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LOCAL HEROES

Dog home after 5-day rescue mission

Islanders go extra miles to help couple with newborn

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring family is praising efforts that went far beyond the limits of friendship when their young German shepherd dog Beatrice went missing last week.

Tara and Katie Watters were still getting used to life with a newborn — baby Emma was just eight days old — when their dog disappeared during an off-leash walk at Burgoyne Bay on Tuesday, Jan. 5. Friends and family immediately launched a rescue mission that saw 10 to 14 people actively searching for five days.

Katie Watters said while all the searchers were dedicated volunteers, three “dog people” couples were especially committed: Ken and Stephanie Maskell, Ellie and Nick Langford, and Anne Miller and Eric Griffiths stayed on the hunt many hours

DOG RESCUE continued on 2



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

GETTING ALL DRAMATIC: Improv team members from SIMS, GISS, Vic High, Pacific Christian and Ladysmith schools work together at the SSI Improv Invitational held at ArtSpring on Friday. GISS drama students are back at it Jan. 13-14 with a production of Bram Stoker's Dracula.

GREEN HOMES

Energy efficiency teams up with real estate guidelines

North Beach home first to participate

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A welcome sunny morning last Wednesday saw a large group of people congregated around a For Sale sign on Salt Spring's North Beach Road.

While the break in the weather highlighted the sea view and a heron could be seen flying into the sanctuary across the road, all eyes were focused on the home itself. But the conversation didn't follow the attributes of granite countertops or hardwood floors. Instead, the discussion was on this 34-year-old home's high-ranking energy rating.

Whether or not you've been following the climate change debate since it passed through the international summit in Copenhagen in December, energy efficiency at home affects everyone the same way: in the pocket book. Draughty windows and unsealed doors not only create an unpleasant environment, they can make energy bills climb, and that is an important consideration for home buyers.

Local realtors savvy about the growing interest in energy efficiency have helped launch a pilot project that will invite more people to schedule home assessments and ensure the information is shared between sellers and

GREEN HOMES continued on 4

PARKS & REC

PARC jumps into 2010 with gusto

Multi-purpose pool project, trail upgrades on agenda

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission elected a new executive on Monday night, as the body looks to finalize its 10-year strategic plan and continue whittling away at a hefty to-do list.

From opening of a trail connecting Baker and Harrison roads to upgrading of Mouat Park to a flurry of new-sign ordering, PARC has main-

tained an athletic pace of accomplishments in the past year.

Other matters, such as fixing tennis courts at both Portlock Park and Fulford, or facilitating completion of the Ganges boardwalk, are works in progress and may not be as easy to dispense with.

Monday's meeting also hinted at a big debate to come — how vigorously PARC should pursue expansion of Rainbow Road Pool to include a leisure and/or fitness facility component.

PARC has already set up a design committee to look into the option, and it's a recommendation in the strategic plan report prepared by consul-

tant Yates, Thorn and Associates. Commission members will hash out the details of that report in the next few weeks before adopting a final plan. The pool was also designed with future expansion in mind.

However, commission member Stanley Shapiro said Monday night he wants to know what percentage of islanders actually use the pool and whether that number justifies increasing the burden on taxpayers. In 2009, property owners paid \$646,980 for pool operations and debt servicing. When estimated fee revenue is added

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	23:33	0.6	2.0				

NEWSBEAT

Commission turns attention to the new year

PARC

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(\$197,000), along with an \$89,910 carry forward and \$2,170 in "other" funds, the pool budget hit \$936,060 last year.

Shapiro was told that overall attendance numbers are recorded, but determining how many different individuals come through the door each day is not possible.

But Darlene Steele, the alternate regional director who sits on the commission for director Garth Hendren, suggested the user data would not be particularly useful anyway because a multi-purpose facility would attract so many more people.

"The reality is, if and when the pool becomes the magic we all want it to be, we will have a completely different animal on our hands anyway."

With the longest-serving PARC members having two years on the board, the commission itself is a fairly fresh beast. Three of the most-experienced members were elected by

acclamation to form the 2010 executive on Monday. Gayle Baker is now the chair, Jon Suk is vice-chair and Shapiro is the treasurer.

Other commission members are Dan Dickmeyer, Gregg Dow, Richard Hayden and Jane Horsburgh, with one position vacant and needing to be filled soon. Steele is on the commission for Hendren.

Longtime member Rob Wiltzen retired from the board and chair position in December.

The Capital Regional District's preliminary budget, set for discussion at the Jan. 13 board meeting in Victoria, includes a proposed \$92,030 increase in the current tax requisition for Rainbow Road Pool purposes, and \$45,710 more in other PARC spending, for a total of \$1,614,180 in tax requisition.

The overall CRD budget for Salt Spring proposes a 6.83 per cent increase in 2010, which would see the average-assessed property pay \$542.31 in taxes for the CRD/PARC, up from \$507.64 last year.

In other PARC news from the Jan. 11 meeting:

- Day vendors at the Saturday Market in the Park will no longer be able to "buy" four absences at once. The Market Advisory Group told PARC it was concerned about a policy that allows day vendors to pay the basic \$5 fee and keep collecting "points" even if they aren't at the market, up to four times a year.

Rather than being allowed to buy the absences all at once in April, as often happens, the vendors will only be able to buy one of them once a month.

PARC referred a related question — whether the amount of the absence fee should be hiked — back to the MAG.

- PARC members agreed to let PARC manager Kees Ruurs research the issue of raising revenue for Rainbow Road Pool through corporate sponsorship of some kind. Commission members expressed a range of concerns about putting a permanent company name on the facility, but were more amenable to the idea of certain programs being sponsored. Referring to commission member and dentist Richard Hayden, they joked that "the Dr. Richard Hayden Memorial Lap Swim" might be appropriate.

Search seen as revealing strength of community spirit

DOG RESCUE

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more than the new parents were able to put in.

"They were giving up their time so generously it's hard to imagine. These six adults went way beyond the call in bringing her home,"

Katie said.

Beatrice was spotted many times after first wandering off. At their home command centre, Katie manned the phone line while tips poured in from people who had seen the posters or the ad on the Salt Spring community list. No one was able to get

close to the skittish dog, however.

"Lots of people tried to capture her, but she was so spooked and she's so fast," Katie reported.

For five days the rescue team had a car with someone watching Lee's Hill with binoculars most of the day — Beatrice had been spotted many times running up and down the road and there was real danger of her being hit there. The team also had one person with a cell phone at the Burgoyne Bay junction and other searchers with phones deployed throughout the Burgoyne Bay park.

Searcher Miller credited fellow rescuer Maskell for his determination in keeping the search alive.

"Ken was instrumental in maintaining the momentum. He never, ever gave up in hope or effort," she said.

Miller said the entire

search proved the strength of community spirit on the island and makes an inspiring winter tale.

The lucky break that resulted in Beatrice's eventual capture came only on Saturday, Jan. 9.

"We'd kind of given up, basically," said Katie. "We'd come home to stop searching."

That's when the women received a call from the Mutch family on Armand Way. Beatrice had wandered into their yard and one of their daughters, Carleen, was able to catch hold of her collar and read the phone number there. The Mutch family hadn't heard anything about the missing dog and didn't realize what an important moment this was.

"They had let her go... we asked if there was any way they could coax her again. One of the girls there is really good with dogs. She just sat

on the steps and waited for [Beatrice] to come up to her again."

Carleen was able to catch the dog and secure her with a rope. When the good news was called in, three cars of relieved searchers arrived almost at once to bring Beatrice home.

Katie theorized that Beatrice had learned to use the back trails between the Burgoyne Valley and Armand Way and finally emerged when she was hungry enough. Fortunately, although the German shepherd came back with "lots of ticks, skinny and very tired," she was otherwise unharmed.

The Watters thank everyone who searched for Beatrice or helped by reporting seeing her. By complete coincidence, the Mutch family moved this weekend to a house right next door to the Watters family on Reynolds Road.

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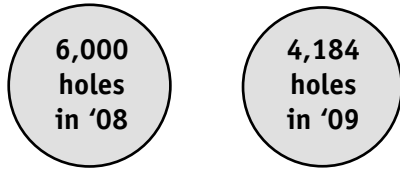
BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As 2009 came to a close, year-end data were tallied in shops and offices across Salt Spring Island. The results are in and here is a snapshot of

some of the most interesting numbers and chart toppers — enough statistical fodder to chew on well into 2010.

January pothole counts

2008 vs. 2009



Fire-Rescue responses

2008		2009
15	brush/grass fires	28
9	structure fires	9
55	alarm	75

Island Chart Toppers

Top Island Star video rentals

- 1 The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- 2 The Reader
- 3 Gran Torino

Top films seen at the Fritz (according to ticket sales)

- 1 Harry Potter & the Half-Blood Prince
- 2 Slumdog Millionaire

Best selling gelato flavours at Harlan's

- 1 belgian chocolate
- 2 cookies and cream
- 3 ferrero rocher

Top languages spoken at home (based on 08/09 SD64 public school data)

- 1 English
- 2 Dutch
- 3 French



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1,800 Fritz Movie Theatre tickets sold (approx.)

60 films shown at The Fritz

1621.7 students enrolled in SD 64 public schools in 08/09 year

825.7 female students enrolled in SD 64 public schools in 08/09 year

796 male students enrolled in SD 64 public schools in 08/09 year

102 aboriginal students in aboriginal programs in SD 64 public schools in 08/09 year

157 special education students in SD 64 public schools in 08/09 year

149 French immersion students in school district 64 public schools in 08/09 year

2,475 doses H1N1 vaccines (both adjuvanted & non) administered

2,305 doses seasonal influenza vaccines administered

144,000 minutes Saltspring Air planes spent in the air (approx.)

2 rezoning applications submitted to the Islands Trust

News briefs

Pot and alcohol halt drivers

While conducting a road check in Ganges on Saturday night just before midnight, police noted an odour of marijuana emanating from a vehicle.

As a result, a 25-year-

old Salt Spring Island male received a 24-hour prohibition from driving order and his vehicle was towed.

Then two nights later, a Ganges road check just past midnight resulted in a 28-year-old Salt Spring man being arrested and charged with impaired driving and over .08.

He was released on a promise to appear in court

in March. The vehicle was towed.

Ferries takes away what it giveth

Ferry fares are edging upwards again later this month as BC Ferries reduces the fuel rebate it's been giving to travellers since

early this year.

The company says higher fuel prices are to blame for the average reduction of the rebate across minor routes from 10 to five per cent.

One bottom-line result is that a round-trip ticket for a car and driver between Crofton and Vesuvius or Swartz Bay and Fulford will rise from \$24.30 to

\$25.70 for those without the Experience Card discount.

New rates go into effect on Jan. 25 and affect only the "minor" routes such as those in the Gulf Islands.

Fuel surcharges were placed on fares in 2005 and removed in December of 2008, followed by rebates given in February of this year.

A photo cutline in last week's paper inadvertently cut by half the amount of proceeds being donated to the food bank. A Christmas tree-chipping service offered by Mills Tree Service actually gave all proceeds to the food bank, said business owner Cal Mills.

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Sellers happy to have homes rated

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potential buyers with Time of Sale Energy Labelling. The six-month project is a partnership between the Victoria Real Estate Board, B.C.'s Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, the Capital Regional District and the Salt Spring Earth Festival Society. It covers Salt Spring and Victoria's Oak Bay district.

Jim Bennett, a VREB member who has spearheaded the pilot project, said the professional group has been working toward incorporating green values for several years. As the member responsible for government relations and for a quality-of-life program, Bennett had helped create a set of principles that includes support of sustainable environment.

The energy-labelling pilot project is a voluntary program that allows homeowners to get their energy-efficiency assessment done for just \$75. (This is half the regular fee of \$150, which is already subsidized by the provincial government to reduce the real cost of \$300.) In return, homeowners agree to post the assessment rating out of 100 on the real estate board's Multiple Listing Service (MLS). People selling their home can then use the provided checklist to make improvements themselves, or pass the information along to buyers. In either case, renovations for improved energy efficiency will be eligible for grants and rebates through provincial and federal programs.

Salt Spring realtor Gord Ellis, known unofficially as the island's "green realtor," said he was immediately interested when he heard about the pilot project. The North Beach home was the first listing that came up after he heard about it and the sellers were



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

From left, Marion Pape, Gord Ellis, Neil Chura and Emily Eng at the North Beach Road home that was the first in the home energy rating pilot project on Salt Spring. See related story on next page.

happy to participate. Built in 1976, the house received an energy rating of 76 after getting new windows. Ellis' own home, built in the same era, received a rating of 59, while new homes built to code today typically get a rating of 72-78.

As the first realtor in Canada to include an energy rating as part of an active listing's information, Ellis said getting the assessment done is one of the first things he will recommend to prospective sellers — before getting the kitchen redone, for example.

