the access panel, he grabbed a fire extinguisher and sprayed it into the crack, and then called the fire department before evacuating the building.

Salt Spring Fire-Rescue Deputy Chief Arjuna George said 23 firefighters were

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PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

TO THE RESCUE: Ganges Coast Guard members help pull a sailboat off the rocks just after the start of the annual Round Salt Spring Race (see story page A15) last Saturday.

Public hearing set for variety pack bylaw

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the Capital Regional District on behalf of the library association.

Trust staff planned to rectify the issues during the upcoming land-use bylaw review, but fixing the errors took on some urgency when it became clear work on the new library was proceeding.

The library lot coverage amendment is among five "housekeeping items" slated for discussion at the June 2 hearing. They also include a change to the new library's parking requirements, as well as commercial zone amendments for properties at 334 Upper Ganges Road, and at the corner of Lower Ganges Road and Park Drive.

Also on tap is a proposal to remove Section 4.3 of Bylaw 355.

According to a Trust staff report, the clause "conveys a convention based on legal precedents that when parcel boundaries are changed after construction of a dwelling, there is no setback issue."

She said staff will use the meeting to outline the nature and significance of each proposed change and take questions from participants.

Hartley said the Trust office had not received any correspondence about any of the matters up for discussion.

The public information meeting will be held in the Lions Club hall at 103 Bonnet Ave. on Wednesday, June 2 at 5 p.m..

The public hearing will follow at 6 p.m. Trustees are expected to vote on the change during their LTC meeting on June 3.

More information about the proposed changes is available from the Salt Spring Trust office.

Pool able to re-open Sunday for long-weekend users

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involved in the response to the 11:55 a.m. call.

When they arrived, he said, "There was fairly good quality smoke coming out of the basement."

A couple of teams entered the building and determined the fire had been effectively knocked down.

He credited quick action on the part of pool staff in promptly investigating the odour, using the fire extinguisher and calling 911 with ensuring no structural damage occurred.

Raddysh said pool staff's emergency training also kicked into high gear as they distributed towels to everyone before directing them outside.

Once the fire department had the situation under control, swimmers were allowed to go back in and get their clothes and belongings.

Raddysh credited Salt Spring Fire-Rescue personnel for doing their due diligence and knowing the lay of the land and contents in the pool building.

"The training of our fire department is once again highlighted here," he said.

Because chemicals are stored there, it's a different situation than dealing with a house fire, he said. However, he stressed, the chemicals are stored safely to ensure they cannot be mixed and cause some kind of "disaster."

George said fire crews also found the department's thermal imager was extremely useful in this case.

The pool was open as of Sunday.

Raddysh said the only thing swimmers will notice as a result of the fire is that the showers will be "just a little cooler."

He said the Capital Regional District electrical inspector is looking at the site on Wednesday, following a recommendation by local electrician Bobby Akerman.

"What Bobby feels is that it appears there was a fault with [the electric hot water tank] and that the unit should be replaced."

The facility's second anniversary birthday party set for Saturday, June 5 is still on track.

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CONSERVATION

SSI-based Lands Trust Alliance moves to Victoria

Locally based provincial organization gets serious about presence

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Thirteen years of files representing thousands of protected acres were in transit last week as the Land Trust Alliance moved its office from Salt Spring to Victoria.

The province-wide organization founded by Sheila Harrington in 1997 is the umbrella group for land trusts located throughout B.C. The move to Victoria will place the office closer to two groups it works closely with in The Land Conservancy (whose office space it will share) and the Nature Conservancy of Canada. It will also be closer to the seat of provincial legislature.

In the midst of packing boxes and sorting through maps and photos, Harrington took time to share some of LTA's past and future projects.

She described how land trust groups have protected around one million acres of forest and grassland in the province over the past 10 years. As well as preserving nature for people who happen to like nature, their goals are to help mitigate the effects of climate change through standing carbon in trees and plants, provide wildlife habitat and counter environmental degradation.

The benefit of having one over-arching organization is having a central resource all the groups can rely on. It's a place of professional development training for staff and board members and provides education and communication through The Kingfisher, a semi-annual magazine/newsletter.

Some of LTA's earliest successes were to protect Burgoyne Bay and the Mount Maxwell watershed, both of which were under threat of logging in the late 1990s. The group was spurred to action in the famous campaign to reacquire lands owned by the Texada Land Corporation, which in November 1999 amounted to approximately one-tenth of Salt Spring.

"We worked very hard on Burgoyne Bay," Harrington said. She noted with around five land trusts plus the provincial government involved, it wouldn't have happened as easily without the local presence of the umbrella group.

The group helped publish the Islands in the Salish Sea community atlas, a "huge project" achieved with Salt Spring's Judi Stevenson as editor. A new and ambitious project is the launch of Living Carbon, a carbon-offset company being developed with Briony Penn. The "enterprising non-profit" will be a means of purchasing land trust areas.

"One of the biggest things conservancies need is to raise funds to protect land — and to pay for staff to do the work to protect lands," Harrington said.

Volunteer boards simply don't have time to work day after day on conservation deals, she added.

Harrington, who has served as LTA's executive director since she started the alliance, is changing roles after 13 years on the job. She'll now act as program director, working from her new home of Lasqueti Island. Paul McNair, an experienced fundraiser with the group, will take over Harrington's position to see the group through its next phase.

The LTA will host a "meet and greet" from its new office on Thursday, June 10, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend the event at 301-1195 Esquimalt Road. For more information on the LTA, visit www.landtrustalliance.bc.ca.

PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Sheila Harrington at the Salt Spring Lands Trust Alliance office holding a copy of the award-winning Islands in the Salish Sea community atlas the alliance was involved in producing. It was published in 2005.

News briefs

Japanese tree-pruning

Islanders can learn how to prune and maintain Japanese pines and maples at a workshop this Sunday at Heiwa Garden.

Sponsored by the Salt Spring Japanese Garden Society and the Salt Spring Garden Club, the event sees two Vancouver-based instructors lead the session from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Masa Ito is a Japanese landscape architect, and Tak Yamaura is president of the B.C. Bonsai Society. The instructors will use the Japanese black pines, mugo pines and maple trees donated to Heiwa Garden to demonstrate correct techniques for pruning and maintaining these trees, and will answer questions.

This is a free public event at the park across from ArtSpring to which everyone is invited. Refreshments will be available.

Safety drill to delay Skeena

BC Ferries passengers travelling the Fulford-Swartz Bay route are advised the crew of the Skeena Queen will be conducting safety drills on Thursday, May 27 at 1:50 p.m.

There will be an approximate 25-minute sailing delay from Fulford Harbour to Swartz Bay following the completion of the annual safety drills required by Transport Canada.

Scorpions off to provincials

Gulf Islands Secondary School's senior girls' soccer team is off to the AA provincial championships in Kamloops June 4-5 after an amazing overtime victory against Parkland Secondary last Tuesday afternoon.

Jody Pringle scored the winning overtime goal and Erica Rimmer was named tournament MVP at the two-day Vancouver Island championship held at Saint Michael's University College in Victoria.

The team earned a provincials berth despite several of its regular starters being injured.

Norovirus on Salt Spring

With Salt Spring experiencing a Norovirus-like illness, the Vancouver Island Health Authority says people should take precautions to help stop the spread of a most unpleasant and highly contagious illness.

Symptoms include cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, but VIHA says people who contract it generally recover without treatment within a few days. There is no preventative vaccine or medicine for the virus.

The best way to prevent or reduce the spread of the virus is through hand washing. A proper hand wash requires cleansing the hands with warm running water and soap for about 30 seconds. Disinfecting hard surfaces can also prevent others in a household from catching the disease.

VIHA says people who are ill with Norovirus symptoms should avoid visiting hospitals, long-term care facilities, child-care facilities, schools and workplaces.

A trip to the emergency room is not usually necessary and can put other people at risk of contracting the illness.

HST fight blitzes island

Canvasser John Binsted said he's now shooting for signatures of as many as 25 per cent of islanders in the ongoing initiative petition process against the Harmonized Sales Tax.

Binsted said the response from island residents has been overwhelming since petitions began to circulate late last month.

As a way to keep that momentum flowing, Binsted has helped organize a one-day-only, island-wide petition blitz today (Wednesday, May 26) between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Petitions will be available at the Raven Street Market Café, et cetera, TJ Beans, Salt Spring Books, Island Star Video, Mouat's Hardware and the OAP room at Fulford Hall.

An initiative petition launched in early April must receive signatures from at least 10 per cent of registered voters in all of the province's 85 electoral districts to have the provincial government reconsider the HST.

As of Monday, 83 ridings reached the basic 10 per cent target and 51 had topped 15 per cent. The deadline for signatures is July 5.

FOR THE RECORD

An item in last week's court report incorrectly stated the Edward Cook had pleaded guilty to impaired driving.

The impaired driving charge was dropped and he was sentenced only for failing to provide a blood sample.

His mother Sheri Hickman clarified that her son offered to provide a breath sample while being treated for accident injuries at the hospital but that RCMP wanted a blood sample instead, having assumed he was under the influence of a substance other than alcohol.

Hickman said her son was swerving while trying to locate his glasses in his vehicle before hitting a telephone pole on Aug. 10, 2009.

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C1 Combined Routing: Trip continues as Route 3 Vesuvius and Route 5 Fernwood. Drop off only at hospital and Brinkworthy.

2 Fulford Harbour
To Fulford — To Ganges

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C2 Combined routing: Trip leaves town as Route 1 Ganges Local and continues as Route 5 Fernwood.

4 Long Harbour
To Long Harbour — To Ganges

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5 Fernwood
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REGIONAL PARKS

Ten-year strategy for regional parks mapped out in community dialogue

CAP urges local residents to 'think big'

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

"Dare to dream" was the outgoing message at last Wednesday's community dialogue session sponsored by CRD Regional Parks, where Salt Spring's future regional parks and trails were the topic.

Members of the Citizen Advisory Panel, and manager of planning, resource management and development Jeff Ward urged participants to suggest where future parks should be without being limited by mandate or even possibility.

"We're looking at protecting [areas] all the way from Port Renfrew to Salt Spring, that will attract visitors fromm all over the region to visit. That's the focus and scale of what we're looking at," Ward said.

Steve Peterson, CAP member and a Salt Spring resident, asked participants to throw all their wildest ideas into the hat. Organizers noted regional park ideas that seemed impossible at first have already resulted in projects like the Lochside Trail from Swartz Bay to Victoria and the Sea to Sea Park Reserve near Sooke.

Twenty local participants attended the meeting and voiced strong support for a regional trail linking Salt Spring to the existing Lochside and Galloping Goose trail route on Vancouver Island.

Safer cycling was a key concern. Members of the Salt Spring Island Bicycle Working Group, Island Pathways, the Trail and Nature Club and SSI PARC each made the case for building a route between the Fulford and Vesuvius ferry terminals, whether along the road or offside.

Participants noted the CRD had already set aside $50,000 for cycle route design and survey work on Salt Spring, a fund which has yet to be accessed.

Former CRD director Gary Holman also pointed out that $330,000 in annual gas tax funds could be applied for and matched by the B.C. government to help build the cycle/pedestrian trail.

Judy Nurse suggested linking existing walking trails to create a greater trail system.

Gail Neumann requested better access for people in wheelchairs, beginning with the existing washrooms at Centennial Park. She also suggested creating a wheelchair-accessible path between Mouat Park and Lions Hall on Bonnet Avenue.

"I would just like you to plan with wheelchair users in mind, because people in wheelchairs don't like to sit at home — often they're stuck there — but they like to be out in nature," Neumann said.

Several participants identified Salt Spring's southwest hill area as an area of concern.

Linda Quiring and Jane Petch told CAP the region's remoteness and difficulty of access have left it victim to destructive acts and outright criminal activity, including one act of vandalism causing $12,000 in damage to private property. Petch said red-listed species are also at risk.

"We're looking at protecting [areas] all the way from Port Renfrew to Salt Spring, that will attract visitors from all over the region to visit."

JEFF WARD
Citizen Advisory Panel

CRD Regional Parks currently owns the Mill Farm Park Reserve and two nearby parcels on Mount Sullivan.

Ward confirmed his office is interested in expanding the acquisition to create a large park that includes parts of Mount Sullivan, Mount Bruce, Hope Hill and Mount Tuam.

He said other potential areas of interest include creating a park reaching from Ford Lake to Cusheon Lake, and ones at Duck Creek and Walker's Hook.

Anyone who has ideas about future parks and trails on the island can submit them to CAP by completing the online form found at www.crd.bc.ca/parks/planning/strategic-plan.htm. CAP will review all ideas submitted by the region's residents, intergovernmental groups and high school students.

It will submit a draft strategic plan to the public by this fall.

FIRE SAFETY

Prevention key to avoiding chimney fires

Salt Spring chimney sweep shares expert advice

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A number of chimney fires in recent weeks may be a coincidence, but are nonetheless a strong reminder to practise safe burning at home.

"This is the time of year that whenever I hear the fire sirens, the hairs on my neck stand up," chimney sweep Dave Campbell said last week.

The sirens have him wondering whether one of his usual customers is at risk — a risk that could be prevented with care.

Along with good construction, Campbell said several measures can ensure wood stoves burn efficiently and help slow the build-up of creosote, the highly flammable organic sludge left behind in the chimney.

In the chimney cleaning business for seven years on Salt Spring and certified for the last five, Campbell said turnover in real estate has likely seen most older wood stoves replaced. New systems are being installed to much stricter codes.

Some basic things to look out for include having a chimney at least 15 feet in length to get a proper draw.

Conversely, anything higher than 25 feet can draw down, producing more creosote. Masonry chimneys tend to cause creosote build-up more quickly than steel pipes.

The most essential part of wood burning, however, is using dry, seasoned wood. Green wood can cause creosote build-up in a matter of weeks.

"There's a real discipline of firewood," Campbell explained. "That involves buying more than you need and seasoning it at least over the summer in a dry area. Having it on the lawn with a tarp over it is not enough."

Getting your chimney cleaned at least once a year is another important factor — a small investment that could save money and heartache in the long run.

As Campbell points out: "A $65 chimney sweep is chump change compared to replacing a house."

People with cedar shake roofs, like the residents of the recent Byron Road incident, should probably get their chimneys looked at twice a year, at least, and should give more attention in general to wood burning.

"All it takes is a single ember and it's game over," Campbell said.

Regular cleaning by a certified professional is not just a good idea, it may also be required under homeowners' insurance policies. This trend will likely only get stronger.

"Regardless of opinions of the economy, insurance companies will definitely become leaner and meaner," Campbell said.

"The requirements for code-compliant wood stove installation and proper maintenance will be become more and more important — because it boils down to liability."

Campbell recommends homeowners check their insurance policies to see just what is required and whether they are covered in case a fire does happen.

Leah McNinch
Wishes to thank all her loyal customers for taking such good care of her over the last decade +. We've laughed, we've cried, we've bled, and been stung together. Quite an experience! She is moving to Victoria to support her daughter, who is entering college in the fall.
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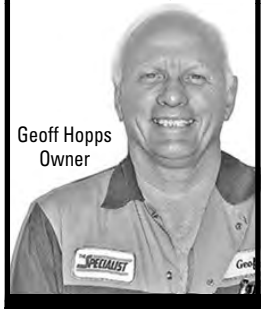
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NEWSBEAT

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COMMUNICATION: Salt Spring Fire-Rescue Captain Dale Lundy, left, and firefighters work on scene at the Rainbow Road Pool Friday after a hot-water heater caught fire. See story, Page A1 and video at gulfislandsdriftwood.com.

POLICE NEWS

Ruckle Park ruckus keeps police busy over holiday

Alcohol consumption brings on slew of charges across island

Police were kept busy over the long weekend with campers at Ruckle Park.

Police attended the park on five separate occasions to assist the park rangers with large groups of intoxicated and unruly campers.

Campers were warned regarding their behaviour, but several groups ignored the warning and continued causing problems. The campers were then evicted from the campground.

During one of their calls to Ruckle Park regarding a large number of young adults out of control, several people stated to RCMP that a friend of theirs was lost. He had apparently been drinking and wandered off hours earlier. The young man was from Manitoba and unused to the coast and its dangers.

After police made an extensive search of the shore with several of the man's friends, Search and Rescue and Coast Guard personnel were called out to assist.

Coast Guard made a shore linesearch and located the man, who was unhurt and returned to his camp site without issue.

• Also in police news, on Friday night police put an end to a large beach party at the end of Baker Road. They disposed of a large quantity of liquor and arrested two uncooperative adult males for being intoxicated in a public place.

• Police observed a 15 year-old Salt Spring male consuming tequila at the Kanaka Road Skateboard Park on Saturday evening. The young male was issued a violation ticket costing him $230, his parents were notified and he was driven home. Salt Spring RCMP say they will continue to have a zero tolerance for alcohol at the skate park.

• Police are recommending charges of impaired driving against a 31-year-old Salt Spring man.

The RCMP would like to caution those driving electric scooters that although scooters may not require a driver's licence to operate, if operated while impaired the driver will be charged under the Criminal Code of Canada.

• Three bar patrons outside Moby's and the Harbour House were issued Liquor Act violation tickets for consuming alcohol in public after they ignored police warnings not to drink and to vacate the area.

• Early Sunday morning, a 17-year-old female was taken to hospital as a result of consuming the ecstasy drug and alcohol. Friends found her unresponsive on a deck outside a residence and then called 911. She was taken to hospital by paramedics.

ECONOMY

SS Coffee Co exit disappoints local chamber

Company failed to find 'local compromise'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The president of the island's chamber of commerce says Salt Spring Coffee's decision to relocate to Vancouver will have significant economic fallout on the island's economy.

Mafalda Hoogerdyk believes the economic ramifications of moving the company's roasting facility and administrative offices to an as-of-yet undisclosed location in Vancouver stands to cost island businesses millions of dollars in lost revenue.

