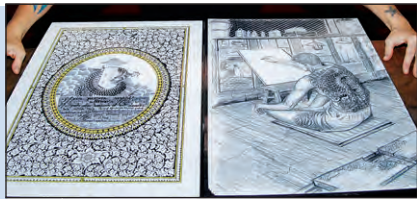


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**SUN FUN:** Finn and Reece Penney, on the right, challenge Nico Reindl (bottom left) and "Keo" to a water fight on a sunny afternoon at St. Mary Lake.

**FIRE**

## Fire destroys Salt Spring home

Ember ignites ground burn the following day

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Fire-Rescue Chief Tom Bremner credits a quick response and a bit of luck for nipping what could have very easily become a major forest fire on Sunday afternoon.

Fire-Rescue crews received initial reports of a structure fire at 1482 Fulford-Ganges Road just before 1 p.m.

By the time fire crews arrived at the scene moments later, the wooden structure was fully engulfed in flames. Bremner said the home's lone occupant escaped the residence without suffering any injuries.

"The home was a total loss, belongings and everything," Bremner said.

A total of 18 Salt Spring Fire-Rescue personnel were on the scene until about 6 p.m. Crews were assisted by B.C. Ambulance and B.C. Hydro. A B.C. Forest Service three-member "rap-attack" was dispatched to the site by helicopter to contain any threat of wildfire.

As temperatures in Ganges approached 30 C, firefighters faced a serious threat of heat exhaustion while fighting the blaze, Bremner added.

Sylvie Bart called in the fire to 911 dispatchers immediately after she noticed a plume of smoke from the

**FIRES** continued on A2

**CRIME**

## Impaireds up for third straight year

Salt Spring Island stats follow national trend

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Discussions with the local RCMP detachment reveal that Salt Spring Island is no exception to a federal trend that shows efforts to curb impaired driving may be less effective than initially hoped.

According to information released by Statistics Canada last week, impaired driving charges across the nation increased by three per cent between 2008 and 2009. That report reveals that the number of impaired driving charges in British Columbia was up by a whopping 18 per cent over the same period.

The year 2009 marks the third consecutive annual increase for impaired-driving charges,

the longest upward trend in roughly 25 years.

Because of the relatively small number of impaired driving charges on Salt Spring, RCMP Sgt. Danny Willis said percentage changes on the island can be deceiving.

He said an average year sees anywhere between 40 and 60 impaired driving charges processed through the local detachment.

In 2009, he said, the detachment charged 67 people with impaired driving.

Willis said those charged ranged in age from 16 to 85 years of age with a mean average age of 36 years. Of those who were charged, 51 are men and 16 are women. The average blood-alcohol reading of those charged was .170, more than double the legal limit.

Willis said the higher number of charges coincides with a concerted effort to crack down on impaired driving on the island over the past several years.

According to B.C. Solicitor General Mike de Jong, however, that connection may be more coincidental than causal.

In a recent statement, de Jong said information he's been provided shows the province-wide increase is a result of more impaired drivers on the road, not increased police enforcement.

That comes as no surprise to Kimberly Lineger, victim services co-ordinator for Salt Spring.

"We have lots of problems," she said. "There is obviously a problem with alcohol."

One of the major causes of impaired driv-

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# NEWSBEAT

## PARC

### Skatepark nod

Facility in tiptop shape

Commissioners meeting at Monday evening's monthly PARC session voted unanimously to renew the Kanaka Road Skatepark's five-year lease.

The decision means the property will remain under the purview of the island's Parks and Recreation Commission for the foreseeable future.

PARC has leased the skatepark property from the Gulf Islands School District since 2004.

Kees Ruurs, general manager of PARC, told commission members that upgrades to the park have helped make the amenity a more accessible and inclusive option for users of all ages.

Upgrades include the installation of two new heavyweight garbage cans, improvements to skatepark lighting and a water fountain.

"There is no more fun to be had with the garbage cans," Ruurs said. "Our maintenance supervisor has said that people are actually using the cans for their intended purpose," he added.

*A version of this story was posted to the Driftwood website at www.bclocalnews.com on Sunday.*

### Impaired driving up

#### IMPAIREDS

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ing's upward trend, she said, is a lack of drive to get any kind of prevention program off the ground.

"There isn't actually a heck of a lot happening," she said. "I've attempted for a while but there's never any will."

Both Liner and Willis said it is still premature to determine whether stricter federal mandatory minimum penalties for repeat offenders have had an impact on the rate of

impaired drivers on the island.

New provincial regulations which come into effect this fall will introduce stronger penalties for drivers caught with blood-alcohol levels as low as .05 milligrams.

As things stand at the moment, Liner recommends people make more of an effort to use a designated driver.

For those people who feel they can't go out without consuming alcohol, Liner suggested a visit to the island's Alcoholics Anonymous program.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

**MUSICAL SERENADE:** Well-known Salt Spring musician K.C. Kelly strums a few notes in the Saturday market at Centennial Park.

## Firefighting crews back on scene 24 hours later

#### FIRES

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deck of her Sarah Way home.

"It's summer, it's dry and nobody is allowed to burn," she said on Monday morning. "We have a great view across the valley from where we are."

"By the time the firefighters got there, the whole house was in flames and there were some trees around the prop-

erty that were close to being involved."

Bremner said the lack of wind was a lucky break given the dry state of the forest.

He said the fire spread to parts of the forest understory about 50 metres south of the home.

Initial reports indicate that the fire began accidentally in the home's laundry room, where the home's electrical panels are situated.

Roughly 24 hours after that call, firefighters were back on the scene in full force to douse a ground burn about 25 metres from the scene of Sunday afternoon's structure fire.

Bremner said it is believed an ember from the structure set off the "underground fire." Scans of the area early Monday by local fire-rescue personnel and staff from the B.C. Forest Service uncovered no evidence of the threat.

A B.C. Forest Service helicopter dropped five buckets of water on the area while 20 fire fighters and a three-member rap-attack crew took roughly six hours to fully extinguish the .5-hectare (1.2-acre) blaze.

Bremner said the flare up is a reminder to all islanders that conditions are extremely dry and that all signs of smoke should be reported to 911 dispatch.

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### AGRICULTURE

# Seedling ideas could sprout profitable ventures

Apple press and fruit-picking-sharing projects need volunteers

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Two ideas that are now only seeds could help Salt Spring return to its former glory as an apple haven, says Harry Burton, organizer of the Salt Spring Island Apple Festival and owner of Apple Luscious Organic Orchards.

Burton recently returned from a visit to Powell River, where he was invited to speak at a fundraiser for that community's new cooperative cider press. Installing a similar public press on Salt Spring is one of the goals the Apple Festival hopes to achieve.

As the location that once supplied apples to the entire province during its heyday in the 1800s, Salt Spring's agricultural legacy can still be seen in its many mature and laden fruit trees. Burton said a modern community enterprise could help put Salt Spring back on the map.

"If you go to Europe, every village there has a cider press and a cidery. It's just standard procedure. We don't seem to have that in Canada," Burton said. However, there are many possible benefits and value-laden products that could result if organizers can be recruited to get the project running.

Proceeds from past apple festivals are currently being held in savings to purchase the necessary equipment for a public press, although more funds will be needed. Burton said getting modern equipment is important to avoid potential trouble and to pass inspection by food safety officers.

Products that could come out of the facility include pasteurized juice for sale in stores, hard cider, apple cider vinegar and Calvados-



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

Salt Spring's many apple varieties are displayed annually at the island's apple festival.

type distilled apple brandy. Burton said a fruit dehydrator could easily be set up at the press facility to provide fruit year-round.

But besides the funds to purchase the equipment, the plan needs a location and a person or group of volunteers to come forward and pull it all together.

"We need someone to drive this and make it work," Burton said, explaining he's too busy with his orchard and organizing the festival to take it on himself.

A second idea that has been

proved to work in other locations would deal with the masses of unpicked apples, plums and other fruit that accumulates every summer and fall. A new initiative in Powell River called the Skeena Gleaners brings together homeowners who aren't able to pick their own fruit with volunteer pickers and local charities. The fruit is divided equally between the three groups for a "win-win-win" situation.

A similar project in Victoria by the Life Cycles organization has been running for the past 10 years. As

the Life Cycles website explains: "The stately old fruit trees on backyards across the city are the legacy of orchards that once flourished in the region's mild climate and fertile soils . . . With our busier lifestyles, few of us find time to cultivate and harvest apple trees and many of Victoria's old apple trees now drop their annual loads on someone's lawn."