While it may sound like getting the assessment will only appeal to those likely to achieve high scores, Bennett said, that isn't necessarily the case. Sellers who don't score as high as they could and can't afford to perform the renovations themselves can still use the information as a selling point by being able to pin-

point for the buyer both where the issues are and how easy they are to fix. The assessment checklist includes information on costs, rebates and how money can best be spent to improve efficiency.

"For 40 years purchasers have been asking for the hydro bill and consumers are only becoming more aware of the potential for energy saving. The hydro bill tells you what it costs to heat your house — it doesn't tell you where you're losing energy," said Bennett.

Energy labelling is currently mandatory on homes for sale in California and New Zealand, while in Ontario the purchaser has the right to ask for that information. With a strong recommendation currently before the B.C. government to make energy labelling mandatory by 2012, the pilot project is a good time to make people aware of the benefits.

Emily Eng, a Ministry of Energy rep, explained that the pilot project will hopefully help reduce energy use by putting the dollar incentive in place: "The goal is to raise the value of energy efficiency for the consumer. We're raising that value in people's minds." She added that attaching a number to a home's overall efficiency makes the concept more real for people.

On Salt Spring, homeowners can apply for the Home Energy Labelling Pilot grant through City Green Solutions, a nonprofit group that is the only company certified to perform assessments here. Recipients must agree to share the results of their assessments with their realtor for posting on the MLS. Bennett advises sellers in a "hot market" get the assessment done as part of the preparations before listing the home.

SALT SPRING ISLAND TRANSIT SYSTEM

Riders Guide

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2 Fulford Harbour

Monday – Saturday

(A)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(E)	(E)	(K)	(J)	(I)	(A)
Lv. Visitor Info Centre	Lv. Cushman Lake Rd.	Lv. Burgoyne Bay Rd.	Lv. Park 'N' Ride, Fulford Inn	Ar. Fulford Harbour	Lv. Fulford Harbour	Lv. Park 'N' Ride, Fulford Inn	Lv. Burgoyne Bay Rd.	Lv. Cushman Lake Rd.	Ar. Visitor Info Centre
M-F 7:10	7:16	7:23	7:27	7:30	7:40	7:43	7:47	7:54	8:00
9:10	9:16	9:23	9:27	9:30	9:40	9:43	9:47	9:54	10:00
11:10	11:16	11:23	11:27	11:30	11:40	11:43	11:47	11:54	12:00
3:10	3:16	3:23	3:27	3:30	3:40	3:43	3:47	3:54	4:00
5:10	5:16	5:23	5:27	5:30	5:40	5:43	5:47	5:54	6:00

M-F Trip operates Monday to Friday only.

3 Vesuvius

Monday – Saturday

(A)	(F)	(G)	(G)	(F)	(A)
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Lv. Portlock Park	Ar. Vesuvius	Lv. Vesuvius	Lv. Portlock Park	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges
M-F 6:30	6:37	6:45	6:57	7:03	7:10
8:30	8:37	8:45	8:57	9:03	9:10
12:10	12:17	12:25	12:40	12:46	12:53
3:30	3:37	3:45	3:57	4:03	4:10
4:30	4:37	4:45	4:57	5:03	5:10
6:05c	6:19	6:25c	—	—	—

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c - Combined route: Trip routes from Ganges via 1 Ganges Local & continues as 3 Vesuvius.

5 Fernwood

Monday – Saturday

(A)	(M)	(A)
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Ar./Lv. Fernwood Dock	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges
10:30	10:43	11:00
2:30	2:43	3:00
6:05c	6:38	6:53

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4 Long Harbour

Monday – Saturday

(A)	(L)	(A)
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Ar./Lv. Long Harbour	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges
M-F 1:15	1:25	1:35
SAT 1:50	2:00	2:10
M-S 3:00	3:10	3:20

M-F Trip operates Monday to Friday only.

SAT Trip operates Saturday only.

M-S Trip operates Monday to Saturday.

1 Ganges Local

Monday – Saturday

(A)	(D)	(H)	(C)	(A)
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Lv. Meadowbrook	Lv. Hospital	Lv. Brinkworthy Place	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges
8:05	8:08	8:11	8:15	8:22
10:05	10:08	10:11	10:15	10:22
12:55	12:58	1:01	1:05	1:12
2:10	2:13	2:16	2:20	2:27
4:05	4:08	4:11	4:15	4:22
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GREEN HOMES

Tips for reducing energy use offered

Energy rating and sustainability checklist

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
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Energy activist Marion Pape says a project piloting energy efficiency labelling on homes for sale is a great tool for getting more homes assessed overall.

City Green Solutions, a Victoria-based non-profit group, has already performed some 70 assessments on Salt Spring over the past 18 months. Pape said the pilot program will hopefully help achieve a "critical mass" of participants.

"This is another angle on the island to get people thinking about [living sustainably]," Pape said about the Home Energy Labelling Pilot.

"It's not usually an easy sell. I really appreciate teaming up with the realtors because it makes our team a little broader."

With the Salt Spring Energy Strategy and the Salt Spring Earth Festival Society, Pape and colleagues like Elizabeth White have worked with the CRD to create a \$75 rebate. The rebate, funded through the proceeds of a Green Cities grant, is available to homeowners who agree to get their homes assessed and to post the information as part of the MLS information.

Neil Chura, a certified energy advisor who performs home energy assessments for Greenrun Homes, said that popular features of island show-homes can be modified to increase energy efficiency. For example, cathedral ceilings

finished in tongue and groove cedar can be very porous, but including an underlying layer of natural plaster can resolve the issue. Chura also said that Salt Spring homes with "waves of additions" often lose air where the additions meet.

"A big part of the assessment is education for the homeowner as to current conditions in the house," Chura said. Assessors go over the home component by component and follow guidelines from Natural Resources Canada. After testing the air-tightness with a blower door — any air that normally leaks out can be felt rushing in — they build a computer model of the house. Efficiency is measured per square footage.

"It gives people something concrete

they can do to work toward goals," said City Green's communications director Paula Steele, who noted that provincial energy reduction targets aim to reduce energy use by 33 per cent by 2020.

Pape has also worked with the Salt Spring Energy Strategy to create a Salt Spring Sustainability Checklist for the Islands Trust and the CRD. This checklist, to be given to every person who puts a house

on the local market for the next six months, is a guide for "residential construction including additions, renovations and accessory buildings."

The checklist includes tips on site planning, tree removal, water management and landscaping, as well as guides to sustainable house design and building materials.

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Stubbs takes soloist role

Teen pianist solos with Cowichan orchestra

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring teen Matthew Stubbs has been named as piano soloist with the Cowichan Consort Orchestra and Choir for a spring show set for April 12.

Stubbs will be newly turned 15 when he plays the Poulenc Piano Concerto, a long and challenging piece by the famous 20th-century French composer who was influenced by jazz and Americana.

Stubbs' parents Jim and Laurie have described the Poulenc piece as humorous and containing "tongue-in-cheek" references to other composers.

"It's at times very romantic music, very difficult for the pianist, but very listenable," said Jim. "It's a tour de force for the piano and also quite difficult for the orchestra. It will be interesting to see what they do with it."

Matthew was chosen as soloist by Cowichan conductor Duncan Frater, who judged the teen's winning audition for the Salt Spring Concert Band's solo competition in 2008.

Stubbs' mother Laurie said the Poulenc concerto is not often performed, but it was the one piece Frater wanted to lead before his upcoming retirement. She also noted that it is unusual for someone as young as Matthew to take on such a long and difficult piece.

Stubbs can be heard

locally when he performs with the Salt Spring Chamber Players at ArtSpring on Feb. 21. Since he has already learned the Poulenc con-

certo on his own time, his main challenge for the spring will be fitting in orchestra rehearsals with playing baseball, his other true love.

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EVENT

Truth, trials and tar sands

Three speakers offer post-Copenhagen view

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Some Canadians may have been ashamed of Canada's reputation at the Copenhagen climate conference in December, but an upcoming local event aims to inspire Canadians to look ahead towards positive change.

At Truth, Trials and Tar Sands at ArtSpring this Saturday night, three speakers who have dug deep to bring the truth of the Alberta oils sands to the surface will offer insight into how Canada has a chance to redeem itself after Copenhagen.

Special guest Chief Al Lame-man of the Beaver Lake Cree will be in attendance, accompanying Salt Spring lawyer Jack Woodward, who will speak about the Beaver Lake Cree legal action

he is heading that has garnered support from the Co-operative Bank of the UK and has the potential to halt expansion of the oil sands.

"We intend to win," Woodward said. "The nice thing about a court case is there is no politics involved; it's the search for the truth."

Documentary filmmaker Alan Bibby will premiere excerpts from his investigative documentary Liquid Truth, where he follows a hypothetical drop of water from the icefields of the Rockies to Lake Athabasca, exposing the storm of controversy surrounding the Athabasca River, the oilsands mines and the people caught in the middle.

James Hoggan will touch on topics written in his highly acclaimed book Climate Cover-Up, which is about the crusade to deny global warming.

"Climate Cover-Up documents one of the most disgust-

ing stories ever hidden about corporate disinformation," writes David Suzuki in a review on desmogblog.com.

"What you'll discover in this book amounts to proof of an intergenerational crime."

Truth, Trials and Tar Sands is sponsored by I-SEA, Raven Trust and desmogblog.com. The Jan. 16 event runs from 7 to 9 p.m.

People can speak with presenters and Hoggan will sign books at a reception that follows.

Tickets (\$20 adults, \$10 for students and seniors) are available at ArtSpring.

"We have lived through Copenhagen and it is clear that the tar sands are at the top of the list of environmental factors contributing to global warming," reads a press release for the event. "And there is one small band at the forefront of the fight to prevent environmental catastrophe."

ADULT EDUCATION

A new year unfolds at Community Ed

Revised late fee policy and other changes in place

BY LYNNE JOHNSON
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

My New Year's resolutions are to embrace change, encourage flexibility and strive for balance in my life. No wonder lots of changes are afoot at Community Education, not only with our organization but with our spring program.

Our new program manager is Pat Burkette. Pat is a freelance writer with a wicked sense of humour and she prefers to be highly organized. She is revamping our programs and is eager to hear suggestions.

Many of you have already had contact with our registrar, Evelyn Smith, who is about to start redoing our website, while coordinating registrations.

A word to the wise: Register early this year. We felt

we were enabling "slothdom" by giving you a month to register, so you'll have just two weeks to register before the first classes begin. Those classes begin in late January and February and are advertised in this edition of the Driftwood on Page 16. On Feb. 17, another Driftwood ad will include courses that start in March and run until spring break. And on March 3, the rest of our fabulous line-up of courses will appear in the paper.

We've also revised our late fee policy. Late fees will apply only to those who try to register within three days of the course start date or later. Hopefully, we won't collect any late fees this term, as we believe you will be so excited by our courses that you'll sign up right away.

To help you, we're offering a 10 per cent discount to anyone who registers with a friend. Just fill out the registration form for both you and your friend, and include two cheques — the full amount for your friend and 10 per cent less for yours. Include contact info for both of you. And please, please don't send cash. Drop off registration forms at the Community Ed folder at Apple Photo, drop box at the school board office or by regular mail.

Now, about that flexibility resolution thing. We're working around spring break, when the classrooms where we hold some courses are closed, so double-check course dates — they may skip around a bit.

We hope you enjoy our line-up of courses for the spring! Tell us what we should be teaching. Tell us if you'd like to teach something. And if you or someone you know can teach a course in CPR, call us at 250-537-0037, or email to info@ssicommunityed.org.

P.S. We are still looking for roughly 800 square feet of warm, dry space to store and sort books for November's book sale — we've already had to turn down several hundred books due to lack of a space.

The writer is president of SSI Community Ed.

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BIRDING

Dark-eyed junco highest in 10 years

Pecking at the 2009 Christmas bird count results

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A flock of 143 local birders — armed with binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides, warm gloves and the occasional camera — eagerly ticked off species checklists during the annual Christmas Bird Count on Dec. 28 on Salt Spring Island.

Some observed from their backyards, others went in groups to the shoreline, joining birders across the western hemisphere and participating in Audubon's longest-running wintertime tradition.

The dark-eyed junco has been a star performer in western Canada bird counts for years, according to John De Haan, this year's local bird count coordinator.

"This year on Salt Spring [the dark-eyed junco] did not disappoint," he wrote in an email to the Driftwood. "Our observers counted 3,201 individuals, the highest number we have recorded in the 10-year records I have. There were so many this year that some observers just looked at the wave of birds washing across the landscape and assigned a 'defendable estimate.'"

Overall, volunteer observers logged 13,617 birds, well above the 11,140 in 2008.

"Total number tend to depend on the number of counters out, whereas the number of species observed will depend on weather conditions, luck and the acuity of people in the field."

A higher number of birds counted this year likely corresponds with the number of counters — 143 versus 112 last year — he said.

Species counts were down, however, with 86 different species counted this year versus 92 in 2008.

Other highlights of the 2009 count pinpointed by De Haan:

- This year, flocks of robins passed through the island three to four weeks ago in the cold weather, stripping arbutus and pyreantha fruit. On count day, only 749 were logged, well below average and a lot less than the 2,474 counted last year in the snow.