She said the loss of island jobs means former coffee company employees and their families will have less money to spend in other island businesses. The company's efforts to promote the island beyond Salt Spring, she added, have arguably played a key role in establishing the island's modern identity.

"[Salt Spring Coffee] has been a very positive boost," she said. "It's a tragic loss for the community.

"It's been very active in the community all along."

Mickey McLeod, the owner of Salt Spring Coffee, announced his intention to relocate his Alders Avenue roasting facility and administrative offices by the end of summer in a letter published on the company's blog last week.

"This wasn't an easy decision and came after considerable effort to find a suitable space we could call 'home' for a long time to come," he writes.

McLeod has not responded to the Driftwood's requests for an interview on the matter.

The letter indicates the company doesn't intend to close the island's retail outlet on McPhillips Avenue.

Company representatives were encouraged to work alongside the Islands Trust to find a site for the roasting facility and "green campus" after the island's local Trust committee denied the company's application to rezone a property at 1501 Fulford-Ganges Road last year.

Islands Trust regional planning director Leah Hartley said Islands Trust planners had been discussing potential sites in the fall of 2009. These discussions identified several sites, she said, but added it was likely any new site would have required another rezoning process.

Findings released by the Industrial Land Task Force in late 2009 took priority, however, as the Trust continued work on updating its land-use bylaw, she said.

Acting upon industrial-type land-use applications like the one proposed by Salt Spring Coffee, Hartley added, will undoubtedly be streamlined if and when the ITF's recommendations are acted upon.

Salt Spring Coffee's move will see the amalgamation of the company's existing roasting facilities on Salt Spring and Richmond.

For Darryl Segal, the owner of a Richmond-based business located next to the coffee company's Lower Mainland operation, even the end of summer is too long a wait.

"We want to get our lives back, enjoy our property whenever we want to and not be bombarded with noise and fumes of unknown toxins," Segal wrote in an email to the Driftwood on Monday.

"You can ponder your future as long as you want, but in the meantime, take your machines out of Richmond and Salt Spring Island and find some temporary location to roast that is far away from any other human beings."

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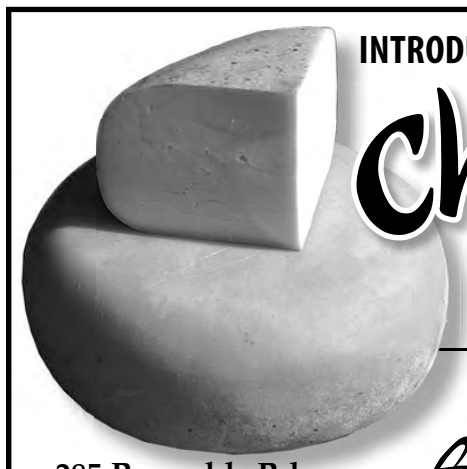

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NEWSBEAT

RELAY FOR LIFE

Salt Spring gets ready to 'relay'

Fifth annual relay hits its stride

Things are looking up ahead of the fifth annual Relay for Life event set to take centre field at Portlock Park on Friday night.

"Everything's looking good and we're just about on target," said Kirsty Oliveira.

This weekend's event marks the third year Oliveira has helped organize the volunteer-driven fundraising initiative for cancer research.

Under her guidance, the Relay for Life has gone from being a "great idea worth trying out" to a highly anticipated event that's attended by hundreds of participants.

This year may very well be Oliveira's final year at the helm, but she's leaving the event in pretty solid shape for whoever steps up to fill her shoes.

As of Monday, Salt Spring's 17 teams had collected more than $7,000 in online donations. Given that "bank night" isn't until this evening (Wednesday), Oliveira said she figures people have been doing a good job of getting the word out.

Relay for Life events are organized with assistance from the Canadian Cancer Society in hundreds of towns and cities across the country.

On top of collecting much-needed funds to further cancer research, the event owes much of its success to an emphasis on giving participants an opportunity to celebrate cancer survivors and remember people who have died from the illness.

Oliveira said there's still plenty of time for prospective walkers, runners and wheelers to sign up on an existing team or as individuals.

As in past years, participants young and old can expect plenty of music, food, massages and good times to keep them entertained as individuals take turns travelling around the track throughout the night at Portlock Park.

Oliveira thanked the numerous island businesses who donated goods and services for the silent auction, a first in the event's history.

Registration is open until opening ceremonies kick off at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 28. Activities for kids are scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. See the A6 ad for all the details.

For more information about the event, contact Oliveira at 250-537-1318 or follow the links at www.cancer.ca.

FORESTRY

Ancient Forest Alliance brings big tree politics

Slide show and discussion set

A spectacular slide show of the largest trees in Canada and a talk on the politics and ecology of B.C. old-growth forests and forestry jobs come to Salt Spring on Thursday, May 27.

Trees such as the Red Creek Fir, San Juan Spruce, Cheewhat Cedar and the newly discovered Avatar Grove are included in the event set for Central Hall at 7 p.m. led by Ken Wu and TJ Watt of the newly formed Ancient Forest Alliance.Admission is by donation to the AFA.

"We're grateful for the local support of Jonathan and Karen Clemson on Salt Spring Island in hosting this event," said AFA campaign director Wu. "Salt Spring Island may very well have the highest population density of tree-huggers in North America. It's a key place for us to build support to expand the campaign to save B.C.'s last ancient forests and to ban raw log exports to foreign mills."

To date, about 75 per cent of Vancouver Island's productive old growth forest has been logged according to satellite photos, including 90 per cent of the flat valley bottoms, while only six per cent of its original, productive old-growth forests are protected in parks.

Old-growth forests are important for sustaining species at risk, tourism, clean water, and First Nations traditional cultures.

The AFA is calling on the B.C. Liberal government to:

- undertake a provincial old-growth strategy that will inventory and protect old-growth forests where they are scarce;
- ensure the sustainable logging of second-growth forests;
- end the export of raw logs in order to ensure guaranteed log supplies for local milling and value-added industries;
- undertake new land-use planning initiatives based on First Nations land-use plans, ecosystem-based scientific assessments and climate mitigation strategies involving forest protection.

FEDERAL POLITICS

SSI included on Skeena MP's Oil and Water Tour

Local NDP federal candidate also at Saturday breakfast

Skeena-Bulkley Valley MP Nathan Cullen will visit Salt Spring this Saturday, May 29, and will speak at a breakfast at the United Church.

"We are very much aware of the catastrophic oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and its implications for oil spills anywhere," states a press release about the event. "As NDP critic for energy and natural resources, he will be speaking about the danger of the proposed Enridge pipeline and tanker traffic. He will also be sharing and listening to ideas to develop energy and job alternatives."

Edith Loring-Kuhanga, the newly acclaimed NDP federal candidate for the Saanich-Gulf Islands riding, will accompany Cullen and chair the event.

A full breakfast (fruit, muffins, scrambled eggs, juice, tea and coffee) will be served at the United Church at 8 a.m. Cullen's talk will follow with time for questions, answers and comments. Everyone is welcome and admission will be by donation for the breakfast.

Cullen was first elected in 2004 and has since been elected twice more with support approaching 50 per cent of votes cast.

Cullen has negotiated a number of legislative initiatives through the House of Commons, including a private member's bill to restrict harmful phthalates in children's products and a bill to set federal targets for greenhouse gas reductions.

He had a key role in developing and passing Bill C-311, the Climate Change Accountability Act.

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EDITORIAL

A bitter taste

No one should be surprised by Salt Spring Coffee Co.'s May 18 announcement that it will be consolidating its operations at a new site in Vancouver.

Many islanders are disappointed and some are directing their anger towards the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee, which last summer refused to give further consideration to a rezoning application that would have seen a state-of-the-art "green" roasting facility and related amenities constructed on Salt Spring Island.

At the time, both the company owners and Islands Trust reps expressed hopes of finding another site on Salt Spring, but the chances of success were predictably slim. There's simply a shortage of appropriate, available spots for any out-of-the-ordinary activity on this island. A big red light glares at anything that can't be accommodated in Ganges village, at Merchants' Mews or a few other select spots with existing uses or zoning.

THE ISSUE:
Coffee Co. move

WE SAY:
Sad day for island

Salt Spring Coffee Co. currently employs roughly 40 Salt Spring people, mostly in its cafe, which will remain in Ganges, but several work in the roasting plant and modest head office. When the new facility proposal was discussed last year, it was predicted several additional jobs would be created for islanders.

By any measure, it's a significant economic loss for a community that lacks diverse employment opportunities.

It's all been said before, but can't be said enough: Salt Spring continues to lose its diversity and become more and more a community for the elite.

Except for small triumphs like Murakami Gardens or the smaller-scale projects of the Salt Spring Land Bank Society, we can't seem to make inroads on the affordable housing issue. Despite the effects of a recession, real estate prices remain ridiculously out of reach for any working family without a fresh inheritance in their pocket to buy a first home here.

And while we love to brag about being a centre of sustainability and green thinking, when it came to supporting the dream of a local entrepreneuring family, which happened to benefit many other individuals and the entire community, we failed.

In the end, the Lower Mainland is probably a more logical place, business-wise, for a company that ships products across the country, but the move marks another blow for real island sustainability.

NIMBY heroes have triumphed

VIEWPOINT

BY ROSS KING

Thank God we have got rid of one of the most pesky problems confronting Salt Spring Island and, with it, these infernal people who demand so much and create so much difficulty and controversy. ("Salt Spring Coffee Co. plans to relocate," May 19 Driftwood.)

Now we can settle back into our idyllic lifestyle which nary a whiff of fresh-brew, no belching clouds of black smoke from the roastery to pollute our pristine atmosphere, no Costco-bound trucks to clog up our ferries, jam our roads and no infuriating grinding noises to drown out the frogs a-croaking, and the eagles a-squawking. The owls will pose for pictures on their branches undisturbed. No strip-mall developments and factories on the Fulford-Ganges Road as eyesores.

Special thanks go to the NIMBYs and INNOBYs (in no one's back yards) and general busybodies who have saved us all from a fate worse than environmental catastrophe — and to the pols and bureaucrats in the Islands Trust who have helped them.

In fact, I propose a "SSI NIMBY Day" each year to celebrate these heroes (and it would be s-o-o-o Salt Spring!) And heroes they are, because any other business thinking of setting up shop on Salt Spring and offering new jobs in the future, mindful of the treatment Salt Spring Coffee got, won't even think twice . . . so we are saved in perpetuity from these dreadful entrepreneurs. I would suggest the artists among our heroes take a break from their own self-approved variety of entrepreneurialism and carve themselves a nice, painted statue as a permanent memorial to their community-spiritedness for erection and worship in a strategic place.

And, heroes, why stop at Salt Spring Coffee? If a modern coffee roastery is so thoroughly undesirable, what about the other, far worse eyesores, olfactory-sores, and ecological blights on Salt Spring right under their noses. Forget the plan for a steel-mill here! How about getting rid of all garages and service-stations, waste-transfer stations, restaurants and pubs, all strip malls and any building of a commercial nature (including the likes of sawmills and woodworking outfits). And what about ferry terminals? All they do is create traffic jams, more noise and more pollution. As do artists' and artisans' studios, which attract tourists and commensurately more noise and more traffic and so surely these must too be banned.

After that, next up would be supernumeraries like regular folks (but most will already have gone for lack of jobs and wages). Why, they, the heroes, could get rid of roads and vehicles next and live like residents of Alderney in the Channel Islands in a state of serfdom under the old boys and their sycophants. (Interestingly, the peasants there are referred to as "cows" or "rabbits.")

Young families and school-leavers hanging on here on Salt Spring will be relieved to know that their eligibility for pogey will remain unchallenged by job opportunities on-island.

Retirees and/or the wealthy, basking in this new, improved reality, will undoubtedly find their lives improved as a result of the younger and more importunate leaving the island looking for jobs elsewhere. More room! More fresh air! Easier parking downtown! Less bratty behaviour! No hoi-poloi! Less demand for housing and therefore cheaper property to buy and retire to or expand the acreage! Less wages to pay (there'll be no pool of eager part-time help left on-island)!

We can close the schools (no kids) and therefore no school buses belching noxious fumes over the cherished landscape. It will be truly a gated community without gates — a repository (geriatric ward?) for the privileged.

Back to painting and carving wood in peace! Hallelujah!

And so Salt Spring Coffee, good riddance.

The writer is a practising fan of the satirical form.

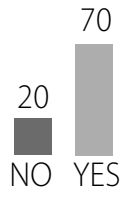
THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should provincial parks be declared alcohol free? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cast your ballot online at **www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com** before Monday at midnight or clip this box and drop it at our office before Monday at 4:30 p.m.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Is the Salt Spring Coffee Co's move to Vancouver a loss to Salt Spring?



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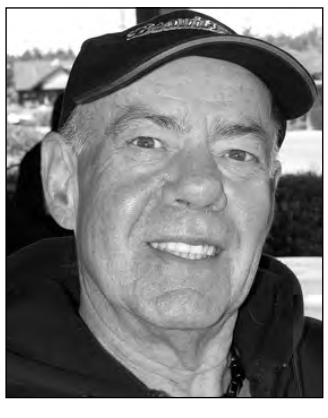
Island Voices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
"A $65 chimney sweep is chump change compared to replacing a house."
DAVE CAMPBELL, SALT SPRING CHIMNEY SWEEP & MUSICIAN

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: How do you feel about SS Coffee moving operations to Vancouver?



TED CUBITT
It's kind of disheartening to know a company born here was forced to move off-island.

RUTH WEST
It shouldn't be moving to a different place because a company from here should get to keep its roots.

LEILANI FRASER-BUCHANAN
Land is land, I understand that, but it's sad a little business has to move away.

MARILYN LAWRENCE
I think it's sad they didn't find a solution.

JOHN DENNISTON
I think it's a wise business decision.

Letters to the editor

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Dismayed at coffee co loss

I am angry and saddened that the Salt Spring Coffee Company has found it necessary to move its operation off of our island.

There may be some who see this as a win. I see it as a huge loss for Salt Spring. I feel that the working people of a community are the ones who give it reality and depth. The fewer working people we have on the island, the poorer we are. Obviously some will be leaving or losing their jobs shortly.

I know the coffee company owners and I have found them to be ethical and honest and, of course, environmentally aware and responsible. The workers they attract and hire at their coffee shop are friendly and seem to really care about people.

To repeat, I am really dismayed about this and the way I feel at this very moment is that I would like to leave Salt Spring too.

ALAN MOBERG,
MALIVIEW DRIVE

Video evidence

I was intrigued with the argument put forward by George Ehring in his May 19 In-Response piece regarding the video taping of the Trust meetings.

He said he wished to save some applicants the mishap of someone saying something untoward that may unfairly damage an individual or a business's reputation by possibly being posted on YouTube. But would not the opposite be true?

Should someone venture to say something malicious or untrue, would not the video provide the evidence for a possible slander suit? Would that alone not temper people's outrages?

WENDY BEATTY,
SALT SPRING

Credit to the other Phyllis

Are there two Phyllis Boltons on Salt Spring Island? I think not. If I am right about that then I have been given credit in the May 19 "Roundabout gets rave reviews" article by Amy Geddes for being the activist who inspired others to turn out to a meeting to view the draft Ganges village transportation designs. While I am very much in favour of the roundabout option and have visited cities where they work very well, even with two lanes, (the city of Duncan presently has two roundabouts), I cannot take credit for the actions of the person who did take the active role in sparking interest in others to attend the meeting.

I think you might have confused me with the wonderful and amazing activist Phyllis Coleman.

PHYLLIS BOLTON,
SALT SPRING

Kudos to kids and GISS

Having moved to Salt Spring three years ago from Ottawa, I am continually impressed with the calibre of the young people on Salt Spring.

I attended Wonderland at ArtSpring last week and was amazed and moved at the quality of the production. What also shone through was the obvious dedication, hard work and passion all members of the cast brought to the stage.

Kudos also of course go to the teacher(s) who guided the students through the production. As an employer on the island it continues to be a pleasure to have some of these students working in our kitchen as they bring the same care and passion with them to work.

BRUCE WOOD,
CHEF/OWNER,
BRUCE'S KITCHEN

Sad commentary

Re: Salt Spring Coffee Co. leaving the island, the old saying "stupidity has a knack of getting its way" was never more apparent than in the disgraceful treatment of the Salt Spring Coffee Co. in its quest to find a suitable home on Salt Spring.

If Salt Spring Island is to continue enjoying facilities such as libraries, swimming pools, fire halls, ball parks, schools, hospitals, etc., we will need a strong economy. All of the above-mentioned amenities and necessities are paid for by taxes and businesses pay taxes at 2.5 times the rate of residential properties. We cannot continue to disregard the very real needs of the business community and at the same time expect an ever-increasing level of public spending.

So, when a company like Salt Spring Coffee Co., a progressive and environmentally sensitive organization and a significant contributor to the niceties we all enjoy on Salt Spring is sent packing rather than nurtured and enthusiastically supported, it is a very sad commentary on our community.

To Mickey, Robbyn and the affected employees of Salt Spring Coffee Co., all of the folks at Mouat's are very sorry to see you go.

KEVIN BELL,
MOUAT'S TRADING CO. LTD.

MORE LETTERS continued on A10

So much to remember, so easy to forget

Shilo Zylbergold
NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

I'm losing it. Names, faces, words, thoughts, ideas and a couple of other things I had just a few seconds ago are escaping my brain like it was the last ferry off the island.

I find myself making lists all the time. Remember to do this. Don't forget to do that. I write these on oodles of Post-it notes and attach the yellow stickies to walls, doors, bathroom mirrors, and especially refrigerator doors.

Speaking of refrigerator doors, a common occurrence at home these days is me standing in front of the open fridge and staring blankly at nothing in particular. This is not the kind of "open fridge staring" I did back when I was a teenager. Back then it had nothing to do with memory or lack of one. No, as a teen I stared at the fridge with the hope that if I stood there long enough a sandwich would miraculously assemble its various parts, throw itself onto a plate and leap up into my waiting hands.