Fruit that would otherwise go unpicked in the Greater Victoria region is now shared with food banks and other community

groups. An interesting side project partners Life Cycle with commercial businesses. Products such as Salt Spring Gelato's pear and apple sorbetto, King and Spies' hard cider and Winchester Cellars' limited edition pear brandy are examples that build up the Fruit Tree Project's name recognition while contributing to the local economy.

While a similar project on Salt Spring would also require a volunteer to step forward and organize it, several factors are in place to help its success.

Burton said Powell River's Skookum Gleaners are willing to share all the paperwork and plans they developed for their community. A volunteer base already exists at the Salt Spring Food Bank. Food Bank coordinator Gloria McEachern indicated those volunteers might be interested in joining the picking crews and said the organization would certainly welcome new options to help feed people.

Fruit growing on some publicly accessed properties has already been cleared for food bank use, including the apples in the United Church meadow. Minister Ruth Cairns reported her congregation has been polled and would like to donate the fruit as long as someone can pick it.

Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission manager Kees Ruurs said fruit growing on park properties is welcome to individuals. Ruurs said he would be happy to help any larger effort obtain the necessary permits.

Islanders interested in getting either of the apple projects off the ground can call Burton to discuss them at 250-653-2007. Burton is also looking for people to help coordinate specific activities for children for this fall's apple festival on Oct. 3. The theme is Kids and Apples: a Magical Combination.

## News briefs

### Pet safety

The Salt Spring RCMP detachment has forwarded several options for ensuring pets' safety and avoiding charges under Section 72 of the B.C. Motor Vehicle Act, which prohibits the transport of an unsecured pet in the back of a pick-up.

According to an SPCA brochure: "Unrestrained pets are a major distraction to drivers, and can cause vehicle collisions. In a crash, pets become flying objects and can cause serious injuries to themselves and others within the vehicle."

The SPCA recommends using a secured crate, dog seatbelt or

harness to restrain pets inside the vehicle. If pets must go in the back of a truck, there are safe options available. The safest method for transporting is a secured crate in the centre of the truck box. At the very least, dogs should be tethered with a secure and short leash to ensure safety from strangulation and death.

### Fire season here in force

A burning ban that covers open fires of any size, campfires, fireworks, tiki torches and burning barrels is now in effect across most of the province.

The announcement follows

Salt Spring Fire-Rescue Chief Tom Bremner's decision on Wednesday, July 21 to raise the island's fire hazard rating to extreme.

Bremner said the shutdowns are intended to reduce the likelihood of human-caused fires.

"This prohibition is necessary due to dry forest fuels and a forecast for a prolonged period without substantial rain," reads a press release from the province's Ministry of Forests and Range. "The public is urged to exercise caution on forested land with any activity that could lead to a wildfire."

The prohibition does not apply to cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes, or to portable campfire apparatus with a CSA

or ULC rating using briquettes, liquid or gaseous fuel, that are not capable of producing a flame longer than 15 centimetres.

"Many people feel that campfires are part and parcel with camping," said Pat Bell, the province's minister of forests and range.

"But there is a wide array of activities that you can take part in while enjoying B.C.'s outdoors. Go for a hike, build a sandcastle with your kids or swim in the river. There is so much to enjoy out there."

For the latest burning information and fire hazard conditions, visit [www.firesafebc.ca](http://www.firesafebc.ca) or contact Salt Spring Fire-Rescue at 250-537-2531.

## FOR THE RECORD

- A veiled Diana Morris Knox portraying a mourner in the Lady Minto Hospital melodrama was incorrectly identified as Diana Hayes in last week's front-page photo.

- The Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary was incorrectly identified as the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation in two Day in the Life of Salt Spring Island photos — one of the Greenwood's hand-bell choir and one taken at the auxiliary's thrift shop.

- Also in a Day in the Life photo, Hayden Rabson was incorrectly identified as his friend Rory Johnston, seen playing baseball with dad Jan Rabson and brother Adler.



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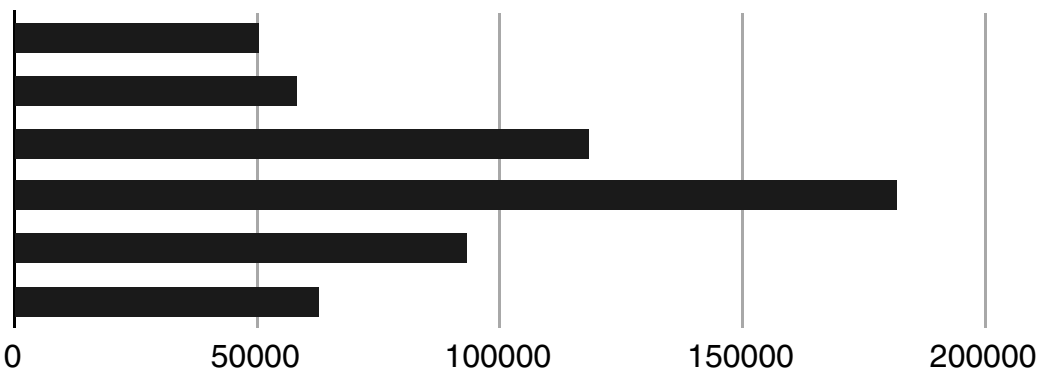
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# NEWSBEAT

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The chart shows water consumption in cubic metres for the North Salt Spring Waterworks District in 2009.

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Monday to Friday

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Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	8:05	8:08	8:11	8:15	8:22
Lv. Meadowbrook	10:05	10:08	10:11	10:15	10:22
Lv. Hospital	12:10	12:13	12:16	12:20	12:27
Lv. Brinkworthy Place	2:05	2:08	2:11	2:15	2:22
Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	4:20	4:23	4:26	4:30	4:37

Saturday

Station	8:10	8:13	8:16	8:20	8:27
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	8:10	8:13	8:16	8:20	8:27
Lv. Meadowbrook	9:50	9:53	9:56	10:00	10:07
Lv. Hospital	11:20	11:23	11:26	11:30	11:37
Lv. Brinkworthy Place	12:55	12:58	1:01	1:05	1:12
Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	4:05	4:08	4:11	4:15	4:22

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

### 3 Vesuvius

To Vesuvius To Ganges

Monday to Friday

Station	6:30	6:37	6:45	6:57	7:03	7:10
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	6:30	6:37	6:45	6:57	7:03	7:10
Lv. Portlock Park	8:30	8:37	8:45	8:57	9:03	9:10
Ar. Vesuvius	12:30	12:37	12:45	12:57	1:03	1:10
Lv. Vesuvius	3:50	3:57	4:05	4:17	4:23	4:30
Lv. Portlock Park	5:00	5:07	5:15	5:27	5:33	5:40
Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	6:05	6:15	6:21	-	-	-

Saturday

Station	8:35	8:42	8:50	9:02	9:08	9:15
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	8:35	8:42	8:50	9:02	9:08	9:15
Lv. Portlock Park	12:30	12:37	12:45	12:57	1:03	1:10
Ar. Vesuvius	4:00	4:07	4:15	4:20	4:26	4:33
Lv. Vesuvius	6:05	6:15	6:21	-	-	-

C3 Combined routing: Trip leaves town as Route 1 Ganges Local and continues as Route 5 Fernwood.

### 2 Fulford Harbour

To Fulford To Ganges

Monday to Friday

Station	7:10	7:16	7:23	7:27	7:30	7:40	7:43	7:47	7:54	8:00
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	7:10	7:16	7:23	7:27	7:30	7:40	7:43	7:47	7:54	8:00
Lv. Cusheon Lake Rd.	9:10	9:16	9:23	9:27	9:30	9:40	9:43	9:47	9:54	10:00
Lv. Burgoynne Bay Rd.	11:00	11:06	11:13	11:17	11:20	11:40	11:43	11:47	11:54	12:00
Lv. Park & Ride: Fulford Inn	1:00	1:06	1:13	1:17	1:20	1:40	1:43	1:47	1:54	2:00
Lv. Park & Ride: Fulford Harbour	3:00	3:06	3:13	3:17	3:20	3:40	3:43	3:47	3:54	4:00
Lv. Burgoynne Bay Rd.	5:00	5:06	5:13	5:17	5:20	5:40	5:43	5:47	5:54	6:00

Saturday

Station	8:30	8:36	8:43	8:47	8:50	9:10	9:13	9:17	9:24	9:30
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	8:30	8:36	8:43	8:47	8:50	9:10	9:13	9:17	9:24	9:30
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Lv. Cusheon Lake Rd.	* 5:20	-	-	-	5:40	5:50	5:53	5:57	6:04	6:10

\* Trip routes via Cusheon Lake Rd.