- The Canada goose, on the other hand, was not to be seen on our many frozen ponds last year, but started appearing this year a couple of weeks before count day, and we recorded 536 of them compared to last year's 349. A count conducted today would probably double that number, a function of

weather conditions and unknown factors regarding the behaviour of migratory birds.

- The ubiquitous com-

mon mallard also put in a stellar performance this year with 632 individuals logged, a five-year high and well above a 10-year

average of 460.

- The red crossbill this year appeared 188 times, almost double its previous best showing in

2007.

- Finally, the Anna's hummingbird, which made its first appearance on the count in 2004 with three individuals and reached a high of 35 last year, still managed to come in this year at 30 despite the 2008-09 winter, which must have taken quite a toll on them.

NOTE: We have not recorded a western screech owl since 2003, and few or perhaps none are seen or heard on the island today. A nest box program like that being tried with the western bluebird may not be enough to save or re-establish a population of this small owl.

De Haan sent count results from 12 designated zones on Salt Spring to Bird Studies Canada, whose personnel then upload the data to Audubon's website at cbc.audubon.org/cbc-current/

This year marked the 110th annual Christmas Bird Count to take place from Alaska to Antarctica. A grand total of 8,136,163 birds were reported via 249 counts for the entire area studied.

"Scientists rely on these data to better understand how birds and the environment we share are faring," reads the press release. "Just like canaries in the coal mine, birds serve as early indicators of problems that can eventually affect people and wildlife."

Junco, dark-eyed	3201	Turnstone, ruddy	30
Siskin, pine	1174	Hummingbird, Anna's	30
Robin, American	749	Merganser, hooded	29
Mallard	632	Duck, harlequin	28
Starling	618	Woodpecker, downy	28
Chickadee, ch-backed	562	Woodpecker, hairy	22
Wigeon, American	561	Grebe, western	21
Goose, Canada	536	Oystercatcher, black	21
Towhee, spotted	487	Kingfisher	21
Bufflehead	438	Swan, mute	20
Crow, northwestern	364	Sparrow, white-crowned	19
Gull, glaucous-winged	357	Duck, wood	18
Kinglet, golden-crowned	339	Gull, mew	16
Finch, house	237	Heron, great blue	15
Nuthatch, red-breasted	225	Wren, Bewick's	13
Finch, purple	215	Scaup, lesser	12
Merganser, common	199	Swan, trumpeter	10
Sparrow, House	161	Cormorant, Brandt's	9
Quail, California	160	Sapsucker, rd-brsted	9
Raven, common	147	Grebe, red-necked	8
Sparrow, song	147	Gull, western	8
Sparrow, fox	135	Hawk, red-tailed	7
Thrush, varied	132	Loon, Pacific	6
Scoter, surf	128	Hawk, Cooper's	6
Sparrow, golden-crwnd	112	Owl, great horned	6
Cormorant, dble-crsted	99	Gull, California	5
Flicker, northern	85	Owl, barred	5
Pigeon, rock	81	Scoter, white-winged	4
Duck, ring-necked	78	Hawk, sharp-shinned	4
Goldeneye, common	72	Waxwing, cedar	4
Blackbird, red-winged	67	Merlin	3
Bushitit	66	Gull, ring-billed	3
Goldeneye, Barrow's	65	Grebe, pied-billed	2
Wren, winter	63	Pintail, northern	2
Merganser, red-brsted	60	Wigeon, eurasion	2
Eagle, bald	58	Killdeer	2
Jay, Steller's	58	Guillemot, pigeon	2
Grebe, horned	43	Murrelet, marbled	2
Gull, unidentified	39	Scoter, black	1
Cormorant, pelagic	36	Pheasant, ring-necked	1
Wren, marsh	36	Grouse, blue	1
Kinglet, ruby-crowned	35	Thrush, hermit	1
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EDITORIAL

Blue bridge lessons

Everyone in B.C. should take heart at the successful petition process to halt Victoria City Council's automatic borrowing of \$42 million to replace the Johnson Street bridge in that city.

It's not that building a brand new bridge is necessarily the wrong choice. Who knows? It may end up being the best option in the end, but with such a huge project being proposed, the people footing the mammoth bill in Victoria at least deserve to have their say through a yes-no question on a referendum. The vote should take place after the proponents have done their research, presented it clearly to the public and further questions and criticisms have been addressed.

The Blue Bridge Petition group who succeeded in the daunting task of gathering the on-paper signatures of more than 10 per cent of registered voters gave a serious boot to assumptions of voter apathy.

THE ISSUE:

Successful Victoria petition

WE SAY:

Gives new life to citizen voices

But not everyone was happy. Victoria council member Lynn Hunter perhaps most vocally represented the distaste politicians have for citizen opposition when she said she considered a referendum on the bridge project "an affront to representative democracy," adding, "The question we should ask ourselves is where does the use of referenda stop? In this electronic age it is possible the public could vote directly on anything and everything, making elected representatives obsolete."

But reasonable limits have always been placed on how deep in debt local governments can bury their constituents. Referendums or "an alternate approval process" (counter-petition) effectively gauge support to pay for a specific project. If electing a different rep is the only way to disagree with a board's spending plans, that isn't too comforting.

Operating budgets of local government agencies also now seem to rise by an automatic five per cent-plus each year, definitely more than the annual inflation rate. Property owners might feel resigned to their fate, but they shouldn't underestimate the effect of personal letters to elected officials and high-up staff members of government bodies. No one likes to be criticized for their decisions and those in power might think twice if they know their spending appetite will draw ire.

The need for voter-politician connection is one lesson we can all take from the bridge experience.



Six questions for MP Gary Lunn

BY BRIAN SMALLSHAW

Mr. Lunn, I write to you in this format because when I telephoned your office last week with questions regarding the recent suspension of Parliament, your assistant required that they be presented in writing.

Hoping that Canadians would be distracted by the holiday season, our prime minister phoned the Governor-General just before New Year's to ask that Parliament be prorogued for the second time in a year. The first time was to avoid a confidence vote that would have brought down his government. Parliament has been prorogued many times in the past, but never before has it been done to avoid a confidence vote, violating a principle of our democracy that the government rules only with the confidence of Parliament.

Having established this dangerous precedent, our prime minister has used prorogation again. This time it appears it was because the investigation into the handling of Afghan detainees was getting too close to finding out that the Minister of Defence had ignored reports that detainees passed to the Afghans were being tortured. PM Harper knew that he would pay a political price for suspending Parliament, but he calculated that it would be lower than the one he would pay if the investigation continued.

While the investigation was underway, the government refused to cooperate. In the course of its hearings the Chief of Defence Staff, General Walter Natynczyk, and the diplomat Richard Colvin of the Department of Foreign Affairs, testified that reports regarding the ill treatment of Afghan detainees had been passed to the Ministry in Ottawa. Peter MacKay, who was minister at the time, denies seeing the reports, which suggests, at best, incompetence. Many unanswered questions remain about whether Canada has been complicit in torture and an investigation is absolutely required to ensure that it does not happen again.

We should be concerned when our government refuses to cooperate with an investigation into such a serious matter. But we

VIEWPOINT

should be alarmed about the state of democracy in our country if we find that the government can suspend Parliament at will to avoid accountability.

Gary, you and your party are not currently accountable to Parliament, but perhaps you will be accountable to your constituents and respond to the following questions:

1. Was Parliament prorogued to halt the investigation into the torture of Afghan detainees? If not, will it be restarted when Parliament resumes?
2. If Peter MacKay did not receive the reports of torture, please explain the testimonies of Richard Colvin and General Walter Natynczyk in which they say that the reports were passed to the minister.
3. Prior to this government, Parliament has never been prorogued to avoid a confidence vote or to halt an investigation. If your party forms the next government, will you continue to suspend Parliament whenever you deem it necessary?
4. Many Canadians want the government to get back to work; will you continue to collect your salary while Parliament is prorogued?
5. On April 18, 2005, Stephen Harper told the Canadian Press, "When a government starts trying to cancel dissent or avoid dissent is frankly when it's rapidly losing its moral authority to govern." As the Minister of Sport during the Olympics, can you confirm that Canadians will be allowed to protest this suspension of Parliament during the games?
6. As Green Party leader Elizabeth May has explained in her book *Losing Confidence*, democracy is under threat in Canada, in no small part due to the actions of your party. Gary, given the recent record of PM Harper, kindly explain how you intend to restore the confidence of Canadians in your ability to govern.

The writer is an avid political observer and commenter from Salt Spring.

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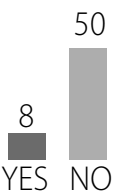
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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should Parliament have been prorogued?



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"The nice thing about a court case is there is no politics involved; it's the search for the truth."

LAWYER JACK WOODWARD

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: How has the switch to cell-phone-free driving gone?

**JESSICA SCHULT**

I don't use my cell phone when I drive. I pull over.

**BRUCE CROWDER**

I'll pull over. That's what I do. I believe it's a good rule. You should have your full attention on the road.

**G. MICHAEL MURPHY**

I never use it anyway when I'm driving. It's asking for trouble.

**PATTI NORDINE**

Bluetooth, earphones, how easy is that?

**Wafa WHITTCUTT**

I was always against it. Nobody should be using their cell phone when driving.

Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less.

Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication.

Read and reply to letters online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com under the Opinion tab.

FSA data of no practical value

In anticipation of the upcoming provincial melee around the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) tests to be carried out in all Grade 4 and 7 classes in B.C. and the potential perception that public school teachers are somehow opposed to testing, let me assure you that we are not.

What teachers are opposed to is inappropriate testing and the inappropriate use of the results of tests.

Teachers do not assess students' learning simply so that they have marks to

put on report cards. The main purpose of classroom assessment is to support student learning, not simply to measure it. Teachers remain opposed to the FSA not only because it does not support student learning, but also because it actually interferes with instruction and learning opportunities, is a costly, colossal waste of time and resources, and is ineffective in improving student achievement.

There are no results from this assessment that will more enable our students to learn or their teachers to teach. Not only that, but the marks don't even go on report cards. Nothing is produced from the FSA but data and the data produces

nothing of practical value for either the student or the teacher.

Public school teachers are urging the Ministry of Education to adopt a two-year moratorium on all standardized tests, including the FSA, which, incidentally, is not really standardized at all. We are also asking parents of students in these grades to consider having their sons and daughters excused from writing the FSA at all, since it is of no benefit to the individual student.

Improvements in public school education in B.C. will occur not as a result of any test analysis, but rather by ending the chronic underfunding of public education by this provincial govern-

ment ever since they were first elected.

JOHN NICOLSON,
GULF ISLANDS TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Poor role modelling

I saw an ad in last Wednesday's paper that made me feel very disheartened.

The Gulf Islands Teachers' Association placed an ad to voice their concerns with FSAs. Attached was a cut-out letter using false pretext to have children excused from the test. They claim that FSAs have little impact on the education of the children that participate. This may or may not be the case. I do not know.

What I do know though is encouraging parents to lie in order to excuse their children so as to make a protest on behalf of the teachers is inappropriate. Learning doesn't happen only in the classroom. Learning happens through modelling and context. GITA is teaching kids to lie and cheat their way out of things they might not want to do. How does a child learn that it is not OK to fake an excuse to get out of activities that the teachers' association finds acceptable, for example, being in class, handing in projects and writing exams. How can teachers and parents be consistent and not expect children to generalize from this situation to others.

Just because the teachers are angry does not excuse them from thinking of the bigger picture and the real lessons they are teaching. Teachers are professionals and important role models. If they have an issue with their employer they have other constructive ways to deal with it. Crossing the line between right and wrong in order to use our children as a protest is beyond unacceptable.

Role modelling this behaviour is unbecoming of a professional teacher. The Gulf Islands Teachers' Association should be ashamed.

RICHARD HAYDEN,
SALT SPRING

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Behaviour profiling, common sense trump body pat-down

Bend over and think of England. I may have been the first Canadian to experience the new "enhanced" airport security measures resulting from the failed bomb attack on Northwest Airlines Flight 253. I was returning home from a giddy New Year's week in Paris. The airport was the Keflavik International Airport, Reykjavik.

Iceland is not the first country that comes to mind when talk turns to all things Al Qaeda. (There is a small matter of the country reneging on a \$5.7 billion debt to Britain and the Netherlands, but let's not quibble.) Iceland is way off the terrorist radar screen when it comes to disgruntled Muslims stuffing explosives down their skivvies. The situation arose because this flight originated in Paris with a stopover in Reykjavik on its way to Seattle.

We were instructed to deplane. We were informed that the American government had just implemented new rules for setting foot on U.S. turf — full body searches for one and all. The queue snaked back and forth as about 300 ill-tempered passengers punted their carry-ons along the slow-moving line.

As I approached the checkpoint, I noticed the body scanners and the conveyor belts where you deposit your laptops and the rest of your electronica were silent, dead. Did Reykjavik not pay its hydro bill? No, not that. There is no reason for those niceties if every man jack is getting a full body search and having their carry-ons tossed.