At this stage in my life, when I stand and stare at my open fridge, there's not much brain activity going on. This is as close to flat-lining as you can get. Was I looking for some particular form of food? Was I taking inventory so I can make up a shopping list? Was I in the act of checking to find out whether the fridge light bulb stays on once the door is closed? Who knows? In reality, I don't have the faintest clue why I opened the fridge in the first place. I also have no idea as to how long I've been standing there staring. Perhaps the fact that the room temperature has dropped five degrees and there is water dripping down from the freezer section means something significant. Maybe not. Like I said, I'm definitely losing it.

What is particularly embarrassing about a failing memory is forgetting where you parked. After a couple of hours running around doing errands and buying groceries (most of which were improvised because you left your "to do" and shopping lists at home), you find yourself standing out on the sidewalk wondering where in hell your car has managed to hide itself now. Your mind does a quick inventory of all the shops, bars, and cafes you've frequented since you last pocketed your car keys. You scan the horizon and strain your eyes in all directions. Unfortunately, your eyesight isn't what it used to be either.

It's no use. You're going to have to physically backtrack the entire day until, by process of elimination, your vehicle finds you. You do this with the realization that, no matter where you begin your search, your car will turn up in the last place you look. (This is normal behaviour for lost things.)

It gets worse. Unfortunately, as you're walking down the street in search mode, you hear your name called. You look up and see someone approaching. This person looks somewhat familiar and obviously seems to know you well. All the time you are listening and responding to this person, your mind is racing in double-time. Do you know this person? Should you know this person? Where and when have you met before? Just a name, pleeeeeeeeease.

To make matters worse, another person approaches and joins in the conversation. She also seems to know you well but doesn't know the first person. Again, you are at a loss as to who she is, how you know her and what her name is. There seems to be an attraction going on between the two and they are both nervously waiting for you to make the introductions.

This is where it gets a little dicey. You know what you should do. You should be honest and apologize profusely for having forgotten the names of both parties. This way, you could all have a little laugh at your expense and get on with the introductions business.

But that's not what you do. Instead, you continue on with the charade in the hope against hope that a name will suddenly hit you like a bolt of lightning. Failing this, you silently pray that if you stall long enough, one of them will unknowingly divulge an identity. Sometimes, to put an end to the long moments of awkwardness, you resort to the old standby of coughing loudly into your hand at the same instant as you are making the introductions. ("Cough-cough-cough, I would like to introduce you to cough-cough-cough.") Usually this will appear like an innocent coincidence and the other parties will laughingly introduce themselves to each other (and unknowingly to you).

Nobody asked me, but there seems to be so much to remember these days. Conversely, for those of us who are memory challenged, there's so much to forget. The age of computers and debit cards has thrown new obstacles our way. As well as the old problems with names, addresses, and phone numbers, we now have to concern ourselves with user names, PINs and passwords. If I had a brain cell for every time I've had to reapply for a new password because I'd forgotten the last one (which I had chosen only a couple of days earlier), I probably wouldn't be looking for my car or standing in front of an open refrigerator.

They say nostalgia isn't all it used to be. Unfortunately, neither is my memory. At the rate I'm going, it won't be too long before I'll have trouble remembering my own . . . cough-cough . . . name.

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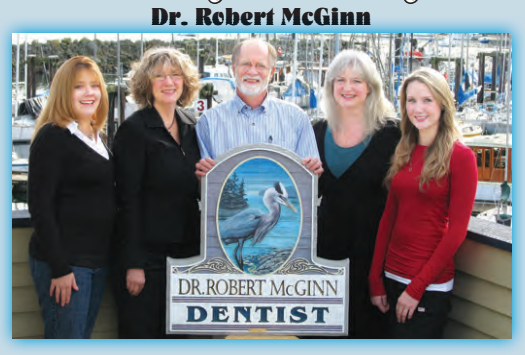

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OPINION

Finding the best possible library design

BY TILLY CRAWLEY

The Salt Spring library board is pleased to announce that an opportunity has arisen to reconsider the site layout and floor plan for the new library building.

In 2009, when the architect designed the new building, he was operating under a major constraint that largely dictated the site layout. Trust bylaws allowed for 75 per cent lot coverage on 125 McPhillips Ave., but only 25 per cent lot coverage on 129 McPhillips. Consequently the design had to incorporate a large footprint and second storey on the lot at 125 McPhillips in order to provide a building with enough space to meet the library's needs. With only a small footprint located on 129 McPhillips, there was a considerable open area on that lot.

There were some disadvantages to that design: the main floor across both lots provided only about two-thirds of the total area needed, and this meant that the collection had to be split, with part of it on the upper floor. The large second storey, which would have required a height variance, would have tended to overshadow the Creekside building, and would have presented a large and rather overwhelming aspect for someone walking along McPhillips from the village towards the library.

When the Trust's head planner Leah Hartley understood that our design options were limited because of the lot coverage restriction, she immediately and helpfully said that she would proceed with the process of amending the bylaw to permit 75 per cent lot coverage on both lots, as this would allow us to have additional options for the building design. The Trust is now proceeding with the rezoning of 129 McPhillips.

Given the increased lot coverage on 129 McPhillips, several additional options for the site layout and floor plan can now be considered by the architect and the library board. We will proceed with a final decision on the design after the bylaw amendment passes the public hearing and the LTC meeting on June 3.

The redesign will eliminate the problem of the height along the Creekside driveway, and the larger footprint means that all of the collection can be accommodated on one floor. There will be an attractive entrance from McPhillips.

We shall be building the same overall area as in the original design, and the building will still be LEED gold standard. We shall be able to allow for future expansion should it be needed. The cost of the redesign is not large, and it may well be offset, or more than offset, by potential savings in construction costs.

Of course, all this has added several months to the building schedule and this is frustrating, but it is better to iron out the problems now rather than later when additional costs would be involved. Once the bylaw amendment is confirmed, we must finish the chosen design and submit it to the Trust for the necessary development permits. This could be as early as July but more probably August or even September.

The schedule from then on is approximate, but it must allow for the architect to produce the working or detailed construction drawings — four to five months; and for the CRD to follow the process of tendering for the contractor — at least two months; only then can we actually start demolition and construction. The $4.55-million infrastructure grant is in no danger, as this schedule is well within the time framework of the grant.

The library board recognizes that the rezoning will give us a golden opportunity to make full use of the double lot and to choose the best possible design for a library that will be both attractive and functional. We hope the community will understand and appreciate that although the process is slow, a great deal of thought and effort is going into making sure that we get things right.

The writer is chair of the Salt Spring library board.

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Hurricane fuel

Climate warming, caused by dumping our generations of carbon dioxide and related gases into the atmosphere, stimulates the evaporation of water from the surface of the earth. The resulting water vapour is very deceptive.

As water evaporates into a vapour it appears to make heat disappear magically. The process absorbs vast amounts of heat from its surroundings and cools them without heating itself. This water vapour conceals the heat completely and then wafts away as a gas from the cooled surroundings.

As a result, it is believed by some that evaporative cooling could be a part of the solution for climate warming. After all, evaporation of water from our skins cools us nicely without heating anything else. Unfortunately, this evaporative process forms only half of the water vapour story–the cooling half.

The other half of the story takes place when water vapour meets cooler air in its travels around the earth and condenses into clouds and rain. It then yields up all its latent heat, about 580 calories per gram of water with an additional 79 calories per gram if snow or hail is also formed. This is the warming half of the story, the warming of the surrounding air. The consequences of this warming are often so severe that climatologists refer to water vapour as "hurricane fuel."

But this whole story has a double whammy. Not only does climate warming increase the amount of "hurricane fuel" in the atmosphere, but surprisingly, we find that water vapour itself is a greenhouse gas, more powerful than the carbon dioxide which triggered the entire process.

It has been suggested that this mechanism could possibly lead to a most undesirable positive-feedback loop–more water vapour, more climate warming, more water vapour, more climate warming and so on and on.

What are we starting with our addiction to burning carbon?

GORDON BARNES,
SALT SPRING

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 444

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing concerning **Proposed Bylaw No. 444**, for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained therein. At the public hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions. A Public Information Meeting will be held prior to the public hearing to allow for questions and review of information pertaining to the bylaw.

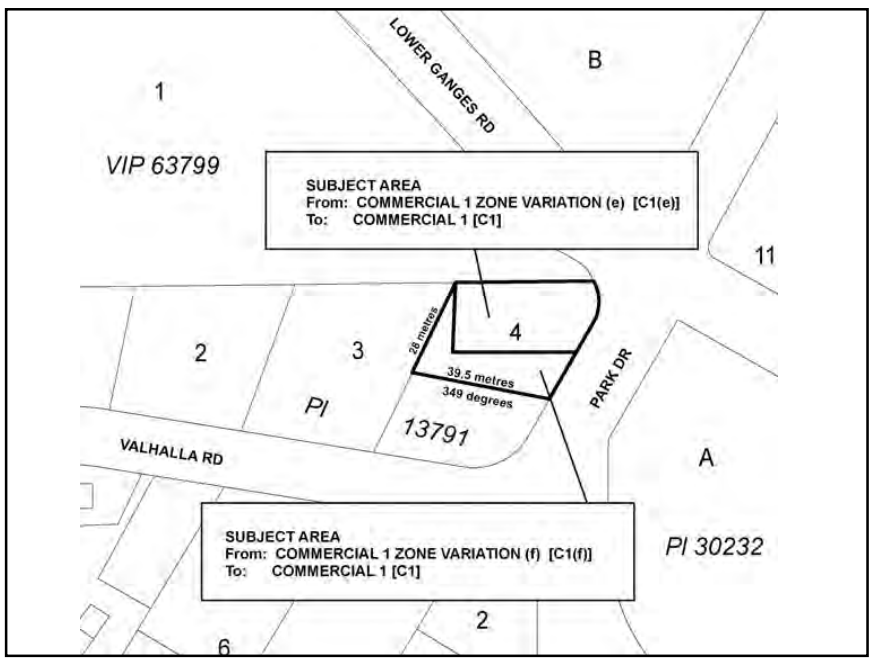
DATE: **Wednesday, June 2, 2010**
LOCATION: **Hart Bradley Hall (Lions Club), 103 Bonnet Avenue, Ganges**
TIME: **5:00 PM – Public Information Meeting**
6:00 PM – Public Hearing

1. **Proposed Bylaw No. 444, cited as "Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 1, 2010".**

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 444 is to amend Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw No. 355 as follows:

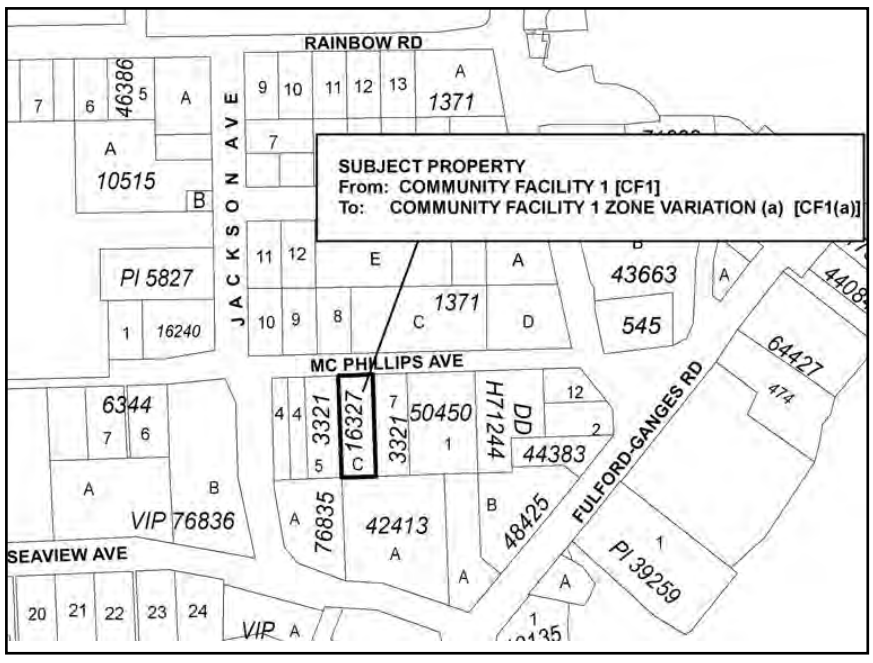
1. By making various technical amendments to the Land Use Bylaw pertaining to non-conforming setbacks, parking and commercial zones.
2. By changing the zoning classification of the North portion of Lot 4, Section 3, Range 3 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 13791, from Commercial 1 Zone Variation (e) – C1(e) to Commercial 1 – C1, and from Commercial 1 Zone Variation (f) – C1(f) to Commercial 1 – C1, as shown on Plan 1:

Plan 1 - Proposed Bylaw No. 444



3. By changing the zoning classification of Lot C (DD H36292), Section 1, Range 3 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 16327, from Community Facilities 1 (CF1) to Community Facilities 1 Zone Variation (a) – CF1(a), as shown on Plan 2:

Plan 2 - Proposed Bylaw No. 444



Copies of the proposed bylaw, and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee, may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Thursday, May 20, 2010 and up to and including Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 4:30 PM. Proposed Bylaw No. 444 may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website at: **www.islandstrust.bc.ca**

Enquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to Regional Planning Manager Leah Hartley or to the Islands Trust at (250) 537-9144. For Toll Free access, request a transfer to the Islands Trust via Enquiry BC: in Vancouver at (604) 660-2421, and elsewhere in BC at 1-800-663-7867. Written submissions may be delivered as follows:

1. By mail to the Islands Trust at 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2N8; by Fax to (250) 537-9116; or online at the Islands Trust website via the following URL: **http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/ss/meetings.cfm** by completing the **Public Hearing, Wednesday, June 2, 2010 Submission Form** before 4:30 PM on Tuesday, June 1, 2010.
2. To the Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing.

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

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

Pauline Brazier
Deputy Secretary

OPINION

LETTERS
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Speak up now

Re: "Salt Spring Coffee Co. plans to relocate," May 19, Driftwood.

First the Islands Trust enforced the ban on vacation rentals, then they refused to reconsider the Ganges Marina's rezoning application, which would have allowed for the completion of the Ganges boardwalk, (never mind the minor filling of the harbour went ahead anyway without so much as a whisper), then they turned down the offer of 115 acres of pristine park land in exchange for 8 densities, (never mind that the community after the fact paid $1.1 million for just 19 acres of it), then they turned down John Quesnel's temporary use permit for recycling and are taking him to court (never mind that John's Salt Spring Metal Recycling business was voted Small Business of the Year in 2009 for its services to the island), then they turned down Salt Spring Coffee Co.'s rezoning application — an application which any intelligent, green community in Canada would have welcomed with arms wide open (lucky Vancouver).

During the same time they have delayed, now for over four and a half years, the rezoning of the Norton Road affordable housing project, they delayed the approval of Swanson's Pond affordable housing project for over two years and they reduced the amount of affordable housing on the Rainbow Road affordable housing project.

Now, the very people who were elected to represent the electors of this area, feel it is right to ban video cameras from public meetings because one or two people feel uncomfortable. How convenient for them to have uncomfortable people to ban minor things like the public's right to access information in the Age of Information. While other governments across the planet are opening up, they are shutting down access.

Is it any wonder they don't want the general population of the island to graphically see what is going on?

The loss of Salt Spring Coffee Co., and along with it many jobs for young people, should result in a dumping of something other than coffee into Ganges Harbour . . . maybe them?

Before they come for your job, or before they come for your children's ability to afford housing and continue to call Salt Spring "home," or before they come for more of our community's economic blood or rights, it is now time for you, Salt Spring, to speak up.

With what is at stake, "Trust matters" can no longer be a spectator sport on this island. Let me hear you loud and clear, or don't complain when they "come for you."

KIMBERLY LINEGER,
SALT SPRING

Fire devastation

We stood outside of the cottage on Byron Road last week with our son and daughter-in-law, Zak Cutshall and Melissa Perry, watching as the home they had lived in as newlyweds (they were married in September) went up in smoke.

It was a heart-wrenching experience seeing the cottage that Zak had lovingly restored that was filled with their possessions be destroyed by smoke and fire.

Our hearts also go out to David, Dale, and Jean, the owners of the cottage, for their loss.

In the midst of this traumatic loss, we feel enormous gratitude that no one was physically hurt. We also are tremendously grateful for the amazing response by the Salt Spring firefighters — wow! From their wonderfully effective water tanker trucks to their skill with the fire, their rescuing of precious photo albums and important papers, and their compassionate care for those most directly affected — these men and women were truly amazing.

Many thanks, too, to the paramedics and social services support worker who were right there offering their support and assistance when most needed. We are so blessed on Salt Spring to have these highly professional support services available and delivered with such care and compassion.

Zak and Melissa are now back to square one in building their lives together (insurance was not available for their belongings). Zak moved to the island three years ago from the USA and has developed a business doing creative home renovations on the island.

Melissa, who is a casting director in the film industry, moved to Salt Spring last summer from Vancouver. They are hoping to live and work on Salt Spring and start a family here in the near future.

The number one priority right now is finding an affordable place to live on the island, with enough room for a bambino and space for Zak's tools. Zak could also provide needed maintenance or renos. If you know of or have suitable accommodations, please call Zak or Melissa at 250-538-7515.

Words are inadequate to express our thanks for the outpouring of love and support from near and far. Many, many thanks to all Salt Springers and this island itself.

If you wish to help these newlyweds get back on their feet, a trust fund has been opened at the Salt Spring branch of CIBC. Deposits can be made to acct. #5930-7681488 in trust for Zak and Melissa Cutshall, or you can contact John Yuille at 250-537-2061.

JUDITH DAYLEN AND JOHN YUILLE,
SALT SPRING

More letters online this week at gulfislandsdriftwood.com

OPINION

Pool fee debate: poor or cheap?