### 4 Long Harbour

To Long Harbour To Ganges

Monday to Friday

Station	1:45	1:55	1:55	2:05
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	1:45	1:55	1:55	2:05
Lv. Long Harbour	M-TH 2:55	3:05	3:05	3:15
Lv. Long Harbour	FRI 3:20	3:30	3:40	3:50
Lv. Long Harbour	M&TH 4:00	4:10	4:10	4:20

Saturday

Station	2:10	2:20	2:20	2:30
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	2:10	2:20	2:20	2:30
Lv. Long Harbour	3:40	3:50	3:50	4:00

M-TH Trip operates Monday to Thursday.  
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### 5 Fernwood

To Fernwood To Ganges

Monday to Friday

Station	10:30	10:43	10:43	11:00
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	10:30	10:43	10:43	11:00
Lv. Fernwood Dock	2:25	2:38	2:38	2:55
Lv. Fernwood Dock	6:05	6:34	6:34	6:49

Saturday

Station	11:00	11:13	11:13	11:30
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	11:00	11:13	11:13	11:30
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# Water conservation tips prompted by dry season

Preserving supply is a 'tall order'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With dry weather anticipated to continue for the rest of the summer, the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society wants islanders to take a moment and consider how often they turn on the tap and let the water flow.

"Living on an island presents special challenges for all the residents who choose to live here," wrote Ron Hall, the society's president, in an e-mail. "One of these, of course, involves our very limited supply of water, either from lakes or from wells."

Every year, he said, many island households that rely on shared wells invariably run out of water.

"Then it becomes quite a serious matter, as this resource is so essential on a daily basis for all of us," he said.

Awareness of how, why and when we use water, Hall said, becomes increasingly important as low summer precipita-

### WATER CONSERVATION STRATEGIES FOR ISLANDERS

- Run only full loads in clothes/dishwashers
- Catch rainfall for dry weather use
- Use only low phosphate soaps and detergents
- Let lawns go 'golden' during the summer
- Inform visitors about the island's water limitations

tion levels fail to replenish supplies.

"[Stretching water resources until October] is a tall order, but by each of us paying attention to little things, we can make a huge difference in how much we consume," Hall added.

To emphasize the importance of water conservation during the summer and early fall, the Salt Spring Water Preservation Soci-

ety has released a pamphlet that outlines suggestions and tips to help conserve water.

The document was included with invoices recently mailed out by the North Salt Spring Waterworks District.

Hall encourages people to post the list of 13 water conservation tips in a visible spot so they are reminded of the vital need to monitor consumption.

Additional copies and membership information are available by contacting the water preservation society by e-mail at ssiwps@hotmail.com or by calling Hall at 250-538-0046.

Though he didn't have any specific usage statistics, North Salt Spring Waterworks District general manager Trevor Hutton said consumption of water by the nearly 2,000 households and businesses hooked up to the district's network is consistently more significant during the summer months than it is at other times of the year.

Hutton attributed much of that increase to the use of water for landscaping and gardening purposes.

## ENVIRONMENT

# Rabbits get neighbourhood hopping

Escapes threaten farms and gardens: Stark Road resident

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Some might find them cute and some might find them cuddly but a herd of domesticated rabbits' penchant for organic produce has neighbours wanting to pull out their hair.

"It's not the odd bunny," said Linda Quiring, a resident of Stark Road. "We're under siege."

The bunnies started by polishing off Quiring's beans, moved on to the swiss chard and soon ate their way through an entire field of clover.

Other bunnies in the neighbourhood haven't been so fortunate, ending up pancaked by vehicles traveling along Stark Road.

"They're hopping all over the place," Quiring said. "It's not humane or responsible."

It's believed the rabbits are escapees from Stark Road rabbit sanctuary operated by Susan Vickery.

Vickery made headlines several weeks ago on account of her attempt to relocate rabbits from the University of Victoria campus.

Her efforts have raised more

than \$65,000 and secured a parcel of land beside the World Parrot Refuge in Coombs.

A parcel of land in the Saanich area was deemed unsuitable for the relocation project on account of its semi-urban setting, Vickery said.

Since Vickery's story appeared two weeks ago, she's made arrangements with the University of Victoria and the province to relocate up to 400 more rabbits.

The animals will be spayed or neutered, then housed in government-certified cages at the Stark Road sanctuary until they're ready to make the trip to Coombs.

In addition to the UVic rabbits, Vickery's sanctuary is home to several dozen animals rescued on the island.

Vickery said she gets all of her rabbits spayed or neutered and takes precautions to prevent escapees. She recognizes that the issue is contentious but said the sanctuary isn't the root of the problem.

"People abandon their pets," she said. "That's the problem people should understand."

Meanwhile, rabbit sightings continue on a daily basis and the prospect of having more rabbits using the sanctuary as a half way house has neighbours jumping.

Susan and Brian Cunningham, owners of North End Road's Churchill Farm, said they've never seen so many rabbits on their property.

Susan, who's lived on the property for 21 years, has already started to worry about what could happen if the rabbit population isn't brought under control.

Because they are non-native and deemed detrimental to property and native wildlife, the Ministry of Environment lists feral rabbits as a schedule "c" species.

That means feral rabbits can be captured or killed anywhere and at any time in the province without a hunting permit.

After repeated efforts to trap and snare escapees, however, it's a task neighbours have discovered to be much easier said than done.

"It's really worrisome because I don't know how we can get a handle on them. There's only really one thing and that's a shotgun," Susan Cunningham said.

"It's really hard to take a hard position, but common sense tells you that there is no sense having rabbits anywhere.

"We hear they've all been fixed but they still escape, they still eat and there are always going to be some that are not."

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## BUSINESS

# Building reconstruction always part of plan

Creekhouse building no longer safe

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A new building slated for construction on Fulford-Ganges Road next year should come as no surprise to the location's current tenants, according to its architect.

Jonathan Yardley designed preliminary sketches for the location more than 20 years ago, as Phase Three of the Creekhouse retail and office complex.

Several retail business owners expressed surprise last week that the current building will be torn down, but Yardley said property owner Leon Aptekmann has often discussed the plan since Phase One reached completion in 1989.

"All of these tenants have been aware of the situation for the last 15 years, that the building would have to be

demolished," Yardley said.

Salt Spring Soapworks owner Linda Quiring agreed Aptekmann has often talked about tearing down the building, but said she could understand why people are surprised.

"These buildings are rotten underneath and everything is just scary. It's just been a matter of time," Quiring said. "I think everybody did know, but we were all just hoping it wouldn't happen."

Aptekmann said he looked into the possibility of improving the foundation and keeping the current building intact, but a report by engineer Bill Simpson showed it would not be sufficient for seismic improvements.

"The building is coming to the point where it is no longer safe to use. In fact, it should have been torn down years ago," Aptekmann said Tuesday.

Last week's paper incorrectly stated that business leases have been "terminat-

ed." In fact, as Yardley and Aptekmann pointed out, only one of the businesses affected holds a lease: Salt Spring Soapworks will find a new home in the current location of Mark Work Warehouse's annex for men's boots.

The other owners who are renting space were given six months notice, a generous amount that far exceeds the requirement, Yardley said.

Salt Spring Soapworks will have to find an interim location for the four months during which construction of the new building is scheduled to take place.

Quiring said she's not exactly happy about the move, but has decided to "take lemons and make lemonade."

"We like our spot. We would prefer to stay there basically forever, and would like to keep the friendly little stores — I think that's part of the charm of a small town."

Along with the new location Quiring plans to

introduce some fresh and exciting ideas, including something "very green and environmental" that's never been done before on Salt Spring.

As for the other stores, Yardley said, one business actually turned down Aptekmann's proposal to take a lease on two occasions.

Aptekmann said although the current shop owners were not invited into the new Phase Three building, that doesn't mean he wants to end the relationship.

"Nothing is carved in stone," he said.

"Everyone there is a great tenant, and in fact I will probably accommodate them [in another location or] in the old new building — so there's no problem there."

Yardley said he is now making amendments to Phase Three plans on the existing development permit to include modern building codes and zoning requirements.

## RELIGION

# Parish enjoys renewed vitality

Anglican churches faced closure in January

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the Anglican Church on Salt Spring began 2010 hearing two out of three churches could close, but half way into the year they are now in a position to celebrate three vital locations.

The Anglican Diocese of B.C. released a report recommending the amalgamation of congregations on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands in January 2010.