As the line moved ahead, we were separated by gender — men on the left, women on the right. I noticed a very elderly woman standing to one side of the stainless table, in her stocking feet, glaring at the security guy tearing apart her bag, sniffing at cosmetic

bottles, fanning the pages of her paperback. Leave your dignity at the door.

I stood in front of a very frazzled, exasperated security guard and I asked the obvious question. Why? New rules. The machines were out. Full body searches were in. He had been called in on his day off. He had done over 350 full-body pat-downs in the last 90 minutes. He was not a happy security guy.

As pat-downs go, his was pretty lackadaisical. I should know. The metal in my hips causes the airport security scanner to go off like a jackpot winner on a Vegas slot machine. The security guy wanted this nightmare to go away more than the passengers. He just wanted to be back home drinking whatever Icelanders drink on a cold, wind-swept Sunday in January.

The scheduled 20-minute stopover became a 90-minute stopover. Passengers missed connecting flights. A woman in the line phoned her husband. He was stuck in Gatwick Airport going through the same ordeal, eventually missing his flight to the U.S., spending a night in London. This was happening all over the globe.

With the winter Olympics only a few sleeps away, Canada has responded by ordering full body scanners for all major airports. There has been a minor dustup by civil rights groups stating that body scanners violate privacy and basic human rights. Picture slack-jawed mouth breathers huddled around a computer monitor leering at your nakedness. I have been through one of these machines, and nothing could

be further from the truth. One stands in the middle of what appears to be an updated photo booth for two seconds. That's it. The security people are in another room looking at a digitized rendition. Sexy.

The pat-down procedure, with the wait time, was usually about 10 minutes. Multiply that 10 minutes by 300 passengers and you start to understand why the government now recommends getting to the airport three hours before your flight.

The question of the day: would the pat down or indeed these newly minted body scanners have discovered the small bag of explosives sewn into the underwear of Mr. Abdulmutallab? Over the dozens of pat downs that I have experienced, not one of the security guys has had the temerity to grope around the family jewels. Only the most experienced would detect the slight discoloration the explosive powder reveals in a body scan. Chances are the man would have breezed through these tightened security measures.

The real answer lies in behavioural profiling and common sense. Common sense should have stopped Abdulmutallab, who was travelling to a city to which he had no ties, with no checked baggage, on a one-way ticket paid in cash. Duh.

Intelligence and common sense would have prevented a 4-foot-10, 90-pound, 85-year-old Caucasian woman with not so much as a parking ticket on her record being forced to unzip her pants to search for concealed bombs. Where did this travesty take place? Toronto Pearson Interna-

tional Airport. Duh.

The patron saint of airport security is Israel. This country, surrounded as it is by countries that have vowed to wash the streets in Israeli blood, has not had an airport incident since 1972. We need to go to school on Israel. ABC News' Scott Mayerwitz recently interviewed two Israeli security experts. Their first recommendation is "to hire highly educated, well-trained agents to question people . . . that are fluent in English and at least one other language." Lie to me. I dare you.

According to these security guys, the \$11 million we are spending on these high-tech photo booths is nothing more than window dressing to make the public feel more secure. We need layers of security.

How is it that an SUV plowed through the departure doors of the Vancouver International Airport less than two months before the winter Olympics? Where are the concrete abutments? Where is the security? Travellers going to Tel Aviv's Ben-Gurion International Airport go through an initial checkpoint while they are still in their cars. Layers of security.

Full-body scanners will be a nice addition to the security tool belt, but the best deterrent lies in training everyone, from the janitors to the barista pulling your latté at the airport Starbucks, to recognize and report odd behaviour, regardless of nationality or ethnicity.

After all, the last time an Israeli airport was hit, 24 people were killed and 80 injured by grenades and machine-gun fire. That was in 1972. The terrorists were from Japan. Enough said.

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OPINION



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Concerned neighbours watch the trees come down on Roland Road.

Forest loved to death

BY DAN DICKMEYER

I've lost my Salt Spring innocence. Deflowered, as it were, by a property owner who failed to appreciate the beauty of an untouched forest and the solace it brings to me and my neighbours who live at its back door. Having just moved here permanently from the U.S. and California — land of greed and self-interest — I expected more from this island of sanity.

All was going well and my future rosy on my two-acre south-end enclave until two weeks before Christmas. It was then that we heard that a neighbour down the road was going to log a good portion of a 17-acre plot that borders me and about 10 other neighbours. And as if doing this work during the Christmas holiday wasn't enough, the owner never communicated a plan for what exactly would be cut. Nor did the owner return any of our phone calls, even those from "friends."

The most information we could garner leaked slowly from the logger, who claimed it would be a "work in progress" amounting to three or four acres. It began with a 66-foot-wide clearcut up top (about one acre), which may serve as an access "road," down an impossibly steep 45-degree slope to a lower area. This area of mature, mixed-species Douglas fir/swordfern forest with maples, hemlocks, balsam and giant cedar would become the future "pasture" for a yet-to-be-chosen possible home site somewhere on the property. The entire property is for sale.

As the date for logging approached, coloured ribbons began appearing on trees and posts — surveys, trees to be cut, trees to be spared. Trees, some 80 years old, that had become our sanctuary in our daily walks with entry permission given by the owner appeared doomed. We met here, shared dog

greetings, meditated — thankful for this area that, except for a year-round stream, looked just like the Creekside rain forest saved a couple of years ago from the chainsaw. We all knew that development might come one day, but always assumed the owner would do so thoughtfully, respecting nature and God, with the thought that most trees would always be there to nourish our souls and provide peace and greenery behind our homes.

But the logger came. The owner never did. Dozens of trees fell every day before and after Christmas, crashing to the forest floor. Christmas guests were told not to come. It's noisy and the forest walk is gone. I couldn't stand seeing the trees crash from my deck and hearing the chainsaw creep closer towards my house each day. I left for four days.

Neighbours met. With little information to go on we contacted agencies, wrote letters and made phone calls. We worried about water runoff, blowdown to our trees, too steep of driveways, setbacks. All with little success. On Salt Spring it appears good forest management, the health and well-being of neighbours, climate change and even the Islands Trust motto of "preserve and protect" ring as empty right now as a chainsaw's whine.

Four weeks into the project and the forest is gone forever. To assure that, machines tear out the stumps and it is said the area will be "seeded. Neatly stacked log piles lay where barred owls and woodpeckers used to sit. Lone maples and one old growth left standing will probably fall with the first good strong wind or die in this exposed sterile environment. It's now a forest "loved to death."

The writer has owned his south island home for five years.

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Model agreement

I couldn't agree more with Gordon Barnes' suggestion in last week's Driftwood ("HMS Ganges at library?") to display the scale model of the HMS Ganges in our new local library.

The scale model has been displayed at various locations over the years and is currently on display at the Islands Farmers Institute heritage building.

My father Cole Harvey, who built the model, would be honoured, as the intended purpose of the ship was to have it displayed on Salt Spring Island for all to enjoy. With the new library's central location in Ganges, it would be a wonderful addition.

DAN HARVEY,
SALT SPRING

Gender bias

Normally I like receiving the Driftwood calendar, but the extreme gender bias

in the 13 monthly photos (yes, Jan. 2011 too) has this gay man's knickers in a knot.

All but one of the photos were taken by that handsome hunk, that ladies man, that Driftwood official photographer, Derrik Lundy. Only two of 13 are of males only, eight are of females only, and the other three — polar bear swim, soccer fans and Terry Fox Run — have females front and centre and in greater numbers.

Maybe guys should put out a near-nude calendar the way the women did nearly a decade ago.

JACK HALLAM,
SALT SPRING

Objectionable

May I politely request that from this day on everyone drop the term "Newfie"? It is as objectionable to Newfoundlanders as the other "n" word is to black people.

MAUREEN O'BRIEN,
ELIZABETH DRIVE

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Widening scope

Thank you to April Curtis for helping publicize the annual general meeting of the Island Arts Centre Society on Sunday, Jan. 17 at 5 p.m.

It would indeed be wonderful to have a large group of members on hand to hear the many reports, receive the auditor's financial statements and to discuss proposed updates to the society's mission statement.

The intent of these updates is exactly that, to update what were set down as goals for ArtSpring some 20 years ago to ensure they are in line with what ArtSpring is doing today.

For example, one of the purposes of the society was defined then as being "to support all other organizations on Salt Spring Island having as their purpose the advancement of the performing, visual and creative arts and crafts." This made sense at the time as much of the impetus for building ArtSpring came from organized groups such as craft guilds, choirs, theatre groups and the like.

Such groups have indeed been well served by ArtSpring over the years. However, many other individual artists and informal groups of artists, not just "organized groups," have also taken advantage of ArtSpring's facilities. Hence our wish to change the statement of purpose to include all artists in new language that says: "To support the advancement of the performing, visual and creative arts and crafts on Salt Spring Island."

Far from wanting to exclude anyone, as Ms. Curtis implies, we want the statement to be more inclusive than it currently seems.

One other remark in Ms. Curtis' column needs comment. She wants ArtSpring to maintain a balance between performance by local artists and performance by artists from off-island.

Figures from 2009 indicate that of the total 278 days of the year when the ArtSpring theatre was in use, 186 days involved artists of one sort or another who live on Salt Spring, 79 days involved artists from elsewhere and a further 13 days involved non-arts related uses such as Trust meetings, all-candidates forums and the like.

These numbers clearly indicate that

ArtSpring does indeed accommodate a happy balance between Salt Spring resident users, and artists and other users from off-island whose presentations benefit the community.

The gallery/exhibition spaces, of course, are used almost exclusively by Salt Spring resident artists and crafts people.

All these observations notwithstanding, we look forward to a good attendance by current members of the Island Arts Centre Society for a healthy discussion of ArtSpring's accomplishments and future direction.

JOHN STEWART,
PRESIDENT, IACS BOARD

Real faces

To all you people writing in about the conditions of our roads, particularly the lack of lines at intersections etc., possibly if more of you got behind the Islanders for Self Government movement we would have a real face to talk to instead of some bureaucrat behind some closed door.

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KEN BARNES,
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EDITH STEVENSON

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Life and Critical Illness Insurance really can make a difference when things don't go as planned. Having money to make choices about what to do next can help families survive unexpected tragedies. If getting organized is one of your goals for 2010, let me help you figure out what might be right for you and those you care about. Best wishes for a healthy 2010!

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SAM ANDERSON


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OPINION

Respect and time to 'get it'

BY PATRICK CECIL-JONES

Hats off to Julia Lucich. Her letter in last week's Driftwood spoke to a growing island sentiment that tax producers and taxpayers are becoming more cynical of government spending practices, particularly those of the Islands Trust, and that more responsible behaviour is expected.

It is easy to conclude from history and observation that organizations — whether they are families, churches, companies, governments or states — demonstrate, as their primary objective, actions to perpetuate themselves. That's only fair play. Government and private organizations have often been criticized for avoiding new technology and change, as well as for the infamous

end-of-year spending spree to justify the next year budget demand as a means to guarantee perpetuation. More new initiatives, more studies, more reports, more memos, more duplication, more new procedures and more meetings, often without any resulting positive actions and follow-up are frequently self-perpetuating strategies. Rarely does the "is it needed?" test result in less bureaucracy.

Private sector organizations are accountable to customers (us) who will determine whether they will thrive or die. We have all seen "bloated" private companies fail, particularly in recent times, for not being attentive to the customer.

Rarely can anyone hold a government organization's feet to the "customer satisfaction fire" . . . so it takes a long time to effect any change, however desirable or rational. Those organizations will continue to pursue

"tradition" without rationalization of any cost-benefit outcome.

As the current global economic scenario profoundly stresses the producers (enterprise and business) of tax revenues, government organizations worldwide are reported to be facing very difficult operating choices as their incomes are in drastic decline. Eliminating waste, duplication of effort, parallel organizations and adopting improved technology are all likely to become more visible strategies. As the "tax-take" diminishes, government spending will be forced to decline. Some government organizations will target the producers of tax to make up the shortfall.

If the Islands Trust is really serious about further growing its bureaucracy and duplicating the efforts of the federal department responsible for ships, are we to expect an investigation into seaplane safety, also a federal jurisdiction? It was recently

hinted that the Trust should also take an active role in studying alternative fuel ferries. What a conundrum that might be for the heritage committee which romanticizes the past . . . would new ferries serving the islands also be required to be constructed with "heritage features" as formulated by a lengthy commissioned report, while propelled by a proposed tofu extract or solar engine? BC Ferries really does have the technical experience and expertise to manage its own business without unqualified interference!

To state that we are all likely to live on less for a while is not so profound in these times; most of us already "get it" and have trimmed unnecessary spending habits. As Lucich urged, we taxpayers have to speak more loudly to encourage the Trust to become more sensitive to the economic sustainability of our islands and to confine their course to the original Trust mandate while being (or becoming)

financially responsible. For the Trust to raise taxes every year is no longer an option, particularly while creating a more onerous environment for those who wish to continue living there, working there and doing business there, those same people who generate the tax revenue that the Trust is all too eager to spend. It is now time for them to "get it."