IN RESPONSE

BY DARLENE STEELE

PARC is currently undergoing a review of the fees for entry at the Rainbow Road Pool.

This is a formal process which we do every year prior to the Bylaw 3623, setting out fees for all the CRD recreational facilities, going to the CRD Board for approval. I am the CRD representative that sits on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

As part of the debate regarding setting the fee structure for 2010-2011, I requested that we review the fee structures in all the other pools on Vancouver Island. In total, 13 fee structures were compared.

The information was compiled by PARC staff. It is voluminous and detailed, but suffice it to say that upon examination it revealed that the Rainbow Road fees were in the very low range. In fact, using the regular adult admission as an example; only one pool was lower in cost than Salt Spring and that was by 10 cents.

Five of the pools had the same $5 fee as Salt Spring and seven of the pools had fees from $5.05 to $6.50. It is vital to note that all of these fee structures are now being reviewed and may change and I can assure you the fees will not decrease in the future.

PARC has an important recommendation to make to the CRD director as to what we should do with our pool fees.

I have bravely gone where no woman has dared to go and recommended that our fees be increased.

My proposal was to increase fees to the top fee level and failing that to go for the median fee price. Why would I do something so rash?

I need to start by saying that I am 100 per cent behind the pool and want it to be successful and indeed to expand to include a leisure component in the future. I was the president of SSplash and along with other SSplash volunteers devoted thousands of hours to fundraising and getting a yes vote on the pool referendum. Without this effort we would not have a swimming pool today.

I also believe that we as community can afford to support our pool and expand it; but we do have to be fiscally responsible in the decisions we make. It is not reasonable for the taxpayers to foot the entire bill for the pool; users of the facility must pony up as well.

Let's face it, no one expects the taxpayer to pay for their other recreational pursuits, such as gym, yoga, pilates, dance, soccer, baseball, etc.

I also want to point out that pool use is much cheaper than most of the other activities mentioned.

But, you argue, what about the people who really cannot afford to pay the admission fee? On this island we do have a small percentage of individuals and families who live below the poverty line. (Canada Census 2006 states that 9.6 per cent of all persons on Salt Spring are in a low-income category after tax.)

I am a strong advocate that all should be able to access the pool and in order to make this happen we have a "Twoonie Swim" every Sunday afternoon.

PARC also has in place a Leisure Economic Access Program, which allows individuals and families to apply for a LEAP Access Card, giving them access to the pool for half price. So for an adult, admission would be $2.50.

Each member of a qualifying family would be admitted for half price. There are also other benefits to this program. The criteria to qualify are available at the PARC office and I encourage anyone who may qualify to seek out information.

Now for the rest of us, those not living below the poverty line, I say "Buck Up"; don't be so cheap. The cost of the admission to the pool even if it were to go up to the top fee of $6.50; is not prohibitive. It is the cost of a fancy coffee and a sweet, or the cost of half a sandwich in one of the downtown restaurants, or the cost of a couple of newspapers on the weekend. It is a case of how you chose to spend you discretionary income.

The Canada Census shows that Salt Spring is a very special place indeed. We have a population of 9,640. Of that lot, 4,320 live in private dwellings. Of those private dwellings, 3,530 are owned by the people who live there. The average value of the owned dwellings was $581,317.

In the real estate insert that came out in last week's Driftwood there were 70 properties listed above $1million. There were 106 properties for sale between $581,317 (average value) and $1 million.

The median income as stated by the Canada Census in 2005 for all families was $56,000. The median income for married couple families was $64,310; for common-law couple families it was $49,761, and for lone parent families $33,977. This is an affluent community.

To those who are quibbling about a fee increase, I want to say step up and support your recreational facilities. People in this community can afford to pay a pool fee up to $6.50 per swim, remembering that it is cheaper if you by tickets for multiple swims or purchase a yearly memberships for frequent users.

To quote former B.C. Premier Bill Van der Zalm . . . "There is no free lunch." Wouldn't it be fairer if more of the costs were covered by the people who use the facility? Think about it.

The writer is Salt Spring's appointed alternate director to the CRD and sits as a CRD rep on PARC.

RANTS *and* Roses

Roses

A garden full of gratitude to the participants and everyone that supported the fundraising family flea market on May 16. Special thanks to Rani Dunkley, Kate Richer, the Fulford Pub, and Tim and John at Island Star Video.

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50 beautiful long-stem yellow roses to everyone who helped me celebrate my 50th birthday. Thanks for coming, laughing, dancing, (and for all the wonderful cards and gifts.) I am so blessed to have such special people in my life. Deb

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A bouquet of sweet spring roses to the Salt Spring community for supporting our Branch 92 Legion Mothers' Day Breakfast. Special roses for our volunteers: Mike Banks, Fiona Foster, Erin Foster, Tom and Judy Grundy, Mary Lynn Hetherington, Mac MacDonald, Johane Sinclaire, Michelle Thompson, Bronwyn Weekly, Nora Wright and especially Girl Guides: Emily Anness, Hannah Grant, Chi Chi Small-Wolf and Julie Robertson. Also Dick Illingworth and Terry Byron for their donations of eggs.

Salt Spring Centre School leadership program Grade 5 and 6 would like to thank all who participated in helping us raise the money we needed to go on our trip to Tofino. We had a car wash, flea market, many bake sales and the Battle of the Airbands. For the latter event, we would like to thank David Vollrath's company Living Water Media Services for supplying the sound system and Axel Dollheiser for keeping the music going and his generous donation. Tomiko

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A lovely big bunch of sweet roses to all the businesses who donated to the annual IODE HMS Ganges Fashion Show. You helped to make it a big success. This year all the proceeds went to the food bank and to Transition House. Florence Wiseman, president

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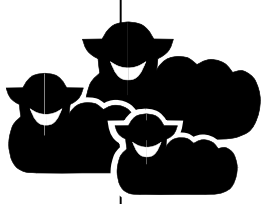

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SOCCER TOURNAMNET

Alumni FC drops nail biter in Challenge Cup division

Organizers celebrate Challenge Cup's success

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Despite shutting out opponents during regulation play in each of their six weekend games, players on Salt Spring's Alumni FC came up one goal short of winning their division at this past weekend's Challenge Cup tournament.

Alumni FC outscored opponents 12-0 on their way to qualifying for Monday morning's final with a 4-0-1 record.

"And the tie was against the bloody Old Boys," said player Lyall Brown.

"It was kind of weird to be playing our own club."

Brown scored his first goal in three years with Alumni FC during the tournament before getting sidelined with an injury.

He said the loss to defending champion Courtenay Rovers marks the team's second tournament-final loss to its Vancouver Island rivals in three years.

Regardless of the final result, Brown said, the team is proud of what they accomplished.

"It's kind of weird that you can go all tournament without allowing any goals and still end up in second place," he said.

"It came down to a matter of inches. We deserved the win, but it wasn't in the cards."

Brown credited his team's performance with a strategy that emphasized working as a unit rather than relying on the strength of one or two star players.

Keeper Ken Marr picked up "shutouts galore" while a solid team effort had Alumni FC's opponents on edge throughout the tourney.

In the men's competitive division, Salt Spring FC just missed out on qualifying for the final with a third-place finish following Saturday and Sunday's round-robin play.

Salt Spring's two women's teams, Ganges Gremio and the Old Boys failed to qualify for the finals.

"Everyone had lots of fun," said Salt Spring's Malcolm Legg, who coached the Nanaimo Wheaties to a championship performance in the women's recreational division.

"It was a great tournament."

Other division winners were Prospect Lake (women's competitive), Signmaster (men's rec.) and Gordon Head (men's comp.).

Legg said the approximately 40 teams and plenty of fan support helped make this year's Challenge Cup a roaring success for everyone involved.

Above (photo by John Cameron), Salt Spring soccer players in the women's competitive league complete their psych-out warm up before their first game; while at left (photo by Derrick Lundy), the goalie goes down for the save in soccer action between Salt Spring Alumni and Islands United in a game played on Sunday.

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SPORTS & RECREATION

ROUND SALT SPRING 2010

Mixed winds and weather divides pack

First racers across in 9 hours

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

All types of weather and fresher than anticipated winds made the Round Salt Spring Race a different event for different boats this year.

Ninety-two sailboats in five classes participated in the 36th annual event sponsored by the Salt Spring Sailing Club. Seventy-six boats finished the race with 16 disqualified for hitting rocks or using their engines.

Race co-ordinator Peter McGovern said this year's race was significant for the amount of people participating from different clubs and harbours, including four with fast ocean-racing vessels.

"There were some pretty sophisticated boats — it's not just a little, local race anymore," McGovern said, noting sailors came from Vancouver island, the Lower Mainland and Washington State.

A frustrating race occurred for two boats that went aground right at the start. Boats also hit rocks at Bullman and Southey Point. But the changing weather and strong tides brought racers a faster event than expected.

"We had better wind than predicted. It kept all the boats moving pretty well around the island," McGovern said.

Travelling in a clockwise direction, the fastest boats got through Sansum Narrows quickly and started to cross the finish line around 7 p.m. Saturday. The next group put in between 10 p.m. Saturday and 1 a.m. Sunday and the remaining vessels arrived through the early hours of Sunday morning.

The Icon, skippered by Kevin Welch out of Seattle, was the first to arrive at 7:02:15 Saturday evening, completing the race in close to nine hours before corrections.

Skipper Daryl Homan from Sidney/North Saanich piloted the My-Tai to receive the Marshall Sharp Trophy as overall winner with a corrected race time of 9 hours, 44 minutes and 52 seconds.

Reigh North's Absolute Kaos was second overall, while Iain and Susanne Morris were third on the Mischief.

Greg Slakov received the Doug Thomas Award for the second year in a row as the first Salt Spring Sailing Club member to arrive. Skippering the Imp with crew members Ian Cook and Craig Leitch, Slakov's corrected time was 12 hours, 3 minutes and 27 seconds. The Imp placed second in its class and sixth overall.

Slakov's strategy was to be where the winds were and to be aware of what the tide was doing.

"It's a big factor in Sansum Narrows where the tide can go through at two or three knots," he said.

The post-race lunch at the Sailing Club saw 400 participants and guests enjoy barbecued lamb while three prizes for each class were handed out. The exception was the multi-hull class, which had just two participants.

Slakov said the lunch and the race itself are known for being fun and welcoming; for local racers, it gives the opportunity to sail with high-calibre participants.

"It's a good place to test yourself," Slakov said.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

The Oasis is among the boats heading out at the start of the annual sailing race.

DRAGONBOAT RACING

Spirit Point paddlers hit Vic. Gorge races

More members welcome to join

BY MARY ROWLES
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Spirit Point Dragons got their paddles wet for the first time this year at the Super Sprint dragonboat races at the Victoria Gorge on Saturday.

The Salt Spring team, sponsored by Country Grocer, Harbours End Marine and Moby's Marine Grill, joined 31 teams from Vancouver Island at these tune-up races for the summer dragonboat season.

New paddlers Wendy Eggertson, and Katherine Davidson-York were in their first competition. The team was grateful to a few last minute extras, including Bob Howes, Judy Willett — now on a Campbell River team — and Barb, the Island Breaststrokers coach, who joined in to ensure we had 20 paddlers in each race.

As usual, the powerful male-dominated teams like Navy Dragon Anchors, Gorging Dragons, Blu By U and Xtreme Reach dominated the mixed team competition, but Spirit Point held its own in the recreational division.

In the first heat, Spirit Point Dragons came in third at 1.15.2, a little over a second behind Aquaholics (1.14.0), but well behind the strong Precision Impossible (1.09.0). In the second heat, the team held the same time, 1.15.2 and was a nose behind the second-place team Amazing Grays (1.14.8) and close to the winner Victorious Secret (1.11.2).

Racing in the White Final B, the team agreed to bear down, focus in and keep their sticks on the ice. They had a strong start, but were unable to catch the other boats and came third overall.

The team will compete next at Sproat Lake in mid-June, then Whistler, Harrison and Victoria competitions through the summer. The club is always open to new paddlers. Contact maryrowles19@hotmail.com for information.

TRACK

Two qualify for B.C. championships

Morgan and Brown will compete June 4-5

Two Grade 11 students at GISS made their marks at the Vancouver Island High School Track and Field Championships at UVic last week.

Grace Morgan came third in the 100-metre race with a time of 12.74 seconds.

She also came second in the 200-m with a 25.82 time.

Kevan Brown finished the 800-m event in 2.01.28, for a second-place finish.

They now qualify for the B.C. high school championships on June 4 and 5 at Swangard Stadium in Burnaby.

Morgan and Brown both train with Peninsula Track and Field. Their goal is to make the B.C. team and compete at the nationals in Ontario in August.

Brown also continues to play soccer. He presently plays for the Victoria Highlanders Reserve team as a centre back.

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TRAIL & NATURE

Strawberry festival and more on tap

Flying and finance talk runs May 27

Presentation

On Thursday, May 27 at 7:30 p.m.: Above the Beaten Path: Adventures in Flying and Finance will be presented by Dru and Ulrike Narwani at the United Church.

Members and non-members are welcome.

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Strawberry Festival

June 15: Meet at noon in the lower picnic area of Ruckle Park to enjoy a scrumptious dish of strawberries and ice cream. Bring your own dish and spoon.

A short general meeting will follow.

Hikers

June 1: Lynn Thompson will lead us on a strenuous hike that explores Mount Maxwell from Burgoyne Bay. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at the Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10 a.m.

June 8: Andrea Rankin will lead an east to west moderate, but interesting, hike across the island's north end, including the Jack Foster Trail. Hopefully we will end up back at our starting point! Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.

A meeting spot at the north end will be posted on the club website.

June 15: Zeke Blazecka will lead a short and easy hike in Ruckle Park prior to the strawberry fest. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the parking lot outside Ruckle Park gate at 10 a.m. Remember to bring a bowl and spoon to the fest!

Walkers

June 1: Judy Nurse and Dulcy Wilson will lead a walk through the 10-acre Aronoff property before heading off to Dunbabin Park across the road. You will want your camera handy on this walk that features large trees, fern gullies, a rushing stream and moderate hills.

Meet at 10 a.m. at ArtSpring, or 488 Stark Road at 10:15 a.m. Drive up the drive for parking.

June 8: Bryan will lead us on a mystery walk. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m.

June 15: Nancy Braithwaite will lead a short walk through Ruckle Park before the Strawberry Festival.

Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to carpool or at the Ruckle parking lot on the right just beyond the farm.

Ramblers

June 1: Ramble with the Hardings on Eagle Ridge Drive to Quebec Lane, with a visit to the seed farm.

Meet at 10 a.m. at Centennial Park.

June 8: Walk with Ann Gosse down Menhinick Drive. Meet at 10 a.m. at Centennial Park to carpool.

June 15: Ramble in Ruckle Park with Harold Page before the Strawberry Festival. Meet at 10 a.m. at Centennial Park to carpool.

Fall Trip

The club's fall outing will be on Quadra Island from Sept. 13 to 15, with accommodation at Tsa-Kwa Luten Lodge. For more information, check the STNC website or contact the trip coordinator at janetandersen@shaw.ca.

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5.5 (a) the directors shall be elected for one-two- and three-year terms, and shall be elected at the annual general meeting
5.5 (e) no person can hold a particular office for more than 3 consecutive terms
5.5 (g) the director so appointed holds office only until the conclusion of the next following annual general meeting of the society but is eligible for re-election at the meeting.
Proposed wording:
5.5 (a) the directors shall be elected for a two-year term and shall be elected at the annual general meeting
5.5 (e) no person can be elected for more than 3 consecutive terms
5.5 (g) the director so appointed serves only until the conclusion of the next following annual general meeting of the society but is eligible for election at the meeting, and
5.5 (h) past board members may be elected to the board again, following a two-term absence.

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Happy 13th Birthday Liam

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FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS
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NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING

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

DATE: June 3, 2010
TIME: 10:30 am
PLACE: ArtSpring, 100 Jackson Ave

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ASTROLOGER MICHAEL O'Connor visiting Saltspring Jun 3-7. Offering Readings by Appointment + Presentation: "Astrology, Era 2012 and the Great Alignment" Thursday June 3, 7-9:30 pm - $15.00. Reserve Now! 1.888.352.2936 sunstarastrology@gmail.com

DEATHS

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
COMING EVENTS

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SALT SPRING SAILING CLUB Join us Sat., May 29 - Open House, from 10-3. 152 Douglas Rd., 250-537-5112. See our ad on p.39 of the Leisure Guide for Instruction schedule www.saltspringsailing.ca

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DEATHS

Neil G. Burton

January 1, 1941 - May 19, 2010

With sadness, we announce the death of Neil Garnett Burton at the age of 69 at Lady Minto Hospital, Salt Spring Island, B.C. after a long battle with cancer.
Neil had a life-long passion for the history and culture of China. He lived and worked in China and Japan as a translator and teacher for many years before returning to Canada to live on Salt Spring Island. He was equally passionate about issues of social justice and endeavored to effect change.
He leaves behind four children: Barbara Burton Arnett (Chris) of S.S.I., James Burton (Xiang) of S.S.I., Emily Zhanje (William) of Yokohama, Japan, and Dawn Burton of Osaka,Japan. He also leaves four grandchildren; John, Carl, Zoe, and Zachary as well as siblings; Donald, Marybeth, Nancy and many dear cousins, nieces, and nephews.
He will be missed by many friends especially for his congenial and stimulating gatherings.
Thank-you to Dr. Reznick and the home-care and hospital nurses who participated in his care.
A special thank-you to Neil's friend, Brian Smallshaw for his constant care and attention.
No funeral by request.

"Once all struggles are grasped, miracles are possible."

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
COMING EVENTS

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The camp will be based out of Fulford School and will allow kids to have FUN, while exploring and developing team and individual skills in lake, ocean, mountain, and forest environments.
For more information visit the Island Kids Adventure Camp website:
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olivia@islandkidscamp.ca

LAMA DRUPGYU Tony is Back. Chenrizig meditation, May 29-30 Still Point Yoga Studio call Matthew/Phyllis 250-537-2378.