For Salt Spring it suggested selling or repurposing the churches of St. Mary's and St. Mark's, based on the idea that 150 people represented a "healthy" congregation.

The island's Anglican rector, Richard Stetson, said he was happy local parishioners helped stay those recommendations by voting against them at the spring Diocesan Synod.

"It's given us a chance to work out our plan that we started on last year. That's certainly more satisfying to all of us than the

decision that was based on statistics that just didn't fit everywhere," Stetson said.

Stetson previously reported that attendance had grown at all three locations in 2009. The formerly little-used St. Mary's Church across from Fulford Hall now offers service once a month for most of the year and every Sunday at 8 a.m. during the summer.

The parish is also working on a plan to use the church as a small concert hall, following a successful partnership with ArtSpring's Chamber Music Festival last week. A church open house will take place on Fulford Day, Saturday, Aug. 14.

St. Mark's Church on North End Road continues to support a devoted congregation whose numbers are also growing. A sung service using the Book of Common Prayer in traditional English takes place every Sunday at 11:30 a.m. An upcoming open house will be announced.

All Saints' Church in Ganges is the location of the parish office and the place to find a sung celebration including hymns, sermon and Communion in modern language at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday.

The church hosts many community groups and musical events, including the weekly Music and Munch program held every Wednesday during the summer. Other popular events include the Soup's On community lunch held every Thursday at noon, and an annual salmon barbecue. This year's barbecue takes place this weekend, on July 30, 31 and August 1.

In planning for next summer is a "spirit walk" or pilgrimage of the Burgoyne Valley's sacred sites. Stetson said people will walk from St. Mary's to other locations including St. Paul's Catholic Church and places sacred to the Tsawout First Nation, discussing various levels of importance including the architectural and historical as well as the spiritual.

With its policy of open hearts and open minds welcoming more islanders into its doors, plans for increased usage and visibility should ensure the three churches stay vital. Stetson noted the parish has helped islanders deepen their spiritual life for over a century, and "continues as an active centre of worship, service and the arts on Salt Spring."

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## NEWSBEAT

### SENIOR DRIVERS

# Assessing all the options for 'licence-less' seniors

Island programs offer comfort

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Victoria-based seniors' rights advocate says drivers coming to terms with the loss of their licence face a long and difficult road.

"People often come in with that problem and they are just shattered," said Max Halbert, a volunteer with Greater Victoria Seniors.

"A loss of driving privileges has a lot of psychological ramifications. It's a real blow."

Halbert is all too familiar with what it feels like to suddenly become dependent on a family member or public transportation to get around. After a visit to the doctor earlier this year, Halbert had to take an ICBC drivers' examination based on his physician's request. He failed, but has been hitting the books in hopes of passing the retest.

Many senior drivers Halbert has spoken with aren't so lucky to get a second chance.

It may not always work, but Halbert advises seniors who feel they've been unjustly "diagnosed" to follow up with their family doctor or seek a second opinion.

"If the person thinks they've been poorly done by, they can challenge the doctor's opinion and receive another," he said. "In most cases this doesn't work, but it's worth trying."

Many senior drivers, he said,

must learn to accept the reality that they are unable to drive. Without groups to offer support and provide advice on alternative forms of transportation, however, seniors are often left to handle the traumatic transition on their own.

"I try to console them and say 'you're just going to have to recognize that you're too old and the law forbids it,'" he said. "Eventually they come to grips with it and realize that they've had their time at the wheel."

Here on the island, one of the best places seniors can get help with the transition is the island's senior peer counselling group.

The service is made possible thanks to 24 trained volunteers who are available to help seniors through hard times.

"That doesn't mean they have a magic wand and can get the person's licence back, but they can listen," said Sharon Glover, the Community Wellness Programs co-ordinator.

Because suspension of a driver's licence entails so much more than the loss of one's car, Glover said the island offers ways to help seniors come to terms with relocating closer to downtown, sharing rides with fellow seniors and planning trips more carefully.

"Psychologically, my opinion is that it is very hard when people have to lose their licence because, for many people, it is sort of the icon of independence and our island is hard to get around if you don't live on a main artery," Glover said.

Though it's still a work in prog-

**"For many people, [a licence] is sort of the icon of independence and our island is hard to get around if you don't live on a main artery."**

SHARON GLOVER,  
Co-ordinator,  
Seniors Wellness Programs

ress, Glover said, Salt Spring's public transit system has really helped open up a new world for many seniors who would otherwise not get the chance to leave home.

The Salt Spring Seniors Services Society offers a driver service for seniors to attend medical appointments and up to one social visit per week.

The service is free, although donation are never turned down. For information, contact Anne John at 250-537-4604.

Most of the programs, Glover said, offer potential solutions and a way to overcome the isolation associated with such a significant lifestyle change.

More information about the programs in place to assist seniors who cannot or choose not to drive is available by calling the wellness program at 250-537-4607.

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### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

# Emergency communication training takes places in neighbourhood pods

Two-way radio strengths confirmed

Alternate ways of sending and receiving information during an emergency were explored when residents from neighbourhoods throughout Salt Spring gathered at the Ganges fire hall recently.

According to organizers, participants in the training program learned that normal communication methods are often disrupted or unable to handle demand during an emergency, so alternate ways of sending and receiving information may be needed.

Pat Donnelly, president of the amateur radio club and one of the presenters, emphasized the need to use whatever method of communication makes the most sense at the time.

"A phone call to 911 is always your first option to contact the emergency response system," explained Donnelly.

"But in a wide-spread general emergency, other ways will be needed to quickly gather and spread vital information throughout a neighbourhood."

Donnelly listed such methods as the internet, runners or a telephone tree.

"By all means, use telephone

or cell phones, but do not rely on them. Severe weather, which is a likely cause of emergency situations on Salt Spring, often brings down phone lines and even cellular facilities," she said.

The training program also provided an introduction to two-way radios.

"Radios are the default mode of communication during an emergency," noted Gary Morrison, another member of the local radio club.

"With the appropriate equipment, two-way radios will get through when nothing else is working."

Morrison presented tips on selecting, purchasing and operating basic GMRS radios that are effective up to a few kilometres, depending on the terrain. Such radios are inexpensive, do not require a license and can be bought locally.

The training program wound up with an exercise that saw the participants playing a high-tech version of the whisper game. Working in small groups to represent neighbourhood pods, the participants used two-way radios to relay an emergency message from one group to another, as if communicating between the pods and the emergency operations centre, located in Ganges.

"It was a good example of the key points of emergency communications: calm, courteous, concise and correct," said Gus Treewater, who organized the exercise.

The 50 neighbourhood pods on the island are organized through the Salt Spring Island Emergency Response Commission.

The purpose of the pod system is to help neighbourhoods prepare for and cope with emergency events and to assist the island's emergency organizations when responding to these events.

As explained by commission chair Steve Leichter, in a large-scale event, neighbours within the pods will have to work together to help themselves, as the island's emergency services will be stretched very thin.

The pod training session was presented by the Salt Spring Island amateur radio club. Thousands of radio amateurs, licensed by Industry Canada, volunteer time, equipment and expertise during communication emergencies.

The club plans to offer additional training sessions.

For further information about emergency communication training for pods, contact Pat Donnelly, at 250-931-5179.

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**Local tea leaf reader reveals all in new memoir**

Tanya Lester's book now available

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Lester describes her path to tea leaf reading as an unorthodox, almost accidental, journey. "I never intended to become a tea leaf reader," she says. "It was a series of events that led me to this point. I was a writer and a photographer, and I was always interested in tea. I started reading tea leaves in 1996, and I've been reading tea leaves ever since. I've written a book about my journey, and it's called 'Tea Leaf Reader'. It's a memoir about my life, my career, and my journey to becoming a tea leaf reader. It's a story of discovery, of finding oneself, and of finding a new path. It's a story of hope, of resilience, and of the power of the human spirit. It's a story of love, of loss, and of the search for meaning. It's a story of a woman who found her way, and who is now sharing her story with the world. It's a story that will inspire and uplift, and that will show us that there is always a way forward, even when the path seems unclear. It's a story that will remind us of the power of the human spirit, and of the strength of the human will. It's a story that will show us that we are all capable of great things, and that we are all worthy of love and respect. It's a story that will show us that there is hope, and that there is always a way forward. It's a story that will show us that we are all part of something bigger than ourselves, and that we are all connected. It's a story that will show us that we are all capable of making a difference, and that we are all worthy of being heard. It's a story that will show us that there is always a way forward, even when the path seems unclear. It's a story that will remind us of the power of the human spirit, and of the strength of the human will. It's a story that will show us that we are all capable of great things, and that we are all worthy of love and respect. It's a story that will show us that there is hope, and that there is always a way forward. It's a story that will show us that we are all part of something bigger than ourselves, and that we are all connected. It's a story that will show us that we are all capable of making a difference, and that we are all worthy of being heard."