Our Gulf Islands have probably been well preserved and protected by the Trust's past actions, but maybe it's time to reflect on a job well done and mostly completed. Can we allow the Trust to grow and further encroach on the already stressed-out taxpayer? It is time for it to become strategically proactive and economically sensitive to the source of taxes by accomplishing more with less. The Trust will only then be regarded as responsible.

The writer is a former Salt Spring resident who now lives in Victoria.

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RANTS and Roses

A dozen pesticide-free, locally grown roses to the person who donated a pink envelope full of Country Grocer tapes to EAGER. Thank you. Love, the Earth

Roses to everyone who helped with Alex Arnet's spectacular service. Specifically, thank you to Morgan Donnelly for coordinating so much, Gina Teskey for the fabulous New Year's Eve dinner, Auntie Pesto's for providing amazing appetizers, Jane at Thrifty's flowers, and everyone else who sent flowers and warm wishes. Thank you also to Liz for officiating and honouring Alex. Natasha

All of us at Santa's Workshop heartily thank the Salt Spring community for its generous support of the 2009 toy drive. Because of you, 28 island families found lots of wonderful goodies under their Christmas trees. Contributions were received from many kind individuals, as well as the following businesses: Island Star Video, Rental Stop, BC Ferries, CIBC, Mouat's Trading Co., Pharmasave Downtown and Uptown, Country Grocer, United Church, Lions Club, Island Savings, West of the Moon, Fulford school. Many thanks and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. Santa's Elves

I wish fields of fragrant "deer-proofed roses" for my friends, neighbours at Brinkworthy and co-workers at the Hastings House for all their generosity and kindness while I have been immobile. I am overwhelmed with appreciation. Thank you! Wow, what a rock we live on! Debbie and Gabby

Thanks to all the people who worked to save our boat the Sea Venturer when she went aground in the November wind storm. The Cullis family

A standing ovation of roses to Colin Beamish for stellar roof work and an uplifting conversation about the life of an actor.

A big Girl Guide hug to Country Grocer for supporting so many community groups through the Save-a-Tape program.

Sabine's Books would like to thank all those who supported the local food bank by making a donation via our collection box or by purchasing a book on Dec. 20 when \$1 was donated to the food bank for every book sold. Together we raised \$135. A rose to each of you. Thank you Salt Spring!

A cracker barrel full of grateful roses to David Davies for Yeoman's effort in tracking me down to deliver my lost and lovely Crackberry back to its owner. Thank you! Bobby Magee

Dozens of red roses to Valdy for entertaining us with music, song and lots of laughter. A wonderful idea for a Newfoundland Nite on Salt Spring at the Legion. It warmed us through and through. Thanks from all of us. BCR

Shiny dangling silver-earring roses to my good friend Sherrie. For all you do, and for you who are. You are the best friend anyone could have! Erin

Our German shepherd Beatrice is safely home. Special thanks to: Ken and Stephanie, Eric and Anne, Nick and Ellie, Kate, Deirdre, Kimi, Simone, Judy, Kaylee, Carmen, Sue, Don, Sara, Carleen, canine friends and all the people who called us with sightings.

Roses to Marilyn and Ann for their safe keeping of our outside display when it was left outside after closing. Many thanks. Ganges Garment Company

Arts & Entertainment



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FANCY FOOTWORK: David Holt and Pamela Thornley check out their dance moves at a ballroom dancing open house held Sunday at Mahon Hall. Six weeks of lessons begin Jan. 17. For more info, contact Kathy at 250-537-5058 or kathy@ballroomonsaltspring.com.

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Upcoming Wontanara classes get islanders' feet back on the floor

Six-week session of classes begins Jan. 22

For people who've renewed their energy levels for 2010 and are ready to get moving and shaking again, Wontanara Drum and Dance is back with a new series of West African dance classes.

The high-energy classes are taught by Mohamed and Marielle Duranteau of the Victoria-based dance school and performance troupe, and include dynamic live drumming by local drum group Iroko.

Six-week sessions begin Friday, Jan. 22 at All Saints By-the-Sea.

They run from 6 to 7:15 p.m.

"If you've ever taken one of these

classes you will know how uplifting, exciting and challenging they can be," said Marielle in a press release.

"If you've never taken their African dance classes, but have seen Wontanara's live performances at Beaver Point Hall or in Victoria, don't miss out this year. Now's your chance to find out what the buzz on African dance class is all about."

All experience levels are welcome. Cost is \$80.

A minimum of 12 registered students is required for the class to run and pre-registration is necessary.

To register, call Deanna at 250-653-2431, or contact Marielle: 250-885-6315 or marielle@wontanaradrumdance.com.



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Short cuts to cooking for one or two © 2009 with Sarah Lynn

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Shopping list:

- Oil
- Round Steak
- Corn Flour
- Onion
- Can Diced Green Chillies
- Orange
- Chipotle Pepper
- Large Can Diced or Whole Tomatoes
- Beef Broth
- Sour Cream
- Cheese
- Tortillas or Taco Chips

Cube **1-2 lbs round steak**. Heat in large fry pan over high heat with **2 tablespoons oil**. Reduce heat to medium and brown beef with **2 tablespoons corn flour**. After browning meat add **1 diced onion**, **2 minced garlic cloves**, and **1 tablespoon chilli powder** and cook for 2 minutes more. Reduce heat to low and add **1 can diced green chillies**, **1 tablespoon orange zest**, **1 chopped chipotle pepper**, **1 large can diced or whole tomatoes**, and **1 cup beef broth**. Simmer for 1 hour. If you desire it to be spicy hot simmer for additional 30 minutes. Higher grades of meat can be used if you want to shorten cooking time. Top each bowl with **sour cream** and **grated cheese** before serving. Serve with **taco chips or warm tortillas**.

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NO STAGE FRIGHT: Acting 11-12 class members, from left, Rowynn Butler, Kyle Anderson, Sean Cunningham, Leilani Fraser-Buchanan and Jesse Grindler rehearse for the 2nd Story Theatre production of Bram Stoker's Dracula at ArtSpring on Wednesday-Thursday, Jan. 13-14 only, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

CONCERTS

Veda Hille and friends bring all-ages repertoire to concert

Youngsters, teens, moms and grandpas will all relate to Duplex

Moms and dads who love music and kids who do too don't need to live in separate worlds. That's the idea behind Veda Hille's band Duplex that will visit Salt Spring on Sunday, Jan. 17 for a family show at ArtSpring.

Hille has long been recognized as one of the most innovative indie rock musicians in Vancouver. In 2005 she got together with musical friends and their kids, variously aged from toddlers to teens, and produced an album called Duplex, which was so successful that the impromptu band kept going.

"I actually don't think there

should be a line between adult and children's music," Hille said.

The goal of the band, which released its second album, *Worser*, last October, is to play songs in a popular idiom with lyrics that amuse adults as much as they appeal to the tastes and sensibilities of children.

The adult members of the band, including Justin Kellam of No Kids, Annie Wilkinson of Onward Voyageur, Matt Caruso of Chariots of Eggs, and Shaun Brodie of A.C. Newman and the Hidden Cameras, share an inclusive musical philosophy that believes there is no need to sacrifice musical taste to a standard, saccharine style of children's entertainment.

"Musically, we don't need to

change what we like at all," said Hille. "We just write good pop songs that happen to reference making sandwiches."

Salt Spring audiences had a taste of Veda Hille's music last year when Vancouver Opera in the Schools toured Jack Pine. Hille composed the music for the opera, based on a libretto adapted from a children's book written by Salt Spring poet Chris Patton.

The Sunday, Jan. 17 concert starts at 2:30 p.m. and consists of two 45-minute sets with an intermission to accommodate the needs of a young audience.

Tickets, costing \$19 for adults and \$5 for all youth up to 18 years old, are available from the ArtSpring ticket centre at 250-537-2102.

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ARTS EDUCATION

Classical music enthusiast puts on Little Night Music

George Ehring leads seven-Monday course

George Ehring's popular winter music appreciation course returns to ArtSpring for a seven-week run on Monday evenings starting Jan. 18.

Its title this year is A Little Night Music, and its goal is to present a lively introduction to the history and period characteristics of Western music from the Middle Ages through the early 20th century.

Each evening starts at 7 p.m. and presents three hours of musical samples, commentary and visuals placing the music in the artistic, historical and social context of its

times.

The course has been well attended in the three previous years since it was first offered by ArtSpring, due in part to Ehring's extensive knowledge of the subject and in part to his decidedly quirky supply of unusual anecdotes about the odder composers and musicians of the past. Here is how he describes the course:

"You'll learn why Mozart sounds like Mozart, how Haydn lost his head, and what famous composer picked up Beethoven's skull and talked to it, many years after the great composer had died."

The course costs \$45 per person for all seven weeks, or \$80 per couple. Light refreshments are included.

"ArtSpring's superior sound system alone makes this a thrilling way to spend Monday evenings," says executive director George Sipos.

"With George Ehring as a guide, the broadening of our musical knowledge is a constant delight."

Those who have taken the course before should know that it has been revised for 2010, with many new examples and previously unexplored composers.

"Like a glass of Veuve Cliquot, if you've tried it once, you'll want to come back for more."

Course registrations are available through the ArtSpring Ticket Centre at 250-537-2102.

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Community Ed COURSE CALENDAR

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

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SPR.10.08 ART HISTORY THROUGH THE AGES

This class offers a stimulating overview of the history of visual art and architecture from earliest known forms of prehistoric artistic expression through to the end of the 17th century. Part 2 - the 18th century through to the present will be offered in the fall.

6 Tuesdays & 2 Thursdays Feb.23, Mar.4,9,16,23,30, Apr.8,13 7-9pm PARC, Fees \$120

Instructor: Stan Garrod taught art history, classical studies, history and geography for 30 years and is the author of 30 books used in schools across Canada

SPR.10.02 YOUNG TOASTMASTERS

This is a course for people under 18 years of age who want to learn and practice public speaking and leadership skills in a club format. Project manuals from Toastmasters International are supplied. A Young Toastmasters Club will be organized from participants.

8 Tuesdays, Feb. 2,9,16,23, Mar. 2,23,30, Apr.6, 6:30 - 8pm. GISS Rm S104C Fees \$50

Instructors: Marsh Heinekey and Dana Pennington are two competent and Advanced Toastmasters who will instruct and assist students in completing several speaking projects, learning the various leadership roles and setting up their club.

SPR.10.06 STARTING SEEDS

Let's learn how to choose the correct seeds, explore different planting methods, plant in different soil mediums, and select the best containers for your seedlings. This is a hands-on course, rain or shine.

Saturday, February 20, 9 - 11 am. Eco-Reality-2152 Fulford-Ganges Fees \$50

Instructor: Belinda Schroeder is an avid grower, harvester and eater of delicious local produce.

SPR.10.09 LANDLORDS Wednesday Feb. 24 7-9 pm GISS Room S104C

SPR.10.10 TENANTS Wednesday Mar. 3 7-9pm GISS Room S104C Fees \$25 per session

Instructor: Blair Howard runs Royal Property Management, is a licensed strata manager and licensed property manager.

SPR.10.05 THE MYSTERIES OF CANADIAN LAW - a lecture series.

The focus of this series is a thoughtful understanding of Canadian law, the underlying realities, and the effects of the legal system. Topics covered include: Beneficial and Damaging Effects of The Charter of Rights, Compensation for Disabilities, and The Influence of NAFTA and the WTO. For more details, see www.ssicommunityed.org Materials: \$5 for printed matter paid to speaker on the first night.

8 Thursdays Feb.18,25, Mar.4,25, Apr. 1,8,15, 22. 7- 8:15 pm GISS Rm S104C Fees \$70 30 Students Required

Speaker's Profile: Terence G. Ison, LL.B London (first class honours), LL.M (Harvard), LL.D. (London). Professor Emeritus, Osgoode Hall Law School. See website above for further details on Speaker's career.
Blues on Salt Spring's new radio station.

SPR.10.07 GROWING YOUR OWN FOOD

Interested in growing your own food and don't know where to start? Together we will discover the wide variety of delicious food you can grow here. Topics covered include: soil, soil amendments, water, light, temperature, seeds, planting, spacing, timelines and more. This is a hands-on course, rain or shine.

Saturday, February 20, 12-3 pm. Eco-Reality-2152 Fulford-Ganges Fees \$60

Instructor: Belinda Schroeder is an avid grower, harvester and eater of delicious local produce.

SPR.10.04 BLUES, BLUES, BLUES

This course will be an overview of the Blues. We'll listen to examples of early blues, Delta, Modern and Rock Blues, and key people within the art form. In the final session, Hannah Brown will talk about the women who sang the blues. We'll hear recordings of "Ma" Rainey, Bessie Smith, and many others who sang very different blues than the men of the period.