Daughter Mary Tanti & Grandson Robert Orme
Invite you to celebrate the life of
MARY BUTLER
1907-2010
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MAY 28, 7 - 8 pm
FUNDRAISER
8 - 9 pm
Jack Rosen, of (Island Escapades) shares
*Slides and Stories of Alaska**
On his 51 Day Kayaking trip
***Fundraiser open to public**
379 Lower Ganges Rd.

UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP
Rev Karen Fraser Gitlitz asks "What is Unitarianism?...and why does it matter?" May 30, 11 a.m. at S.S. Seniors' Centre.
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INFORMATION

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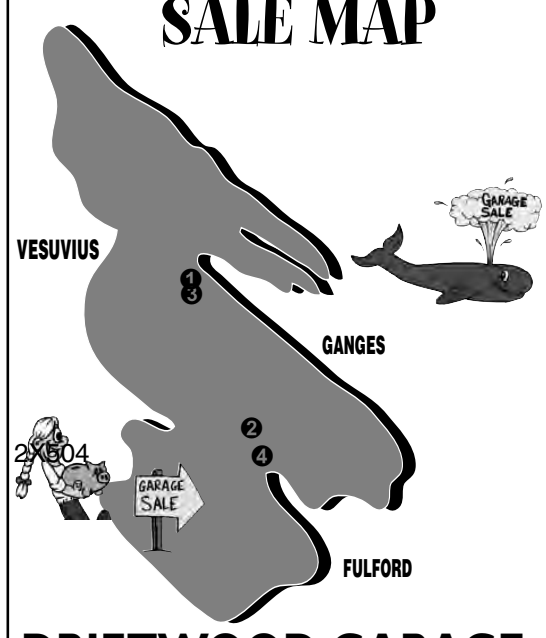

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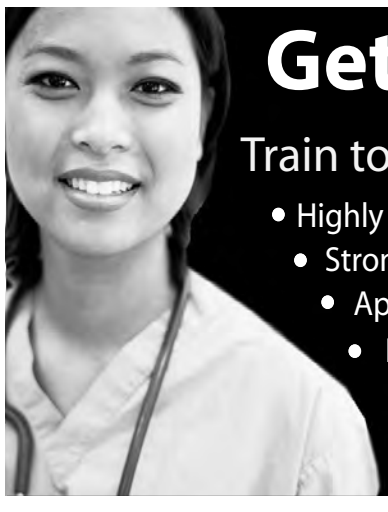

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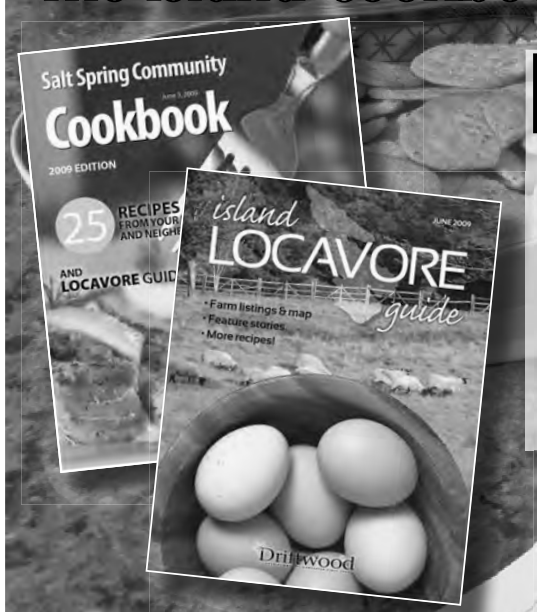

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This Week's Horoscope

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Tip of the Week:
The final countdown to Jupiter-conjunct-Uranus at Zero Aries has begun. This potent seed event, symbolically linked to a New Moon is also symbolic of the moment of conception. One of the biggest conjunctions of our times, this cycle spans the next 14 years. Incidentally, Jupiter conjunct Uranus is an aspect of genius. To understand the nature of any aspect, it is essential to see the whole chart. All the planets complete the portrait of the cosmic seed at the moment of conjunction. This one is 0 Aries in the Tropical Zodiac and 6 Pisces 17 in the Vedic Lahiri Zodiac. Yes, there are several interpretations of the Zodiac. There are several Vedic systems alone spanning almost 10 degrees which amounts to about 700 years of arc time! Interestingly, the big question is where exactly is 0 Aries? Beyond the constellational Zodiac used, in the East or the West the planets always share the exact same relationship to one another – same seed and core life pattern, but with a different expression, like twins. Honouring the Sunlight here in the West we use the Tropical system and 0 Aries is always determined by the Vernal Equinox and it does not change. The Sun pyramids that reveal the sun's shadow at this time annually, is testimony to it. So the whole star seed sparked by Jupiter/Uranus conjunction is packed with Aries Fire – with Jupiter, Uranus and the Moon in Aries. With Mercury, Mars, Saturn and Pluto all in the 3 Earth Signs, the theme is well, volcanic. The larger picture speaks of order, work, repair and healing. The chart is like a prescription. Now it is up to us to swallow the medicine.

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)
Balancing home life with a bit of roaming and venture is likely these days. The warming sun of the season calls you out, and to task, and just about anything you do feels pleasant now. You may well feel a new strength emerging in you. You are also aware of duty and responsibility, yet the urge for adventure too. Focus to have it all!

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)
A steady aim of your plough to furrow new ground is the metaphor in your star pattern. You are in the mood to get a lot done and you have a lot to do. Your current reality requires your full attention. Fun and games will have to come later, and they will, and you will relax fully into them, knowing you got so much done now.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)
Plans, plots, schemes and dreams devised in the rear, behind the scenes are keeping you busy now. You want to feel good but you may be having trouble relaxing. Your energies are running high…so it is something else. A subtle fear blended with some big hopes dance crazily in your heart. But do not speak the spell away; dream your vision to make it real.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)
The water is beginning to boil but it is not at full rumble yet. The winds of change are blowing strongly in your world. You are like a seed they must sweep away to another place that is better for you. It takes courage to follow the voice of your heart, yet resistance is futile. Tune-in and listen and prepare to answer the call soon…

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)
Making friends, connections and new associations is keeping you busy now. Your wild beauty is there for others to see, yet is there a deep furrow in your brow as well? You are all for fun but you mean business this time. A growing commitment to change will be reflected by a desire to be organized and grounded. Get all your affairs in order.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)
You are in the limelight now, at least you are there sharing it with others. The push of necessity to face your fears is making you feel stronger. This momentum will grow. Many new realizations are coming your way. Don't lean but do engage and cooperate with others – serving, yet delegating as is appropriate. Enjoy your time in the sun.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)
How do you get out there yet dig in deep all at the same time. You are probably learning how, about now! Your heels are set and you are beginning to push. You know that you will break through eventually and you are determined to do so. Painting stripes on you face might help, yes. Whatever it takes to head into the unknown with a big cry for freedom!

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)
'Thy will be done…' that's what the book says. Yes, it does rhyme with 'my' but you have to get the horse and the cart in the right order. The horse pulls, that's you. Now if thy will, gets my will (yours) to get others to use their will directed by yours, then you are good with the big guy, thy. They may not agree but hey you will be karma clean. Otherwise, move thy…!

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)
Who loves you baby? I mean, who do you do your voodoo to? If you say you do with you first and with others too I might say you are a spiritual master and I may follow you. So, if you are feeling stalked…. Otherwise, the next time you say, I love you, take an extra hard look at your self in the mirror and, really mean it.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)
Beyond the beauty of the blossoms, Gemini likes to speak in riddles and dance to fiddles amidst the rye. That is fine with you; you're fond of a dry twist of wit that brings tears to the eyes. After all, he who laughs - lasts! Don't expect to walk a clean, straight line. Anticipate a stagger in your swagger and if you should you trip just remember before the curtains fall, take a bow and wink at the crowd.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)
Your mind is changing, quickly now. Whatever you thought, believed or knew is no longer as true as was just yesterday. Don't worry or let it frustrate you. Just take command to let go of control and take your stand in the now. For the world is a stage and we are just spirits on it, incarnate. Yet somehow you feel you are still in the cocoon. Patience now, you will fly again soon.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)
You are at home when on the move; you feel it is your call. Beyond the comforts of your cozy nest you feel called to do what you must. Whether for truth, necessity, ambition or power, every path has its price. Regardless of which way we go there is always a sacrifice. You must accept your mission and follow your vision to heal the spirit in you and others.

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Zach Hemstreet and Bree Eagle, of Bright Farm, are seen at the Saturday market in Ganges.

Produce study heralds locavore revival

Local food production takes root

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

According to a newly released Salt Spring Island Produce Study, production of fruit and vegetables grew by an astounding 38 per cent between 2004 and 2009.

"At some point, you hit a critical mass and things can really take off," said study coordinator Patricia Reichert.

Fruit production accounted for 45 per cent of the increase, whereas vegetable production grew by 28 per cent.

Most of the fruit increase can be attributed to the production of grapes, though strawberry yields also rose significantly.

Local fruit and vegetables account for six per cent of islanders' overall produce consumption. That's up from the four per cent identified in a 2006 study conducted by Island Natural Growers.

The most promising news, according to Reichert, is that demand for local produce and development of a streamlined distribution system have encouraged farmers to ramp up production even more.

Approximately 46 per cent of respondents said they intend to increase production between 2009 and 2010.

Work to increase the amount of local food, Reichert said, is an essential component of reducing islanders' greenhouse gas emissions and increasing the island's food security.

Learning about, growing and eating local food, she added, can also encourage healthier eating habits and lifestyles.

"Based on the trend indicated in this study, double-digit replacement of trucked-in food is still several years away," Reichert writes in the study's concluding remarks. "To reach 10 per cent of all produce that's eaten in a year we will need to double the 2004 production. That means another 45 per cent increase over 2009 levels.

"Importantly this assumes that Salt Spring's population remains the same."

The study showed further increases in the level of home gardens and backyard food production.

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'It's not impossible'

PRODUCE STUDY

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Among the study's most interesting findings was that about 75 per cent of home gardeners surveyed said they harvest fruits and vegetables at least 10 months of the year.

"This is a remarkable harvesting time span that offers significant possibilities when considering home food production capacity," Reichert writes in her report.

"We've got the farmland. We've just got to make it accessible," she added. "It's not impossible.

"We need 500 acres [in production], so let's work together as a community to make it happen."

The study involved 36 farmers representing between 85 and 90 per cent of the island's commercial produce farmers.

The survey did not attempt to interview all home gardeners, but focused on members of the Incredible Eaters, a sub-group of the Salt Spring Island Garden Club.

The report was funded by the Islands Trust and the Salt Spring Agricultural Alliance. It can be read on the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee's website.

Scotch broom facts

Introduced to Vancouver Island in 1850.

Highly invasive, broom spreads quickly on open, disturbed soil.

Each plant produces thousands of seeds every year.

Seeds last over 30 years in the soil and sprout when the soil is disturbed.

Extremely flammable, alive or dead.

Cut or pulled plants leach toxins into the soil.

Chokes out native plants.

Rare and sensitive ecosystems such as Garry oak meadows have been invaded by broom.

Management

Stem smaller than a pencil? Hand pull in winter. Avoid disturbing soil (hold down with your foot and tamp down soil after plant removed).

Stem larger than a pencil? Cut at or below ground surface with loppers or pruning saw; cover stump if possible.

Broom growing on rock? Cut — don't pull — to reduce disturbance of shallow soil.

Cut when broom is in bloom or during drought to reduce regrowth.

Seed disturbed areas with native grasses to prevent more broom invasion.

Disposal

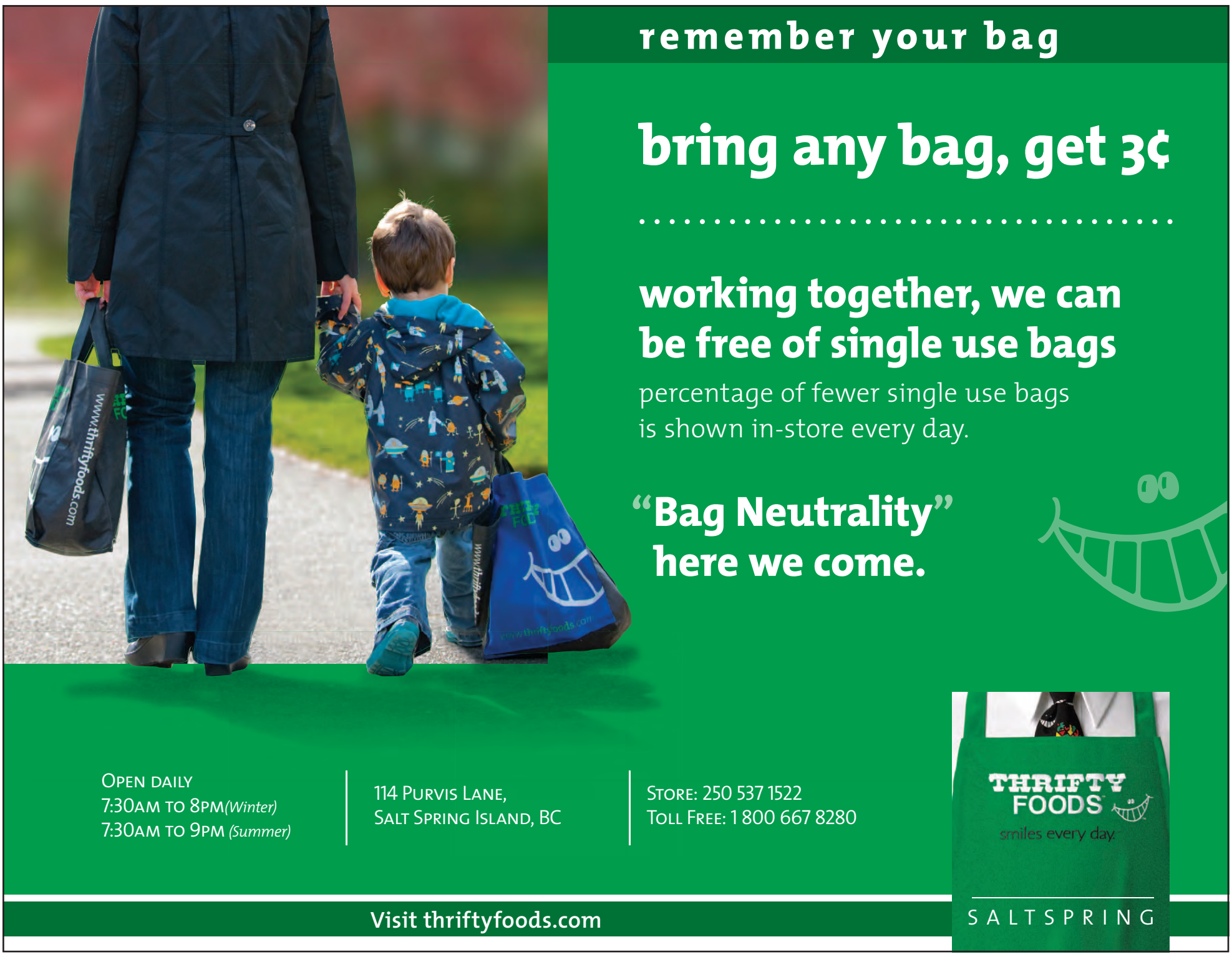
Large amounts: Transport to site where it can be safely burned according to fire regulations or take to Blackburn transfer station or the Hartland Road landfill.

Move cut plants on tarp to avoid spreading seeds.

Small amounts (with no seeds): Scatter on site or compost under a fir tree.

Take to June 12 drop-off event. (See main story, Page B3, for details)

Info from the SSI Conservancy's No Room For Broom brochure.



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INVASIVE SPECIES

Battling the broom plant

June 12 drop-off

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

For every person who admires the annual roadside display of Scotch broom's yellow blooms, there are plenty more who are sharpening their shears and stoking the bonfire.

"They say 'every journey of a thousand miles begins with one step,'" said Carol Dodd, already hard at work with a set of clippers at the corner of North End and Fernwood roads.

PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Carol Dodd on broom duty.

It's 8:30 on a Monday morning and Dodd had already taken more than a few steps on the path to eradicate the plant from a stretch of road near her north-end home.

Since it was introduced to the region by European settlers more than 150 years ago, the plant has flourished throughout southwestern British Columbia. The success of Cytisus scoparius, however, comes at a high price, according to the legions of islanders who've declared all-out war against the invasive species.

According to the Salt Spring Island Conservancy's Linda Gilkeson, the plant has a tendency to crowd out native plants, affect the regeneration of forests and threaten vegetation along the forest floor.

Patches of thick broom pose a major fire hazard during the dry summer months and can even alter soil chemistry to the point that it becomes unsuitable for native plants.

Those are only some of the reasons broom bashers encourage others to join the battle against broom.

"I pulled all the little beggars that came up and it's very sneaky," Dodd said, describing the assault on her own property. "It grows tall and thin where the surrounding vegetation is tall and it grows very short and spreading where there is cut lawn.

"But I have no broom now."

She figures encouraging individuals and community groups to adopt 100-metre stretches of roadside will be a good start and make a serious dent in the plant's spread.

Thanks to a major broom collection event sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy and PARC on June 12, broom fighters no longer face the perennial question of what to do with all those leftover cuttings.

Organizers recommend that people collect broom in plastic tarps or sealed containers to prevent the spread of seedlings during transportation. Plants will be set ablaze by staff and volunteers from the Salt Spring fire department.

Any broom plants with a stem thicker than a finger should be cut near the base, as opposed to being pulled up by the root. Pulling the plant, Gilkeson said, breaks the surrounding soil and can result in a wealth of new seedlings.

"The debate [on pulling versus cutting] seems to have finally moved on after years of research," she said.