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## NEWSBEAT

## ISLAND PATHWAYS

## Bench commemorates pathway advocate

Upgrades improve access and information

An island elder who rode her scooter into town into her late 80s has been commemorated along the path she helped build.

Isabel Vane-Hunt travelled from Sharpe Road into Ganges every week and donated funds to Islands Pathways to help build the future off-road route, press material states.

When the pathway was eventually constructed, Hunt cut the ribbon and led the first official ride/walk along its surface.

Hunt's daughter installed the commemorative bench near Wildwood Crescent,



A commemorative bench near Wildwood Crescent honours the late Isabel Vane-Hunt.

which has been personalized with a plaque and some of Hunt's favourite belongings set into cement.

Island Pathways also announced it has contributed a new kiosk to the Ganges Information Centre.

The kiosk features a new map of the Ganges Pathways Network that includes information on bike racks, bus stops, good riding and walking routes and local amenities.

Existing paths will soon be upgraded with new material and corrected drainage issues. Island Pathways thanks Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission for trimming the grass along the side.

They request path users bring clippers with them to provide some help in keeping the blackberries off the path. A work party to pull weeds along the Atkins Road pathway will be announced soon.

People who are interested in installing a commemorative bench or other gift ideas can call PARC at 250-537-4448.

## ABANDONED VESSELS

## Islands Trust seeks derelict vessel regulations

Fulford trash boat afloat in nautical grey zone

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The attempt to scuttle a garbage-laden vessel in Fulford Harbour earlier this month shows exactly why the Islands Trust wants federal and provincial regulations in place to handle abandoned vessels on the province's coast and inland waters.

"This is becoming a bigger and bigger issue," said Linda Adams, the Islands Trust's chief administrative officer. "Local governments are really

struggling with this."

As larger communities like Victoria and Nanaimo get more pro-active about the disposal of vessels, Adams said, more of these vessels migrate to secluded areas. Since many of those isolated bays, coves and harbours border land governed by the Islands Trust, the Trust is working alongside other coastal communities to come up with a plan.

"It's like dumping your car at the end of cul-de-sac," she said.

The latest approach, developed at the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities 2010 AGM, involves delivery of a resolution to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

The resolution calls upon the UBCM to petition the province and Ottawa to work on a co-ordinated approach that would ensure the "timely and adequate removal of all types of derelict and abandoned vessels, barges and docks."

Such a process could involve implementation of a nationwide fee on vessel registrations to fund removal of derelicts, designate disposal areas where owners can dispose of unwanted boats and offer education and vessel product stewardship information.

"This is definitely a concern and we are trying to take some action with senior government," Adams said.

The UBCM's annual meeting takes place in Whistler from Sept. 27 to Oct. 1.

The individual responsible for the vessel beached near the Ruby Alton Nature Reserve had intended to sink the vessel in an attempt to clean up a portion of the beach located to the northwest of the ferry terminal.

Since the vessel is not on land owned by the Islands Trust or Islands Trust Fund Board, Adams said, she is not aware of any Trust-initiated effort to remove the 25-foot pleasure craft.

As of earlier this week, there were still no plans to have the vessel removed from Fulford Harbour.

## RCMP

## Impaired and inconsiderate driving keeps police busy

Also attend B&E

In RCMP news last week, police attended a report of a break and enter at a local business just after midnight on July 25.

Upon attendance, it appeared that a rock had been thrown, breaking a window. Alcohol and cigars were taken.

Police inquiries and investigation have resulted in charges being recommended against a 16-year-old female

and an 18-year-old male from Kamloops.

In other police news:

• RCMP received a report of an impaired motorcyclist which had tipped over in the 500 block of Lower Ganges Road on July 21.

Police located a 28-year-old Salt Spring male who was witnessed operating his vehicle in electric mode. The driver was arrested and faces charges of impaired driving and over .08 in Ganges court in September.

RCMP note that an electric scooter is "a vehicle that is drawn, propelled or driven by any means other than muscular power" and therefore satisfies the definition of a motor vehicle under the Criminal Code of Canada.

• A road check on Fulford-Ganges Road early Saturday morning resulted in a 28-year-old Salt Spring male being arrested and charged with impaired driving and over .08.

## SENIORS

## Tight budget threatens excursion program

Popular service needs funds to keep rolling

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The wheels on the bus of a popular island-based van tour program for seniors may roll to a stop if organizers can't find more sources of funding.

"We've got enough for one more trip on Salt Spring, maybe two if we are very careful," said Anne Sutfin. "We don't have enough money to go off island, which is what people like a lot."

For years, the program has given up to six seniors at a time the chance to participate in day-long excursions on Salt Spring or Vancouver Island.

The program gives individuals who cannot or choose not to

drive an opportunity to spend a day on the road alongside seniors with shared interests.

"It's rewarding when you see that people really have a good time," Sutfin said. "It's a good program because it's good for people who don't get out and do things and meet people."

Destinations have included Miniature World and the Old Spaghetti Factory in Victoria, Christmas shopping trips, lunch at Duncan's Quw'utsun Cultural Centre, Ruckle Park picnics and the always popular trip to the Crow and Gate Pub in Cedar.

"They haven't gone gambling yet but have done just about everything else," said Sharon Glover, the island's Seniors Wellness Programs co-ordinator. "These are people who wouldn't

otherwise get off the island. People really enjoy getting out."

All those good times may end if funds needed to cover fuel, ferry tickets and a modest honorarium for the driver can't be found. Glover said cost for the trips rarely exceeds \$150.

Participants are asked to pay \$5 per trip and are responsible for all personal expenses.

The well-liked excursions may be the latest casualty as tighter budgets leave community groups across the province with little choice when it comes to cutting back on programs.

"If anybody has got any fundraising ideas, we'd like to hear them," Glover said.

To suggest fundraising options or receive more information about the program, contact Sutfin at 250-537-0015.

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**EDITORIAL**

## Brewing up change

Nothing says B.C. Day long weekend like kicking back with a tall cold one.

Unfortunately, a new batch of federal statistics indicate that many folks think hopping in the car to drive home is also par for the course.

Things are especially dire in BC, where the rate of drivers charged with impaired control of a vehicle increased by 18 per cent between 2008 and 2009.

Last year was the third straight year impaired driving charges have increased.

Three years ago, the island had no official designated-driver service, impaired-driving prevention program or evening public transit service.

We still don't.

Three years ago, nobody had the time and energy to set up an impaired driving counter attack plan.

That person has yet to arrive.

The taxi service was and is still adequate, as long as you can wait another 30 minutes or longer.

In the meantime one island resident has been killed by an intoxicated "dangerous driver" and numerous others have been hurt.

**THE ISSUE:**

Impaired driving

**WE SAY:**

Time to point some fingers

And the island's monthly court sessions have slowed to a snail's pace as court staff contend with anywhere between 40 and 60 impaired cases each year.

Impaired driving, like so many things, has a tendency to get fingers pointing.

It's important, however, to take a moment and consider who those fingers are pointed at.

According to Danny Willis of the island's RCMP, drivers most likely to get caught over the legal limit aren't young and inexperienced teenagers or 20-somethings.

And don't try laying the blame on any of the island's elderly drivers, either.

The most prevalent demographic caught driving while impaired are men in their late 30s and early 40s, supposedly fully matured and responsible members of society.

It's time to start looking at island-based solutions to keep motorists off the road and that begins with each of us casting our preconceptions aside and pointing the finger at our family members, our friends and, most importantly, ourselves.

Salt Spring needs to find creative solutions to what could be a deadly trend.

How are you getting home this weekend?

**CONRAD BLACK  
 OUT OF JAIL  
 WANTS TO RETURN  
 TO CANADA**



*Parker*

**"CANADA IS A THIRD RATE DUMP RUN BY RAVING SOCIALIST" CONRAD BLACK**

## Uniqueness of islands respected

**BY RON HAWKINS**

Islanders for Self-Government has said: "We do not want the communities of retirees, of wealthy weekenders or summer people. We want . . . diversity, but unless you're rich or have owned property here for decades, the young and the middle class cannot afford to live here."

Yes, property values in most Canadian cities, including Victoria and Vancouver, are horribly expensive and unaffordable. This is a difficult problem, i.e. how to effectively transfer wealth from the "haves" to the "have nots" without compromising the incentive to succeed.