5 Wednesdays, Feb.17,24, March 3,10,17 7-9 pm, Steffich Gallery at Grace Point Fees \$90

Instructors: Matt Steffich studied music at Capilano College and in Toronto. He has taught guitar, played in bands since he was eighteen, and continues to play the blues at Mobeys'. Hannah Brown is a retired teacher and wannabe blues singer. She has a program on Women's Blues on Salt Spring's new radio station.

SPR.10.03 LANTERNS WITH A DIFFERENCE

We will make lanterns of pollinating insects, as part of a larger Pollinator Project which includes a public garden. Main materials are bamboo and tissue paper. Participants can bring special paper but materials are supplied Easy and fun to make.

Friday Feb. 5, 1-4 pm Mahon Hall Fees \$55

Instructor: Wendi Gilson is an artist who has worked at creating community in the deepest sense and decorating with the intent of frivolity. Her art has been supported by the CommunityArts Council.

SPR.10.11 HOW DOES THIS THING WORK?

If you recently acquired a Blackberry and can't quite figure out how to use it, this workshop is for you. Please bring your Blackberry to class, and Isy will show you all the wonderful things you can do with it.

Wednesday, Feb.24, 7 - 8:30pm Location TBA Fees \$30

Instructor: Isy Cohen is an experienced Blackberry user and gadget lover who previously taught health care professionals how to use their hand held devices.

SPR.10.01 STARTING AND RUNNING YOUR OWN SALT SPRING BUSINESS

This workshop is designed to familiarize those already running a small business, or hoping to do so, with the basics of a business plan. Topics covered include evaluating your business concept, financing and profitability, and effective marketing. Students should be prepared to discuss their business (concept) and how the material presented applies to their business.

6 Wednesdays Jan.27, Feb.3,10,17,24, Mar. 3, 7-9 pm GISS Room S211 Fees \$100 Maximum: 12 Students

Instructors: Janice Harkley shares her expertise as a chartered accountant, owner of a Bed and Breakfast, and co-founder of Salt Spring Vineyards. Stan Shapiro is a retired professor of marketing at Simon Fraser University. He has considerable experience in helping firms develop their marketing plans.

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AUTHORS

Nautical theme makes for popular literary night

Culture fiercely alive at Night of the Living Sailors

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

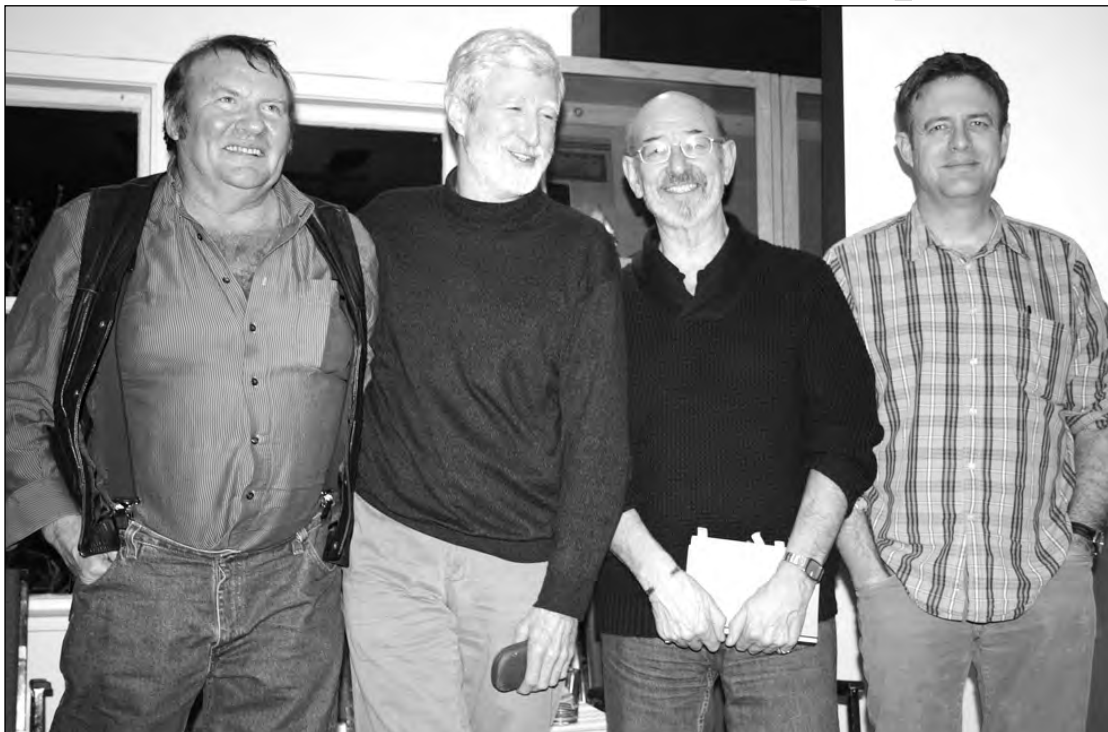
It was standing room only at the Sailing Club last Saturday as three authors prepared to take the floor. Perched in window sills and tucked behind support pillars, audience members ranged from sailing fiends to literary enthusiasts.

Taking up a nautical theme was a good move for Theatre Alive organizers Brian Brett and Diana Hayes, proving that with the right combination a book reading can become the thing to do on a Saturday night.

As host for the evening, Brett noted the group has brought in 114 authors from Salt Spring and across Canada since it began hosting literary events in the 1990s.

Brett also spoke on the importance of the culture industry to Canada's economy, and the nonsensical move by governments to limit cultural funding. (Annual funding from the Canada Council and other groups does not prevent Brett and Hayes from having to boost projects from their own pockets). But if the weekend's turnout is any gauge, culture is still fiercely alive on Salt Spring — at least as long as it includes tales of the sea.

As first presenter of the evening, Salt



From left, Brian Brett, Derek Lundy, Anthony Dalton and Kevin Patterson.

Spring's Derek Lundy read from his book *The Way of a Ship*. The bestselling story surrounding the author's ancestor Benjamin Lundy continues to have plenty of local interest: the previous Lundy settled on Salt Spring after making a sea journey from Liverpool via Cape Horn.

As one of history's "invisible men," there was not much recorded about Benjamin other than a photograph of him standing beside a strung-up deer carcass. The modern Lundy therefore chose the slightly unorthodox path of "making it all up," while including much factual detail about the journeys of the last square-rigger sailing ships.

Although the material in *The Way of a*

Ship is likely familiar to local readers, many of whom have already enjoyed this early work, Lundy set the framework for the evening's reading with two points. One was that as Joseph Conrad and Herman Melville showed, sea voyages are always unique and often make for interesting writing. The other was that humans' ancient relationship with the sea has changed dramatically in the past two centuries.

Kevin Patterson also touched on the latter point, noting that "men and women of unexceptional means" have taken to the sea recreationally only since the Second World War. The sea has become more affordable and less unthinkable to cross,

yet perhaps even more a symbol of personal challenge.

Patterson demonstrated his comfort with the crowd in a number of very amusing anecdotes between readings from the upcoming sequel to *The Water in Between*, the highly acclaimed account of his own adventures taking on the sea. Although he joked that his fondness for anecdote betrayed his anxiety over the manuscript, the reading suggests Patterson's new book will be just as compelling as the last.

Recounting a two-week struggle to cross the equator en route to the Marquesas, his choice of language keeps even the non-sailor up to speed. The islands as plotted

on a chart look like "birdshot through a road sign," while the eventual shift in wind changes the ride from "urban cowboy" to "Concord."

Adventure writer Anthony Dalton took top billing for the night. The former owner of an expedition company in the Sahara, a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a Fellow of the Explorers Club

who now lives in Delta, B.C., Dalton focused his reading on the Bering Sea. His book *Alone against the Arctic* recounts his "questionable decision to attempt solo passage of the Northwest Passage," performed at a time when the sea-way was still regularly blocked with ice, and launched in the aptly named 13-foot boat, *Audacity*.

Clearly used to working an audience, Dalton had the crowd enthralled with his very near death experience on the last day

of the journey, when he was knocked overboard far from land 160 miles north of the Arctic Circle.

While many of the questions after the readings concerned just how safe sea travel is, no one questioned its ability to continue capturing the imagination of writers and readers. Theatre Alive's next presentation sounds just as intriguing: Chaucer meets modern street culture in *Baba Brinkman's rap version of The Miller's Tale*, set for ArtSpring on Feb. 6.

SPECIAL EVENTS

<p>Thursday, Jan. 14, 8-11pm Blues: Paul Bram & Friends</p> <p>Saturday, Jan. 16, 8-11pm Tal Bachmann and The Imposters</p> <p>Sunday, Jan. 17, 7-10pm Jazz/Folk: John Charowsky</p> <p>Monday, Jan. 18 Mexican Food Theme Specials</p>	<p>Wednesday: Pint Club Beer & drink specials! Draws for great prizes! Proceeds to local causes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OPEN FOR BREAKFAST 7-11am daily</p> <p style="text-align: center;">250-537-5559</p>
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FILM FESTIVAL

Fierce Light to burn on SSI

Velcrow Ripper film and workshop kick off film fest activities

BY PATRICIA LOCKIE
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Spiritual activist and award-winning documentary filmmaker Velcrow Ripper will soon be electrifying island audiences with his call to global action driven by love.

He is attending a special, one-night screening of his film *Fierce Light*, subtitled *When Spirit Meets Action*, the most popular documentary shown at last year's film festival on Salt Spring.

At the heart of Ripper's film is a belief in the power of what he calls compassionate activism, a power that can be released when spirituality is combined with action.

The film features interviews with spiritual activists such as Thich Nhat Hanh, Desmond Tutu, Daryl Hannah and Julia Butterfly Hill. It has been called "intense and inspiring," "raw and compelling," as well as "a poetic call



Filmmaker Velcrow Ripper.

to heartfelt action" by film critics in North America.

The screening, which takes place Fri., Jan. 22 at The Fritz, starting at 6:30 p.m., is a fundraiser for the festival. Admission is by donation with a suggested entry price of \$15. Those attending the screening will have the

chance to participate in a question-and-answer session with Ripper afterwards.

The charismatic director, who promotes the integration of head and heart in social activism, and who has been called the John Lennon of documentary filmmakers, is also running a "Fierce

Light" workshop on Jan. 23 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Mahon Hall. It's a chance, says Ripper's promotional material, for participants to discover their own fierce light to "unwrap your gifts, and let them loose on the world," and to take a journey that expands the sense of self from egocentric to world-centric.

The workshop fee is \$35. Registration forms are available at Salt Spring Books. Anyone interested in participating is advised to register early as space is limited.

The Fierce Light weekend kicks off pre-film festival activities.

Another special screening night next month features a biographical documentary about the life and work of renowned Canadian photographer Ted Grant.

Salt Spring's 11th-annual film festival hits the screens at GISS and The Fritz one week earlier than usual. This year's dates are Feb. 26, 27 and 28.

Festival organizers promise another great line-up of documentary films to engage, enlighten and entertain audiences.

'09 another banner year for art scene

Arts columnist recaps her personal highlights

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's reputation as the place to find high-quality crafts and accomplished fine art sees no sign of diminishing in 2009.

Long-established names upped the ante by focusing their creative energy for Masterpiece Weekend, while talented newcomers increased the island's diversity.

Here are some of my personal favourites that were exhibited or created over the past year:

Byungjoo Suh's ceramic sculptures demonstrate the master craftsman's years spent perfecting his technique. Themes tend to blend personal and ancient mythologies, with *The Odyssey* and the Trojan horse among recurring motifs.

Suh's functional and decorative work is equally accomplished and has added a very fresh look to island ceramics. Amazing candelabras on sale at Wintercraft were modern and clean looking, with arched bases and surprising ceramic spheres. Suh and his wife Janice, herself a ceramic artist, also happen to be some of Salt Spring's nicest new residents. They could use some extra support since their studio was almost destroyed by a lightning strike in November.

Pegasus Gallery continues to bring in important artists from Canadian art history as well as showing top local artists. Last spring's show of Babs Cogill Haworth's work provided an introduction to an abstract painter working in the mid-20th century. A highlight of the show was the



Elizabeth Nolan

ARTBEAT ON THE ROCK

grand-sized *Yellow Birds*, where flecks of bright orange and gold swoop in against swirls of deep and slate blue — autumn sky and foliage stirred up by a gusty wind.

Masterpiece Weekend, an inspiration of Steffich Fine Art owner Matt Steffich, brought in the best single works from a great number of island artists. Highlights included Peter McFarlane's recycled metal ship, *Fleet*, and a new diptych by the mysterious Lady X. The technicolour-toned, large print photo of *Zebra Alders* by Steven Friedman and the multilayered digital collages by Seth Berkowitz demonstrated expert artistry from opposite ends of the photographic spectrum.