An exception, she added, is when people want to clear a site for a specific use like a garden or pasture. For help with these larger jobs, the conservancy loans out specialized broom-pulling tools.

The invasive weed drop-off event will be held on Saturday, June 12 at the gravel pit across from 1583 and 1601 Fulford-Ganges Road.

The drop-off will be open between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Volunteers are needed to monitor traffic at the gravel pit. Call Jane Petch at 250-537-0880 if you can help out with a shift.

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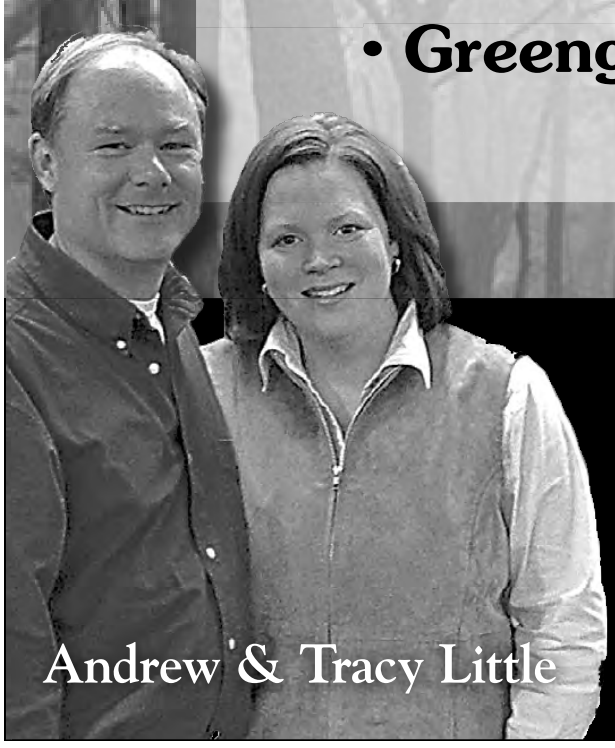

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Wed. May 26

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

GISS Music.
Year-end show by GISS students. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Lane 31.
Rock your Roots for Pint Club Wednesdays. Moby's 8 p.m.
Nadhira & Jason.
Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

SS Seniors Services Society.
Special games afternoon at the seniors centre. 2 p.m. Everyone welcome. Come and have fun with your friends.

Thurs. May 27

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

GISS Music.
See Wednesday listing.
Richard Cross.
Live music at Shipstones pub. 7 p.m.
Mike Alviano.
Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
Open Mic.
Hosted by Stephanie Rhodes at The Local. 8 p.m.
Blues Night.
Soul Shakedown with Sarah Morris. Moby's. 8 p.m.
Lane 31.
The Pub at Fulford.

ACTIVITIES

Green Drinks.
Share your news, projects, ideas over great veggie food & beverages. Harbour House Hotel. 5 to 8 p.m. Sponsored by I-SEA.
Old-Growth Forest Slide Show.
And talk on forestry politics with the Ancient Forest Alliance. Central Hall. 7 p.m.

Fri. May 28

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Adventures of Doctor Doolittle.
Salt Spring Centre School play. Mahon Hall. 7 p.m.
The Carnival Band.
Thirty-piece full-tilt boogie brass band plays funk, calypso, samba and world-beat. Beaver Pt. Hall. 9 p.m. (Doors at 8 p.m.)
Tommy Hooper. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
Paul Mowbray. Harbour House lounge. 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Son de Cuba. At Moby's. 8 p.m.
Shaun Verreault. Shipstones. 7 p.m.
Donny Brook and the Haymakers. The Pub at Fulford.

ACTIVITIES

Relay for Life.
Annual cancer research fundraiser at Portlock Park. Kids' activities begin at 4 p.m .Survivors' lap at 7 p.m.
StoryTime at the Library.
Storyteller's Surprise Day. What's the surprise? Come and find out. For early grades and pre-schoolers. 1 p.m.
BACARA AGM.
Meeting at 7 p.m., wiith Slides & Stories of Alaska kayaking trip presentation fundraiser open to the public at 8 p.m. 379 Lower Ganges Rd.

Sat. May 29

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Bach on the Rock.
Orchestra and mixed voices group presents Handel's Israel in Egypt. All Saints. 7 p.m.
The Adventures of Doctor Doolittle. Salt Spring Centre School play. Mahon Hall. 7 p.m.
Allison Lickley.
Singer-songwriter performs at the Sweetnams' on Sky Valley Road . 7 p.m. Info: 250-931-1130
Kelowna International Choir.
Musical memories from the 1930s to the '50s: Elvis, Beatles, to Bobby Darin and more. Legion lounge. 7 p.m.
Mike Demers Trio.
At Shipstones pub. 7 p.m.
Donny Brook and the Haymakers.
The Pub at Fulford.
KC Kelly & Gene Grooms.
Harbour House lounge. 6:30 to 9 p.m.
The Sutcliffes.
At Moby's. 8 p.m.
Lane 31.
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
The Academy Presents . . . Dance.
SS Arts Academy production with special guests. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

Sat. May 29

ACTIVITIES

Power of One Community Volunteer Fair.
At SS Elementary School gym. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Oil & Water Tour.
NDP energy and resources critic Nathan Cullen speaks at breakfast event at SS United Church, with newly acclaimed Saanich-Gulf Islands candidate Edith Loring-Kuhanga also attending. 8 a.m.
Journeying with Voice and Writing.
Two-day vocal improv and writing workshop with Ella Topaz and Wendy Judith Cutler. Info/register: Wendy, 250-653-4286 or winnie@saltspring.com.
Canadian Federation of University Women AGM.
At 2101 Fulford-Ganges Rd. 11 a.m.
Open Garden.
Irises, rhodos and more at 185 Furness Rd.

Sun. May 30

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Bach on the Rock. See Saturday listing except the time is at 2 p.m.
Folkstar Vagabonds.
At Moby's. 7 p.m.
Alan Moberg. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
The Barley Bros.
The Pub at Fulford.

ACTIVITIES

Half-day Meditation.
Zen practice at Ango Retreat. 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Register: Simon, 250-537-1721.
How to Prune & Maintain Japanese Pines & Maples.
Free workshop at Heiwa Garden. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Purina Walk for Dog Guides.
Portlock Park. 2 p.m.

Mon. May 31

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Peter Prince.
Live music at Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m

Tues. June 1

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Stage with David Jacquest.
Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

Wed. June 2

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Music & Munch.
Women of Note perform in the free recital at All Saints. 12:10 p.m.
Denny & Marc Ponton.
Live music at Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

SS Local Trust Committee Public Hearing.
On proposed Bylaw 444. Lions Hall. 5 p.m. information meeting; hearing at 6 p.m.

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Robin Hood & Kick-Ass **play next at The Fritz!**

EXHIBITIONS

- **Point Gallery** shows A New Wilderness, photographs by John Denniston in the Upper Gallery, and Mine Sites, photogravure by Steven Dixon in the Lower Gallery. Open daily to June 20.
- **Jacob Burton, Joshua Beckett and Robert Moss**. Exciting new work by three emerging local artists at ArtSpring's Bateman gallery. Runs daily to May 31.
- **Eclectic Visions**: Salt Spring Photography Club's first exhibition of work. At ArtSpring through Wednesday, June 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.
- **Gallery 8** hosts a new exhibition of work by Joyce Greig, Helen Ormiston Smith, Karin Marita Jones, Bob Leatherbarrow, Lore Schmidts, Gail Sibley, Donna J. Hall, David Young running daily through Saturday, June 12.
- **Nicola Wheston** shows new work at Salt Spring Woodworks from Thursdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Exhibit runs to June 13.
- **Salt Spring Painters' Guild** has a showing of artwork at Island Savings Credit Union until the end of July.

Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art presents a new show of works by Lady X entitled As I See It.

- **Larry Melious** is hanging new photographs at Barb's Bakery through the month of May.
- **R.M. Dupuy** shows more portraits of islanders and exciting new Salt Spring landscapes, painted with knives, in the **ArtSpring** lobby. Runs for the months of May and June.
- **Cafe Talia** features photos by **Sam Lightman.**
- **Shari Macdonald** shows new photos at **Jana's Bake Shop.**
- **Kirk Hampson: Metalworks** is the May show at **Salt Spring Coffee Co. Cafe** in Ganges.
- **Starfish Gallery** is showing work by **Diana Dean, Stefanie Denz, Birgit Bateman** and Andrea Collins.
- **Jim Standen's** photo exhibit, featuring Salt Spring-grown produce, is now being displayed on the walls at **Bruce's Kitchen.**

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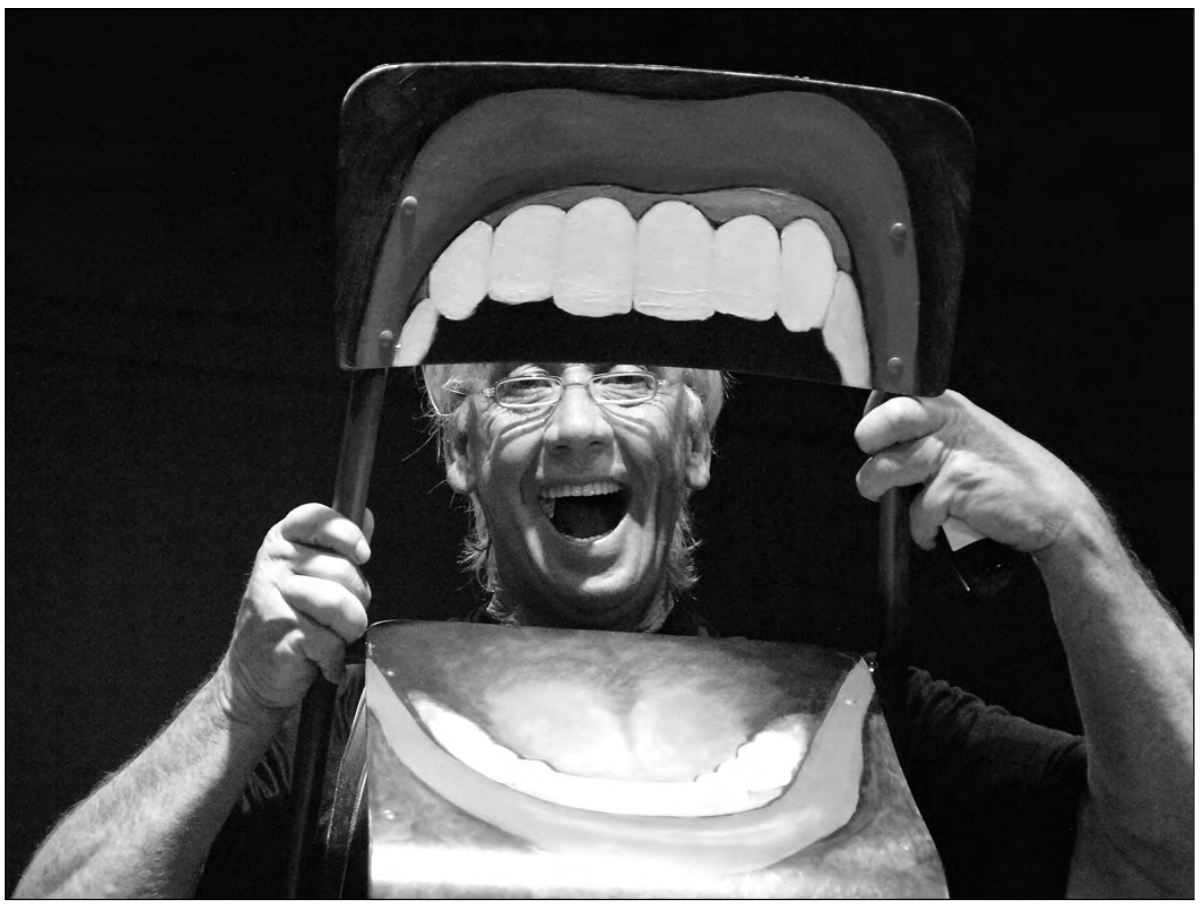

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Chair-ity auctioneer Arvid Chalmers peers through a chair painted by Salt Spring artist Julia Sliwowska. The event, which took place at Mahon Hall last Saturday night, raised over $30,000 for the Salt Spring Community Arts Council.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY (MAY 26) 8pm
Rock your Root s w / LANE 31 for Pint Club Wednesdays!

THURSDAY (MAY 27) 8pm
Blues Night w/ Gene Grooms / Paul Bram / Dave Roland

FRIDAY (MAY 28) 8pm $7
Live Music w/ Son De Cuba

SATURDAY (MAY 29) 8pm $10
Live Music w/ The Sutcliffes

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MUSIC & MUNCH

Women of Note lead 'nature walk'

Group with 17 years of history shares compelling program

The members of Women of Note will be inviting their audience to join them on "a walk in nature" as they explore its magical and wondrous aspects through song in their upcoming Music and Munch concert.

This well-known intimate ensemble, now in its 17th year, meets once a week to share the pleasure of singing together, with each of the 10 women contributing in her own unique way by sharing a diverse range of musical styles and backgrounds.

Including songs about nature and the environment has been a focus for the group for many years and they have sung at numerous community events, Music and Munch being a regular venue for them year after year.

Guided by director Linda Quinn, the group delights in singing mainly a cappella and enjoys the challenge of unusual harmonies such as those found in Spring by Bartok.

"The song has many dissonances and requires great concentration and a willingness to become one with the music," explains a press release.

"This We Know is another song with distinctive harmonies. It is a deeply moving song by Ron Jeffers with a message about the connectedness of all things.

"The words are those of Chief Seattle in 1855 after signing the Point Elliot Treaty which resulted in the loss of his people's ancestral home in the Puget Sound area."

There will be songs about gardens, butterflies, shepherds and farmers. Judy Ellis will share her charming rendition of Gordon Lightfoot's Pussy Willows, Cattails, while Hannah Brown, together with special guest Monik Nordine on saxophone, will offer a little jazz with Irving Berlin's Blue Skies.

Whether audience members prefer madrigals and 13th-century canons or songs sung in unison with zippy piano accompaniments, the concert will appeal to a variety of musical tastes.

The free performance begins at 12:10 p.m., followed by an optional light lunch prepared by the Anglican Caterers for $5.50.

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CELEBRATIONS

20th anni dinner part of Moby's celebration

Six days of music

Memories and music highlighted a full-house event at Moby's last Tuesday night, as the Ganges-based pub celebrated its 20th anniversary.

Hosted by the quirky CFSI Speakeasy radio duo, Matt Steffich and John Bateman, and augmented by the upbeat music of popular island band Sunyata, the evening offered the stage to people with memories and stories of the local pub.

Former employees John Herbert and Patricia Brown each took the microphone, recalling some of the pub's icons, such as owner Dick Durante (known for "firing" people) and regular patron Herk Roland, who Herbert joked probably carried the pub through a few slow winters.

Brown won the crowd's vote over Herbert as the Moby's employee who danced the most.

Patron John Wilcox noted how many special events in his life had occurred at the pub, while others mused about the big-name musical acts that had performed there over the years.

Adding more levity to the evening, Steffich said that, although he has worked in pubs, drank in pubs and played music in pubs most of his life, Moby's is the only one he's actually been kicked out of.

Last Tuesday night's event was part of six days of music and entertainment at the pub. The festivities started off with an afternoon of wine tasting last Monday.

Moby's first opened its doors on May 18, 1990, and is now owned by Robert Steinbach.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

John Bateman and Matt Steffich host the 20th anniversary bash at Moby's Pub last Tuesday night.

DANCE

Academy feeds island's appetite for dance with special production

Dancers of all ages featured at ArtSpring

The Academy Presents . . . Dance will see Salt Spring Arts Academy teachers and students plus special guests perform on Friday, May 28 at ArtSpring.

Robbyn Scott will perform her recent work called D-VOT with GISS teacher Sonia Langer and academy teacher Naomi Jason.

"The choreography in Dwellings, Vertebrae and Other Tales, D-VOT (Phase 1) is sourced from our investigations into the movement impulses we experience from deeply stored memories and the sense of 'being home in our bodies,'" explains an academy press release.

The work is the result of collaboration with Salt Spring artist Stefanie Denz and was funded in part by the Salt Spring Arts Council, B.C. Arts Council and Salt Spring Coffee Co.

Oria Atkinson, a local dancer and aerial artist, will enchant with a piece choreographed to a haunting cello cover of Metallica's Nothing Else Matters.

GISS dancers Samantha Brunt, Ruby Barnard, Hannah Bielert, Meghan Burgess, Rowynn Butler, Kenya Ellis-Ireland, Alexa Matheson, Merrillee Rowse, Alex Wilson and Sanja Zundorf will contribute two pieces for the performance.

Academy teachers Jason and Sue Newman will contribute solo pieces, and Salt Spring Arts Academy dance students round out the evening's entertainment.

Academy teacher Lisa Hall has created three special pieces for some very young but talented and dedicated ballet students. Julianna Ackerman, Zoey Johnson and Abigail Tamboline are a trio of teddy bears, and Madeline Woodley and Samara Sladen-Dew are two fairies performing a lovely duet, while beginner pointe and intermediate ballet students will contribute two pieces.

Anna Haltrecht's Explorations in dance class will perform three pieces, choreographed by Newman, Adam Vickers and Haltrecht.

Vickers' intermediate hip hop students will rock the show with two pieces.

Intermediate hip hop student Deena Whitcutt, who will be the hip hop teacher next year for the Salt Spring Arts Academy, will contribute a piece that she has worked on with fellow GISS student Bielert.

The show starts at 8 p.m.

Tickets ($15 adults and $10 for students/kids) are available at the ticket centre.

The next night, May 29, the second annual Salt Spring Arts Academy student dance recital will also run at ArtSpring, beginning at 7 p.m.

Because there's more than 100 full-time dance students in the program, there are not too many tickets left. Call the ticket centre at 250-537-2102 about ticket availability.