Recognizing our housing problem Islands Trust has approved at least two housing co-operative ventures, completed a Housing Needs Assessment study and are currently working toward a comprehensive Affordable Housing Strategy. What would ISG do? What would the province do? Why not support the Trust to acquire more resources/authorities in your shared objective? At least be constructive and concrete.

ISG (per Kimberly Lineger) "would facilitate growth without sacrificing the small, quaint, rural lifestyle that has attracted so many to the islands. ISG is not against the environment, we only ask for common sense to be used during development of our community. People need fair, honest, equal representation . . . we don't need any more control and selective bylaw enforcement."

Remember, control and selective law enforcement are CRD, VIHA and provincial mandates too. Common sense, fairness, honesty and equality are prerequisites for anyone running for public office. Control and discriminant law enforcement are as well, in definition and delivery of standards, regulation, policy, etc. which is the whole point of government. Decisions should never be ill-considered or taken lightly, are usually the result of a great deal of work, are often difficult, rarely ideal,

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and occasionally wrong. Responsible governments, like our local Islands Trust for example, acknowledge this.

Larry Campbell, a July 4 rally speaker from Galiano Island, believes every single island should be in charge of their own local affairs, their local planning and their local development. Where does one stop in the division of jurisdiction? Trudeau said, "If Canada is divisible so is Quebec." The ultimate jurisdictional separation limit is each individual, i.e. no collective, no laws, no order, no community, anarchy.

Every island already has its own local Trust committee responsible for its own local affairs, planning and development, while the entire Trust Council establishes collective Trust positions, and the province retains its own responsibilities. The Trust governance model values the collective uniqueness of the Gulf Islands and aspires to preserve and protect it for this very reason. It is receptive to development that fits this vision and is environmentally possible. Limits to housing, for example, will be limited by available drinking water, among other things.

If ISG does not share this vision, one would assume they aspire to a less regulated, less preserve and protect position. ISG has expressed or portrayed themselves as "a parade of heavy equipment, including a septic truck, front-end loader, tractor and dump truck in a raucous blockade of Ganges, and a large gorilla singing 'Oh Canada.'"

Of course, the Islands Trust recognizes the very real, essential purpose heavy equipment plays in our lives and economy. It is the amount of these things reflecting development which will determine the nature of "our environment and small rural lifestyle." As for the gorilla singing Oh Canada, not my Canada.

*The writer is a Salt Spring resident.*

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**

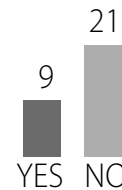
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**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Would you prefer to see local elections held every four years rather than the current three years?**



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# IslandVoices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"It's not the odd bunny. We're under siege."

LINDA QUIRING, RESIDENT, STARK ROAD

## SALT SPRING SAYS

### We asked: How do you conserve water on Salt Spring during the summer?


**CASEY STEPANIUK**

Not flushing when you only have to pee, not watering the lawn and using water from a pond to water plants.


**DIANA JONES**

I don't wash my car very often.


**KRIS ABNEY**

We don't conserve water because we have a huge garden.


**LILI MAURER**

Water after the sun goes down and save on showers by swimming in the lake.


**LORETTA MINVIELLE**

I have a small pot in the sink that catches water from rinsing dishes, etc. and I use it to water plants.

## Letters to the editor

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

### Meeting challenges

I appreciated Stephen Arnold's In Depth article in your July 14 paper and agree that what is needed is polite, informed debate.

Misinformation is flying about. For example, what is the evidence for the "young families are leaving the island" statement made by the Islanders for Self-Government? The school enrolment is not declining, in spite of the general trend towards an aging population.

A referendum was held in 2002 where we considered becoming a municipality. The majority decided against it, so let's get behind the Islands Trust and make the changes we want democratically. Having just read "Eaarth" (thanks to Dorothy Cutting for purchasing 10 copies for the community), I envision the coming years are going to bring major challenges to this fragile environment, and we need to focus on ways to

meet them.

Perhaps the ISG could hold a rally in the Channel Ridge "village" site if they want to enjoy unbridled development.

**FRANCES HILL,  
VESUVIUS**

### Thesis distorted

In an op-ed piece you ran in your June 2 issue, Elizabeth Nickson completely distorts the message of my book — Conservation Refugees: The Hundred Year Conflict Between Global Conservation and Native Peoples — obviously to support the point she was attempting to make in her essay.

Ms. Nickson is quite right to say, as I reported, that millions of acres of productive, bio-diverse land has been confiscated from "the poorest people on the planet" in the interest of conservation. But she goes on to claim that I said that "in the former homelands, now conserved, biodiversity is

collapsing, and in the new shanty towns, to where people have been driven, biodiversity booms." I said nothing of the sort, and nothing could be further from the truth.

What I reported is that despite the creation of 108,000 official protected areas on the planet, totaling 11.75 million square miles of land (from which millions of exemplary land stewards have been evicted) biodiversity is declining worldwide and the global number of endangered species is increasing. One very obvious reason for this is the fact that large conservation organizations like Conservation International have formed close partnerships with the very extractive industries that Nickson defends in her essay — miners, loggers and ranchers that operate quite freely behind the fig leaf of conservation . . . on confiscated land. Moreover, the shanty towns occupied by evicted indigenous peoples are

for the most part desolate hovels where there is virtually nothing biological to be diverse.

The thesis of my book is that native people who protect the biological diversity of their homelands in the interest of food security are generally the best stewards of that land, and that they, not mining, lumber and cattle concessionaires, should be allowed to stay where they have lived for uncountable generations . . . in the interest of conservation.

**MARK DOWIE,  
POINT REYES STATION,  
CALIFORNIA**

### Shelter dogs

A short while ago I was passing by a BC SPCA poster at a local shop. I noticed that someone had crossed out the dog on the poster and had written above "no dogs at shelter."

I was not sure if this is merely an observation or a criticism, but some facts about your local Salt Spring

BC SPCA need to be clarified.

The Salt Spring shelter is part of a larger organization, the BC SPCA; a non-profit animal welfare organization which — in addition to operating 41 facilities in B.C. — conducts investigations and enforces animal cruelty law; promotes humane education; performs advocacy work on many levels; and numerous other programs across the province.

Your island shelter is not run by a bunch of dog-hating people. The simple fact is that we do not have the facility to house dogs. In order to house dogs our small shelter would need to find a new home, which would require purchasing land and most likely rezoning it.

I think we all can agree that property on Salt Spring is out of reach for most of us, and for a non-profit animal shelter this is next to impossible. (Over 99 per cent of our money comes from fundraising.) Add to this the cost of building a new animal shel-

ter and you can understand our problem. Just because we don't house dogs does not mean we don't help dogs.

If the remark on the poster was an observation, it is true we don't house dogs (but the person didn't cross out the duck, and we don't house those either). But if it was a criticism, you had an opportunity at our AGM and open house to voice your concerns, ask questions or offer suggestions. Both events were poorly attended.

It is easy to be nameless and criticize those who are trying to help. We put in countless hours for Salt Spring's abandoned, abused, neglected and unwanted animals. The next time, please use your pen for good. Get a petition going against animal cruelty, puppy mills, crush films, dog fighting, neglect, etc. We need your help. We simply cannot do it without community support.

**D. JENSEN,  
BCSPCA MEMBER AND  
VOLUNTEER**

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## Anti-Trust sentiments found across the islands

Can our island trustees be so shocked and appalled at the sniping and mudslinging being directed their way in the past month? Seriously? Can they be so surprised at the hundreds that turned out at the anti-trust rally in our Centennial Park?

Like jilted lovers, our trustees wring their hands, beat their chests and ask, "How can you turn on us like this after all we have done for you?" How indeed. If any of our 28 island trustees care to, look to your Keats.

Not the poet, the island. Ken and Joan Pedersen have owned an oceanfront property there for years. Heavy winter storms caused huge erosion issues over the years, with many old trees being washed away. After various consultations with surveyors, archeologists and other interested parties, they piled up some rocks (less than a metre high) to stop any further erosion (Take a look. I have a picture and link on my blog site.)

By the reaction of the Islands Trust, you would think the Pedersens were harbouring Osama bin Laden himself. The Trust is screaming "foul," going so far as to marshal the First Nations to condemn the wall as a desecration (even though the Pedersens state they have a letter of permission from the B.C.'s own Department of Sustainable Resources' archeology guy, Al Mackie).