Ian Thomas' *Family Album* was exhibited many times over the years before coming to The Point gallery this summer, but even if not current work, the mixed media series deserves careful and repeated scrutiny. On corroded sheet metal backing, "assemblages" of family photos and found objects are the artist's attempt to understand the mysterious personalities making up his childhood family. Visually and emotionally complex, the series is deeply personal yet accessible.

Salt Spring Woodworks hosted the of-the-moment Studio Furniture show, with three cut-

ting-edge artists from Vancouver as headliners and several locals also on the bill. Vancouver's Brent Comber has become internationally known for furniture pieces such as his alder cubes, but also impressive are his installation sculpture pieces like *China Grove*. Nine hollowed cedar trunks, each four feet tall, were suspended from a grove of trees and hung from an immense aluminum ring. Painted a ghostly white with blood-red resin inserts, the piece is Comber's way of mourning the lost ancestors of the surrounding forest.

Kathleen Horsdal's *Trojan Horse* was a perfect fit with ArtSpring's spacious architecture. Standing eight or nine feet tall on a wheeled base, the horse made brilliant use of found materials including a skeleton of branches framed with chicken wire.

Insides included an old rusted grill for ribs, a painted red tin heart and a tiny bird cage with a smiling stone Buddha seated before the open door. Cow-bone joints for eye sockets were balanced by life-affirming genitals: a bright red pepper and two garlic bulbs.

Also noteworthy in 2009 were the opening of two new galleries, *Starfish* and the Salt Spring Artists Gallery of Fine Art, and the new creative direction at J. Mitchell with the retirement of longtime local art supporter Judy Mitchell and Razali Wahab's purchase of the gallery. The Hastings House public sculpture garden opened for its second season, Studio Tour members published their first guide book and the Spinners and Weavers guild put on an impressively perfect show and sale.

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George Ehring's popular music appreciation course returns for a fourth year at ArtSpring.



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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Dracula. GISS Acting 11-12 class presents Bram Stoker's Dracula at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

A History of the BC Provincial Police Force from the Gold Rush to 1950. SS Historical Society presentation by Bob McWhirter. Central Hall. 2 p.m.

GI Board of Education Meeting. Public school trustees meeting at SIMS. 1 p.m.

SS Community Theatre Auditions. Five men, two women needed for comedy Who's Under Where? PARC portable. 7 p.m. Info: Steve, 250-653-9904; Ann, 250-537-9250.

Thurs. Jan. 14

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Dracula. See Wednesday listing.

Open Mic. Hosted by Stephanie Rhodes at The Local. 8 p.m.

Blues Night. With Paul Bram at Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Nairn Howe Memorial Basketball Tournament. Games begin at noon at GISS. Last game at 7 p.m.

Prenatal Classes. Salt Spring Island Health Unit sessions run for five classes beginning tonight. Call 250-538-4880 for more information.

Contemporary Dance Class. With Naomi on Thursdays at Mahon Hall. 5:30 to 7 p.m. Drop in or register at SS Arts Academy: 250-537-4294.

Yoga-robics. With Kirsten Woodruff at North End Fitness. 12:15 to 1 p.m.

Fri. Jan. 15

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tal Bachman and the Impostors. Live band at Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

Paul Mowbray. Harbour House Lounge. 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Grand Ole Opry Open Jam. At the Legion with host Ted Scott. 7 p.m.

Harry Warner & Jo Lundstrom. Tree House. 5 to 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Library StoryTime: Kindness, Kangaroos, Koalas. An afternoon with the letter "K." For children in early grades and pre-schoolers. 1 p.m. at the library.

Heiwa Garden Event. Interpretive panels unveiling, music and refreshments. At the garden. 1 p.m.

Seventh Annual Yoga & Curry Night. 5:30 p.m. Flow class to live music, followed by 7 p.m. Indian feast. At the Barn. RSVP to dorothyoga@hotmail.com or 250-653-4655.

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

Nairn Howe Memorial Basketball Tournament. Games begin at GISS at 10:45 a.m. Last game at 5:45 p.m. Shooting competition at 8 p.m.

Sat. Jan. 16

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Carmen. Met HD opera at ArtSpring. 10 a.m.

Julia Beattie. Tree House. 5 to 8 p.m.

Sue Newman and Tom Bowler. Live at the Harbour House Lounge. 6:30 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Nairn Howe Memorial Basketball Tournament. Games begin at 8 a.m. at GISS. Last game at 3 p.m. (GISS boys vs. Thomas Haney)

Truth, Trials and Tar Sands. A blockbuster post-Copenhagen review: Possible redemption for Canada? With speakers Alan Bibby, Jack Woodward and James Hoggan. ArtSpring theatre. 7 to 9 p.m.

Vijnana Yoga Introductory Workshop. With Lyndsay Savage & Cathy Valentine. 138 Bullock Creek Rd. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Register with Lyndsay at 250-538-0177.

Neighbourhood Night at the Raven. Every Saturday at Raven Street Cafe from 8 to 11 p.m.

Dance Yoga. Pay what you can at the Core Inn. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Sun. Jan. 17

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Duplex - Veda Hille & Friends. Concert of music for all ages at ArtSpring. 2:30 p.m.

The Barley Brothers. Fulford Inn. 6:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Community Welcome at the Centre for Child Honouring. Refreshments, music, info at 291 Long Harbour Road. 2 to 4 p.m.

Unitarian Fellowship. Guest speaker is Evelyn White, honouring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. SS Seniors Centre. 11 a.m.

Island Arts Centre Society AGM. ArtSpring gallery. 5 p.m.

Songwriting Workshop for The Secret World of Og. Help write songs for musical production of The Academy Presents. Led by Ella Topaz for six Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m. \$50. Info/register: 250-537-4294.

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Mon. Jan. 18

ACTIVITIES

A Little Night Music. New course in classical music appreciation and history conducted by George Ehring. ArtSpring theatre for seven Mondays, 7 to 10 p.m. Register through ArtSpring, 250-537-2102.

Daily Community Yoga Classes. Led by Kirsten Woodruff. Pay what you can and bring your own mat at the Core Inn, 3rd floor. 10 to 11:15 a.m. All levels welcome.

SS Fire Protection District. Meeting of trustees at Ganges fire hall. Public welcome. 7:30 p.m.

Life Drawing. Mondays at the Core Inn upstairs. 1 to 3:30 p.m. Info: Jose Campbell, 250-537-1121.

Toastmasters. Mondays at the Crofton Room at the Harbour House. 7 p.m.

Tues. Jan. 19

ACTIVITIES

Daily Community Yoga Classes. See Monday listing.

Yoga-robics. With Kirsten Woodruff at North End Fitness. 12:15 to 1 p.m.

Wed. Jan. 20

ACTIVITIES

Burns Tea. Annual Salt Spring Seniors Services Society event at SS Seniors. Come early to be there when the piper performs. 2 p.m.

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- The Salt Spring Coffee cafe show for January is the third annual **cafe staff group show**.
- Check out the **ArtSpring** lobby for the new **Salt Spring Painters Guild** exhibit.
- **Gillian McConnell** has work hanging at **Salt Spring Books**.
- **Starfish Gallery & Studio** is Salt Spring's newest fine art gallery, open at 1108 Grace Point Square. Fine art photography plus new etchings from **Anais La Rue**.
- **Lisa Lipsett** is exhibiting her work at **Island Savings Credit Union**.
- **Shari Macdonald** shows new photos at **Jana's Bake Shop**.

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Stan Shapiro and Janice Harkley team up again

BY PAT BURKETTE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Are you a couch potato entrepreneur who dreams of business success while watching CBC's Dragons' Den on Wednesday nights?

Maybe it's time to turn dreams into reality by heading down to GISS on six Wednesday nights starting Jan. 27 for Starting and Running your Own Salt Spring Business: What You Need to Know, a Community Education-sponsored workshop. It will actually teach you about starting and running your own successful small business.

Business-savvy instructors Stan Shapiro and Jan Harkley won't be breathing fire so much as firing up workshop participants with ideas about doing business in our island environment.

People who are trying to decide whether they can start or continue to run a small business, raise "start-up" money, or get enough customers to buy at a price that makes it all worthwhile will get help from Shapiro, a retired SFU professor of marketing, and Harkley, a chartered accountant and, until recently, co-owner of Salt Spring Vineyards, who teaches business planning and entrepreneurship at Royal Roads University.

"There's a great deal you need to know about the accounting, finance and marketing aspects of small business management," explains Shapiro. "Of course, you can search the Internet for help. However, much of what



Stan Shapiro and Janice Harkley gear up for their Community Ed course.

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you'll find is designed for much larger small businesses than those on Salt Spring Island. We will be helping you learn how to use material far more appropriate for our island-size businesses. The focus is on running a business here."

"Small business courses are most effective when learners immediately apply what they are studying to their own ongoing or proposed new business," Harkley adds. "There's also much to be learned by exchanging ideas and experiences. That's why we expect everyone in this class not only to have a business in mind but also to be willing to discuss that business. Be prepared as well to spend another few hours a week reading and applying mostly online material. A little time spent now could increase the probability of success in the future."

"We customize the course for the people who sign up," says Shapiro. "If we have some-

one who wants to start and run a new non-profit organization, we will add elements for that, while showing how some basic business principles apply."

No question, Shapiro and Harkley's workshop has consistently produced results. For the past two years, people who have taken the course have won the Chamber of Commerce New Business of the Year Award. Clare Cullen, co-owner of Gecko Green Living, which won the 2009 award, says the course was invaluable in helping start her family's business.

"It gave me a kick in the pants to get my business going. It laid out a road map of the steps you need to take."

Cullen says Shapiro and Harkley's teaching style was a big plus.

"They shared many stories about business

on the island. They were very open and giving."

As well, Cullen really enjoyed meeting other entrepreneurs. "You realize you're not alone."

So if you're ready to stop dreaming and start doing, the workshop runs at GISS for six successive Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., beginning Jan. 27.

The total course cost is \$100. As is true with all Community Education courses, partial bursaries are available.

To sign up for the workshop, send an email to Community Education's registrar, Evelyn Smith, at info@ssccommunityed.com. Then pop a cheque for \$100 (made out to Salt Spring Community Education) into Community Education's drop box at the school board office on Rainbow Road, or mail it to

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CLEAN-UP DUTY: Reg Aaftink offers a Ganges street clean-up service by donation three days a week. He collects small pieces of garbage and cigarette butts.

HEIWA GARDEN

Interpretive panels to be unveiled

Music, hot cider and tree planting also on tap Jan. 15

BY SHERYL TAYLOR-MUNRO
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

On Friday, Jan. 15 at 1 p.m., everyone is invited to join us for the unveiling of an historic set of panels at Heiwa Garden in the Peace Park. These panels commemorate more than a century of settlement by Japanese Canadian pioneers on Salt Spring since their arrival in the early 1890s.

Their story, like other pioneers, is both of hardship and achievement, but also includes a tragedy unique to their community.

By 1940, among 11 families, there were an estimated 77 who attended school and church, farmed and fished, while making a significant contribution to their island community. The bombing of Pearl Harbour in 1941 changed all that.

The terms of the War Measures Act forced "all persons of the Japanese racial origin" (even Canadian citizens) to be removed from within 100 miles of coastline, which, of course, included Salt Spring and the other Gulf Islands.

Allowed to take only what they could carry, they left behind homes, farms, vehicles, boats and other possessions.

Many friends and neighbours felt pain at their treatment and offered to look after their property while they were away, but were warned by government agents not to interfere.

Much of their possessions were subsequently auctioned by local government officials for a fraction of their true value.

In 1949, the prohibition on returning to their former communities was finally lifted, but few did so. Of the original Salt Spring families, only the Murakamis, in 1954, returned and stayed.

After learning that their farm, too, had been auctioned, they

chose to rebuild their lives by establishing a new business and home on Rainbow Road.

Five years ago the Japanese Garden Society of Salt Spring Island was formed "to create a garden of unity and reconciliation" as a suitable way to acknowledge this history, but also to promote peace and understanding in the face of discrimination of any kind.

As part of this event on Jan. 15, trees will be planted for peace and hot apple cider and music enjoyed.

Our thanks to the National Association of Japanese Canadians, who gave us the grant to design and build the interpretive panels and the structure to display them.

Among the exceptional local talent and skills, we would like to thank Phil Vernon for the interpretive design, Mana Nakata, who designed the structure itself, Michael Dragland for his detailed carpentry, and Colin Beamish for the roof to match his fine work on the gate.

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Malcolm, John
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 since you've graced our
 lives with your warm
 smile and big hugs.
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WYNN, Murray Burton

October 18, 1954 to
 January 7, 2010



Brother of Brent (Sue) of Maple
 Ridge and Victoria of Edmonton.
 Also survived
 by Aunts Betty Murray and
 Lorraine Busfield, and cousins
 Scott Busfield, Cary (Jamie) Bleay,
 and Kathleen Busfield.
 Predeceased by his parents, Jack
 and Anne Wynn.

In lieu of flowers, donations
 to the Food Bank would be
 appreciated.

A memorial service will be
 held on Friday, January 15th at
 2:30pm at the Mormon
 Church, located on Vesuvius Bay
 Road.