ISLAND STAR VIDEO presents...

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Daybreakers

Vampires are boring. So when you make a vampire film, you better twist the angle enough to keep my interest. Daybreakers does this with gusto, though maybe so much so that things never really come together.

It's 2019, and a bat-sourced plague has turned the majority of the world's population into vampires. It's a pretty organized society, with people (er, vampires) sleeping all day in their suburban homes and then going downtown to work at night. Much of their food supply comes from humans, of course, but humans are either dying of overuse on "farms" or running away to hide. Vampires are starving, and turning into vicious, underground dwelling monsters.

Edward Dalton (Ethan Hawke) is a hematologist at a blood production company led by the sinister Charles Bromley (Sam Neill). Dalton has been trying to find a blood substitute, but flukes into meeting with a band of rogue humans who hold the key to what might be an even better solution to the vampire apocalypse. The only problem is that some vampires have their own particular solution... and the race is on.

Daybreakers is a weird combination of a B-grade horror flick and big-budget sci-fi extravaganza. Directed by the Spirig brothers, making their first Hollywood film, it's a movie that has too much going on for such a tiny actual plot. Coincidences and plot holes abound, and at least twice there were science-y sequences that went pretty much unexplained. Factor in the abundance of metaphors for problems in our own world (health care, scarcity of rescources, racism) and the whole thing is a confusing mess.

However, there are absolutely enough pleasures to be found to make Daybreakers worth watching. It's vision of a world lived almost entirely in darkness is certainly creepy and there are a wealth of details explaining how a vampire society might go about its daily business. The film's aesthetic is pretty much flawless as far as stylized futures go.

The best part of the film is by far the last fifteen or twenty minutes, an explosion of gory mayhem the likes of which I haven't seen since the (far superior) zombie film 28 Weeks Later. The end belies the hope of a sequel, though I'm not totally sure if I'm "down" for that. It seems like there's the potential there, but it's no certainty that these Spirig brothers have the filmmaking chops to wrangle all these ideas into a truly good film.

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Cecile Petra explains ways to eliminate geopathic stress

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In 1951, Dr. Ernst Hartmann discovered energy pathways, which he coined "Hartmann lines," that are in a grid-like pattern in the earth's crust.

He observed a correlation between sleeping over these lines (referred to as "geopathic stress") and increased rates of cancer. Cats often lie on these lines, while dogs avoid them. Trees growing on strong lines are sometimes stunted or distorted.

The lines, which are as frequent as every six feet, can be measured with dowsing rods. Surprisingly, they are easy to clear from a property using "co-creative" techniques.

Co-creation is working in partnership with the inherent intelligence of nature. There are principles, tools, and techniques that promote the dialogue between human and nature. Individuals such as Michaelle Small-Wright of Perelandra, the founders of Findhorn Community in Scotland, the late Slim Spurling and Michael Stodola have developed systems to facilitate this co-creative process.

What is the benefit of dialoguing with these unseen forces, that some refer to as Devas and Elementals? The intelligences that "overlight" a region, property, plant or object have a unique perspective to offer about what will bring the greatest harmony and balance. Apart from eliminating geopathic stress, these intelligences can also assist with re-vitalizing soil, plant health and almost any process with which humans interact, including "soil-less" gardens, which refers to projects, programs and institutions (e.g. a business, a course, a family).

Wouldn't it be cool if potato bugs just walked away from your potato plants when you asked them to? What about knowing just the right soil additive without doing a formal soil test? How would it be if the best and most efficient solution to a project conundrum revealed itself clearly?

These are the kinds of experiences that I have regularly had over the last 10 years while working with nature. The result is efficiency, balance and vitality. To learn how to have an unseen team working by your side, join me on Sunday, June 6 at 805 Long Harbour Rd., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information and to register, email: awakeningjourneys@gmail.com.

Tourism Salt Spring Launches New Logo

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Salt Spring Island...out of the ordinary!

Tourism Salt Spring is launching this new logo to encourage visitors to come and experience our island, especially in the off-season when business slows down for artists, accommodations, restaurants, stores, outdoor adventure services and wellness providers. Together these small businesses are not only the key economic engine for the island but they also provide islanders with much appreciated services.

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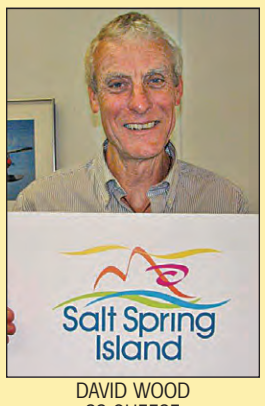
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Tourism Salt Spring, a new collaborative group made up of representatives of our tourism-related sectors, has been meeting for several months to come up with strategies to encourage visitors to experience our island in the Fall, Winter and Spring months.

The brand new logo and tag-line are available for all businesses to use in their promotional materials.
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T-shirts and ball caps are available with the new logo!
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Salt Spring Island is not your usual tourism destination, nor do we ever want to be. We want to keep being "out of the ordinary". One way we can do this is to support island businesses by working together to draw visitors to the island in the off-season.

Watch for our new website to be launched in the fall. Keep abreast of its development at www.hellosaltspring.com.

For information about Tourism Salt Spring contact Philip Reece, Chair | 250.537.9880 | philip@saltspringair.com

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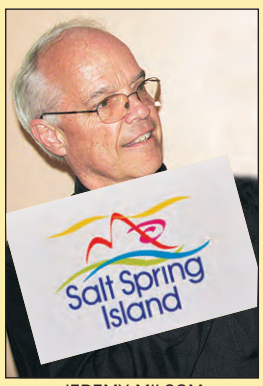
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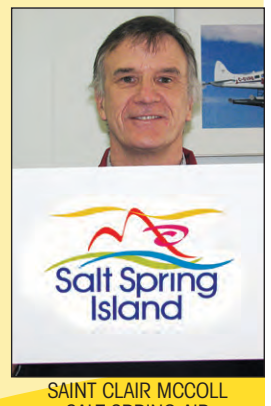
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

CONCERTS

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY
Musicians in Bach on the Rock rehearse for their upcoming show this weekend under the guidance of director Jim Stubbs.

Bach on the Rock season ends with Handel as the highlight

Two shows this weekend at All Saints

Bach on the Rock Choir and Orchestra will present its final concert of the season at All Saints By-the-Sea this weekend.

The two shows run Saturday, May 29, 7 p.m. and on Sunday, May 30 at 2 p.m.

Jim Stubbs, Bach on the Rock's music director, will conduct G.F. Handel's Israel in Egypt. Stubbs said the work is one of the "most unique and original pieces that [Handel] ever wrote."

Audiences were in fact opposed to the work at first, which was almost secular and more like an opera than a devotional piece.

Handel was ahead of his time in his inclusion of tone painting or characterization through music, a technique that wasn't well known until Richard Wagner used it later in the 19th century.

Israel in Egypt includes music that sounds like frogs during the plague of frogs from the Book of Exodus, a galloping rhythm describing the horsemen and "some very strange harmonic relationships" when darkness covers the land.

"It's startling and one of his best — it's one of those really great works," Stubbs said.

Another unusual feature is that the story is driven by the choir, rather than the soloists. Bach on the Rock's chamber-sized choir of 22 members makes the most of that feature, creating a rich yet intimate sound.

"These performances of Israel in Egypt are an important step in fulfilling Bach on the Rock's five-year plan to present some of the finest choral and orchestral music on Salt Spring Island," Stubbs said.

Skilled instrumentalists and vocalists interested in joining the choir or orchestra should contact him at 250-537-9290 for further information.

Tickets to the concert are $20 for adults and $5 for students, available at the ArtSpring ticket centre and at the door.

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ART REVIEW

Emerging artists Beckett, Burton, Moss present engaging art work

Exhibit up only until May 31

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

At ArtSpring's Bateman Gallery this week, three islanders have grouped together in what can be called a thinking man's show. For Joshua Beckett, Jacob Burton and Robert Moss, the concept is key.

Moss' enormous paintings are immediate attention grabbers. Canvases that stretch 60 by 80 and 48 by 120 inches are sweeping meditations on modern themes.

Three landscapes of the Vancouver Airport are dominated by dark grey tones, which Moss uses both in the storm clouds overhead and the vast runways below. The runways take up most of the foregound, rising up in wide curves that create dramatic movement. The small amount of greenery dividing pavement and sky evokes nature's submission to human need.

The air theme is repeated in Lancaster, an extremely abstracted form of a plane in charcoal grey against a cream background. At ten feet in length, the wingspan almost makes the plane feel life sized. But Moss has painted two canvas panels to achieve the width and purposely made the image's two halves unsymmetrical. By not meeting up in the centre, he further emphasizing the work's two-dimensional nature.

Moss takes his concept from modern to postmodern with Through a Dramatic Turn of Events. Here he divides the 60 by 80 canvas into 16 panels, each with an individual scene. In cool tones of cream, yellow, blue and green, plus black and white, Moss assembles disparate images as if single frames from a movie reel. Seeing them beside each other, the mind attempts to make a story, but in fact none of the images really connect.

The smaller panels contain scenes that include airplanes on the runway, a delivery van, a British sports car, an old digital clock and a police car with its doors open. The implied narrative may connote a 1960s Hitchcock thriller — or could just be a comment on mundane modern life.

Many of Jacob Burton's bronze cast sculptures appear to take an introspective theme. The repeated figure of a slender man can be theorized as an everyman or as a stand-in for Burton himself in pieces like the Warrior.

The male figure is an element of Burton's exceptional Scale Model of a Cupola and Dome as Gazebo. Extending perhaps six feet in diameter, this sheet copper dome on aluminum frame would make a small but exquisite gazebo roof. The dome's six support legs end in clawed bronze feet like bear paws, with a green patina that models the roof's brilliant turquoise green. Here a tiny male figure can be found inside the cupola atop the dome, kneeling with arms stretched wide. The roof capping the cupola is curved and slightly divided in its centre, suggesting lips facing up to the sky. The piece is undeniably impressive in its size and its share of the gallery floor space, but also in Burton's imaginative details.

Burton's skill as a sculptor is clearly seen in the lovely Rhubarb, a trio of stalks rising from a root ball, with fleshy leaves meeting to form a large cup. Rich bronze tones that go from near red to caramel with hints of green complete the piece's allure.

Joshua Beckett is perhaps the most interested in conceptual matters, experimenting in a variety of painting styles and providing interesting explanations behind each contribution. These include an abstracted landscape in vibrant colour blocks, an expressionist collaboration with poet Nadine Shelly and an almost pointillist forest landscape of arbutus and fir trees.

A realist-looking painting of the Rockies turns out to have a surrealist edge: the landscape of mountain peaks, trees and tourist cars merges into the identical scene painted on an RV. With the RV's lights and window superimposed on the nature scene, it's difficult to know what one is looking at without the written explanation, but the idea is one that deserves exploring.

The exhibition runs through May 31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at ArtSpring.

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THEATRE REVIEW

PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Tweedles (James Twaites) guards the queen's garden as Alice (Rowynn Lloyd-Butler) tries to distract him in last week's GISPA production of Wonderland.

Risks pay off in GISPA's Wonderland production

Spunky Alice and scene-stealing White Knight anchor the action

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The end-of-year performance for the Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts is a highly anticipated event.

The creative melding of theatre, music and dance is scripted, composed and choreographed by the students themselves, who seem to invent new ways to top previous efforts each year.

This year the buzz going around was that Wonderland was the best GISPA presentation — ever!

Though I have only three years to judge from, I will say the retelling of Lewis Carroll's Alice stories justified the hype.

Program notes for the play explained GISPA had assembled fragments and images from many versions of Alice to create "a cubist painting" rather than a photograph of the original text.

Having a familiar storyline allowed the pastiche of elements to work well, with extensive explaining unnecessary to link the narrative elements.

And Wonderland's zaniness gave GISPA students the chance to be exuberantly crazy, a fun change from the heavily dramatic fare of past years.

The scene was set by Alice proclaiming: "If I had a world of my own, everything would be nonsense . . . because everything would be what it isn't."

The action vaguely followed Alice's progression through Wonderland's chessboard geography, meeting the very strange inhabitants of the land along the way.

As usual, the set design was simple but extremely effective in its few elements: a swervy chess-patterned floor in black and white was capped with three fabric-covered pillars resembling cubist rooks.

These were either left white or glowed with coloured lights within.

A new move for GISPA that paid off nicely was casting a dance student in the lead role. Rowynn Lloyd-Butler played Alice, a bold move for someone whose stage experience until now has not involved much speaking.

Lloyd-Butler captured the character well, playing a spunky Alice who was far more engaging than the insipid dreamer in the recent Tim Burton movie.

Having a dancer as the lead also served the important function of integrating dance with theatre more seamlessly than I've seen before at GISPA.

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Having access to dance both gave Alice a fuller means of expression and brought other dancers in without looking like a stand-alone component of the show.

A particularly lovely group piece took place in the dark with dancers holding blue fibre optic light fans, set to music supplemented by a rainstick and bird calls.

Other highlights were the lobster quadrille, a militaristic flamingo dance and a very dramatic semifinal with heavy drums.

GISPA's musicians showed their extreme competence and creativity, keeping in character as members of the Red Queen's court while playing.

Rylan Gajek even played the cello upside down in one scene while Linda Middleton danced as Tiger Lily beside him.

Silken Conradi anchored scenes on piano while the string players and percussionists underpinned emotional states.

Vocal soloists Rudy Gummeson, Allie George and Danielle Topaz all contributed beautifully, although in this case the obvious placement of individual songs did take away from the cohesion of the overall story.

The integration worked best with the song performed by Topaz, introduced at length by the White Knight (who promised Alice it would be long and very beautiful).

Avery Hunter, who played the White Knight, was the scene stealer in the acting department.

His self-satisfied, oblivious character was recognizable from the one he played recently in Sean Cunningham's student-directed play, but refined and taken up a level.

Hunter appears to have mastered the skill of comedic timing — on closing night he received audience-wide applause mid-scene after the knight explained his own invention for getting over a gate.

Another highlight was the understated delivery of James Twaites as the Tweedles. He too has the knack for delivering lines to best comedic effect.

Professional hair and makeup and some truly fantastic costumes completed the evening's entertainment and showed the high standard GISPA students are achieving.

Alice's blue dress and layers of crinoline were perfect for her dance moves, the Red Queen was suitably awe-inspiring in a red velvet gown and platform heels, and the caterpillar's green bodysuit and face paint were creepily convincing.

In all, Wonderland achieved its desired effect as a showcase for the remarkable talents of island kids, a fine effort once again.

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ON STAGE

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Salt Spring Centre School students don costumes as they prepare for their upcoming production of Dr. Doolittle.

Centre school presents Dr. Doolittle production

Runs May 28-29 at Mahon Hall

. . . fantastical creatures . . . will grace the stage of Mahon Hall during this fun and adventurous children's production.

Children will talk to the animals at Mahon Hall this weekend when Salt Spring Centre School presents The Adventures of Doctor Doolittle.

The whole-school production, which runs at Mahon Hall on Friday-Saturday, May 28 and 29, is about the antics of an English doctor who shuns human patients in favour of animals who he can talk to in their own languages.

"Based on a series of children's books by author Hugh Lofting, Doctor Dolittle was first created in letters written during the First World War when the author was stationed in Europe," explains a school press release.

"The stories and illustrations of the quirky doctor were antidotes to both the horrors and boredom of life in the trenches.

"Fictitious Doctor Dolittle lived in early Victorian England in a bucolic, rural setting where animals such as Dab-Dab the duck, Chee-Chee the monkey and Too-Too the owl were his friends. These and other fantastical creatures such as the Pushmi-Pullyu will grace the stage of Mahon Hall during this fun and adventurous children's production."

Director Adina Hildebrandt has adapted the Doctor Dolittle play to suit the Salt Spring Centre School's whole-school format in which every child in the school has a meaningful on-stage role.

Very few plays exist for a multi-age group, so every year Hildebrandt finds and adapts a play to suit kids ranging in age from five to 11 years old.

"It's a creative challenge which Adina takes on with enthusiasm and a touch of genius. Adina then directs the kids over several months as they learn their roles and come together as a cast."

Creative costumes and sets are hallmarks of the Centre School plays, with animals and English countryside scenery set to draw in the audience's imagination this year.

Music is also a strong component of every Centre School production. Teacher and musician Oona McOuat inspires the children to express themselves in the lively musical components that round out the Doctor Doolittle production.

Performance time is 7 p.m., with doors open at 6 p.m.

Admission is $5 for adults and $2 for kids at the door. There will be a concession stand with snacks and drinks.

All funds raised support the school's theatre and drama projects.

VISITING PERFORMERS

Folkstar Vagabonds play Sunday gig at Moby's Pub

Much-travelled indie songsmiths arrive

The Folkstar Vagabonds have included Salt Spring on their cross-Canada tour, with indie songsmiths Elaine Ryan and Melissa Bandura set to serenade a Moby's Pub crowd on Sunday, May 30.

Music begins at 7 p.m.

Ryan, who hails from Vancouver, is touring her debut full-length album, Songs From the River, and has performed at myriad festivals from Austin, Texas to Mont-Tremblant, Quebec.

Her award-winning song Dream of Peace was included in last year's Dream On! compilation album dedicated to the memory and work of Martin Luther King Jr.

Bandura, also from Vancouver, is promoting songs from her upcoming solo album, Dark Dreams, and will touch on songs from her band's 2007 album Lily Come Down, played nationwide on radio.

She has written and performed soundtracks for international dance festivals, circuses and various indie films, including the award-winning Let No One Put Asunder and festival-touring Drive.

She is now a proud member of international touring music group and local Latin jazz connoisseurs, The Colorifics, and plays fiddle for touring country rocker and Calgary favourite Kent McAllister.