The Trust is demanding the rock wall come down (the Sunshine Coast building inspectors have stated that it is not even an official "wall," being less than a metre high). They are out to get the Pedersens and their wall.

But then, that's nothing new — nothing we haven't seen here on Salt Spring and most of the other islands. Galiano Island is still in shock over the Islands Trust overturning the local trustees ruling to simply allow property owners to build houses on their acreages. They went further.

According to an excellent piece written by Issac Kramer in the July 14 edition of this paper, the Trust abrogated voting privileges, thus silencing any protestations.

On Mayne Island, Don and Shanti McDougall have been organic farming for 15 years. They bought a derelict auto repair shop, intending to transform it into a local grown organic food store. What could be better? They needed a zoning change to make it all happen, and with the overwhelming majority of Mayne Islanders applauding and supporting the project, it seemed like a shoo-in. The Island's Trust turned down


**Peter Vincent**

### HEAD TO HEAD

their application for even a Temporary Use Permit, to the bewilderment and anger of pretty much the whole island.

Denman, the Penders, Hornby . . . all the islands have similar stories of hamfisted Trust proclamations, none more so than our own Salt Spring Island. I won't rehash old history of such travesties as the Salt Spring Coffee Company or the Norton Road affordable housing project or the Ganges Marina or even the poor sod who wanted to build a house for his daughter on his 12 acres at the far end of Rainbow Road.

Look no further than the Swanson Pond project that the Trust delayed for three years even though it already had the correct zoning to proceed. When the local trustees ran out of alternatives, they virtually spat out the approval to a project that obviously went against their very fiber. And I am sure in the future they will use their churlish approval as a fine example of how they support local development. They're good at this game.

So good that they got us to sign off \$75,000 to hire an administrative assistant, which at budget time in March of this

year, was described as someone who would be "responsible for handling administrative tasks such as local elections, records management and freedom of information requests."

Last week, bylaw enforcement officer Miles Drew came out guns blazing promising to crack down on the 54 ongoing bylaw infraction cases on the books on Salt Spring Island. Turns out the above administrative assistant has been commandeered to coordinate and research bylaw enforcement matters. Funny. That wasn't mentioned at budget time. They're good at this game.

So why the crocodile tears over the public's outrage? "Et tu Brute?" It seems the Islands Trust as a whole has lost its humanity.

To quote the actual poet Keats, "nothing ever becomes real until it is experienced." People like the McDougalls on Mayne or the Pedersens on Keats and the countless others whose lives have become a living hell because of Trust hubris . . . these people are real people.

Their lives have been shattered by the single minded, all encompassing "preserve and protect" mandate. "We were just following orders" just doesn't cut it. The 35-year-old Islands Trust needs a complete overhaul . . . a review at the very least.

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### Fence rebuttal

In your defence of the fencing contractor, P. Maughan, ("Fencing with fences," July 21 Driftwood), you share your experience with this man and state that you do not know Bob Elsea and do not know the conditions of that situation.

You would have been wise to stop there. Instead you fill your letter with falsehoods, misinformation and insinuation based on information supplied by the fencing contractor.

After chasing your friend through the labyrinth that is the legal system and emerging victorious I have become quite familiar and comfortable with the judicial process. I would advise P. Maughan to confine your comments to those you have first hand personal knowledge of.

When a situation like the one with your friend happens once it is unfortunate. When it happens 11 times it stinks of deliberation and intent. Since my last letter the list of unhappy customers has gone up. This time someone just like you who had a positive experience with this man and recommended him to a neighbour now regrets it.

**BOB ELSEA,**  
DUKES ROAD

### Saturday schedule woes

I'm sure this has been discussed over and over, but can anyone explain to me the wisdom of changing the Fulford to Swartz Bay Saturday schedule in the summer? How does cramming in one more trip to the island for summer on an already tight schedule help anyone, least of all the tourists coming to the island?

This Saturday, as on other Saturdays, the Skeena Queen ran late most of the day. In fact, last Saturday it was averaging 45 minutes late and by 2 p.m. it was actually meeting itself coming and going.

In other words, it was supposed to leave Fulford at 2 p.m. but actually left at 3 p.m. — the time it was supposed to be leaving Swartz Bay. I know because I live on the harbour and timed it.

The morning hours when it is supposed to be hustling more folks over for the market, etc., it actually inconveniences tourists more than helps them. Any hope of a nice day turned into the equivalent of a two-ferry wait, time wise, in a hot parking lot with appointments missed and late lunches the order of the day. Soon tourists will get the idea that it isn't worth it and stop coming altogether.

Somehow B.C. Ferries thinks it is doing us a favour. But as the ferry schedule changes each summer, not only is there no way to meet the next Spirit boat for Tsawwassen on Saturday (as there often is on weekdays) but now it becomes impossible to even predict what time to catch the Fulford ferry or what ferry to Tsawwassen one can catch.

And finally, since the bus is supposed to meet the ferry, how can it reliably pick up and deliver tourists and not get severely off its schedule?

In short, this summer schedule is designed for failure — failure to the visitors, failure to residents who count on regularity, and failure to public transportation.

**DAN DICKMEYER,**  
ROLAND ROAD

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**4**  
**SALT SPRING LINEN & DRY CLEANING, Mary Gilles**

"Our business brings in lots of people who continue to shop in other spots. I see about 50 people a day, as well as handle the cleaning for BC ferries and several hotels. As strong supporters of the Residents Card we're now offering 10% off dry cleaning for duvet, drapes and blankets. What's great about this spot is the southern exposure for all my flowers and plants out front. All the businesses on the street emphasize the esthetic in a unique way."

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# RANTS *and* Roses

A golf cart full of summer roses to all the volunteers, prize donors, hole sponsors, businesses and golfers who contributed to the success of the 19th annual Lady Minto Hospital Foundation Golf Tournament. Together we raised \$30,000 to support our community hospital – thanks to all of you.

Buckets of roses to Country Grocer for allowing us to use their parking lot for our car wash. Thank you from the GISS senior girls volleyball team.

Big bunches of old fashioned roses to all of the following who made our Museum Heritage Day a success: Everyone who offered their time to help in the museum this summer. All of the very generous people who made donations that will enable us to continue to improve the museum. Bryn Finer, Henry Baade and all of the blacksmiths. Ross and Tracy Braiden. John Wilcox and guitarist. Tom Pickett, Merv Walde, George Laundry, Harry Burton, Malcolm Bond, Rod Bailey, Garnet Lee, Ian Hayes, Heather Campbell, the wonderful bread lady, Linda Frost who did the dyeing, the felting lady Ulrieke Benner, our talented fiddler Sonja Kornelsen, Rick Vipond, Conrad Pilon and Barry Dunster who ran the burger bar, "The Pie Ladies" (SSI Women's Institute), Bob McWhirter and the Historical Society, the Poultry Club and their heritage chickens, Moonstruck Organic Cheese, SSI Weavers and Spinners Guild, Maggie Allison, Richard, Debbie and Lindy from Home Design Centre for the stove, Barry Dunster (again), spouses dragged into the fray. John Fulker, John Woodward, John Wiebe, Allan Dowrey, Tony Threlfall, Kerry Lee.

A shower of rose petals on the volunteers and donors who made the 10th ArtSpring Treasure Fair a resounding success. Wendy Herbert, Susan Eide, Nighean Anderson and all the team leaders worked with outstanding dedication and grace. The bidders had some fun and scooped up some at bargains at Cash 'n Carry and the Silent Auction, and Arvid squeezed every nickel he could out of the Live Auction. Thank you all so much from the Island Arts Centre Society board.

An ArtSpring Treasure Fair treasure chest full of visually beautiful

and consistently high performance roses to over 300 business and residential donors; to our 130-plus faithful and fun volunteers; to the hundreds of residents and visitors who came to be part of the buzz, to bid and to buy; to our hardworking ArtSpring staff; to Arvid, our Live Auction auctioneer; and to our local media (Driftwood, Marketplace, Harbour Living, CFSI, Salt Spring Community Exchange and the Chamber of Commerce) who helped us spread the word that the Treasure Fair was up and running for the 10th consecutive year! Wendy Herbert & Susan Eide

A big bunch of roses to the kind, thoughtful and generous person who left a large bag of cashmere garments in the booth at the market for me to reuse and reconstruct. I hoped that you would return for the thanks I would have liked to give in person, but several weeks have passed and you are still mysterious. Nonetheless, I wanted to acknowledge my gratitude somehow and I hope this reaches you. Thank you. Ayla McIninch

A huge bouquet of roses to Scott at Slegg Lumber for helping me and my daughter when the brakes went on the car! You are right — the island is all family. Thanks. MM

Tree Frog Daycare roses of gratitude to Grant Tamboline for continuing to look after us long after your lovely girl outgrew us. We all appreciate your attention to our driveway, path and yard . . . and you, for remaining a part of The Frog!