KENNETH JOSEPH PAUL BENNETT (1948 - 2010)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing
 of Ken Bennett. Ken's life journey ended suddenly,
 but peacefully, on Thursday night January 7th, 2010.
 He leaves behind his loving wife and soul mate of 35
 years, Pat (Lougheed) Bennett and their loyal canine
 family Buddy, Ruby and Oscar. He is also survived
 by his sister Shirley Zoethout & partner Terry, sister
 Rosemary Smith & partner Dale McRae of Guelph
 Ontario, sister-in-law Jan Morrison & partner Ugis
 Bruveris of Claremont, Ontario; nieces and nephews
 Alisha, Chad, Jason, and Kristine. Predeceased by
 father William Joseph Bennett (1983) & mother Helen
 Gertrude Bennett (2004).

Ken was an artist all of his life. His creative genius
 found an outlet in his wood sculptures which gained
 him international recognition. In more recent years
 on Salt Spring, Ken returned to pottery and sculpting
 in clay. Ken and Pat met at Ryerson University while
 studying design and fell instantly and deeply in love.
 That love endured through 37 years of living and
 working together, sharing all aspects of their lives,
 including their creative processes.

Family and friends will remember Ken for his joyful,
 loving nature, his generosity of spirit and remarkable
 passion for life. He will be sorely missed.

No funeral service, by request. Friends will
 be notified of the date when we will gather in
 celebration of his life.

In lieu of flowers,
 donations to the BC
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 Foundation, or Lady
 Minto Hospital would
 be much appreciated.

Pat wishes to gratefully
 acknowledge the
 valiant efforts of the SSI
 First Responders, the
 BCAF Paramedics &
 the staff of Lady Minto
 Hospital.



Gladys Irene Lee

(daughter of Walter and Agnes Dow) passed away peace-
 fully at age 88 years on January 4, 2010 at Valhaven Ex-
 tended Care facility in Abbotsford, B.C.
 Gladys is survived by her loving husband of 64 years John,
 John's sister Helen, 5 daughters Mary Austin (Rodger),
 Linda Sanger, Wendy Slavin (Carl), Diane Pastor (Al), Bar-
 bara Gimmer (Bruce), 14 grandchildren, 5 great grand-
 children, many nieces and nephews, and sister-in-law Flo
 Dow and brother-in-law Ray Meade.

Gladys is also survived by her sister Rose and was prede-
 ceased by sisters Lorna and Iris, brothers Walt and Bill,
 and a son-in-law Ian.

Gladys and John met while working for CIBC at the Lady-
 smith B.C. branch prior to World War 11. Gladys served in
 the RCAF (signal corp division) during the war, achieving
 the rank of corporal. She and John were married in 1946
 following John's return from service overseas.

They started their married life in Kamloops BC and also
 resided in Prince George, Burnaby, Williams Lake and
 Saltspring Island before retiring to Parksville in 1985.

Family was everything to Gladys and she was very proud
 of her daughters, grandchildren and great grandchild-
 ren.

She loved to entertain and she will be remembered for
 her sense of humour, competitive spirit, and desire to
 have friends and family
 around her at all times.

Mum was happiest
 working in her garden
 and her love and appre-
 ciation of gardening has
 been passed on to her
 girls and a number of her
 grandchildren.

Our parents considered
 themselves very fortu-
 nate to be together until
 separated by death. At
 their request, no funeral
 ceremony or memorial
 service will be held.

A private celebration of
 life will be held at a later
 date.

We are forever grateful
 for the care extended by
 staff at Valhaven to our
 mum Gladys and their
 continuing care for our
 father John.

In lieu of flowers, a dona-
 tion can be made to your
 charity of choice.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the Island Arts
 Centre Society

Date: Sunday,

January 17, 2010

Time: 5:00pm

Place: ArtSpring
 multi-purpose gallery

In addition to customary AGM
 business, members will vote on
 proposed revision of the IACS
 Mission Statement.



Central Community Hall Society Notice

The directors of the
 Central Community
 Hall Society are
 to hold a regular
 directors meeting on
 Tuesday, 26th January,
 2010 at 7:00 pm in
 the lower hall at 901
 North End Road.

FELTMAKING CLASS, Janu-
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FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MEETING

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Lyndsay Savage & Cathy Valentine
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When: Saturday January 16, 2010 10am-1pm



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Classes Beginning the week of **Jan. 10**

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Saturday January 16


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Shine & Shimmer - March 8
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March 1 & 15.
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The Gatehouse, 190 Reynolds

Wed. 9am - 10:30am - ALL LEVELS
The Gatehouse, 190 Reynolds

Wed. 6:30 - 8pm - ALL LEVELS
The Core Inn (3rd floor), Ganges

Thur. 4:30 - 6pm - ALL LEVELS
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Saturday, January 23rd at 2:00 pm
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This Week's Horoscope

by **Michael O'Connor**
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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

Expect changes in your public and professional status. New levels of power, authority and responsibility are likely, but with it will come equal measure responsibility. This could be your big break, hopefully a rise and not a fall, but either way a change. You could gain much more public attention. Certain relationships will soon deepen, others will end. You will soon define reality in new ways.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

Your vision of yourself and the future will undergo changes. Expansion and big ideas and plans are likely. Paying closer attention to your health may prove extra important, possibly urgent. Spiritual convictions may suddenly emerge. Be careful of fanatical attitudes. Involvements with new friends and groups will take on new meaning and importance. Changes for the better in your profession are also likely.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

This eclipse will deepen and accelerate the change already happening in your world. Financial affairs will likely come to the fore. Sudden changes in fortune could arise. Your sex life could take a new turn. Maybe you will win a lottery. Loss is also a possibility. Beyond finances, this could include people. Themes of endings and rebirth are present. Changes in your values and spiritual views are part of the plot. An initiation is at hand.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

Changes in your relationships will be activated by this eclipse. These may be professional and/or personal. A job or career path may take a big turn. Change here is a virtual certainty. Whatever begins will likely bring long-term responsibilities. You will see things in a new light. You could become a parent. Spiritual perspectives will change and convictions increase. Your courage will be called forth, to claim and share your gifts.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

Your job, career and lifestyle and daily routine will experience a shift. Expect a push to pay closer attention to the details; to study harder and work smarter. New work or stimulating more streams of income implies refining existing skills and developing latent talents. You could begin a new fitness and health focus; feel inspired to clean house, shed light on blind spots. Present a more professional image.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

New creative expressions will be activated at this eclipse. Your eldest child will play a more active role. This could include your first artistic piece – a revival. Strengthening existing foundations is likely and includes rising above personal inequities. Getting serious about having more fun will guide you to manage your time better. The drive to be your best will become more apparent.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Changes around your home and family will affect your career and reputation and vice versa. Renovations and/or the sale or purchase of a home is likely. The changes stand to be big and sudden and come from others. Making new arrangements with parents could mean you leaving home or them coming to your home or you returning home. Personal challenges could become more apparent. Take action to be stronger.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

A renewed seriousness in your studies, creative expressions and profession are featured in this eclipse. You may find the courage and discipline to write a book. Bringing matters to completion will include sober attention to the details. Changes in the status and fortunes of siblings or neighbors could play key roles. People and circumstances will arise that will change your attitude, direction and focus.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

New values concerning money will come to the fore. You could get the push to give more. Acquiring new possessions which bring new levels of status and esteem are probable, like buying a new car or investing in gold or other precious metals and stones. Creating more beauty by way of building better health is possible. A change in the status of your friendships and associations are part of the plot.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

New modes of self-expression will take on added importance with this eclipse. Asserting a new self-image will become obvious to everyone. With your mind focus sharpened, new strengths are ready to emerge. You may be preparing or working to go for the bigger prize. Unsatisfied with certain levels of achievement, you will aim higher. Watch for a sudden change of, or in, your residence.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

Looking deeper into the mysteries of life will be activated now. Understanding the mechanics of the subconscious and other deep studies is likely. Clearing old past karma either by inspiration or circumstance could keep you busy. Identifying and clearing the proverbial skeleton in the closet could set you free. Going within, soul searching and deepening your studies could lead to new levels of mastery.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

Increasing your social network will be activated with this eclipse. New friendships and alliances to support your career and/or status will be a focus. New groups, clubs and associations will take on added importance. Travel adventure and risk may come as a surprise. Changes in your financial status will be a strong theme. Shedding old skins and making efforts to break through to new levels will prove important.

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Islanders are invited to watch some exciting basketball action at the Fourth Annual Nairn Howe Memorial Basketball Tournament this week.

Featuring 11 teams from Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland and Gulf Islands Secondary, the event runs from Jan. 14 through 16 mainly at GISS, with a couple of games scheduled for Salt Spring Island Middle School.

Games open at noon on Thursday with the GISS girls facing off against Kwalikum. Then at 1:45 p.m., boys teams from the same schools take the court.

Gulf Islands boys next play Carihi from Campbell River at 5:15 p.m. Thursday.

GISS girls play GW Graham from Chilliwack on Friday at 10:45 a.m. and the rest of the visiting teams battle it out at the high school that day.

A buffet dinner is set for 7 p.m., with the always exciting shooting competition at 8 p.m.

Saturday sees the pool winners from the seven girls teams playing off beginning at 8 a.m., while the four boys teams will face off at 11:30 (Kwalikum vs. Carihi) and 3 p.m. (GISS vs. Thomas Haney from Maple Ridge.)



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Dani Severn evades a Ladysmith player as GISS comes from behind for a 51-50 victory in recent basketball action. Both teams are among 11 in this week's Nairn Howe tourney. See the accompanying story for dates and times of GISS teams' games known so far. For a more detailed schedule, see the Sports section of gulflanddriftwood.com or facebook.com/gulflanddriftwood.

"The tournament has become more than an athletic pursuit," said initiator Bob Howe, husband of the late Nairn Howe. "Each year the contest organizers, in cooperation with the coaching staff, identify individual players who exemplify char-

acter traits and values Nairn shared with others."

Those individuals are honoured with the Nairn Howe Outstanding Player Award.

"Nairn accomplished so much with her time on this earth," said Bob Howe.

"One moment at a time, one step at a time, one person at a time and one project at a time. She dedicated her time and energy to her family, her friends, her schools and her community. Part of her legacy to us is this annual competition."

U14 girls return to fields in their usual fine form

Soccer action resumes after holiday break

A long winter break and the cold rain did not keep the U14 girls from winning against Cordova Bay at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Saturday.

The first half saw offensive players like Maggie Birch using their skills with fine shots, while the defence kept Cordova well away from the net.

Iminah Amal-Hill got one in the net just before the whistle, but was called offside.

After the break, the girls came back with tight passes and dominated the game. Jade Beauvais sent a flying pass from the centre of the field to Becki Steel, who kicked a beautiful shot into the net for a 1-0 score.

The girls kept shooting, while the defence, including Abi O'Donnell, Linda

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Herbert and Zoe Savage, kept the balls flying back. O'Donnell blocked several key

shots on goal, including the game's final play where she and keeper Cassidy Fraser safeguarded the win just before the whistle.

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CURLING Off the rock to throw stones

Funspiel deadline looms

It's Salt Spring Curling Funspiel time again.

The popular annual event runs on Saturday, Feb. 6 and sees island curlers of all experience levels head to Duncan for a day of fun competition and camaraderie.

The \$50 fee includes ice and equipment rental, lunch, bus, ferry ticket and prizes. This year, due to popular demand, pizza will be offered for supper.

Everyone takes the 8 a.m. Vesuvius ferry and returns on the 8:10 p.m. sailing.

For more information and to register, contact Jim Pasuta at 250-537-9995. Deadline is Jan. 29.



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POOL FUN: Gabriel Xavier enjoys some time in and out of the water at the Rainbow Road Pool last weekend.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

First goal of 2010 netted

Players keep skills up despite vacation time

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
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Salt Spring United's Over-30s team came back for their first game of the new year with strong play and brilliant teamwork in a match against Vic West Scottish.

Played on the huge field at Finlayson Turf, the game was an opportunity for Salt Spring to show off its skills at moving the ball. Player Louise Doucet reported there was "lots of build-up of play from the defensive end to the offensive end, with lots of excellent passing."

Although the Salt Spring women were in their opponents' end for most of the game, Vic West Scottish was able to score two times in the first half.

Salt Spring retaliated in the second

half, scoring its first goal of the year with a "huge hard kick" from the centreline by Jana Thomas. The keeper for Vic West Scottish fumbled the ball out of the net, where it was controlled by Salt Spring's Carolyn Flam. Anne May drove the ball into the net after a short pass from Flam.

"This is yet another game where the final score did not reflect the play at all," Doucet said.

Salt Spring made many attempts on the opposing team but just couldn't put the ball into the net another time.

Doucet said the team was pleased by its goal and hopes it is a new beginning that will see many more points scored for 2010. The entire team played well, even after several weeks' vacation.

Meghan Gutierrez was commended for her courage in taking the position of keeper in place of Kym Belavance, who was away.

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