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MAYNE ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
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NOTICE is hereby given that the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee will be considering a resolution allowing for the issuance of a Temporary Commercial Use Permit pursuant to Section 921 of the *Local Government Act*. The proposed permit would apply to Lot 2, Section 8, Mayne Island, Cowichan District, Plan 17070.

The purpose of this temporary use permit would be to permit the commercial use of "retail sale of food items" on the property. The establishment of these uses would be subject to a number of conditions specified in the permit. The permit would be issued for two years and the owner may apply to the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee to have it renewed once for an additional two years.

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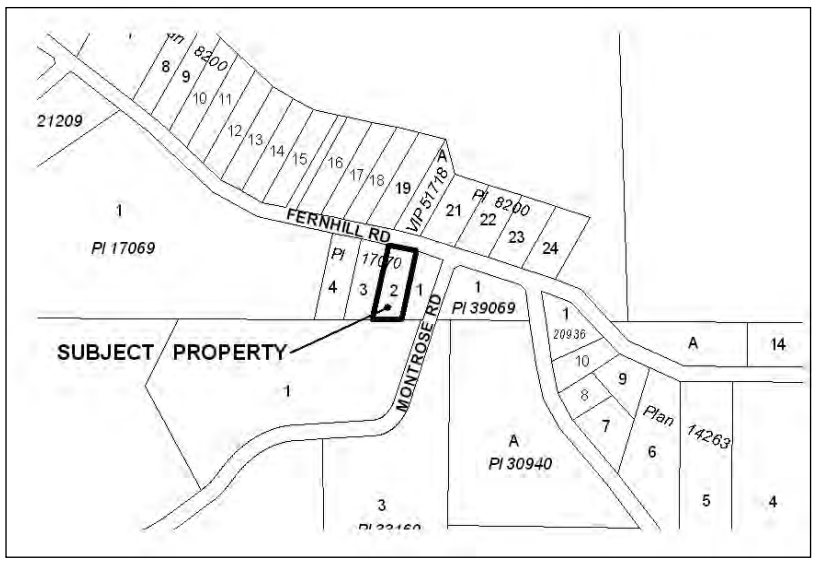

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Enquiries or comments should be directed to Planner Kaitlin Kazmierowski at (250) 405-5194, for Toll Free Access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867; or by fax (250) 405-5155, or by email to information@islandstrust.bc.ca, before 4:30 p.m. June 4, 2010. The Mayne Island Local Trust Committee may consider a resolution allowing for the issuance of the permit during the regular business meeting starting at 1:00 p.m., Monday, June 7, 2010 at the Agricultural Hall on Mayne Island.

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

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COMMUNITY PROFILE

Long-time island crab fisher retires

Gary LeMarchant sells Welbury Too

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It's been four decades since Gary LeMarchant first put crab gear into the water. It was just four days after retiring that I visited him on his boat, but for him the days were passing far more slowly than the years.

The off-shore sailboat Aceteze is now at berth in the slip where the fishing boat Welbury Too could be found until a couple weeks ago. Seated at the table of the teak-lined galley, LeMarchant reflected on his long career at sea.

"I'm still shaking my head at how 40 years have gone by — it didn't seem like work because I loved it," LeMarchant said. "How did that go by so quick?"

A central figure of Centennial Wharf's boating culture, LeMarchant first began fishing crab from White Rock in 1970. He came to Salt Spring on the BCNU in 1975, working with a deckhand who ran his own boat, The Ruby.

Although raised in B.C., LeMarchant spent his early life in Kelowna, where he worked as a heavy machine operator. His move to the coast was one he never looked back from.

"As soon as I came to the ocean that all went out the window — as soon as I got to the the water that was it," LeMarchant said.

His mind was set just as instantly and as firmly when he first put his boat in at Salt Spring.

"Once I got here I knew I was living in Ganges," he said.

The harbour was a base to return to — much of the living actually took place on board while fishing the local waters. LeMarchant learned that finding crabs is a matter of experience, achieved by constantly staying on the move. Improved gear has made the business very profitable, making it more efficient, while still resulting in an excellent product.

PHOTOS BY DERRICK LUNDY

Gary LeMarchant on his last day of the crab trade.

For the last 10 years, LeMarchant marketed all his own crab to restaurants. He's seen the price go up from 28 cents a pound when he first started to $6.25 at his last delivery.

Wharfside business is another component of the fishery. Over the years, LeMarchant has become synonymous with local crab. Although he doesn't eat it much himself anymore, he has inspired two books of crab recipes and he'll recommend crab cakes as his favourite related dish.

Locals and visitors alike have made going down to the dock an enjoyable weekend ritual. Crabs can be taken home live or — a more dramatic choice — deckhands can kill and clean crabs instantly with the whack of a cleaver, then wrap the segments in newspaper for the trip home.

It's ending the public aspect of his work that causes LeMarchant a little regret.

"The biggest thing we're going to miss is our customers. There are a lot of people who are pretty sad that I quit. I have some customers that have been buying from me for 25 years."

Now 61 years old, LeMarchant's face is as weathered as any sailor's, though he still boasts a head of dark brown hair. His retirement from crabbing is certain — he has already sold the Welbury Too and all the gear — but said his activities won't slow down very much.

"I'm still busy. I still buy and sell boats — there's lots around the dock to do. My plans are not very different from what I've been doing."

LeMarchant will continue leading crab-fishing charters for guests of the Hastings House Hotel and has several boats requiring his attention. He also volunteers with Pender Island's Coast Guard group and "plays around" with hot rods.

Plans to film a catch-and-cook segment for a cooking show have necessarily been scuttled, but LeMarchant is actively promoting a local book on crab fishing, which he can sell to anyone who's interested — just look for him on the dock or call his cell phone, 250-537-6280.

One thing LeMarchant is keen to tell the public: although he's no longer in the business, there's still crab for sale on the dock. Look for his friends on the Crab Dancer at Centennial Wharf, Saturdays and Sundays.

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ADVENTURE

Angus travel tales shared

'Adventurers of the year' June 4

Vancouver Island couple Julie and Colin Angus have very different family ethnic backgrounds, but both are seriously addicted to adventure.

Julie's father is from Syria and Colin's parents are both from Scotland. So it just seemed sensible to them to travel all the way from Scotland to Syria in an adventuresome, human-powered way.

On Friday, June 4 at Community Gospel Chapel, Colin and Julie will present a dramatic and humour-filled account of their 7,000-km, seven-month, Scotland-to-Syria adventure by rowboat. Instead of rowing around Europe, they invented a pair of rowboat/bicycles and pointed directly at Aleppo, Syria from their starting place in Caithness, Scotland.

Crossing 13 countries and seeking out every canal, river and lake they could find, they alternated rowing with towing to make a most unusual human-powered crossing of Europe.

With dramatic photos and video, they will piece together the exciting trip and many of the adventures and diverse cultures they encountered.

Julie is also the first woman to row across the Atlantic Ocean. In doing so she joined Colin for a key portion of his amazing circumnavigation of Earth entirely by human power.

Two oceans, 17 countries, two years of travel, several brushes with death, and a healthy respect and new understanding of the environmental conditions of oceans and landscapes are the components of their 'Round the World by Human Power presentation.

In 2007, Colin and Julie were named National Geographic's Adventurers of the Year.

The event, which begins at 7 p.m., is co-sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club and Island Paddlers.

Colin and Julie will have books about their adventures available for sale and signing at the presentation.

Admission to the event is by donation ($5 suggested).

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

UNDER THE WEATHER: Lil Irwin battles with the wind during last weekend's multi-weathered Challenge Cup soccer tournament.

HEALTH

Second part of popular homeopathy course set

Jamie Capranos course runs five Wednesdays

Participants in an upcoming workshop will have a chance to to deepen their confidence using homeopathic medicines to treat ailments such as fevers, flu, coughs, headaches, back pain and more.

Beginning June 2, Jamie Capranos will offer the follow-up course to her popular Introduction to Homeopathy, which has educated more than 100 islanders in homeopathy fundamentals.

Homeopathy Part Two is for those who wish to advance their skills and knowledge in using remedies. It runs for five consecutive Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m., and costs $175. Homeopathic kits will also be available for purchase.

"This rich, skill-building class will focus on case examples and problem solving in a fun and interactive way," notes a press release.

It will also look at how to effectively use home reference guides, and refine participants' understanding and skill at potency, dose and, ultimately, how homeopathic remedies work to support the immune system.

Capranos is a registered homeopath who has a full-time practice in homeopathy and herbal medicine at the Green Raven Centre for Body, Mind & Spirit on Blackburn Road. She teaches regularly and is the creator of Salt Spring Medicinals, a line of organic tea.

While the follow-up course is designed for those who already have a basic comprehension of homeopathy, other participants with a passion for learning holistic medicine are encouraged to apply.

According to the press material, "Homeopathy is one of the fastest growing systems of medicine in the world: it is inexpensive, easy to use, complements other therapies, and encourages the body's own healing abilities to resolve injuries and illnesses."

To register for the class, or to find out about other classes, workshops or appointments Capranos offers, call 537-0602 or email motherearthmagic@yahoo.ca.

FALL FAIR

Growers take aim at pumpkin weight records for 2010 fall fair

Atlantic Giant plants now available for interested gardeners

Salt Spring gardeners are invited to join the giant pumpkin craze and grow some of the beautiful behemoths for this year's fall fair.

While they've always been a popular part of the field crops section of the fair, in recent years the pumpkin entries have been judged solely on their circumference. This year, say field crops coordinators Roberta and Larry Starke, a new approach is being tried.

"Thanks to a 2000-pound scale offered by John Wilcox of Duck Creek Farm, this year's pumpkins will be judged by weight, in common with many other pumpkin contests in North America."

So, how big can a pumpkin grow? A new Canadian record was set in 2009 by Phil and Jane Hunt of Ontario, with a 1,677.5 pound pumpkin. But that amazing size was exceeded by Christy Harp of Ohio, whose 1,725 pound pumpkin established a new world record.

For the past 30 years, Howard Dill of Nova Scotia worked on developing "Dill's Atlantic Giant" pumpkins. This year, Salt Spring's Linda Quiring, winner of the 2009 Fall Fair Green Valley Company High Aggregate in Field Crops, has started some Atlantic Giant seeds, and has a number of healthy plants available for people interested in growing giant pumpkins for the fair. The Starkes would be happy to supply them to growers. Just phone them at Alder Creek Farm at 250-653-2375.

Last year's Salt Spring Fall Fair winner of the Garden Faire Trophy for Largest Pumpkin/Squash was Michael Hogan, who also used Atlantic Giant seed to grow his winner.

Michael says that "like any good crop, good technique and good luck are all part of a successful pumpkin -growing year." This year, Michael has selected seeds from Howard Dill Farm, with known lineage and weight of the parent plants.

Good technique includes site selection, ways to fertilize, overall growth of roots, vines and leaves, vine positioning, fruit selection and thinning, and many other areas. Hogan is willing to give a workshop to interested growers. Contact the Starkes at 250-653-2375 to get on the list.

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   iii) you are seeking to re-enter the labour force.
3) Your Return to Work Action Plan* identifies the barrier(s) preventing you from gaining work and identifies that the training requested is the most direct route to resolve the barrier in order to return to work.
4) You are a Canadian Citizen or a Permanent Resident.

Information sessions to review eligibility and the application process will be offered regularly.

*Resource centres in your community provide Return to Work Action Plans.

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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

FUNDRAISING

Event will help dogs guide people in need

Lions' charitable walk marks an island first

Time's running out for people to lace up their sneakers for the first-ever Salt Spring Island walk for dog guides fundraising event.

Dori Somerset, a Lions Club member helping to organize the event, said people are taking their time when it comes to signing up and collecting pledges.

In spite of the slow start, Somerset is confident the inaugural walk on Sunday, May 30 will be the first of many more to come.

"We may have two walkers or we may have 200," she said. "We don't know what's going to happen, but we can hope for the best."

The Purina Walk for Dog Guides is part of a Canada-wide effort to raise money to breed and train dogs to assist people with disabilities.

Lions Clubs across the country will hold 180 walks in an effort to raise a million dollars.

Though it's a first for Salt Spring, this year marks the event's 25th anniversary in Canada. Events hosted by Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides have provided animals for more than 1,400 men, women and children since 1983.

Participants can register for the event on Sunday at Portlock Park at 1:30 p.m. The walk begins at 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Somerset at 250-537-5296.

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BOOT DRIVE: Salt Spring firefighter Paris Haase helps with a boot donation by (from left) Haley Calderhead, Sophie Gold, Cyrus Andress and Nico Bauer, during a fundraising drive at the Ganges fire hall last weekend.

ZEN

Half-day meditation set up for all levels on Sunday

'Now and Zen, for the fun of it,' say organizers

"You're perfect just the way you are... and you could use a little improvement," said Shunryu Suzuki Roshi, founder of San Francisco Zen Centre and a key figure in the development of Zen in the West.

Zen meditation is available to everyone, and while it is humourously famous for "offering nothing," paradoxically, it frequently ends up helping people's lives.

Salt Spring Zen Circle invites everyone, beginning and experienced meditators alike, to join an enjoyable half-day meditation retreat on Sunday, May 30. Starting at 8 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m., this opportunity to learn and practise Zen meditation will take place at Ango Retreat, 340 LePage Road.

Instruction will be offered to those new to Zen meditation, and chairs are provided for those who are unable to sit cross-legged. The day's activities will include sitting and walking meditation and a talk on Zen practice. There will also be an opportunity for work practice.

There is no fee, but donations to help defray costs are appreciated.

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Salt Spring Island Community Education

The Parks and Recreation Commission, Salt Spring Island Community Services and Salt Spring Island Community Education are jointly examining the adequacy of the recreational options and the life long learning opportunities now being provided to Island residents. As a first step in doing this, we need as many Island families as possible to tell us both how what we are already doing could be improved and what else needs to be done. You can provide the information we need by spending just a few minutes to complete this **questionnaire**. This can be done in one of two ways:

1) **PRINT:** complete questionnaire and mail to Parks and Recreation, 145 Vesuvius Bay Road, SSI, BC, V8K 1K3 or drop off at the library's check-in counter, the Rainbow Road swimming pool, or the Community Ed drop-box at the School Board Office

2) **ONLINE:** complete questionnaire online at: www.crd.bc.ca/saltspring/survey

We are listening. Will you help by speaking up?

1. The following are among the organized athletic/fitness opportunities now available on Salt Spring. In which of these activities has a member of your family seventeen or under participated in the last year? (please mark with an "X")

1 ( ) Soccer
2 ( ) Baseball
3 ( ) Softball
4 ( ) Public Pool Swims
5 ( ) Tennis
6 ( ) Wall Climbing
7 ( ) Gymnastics
8 ( ) Aerobics
9 ( ) Karate/Judo
10 ( ) Tai Chi/Gi Gong
11 ( ) Yoga
12 ( ) Trail Hiking
13 ( ) Summer Day Camp
14 ( ) Golf

Other (please specify)_____

2 . And in which of these did any family member eighteen or older participate (again, please mark with an "X")

1 ( ) Soccer
2 ( ) Baseball
3 ( ) Softball
4 ( ) Public Pool Swims
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Other (please specify)_____

3. Do you have any suggestions for improving the way any of the existing athletic/ fitness programs are being delivered? If so, what changes do you recommend?

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4. Should any other athletic/fitness opportunities be available on Salt Spring? If so, which ones?

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5. Salt Spring Island Community Education, other not-for-profits and private individuals all offer courses and workshops on Salt Spring.

Have you or any member of your family attended any programs offered by SSI Community Education in the last year?
( ) Yes ( ) No

Have you or anyone in your family attended any programs offered by private individuals or other not-for-profits groups in the last year?
( ) Yes ( ) No

Please give us an example of the programs you or your family have participated in.

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6. In which of the following areas might you or any member of your family be interested in attending a course? Please mark with an "X" and then be as specific as possible regarding the kind of course in each area in which you'd be interested.

1 ( ) Computers_____
2 ( ) Cooking_____
3 ( ) Crafts_____
4 ( ) Fabric Arts_____
5 ( ) Gardening _____
6 ( ) Geneology_____
7( ) Health_____
8 ( ) History_____
9 ( ) Home Improvement_____
10 ( ) Languages_____
11 ( ) Mediation/Conflict Resolution _____
12 ( ) Music_____
13 ( )Parenting Skills_____
14 ( ) Photography_____
15 ( ) Science_____
16 ( ) Self-Help/Self Care_____
17 ( ) Small Business_____
18 ( ) Spirituality/Religion_____
19 ( ) Theatre Arts_____
20 ( ) Travel_____
21 ( ) Visual Arts_____
22 ( ) Writing and Publishing_____
23 ( ) Other (Please Specify)_____

7. Which of the following time periods would work well for you and your family as far as attending courses is concerned? (please mark all that apply with an "X")

1 ( ) one time, two- to four-hour courses on a Saturday
2 ( ) one time, two- to four-hour courses on a week day
3 ( ) one time, two- to four-hour courses on a week night
4 ( ) weekend workshops
5 ( ) 4- to 6-week courses or lectures series offered week days
6 ( ) 4-to 6-week courses or lecture series offered week nights
7 ( ) 4-to 6-week courses or lecture series offered on a Saturday
8 ( ) Other? Please specify_____

8. Please indicate your preference for receiving course information (please mark all that apply with an "X").

1 ( ) One large 2-page spread at the start of the term in the Driftwood
2 ( ) 3 separate monthly half-page ads in the Driftwood
3 ( ) Email reminder at start of term to check available courses on website
4 ( ) Other community publications
5 ( ) PARC Leisure Guide
6 ( ) Salt Spring Community Exchange
7 ( ) No preference one way or the other

9. Would you or any family member be interested in teaching a course for SSI Community Education? If so, on what topic?

_____
_____

If interested, let SSI Community Education know by calling 250 -537-0037 or by emailing info@ssicommunityed.org

Thank you for helping us better understand the Island's recreational needs

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Salt Spring Island Community Education

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