Roses to Mika and Liam, Salt Spring Island Public Library, Island Link Library Federation and Young Canada Works for bringing a fantastic puppet show to life for the children of Tree Frog Daycare! Thank you for sharing the magic of your puppet show with us and then helping us to make our own.

A sweet-smelling rose, please, for Dorothy Cutting, whose great works for us all and her worthy recent recognition be known. May we be grateful for those we have at our sides showing us some ways forward, thankfully recognizing them and supporting them.

Manyheartfelt thanks to the young man with a child on his shoulders and three cats in tow, who saved me in

my southernly lostness some weeks ago. Your good deed has not been forgotten. May life worthily return it and more to you.

The Core Inn would like to send a bunch of fragrant roses to Jenny Redpath for her generous donation of a Playstation 2! Thanks, Jenny, you rock!

A lovely pink rose from my garden to Team Leader Shelby from Kelowna and to each of Shelby's team of six strapping young women who popped by Monday afternoon to offer help with odd gardening jobs. Your

enthusiasm and energy are awesome. Your prayers were inspiring. Thanks to the Community Gospel Church for sponsoring you. God speed and good luck. Helen

A court-full of fuzzy orange and green dot roses to the Banman family, Baseline Tennis Academy and all the volunteers who organized the 2nd Annual Rookie Tennis Tournament for island youth and visitors this past weekend. It was a great way to spend a sunny Salt Spring morning and a joy to see all the promising young players out on the courts.

Salt Spring Tennis Rookies

Big bouquets of roses to all the caring people in Ganges on Sunday, July 18 when I had a fall. Where else would there suddenly appear a helpful off-duty policeman and a surgeon for head injuries who assisted me before the ambulance arrived? To those who offered help, thank you for all your concern. Last, but not least, thanks to the wonderful women ambulance attendants for their kindness. There's no place like Salt Spring. Mary Fraser

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# E-DITION

## OPINION

# Enough 'dumbing down'

BY JOHN MACPHERSON

There's something pernicious in the way the debate about self government gets dumbed down with phantasmagorical allegations at times — and I for one would like to see an end to it.

In the Driftwood a couple weeks ago, Charles Breth does a magnificent job slamming those who support self-government.

He begins by asking how the denial of the Salt Spring Coffee Company's rezoning application could "inflammate an already overwrought sense of grievance." Does he not realize it is not only supporters of self-government who are uncomfortable with the Trust's handling of the affair? (And that there's always a straw that can break the camel's back?)

He then says "To appreciate how self pity morphs into outrage, go to the Islanders for Self-Government web site. A banner cries out, 'Take back our community.' Who are the 'we' of 'our'? Who appointed ISG as the arbiters . . .?"

Well, who appointed Breth as the arbiter of whether the community's sense of grievance is "already overwrought?" Does he mean to say only that he is sick of hearing about community grievances that question the Trust's wisdom? He then claims the outrage of others has morphed from their "self pity." Quite the psychologist! But does he "psychologize"

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his own indignation in the same way?

I visited the ISG website ([www.islandgov.org](http://www.islandgov.org)) and did not find any banners evidencing self pity morphing into outrage. Instead I found some thoughtful and inclusive words that have long been on the site's main page, including:

"Imagine Salt Spring Island as a municipality incorporated under the preserve and protect mandate of the Islands Trust . . . we CAN have both."

Breth then questions who made ISG the arbiters of inclusion, yet the same criticism could be leveled at others including Ghandi, Christ and the Dali Lama. He then imputes an "attitude" (does Breth divine minds?) that is "most unwelcome" (because he is the arbiter?) and must be "rejected" because it sets up two classes of inhabitants on Salt Spring: "a motley club of overseers and the rest of us, tolerated guest consumers . . ." Very entertaining! But does Breth's "logic" not also apply to the trustees and their politically organized constituency among the Salt Spring Conservancy who might be likewise characterized as overseers who merely tolerate human habitation in Mother Nature's realm, if one were of an uncharitable frame of mind?

Finally, Breth declares the

end game of the Islanders for Self-Government as touting a municipality under the Trust only "after they have eviscerated preserve and protect." I would argue that Breth is only projecting his own fears. I've not seen a shred of evidence to support this daydream of truth. It's time to wake up! Would municipal powers not be harnessed under the principle of "preserve and protect" by law, as they must be?

I would personally like to eviscerate fear mongering and "soft" libel from any future discussions of governance. The low road, in my opinion, is language that aims at a proper "demonizing" of the enemy, as this now includes the popular Senator Larry Campbell who speaks in favor of self-government for all the Gulf Islands. The trustees are to be congratulated in calling for reason.

To summarize, let's get clear that it is not insensitive or unpatriotic to question our government. We all have the right (and on Salt Spring, the intelligence) to assess community issues and opt for the form of governance that best resonates. Many Salt Springers simply favour an enhanced democracy, one that not only respects "preserve and protect" but that also affirms the role of science vs. faith in doubt (which sadly allows the Trust's precautionary principle to trump at random), one that desires to keep our tax dol-

lars here at home to help pay for things like the new library and swimming pool, one that aims for more administrative and economic efficiencies rather than allowing our fiefdoms to prosper (in hindsight, placing the new library on freely available land by the pool and scrutinizing sky-high building costs vs. bragging rights, saving us \$2 million or so), one that aims for more transparency (why anguish about video recordings a public meeting?), one that will be clear on the criteria that must be met in order for land use applications to be approved or disapproved so as not to needlessly waste time and money on both sides of an issue.

Contrarily, it appears to me that when supporters of the Trust attempt to ring fence Islanders for Self-Government with fear mongering as regards their integrity and by projecting a Donald Trump-styled future if ISG is successful, they forget that these Islanders for Self Government are indeed their good neighbors and in some cases their friends. Such fear mongering also belies only a fear of broad based representative democracy itself. And it may obfuscate the real issues. On the other hand, does the end justify the means?

*The writer is an 11-year resident of Salt Spring who with his wife has operated a B&B for most of that time.*

## MORE LETTERS

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### Lots of life

Thanks for the latest "A Day in the Life." What amazing people live on this island. And how eloquently — and exuberantly — their collective portraits demolish the self-government movement's dire contention, voiced just a few weeks ago, that our community is "dying on the vine." Maybe what you see depends on where you stand (in more ways than one), but to me that vine looks like it's bursting with life.

MURRAY REISS,  
 FULFORD

### VIHA actions

And so the saga of the Lady Minto Hospital operating room goes on and on. (Ladies, villains clash as SOS gets creative, July 21 Driftwood.)

Having resisted the temptation to get involved in medicopolitical issues and certainly not wishing to stir up matters that perhaps are best left to the local medical staff to solve, I do, however, feel like much of the public is puzzled by VIHA's decision to end the services of the surgeon, which essentially closed the OR.

Now I read that doctors Preshaw and Sira have offered their services until a permanent surgeon is found or until a final role for surgery at Lady Minto is agreed on by wise and cool heads.

In case recent inhabitants of the islands say, "Who are these men?" let me emphatically state that having assisted all the surgeons here since 1974, they rank with the best — ask any of the OR nurses and the GP anesthetists.

Outside the OR, Dr. Preshaw may have ruffled some feathers and there may be other extenuating circumstances to justify VIHA's decision, but to essentially close the state-of-the-art OR by breaking up the very efficient OR team before appropriate replacements are found, or the future role of surgery is resolved is hard to comprehend.

PETER ROWELL,  
 SALT SPRING

### Funding thanks

Heartfelt thanks to Country Grocer and the Save-a-Tape program, and a big shopping cart-load of thanks to each one of you who placed your grocery tapes in the Waterbird Watch Collective slot.

Thanks to you, we were able to present a \$500 scholarship to Karen Slakov to further her education at Dalhousie University.

We were also able to donate \$200 to PARC to help with the establishment of an off-leash dog park at the Rainbow Road Pool site.

NINA RAGINSKY,  
 COORDINATOR,  
 WATERBIRD WATCH COLLECTIVE

### Water shortage?

There has been a lot of hand-wringing about long-term water shortages in the regional press.

The consensus that we are approaching a crisis-point appears to be based on conventional thinking, and ignores completely a factor that I have been bleating on about for years (in these pages and elsewhere), which could re-script the dialogue.

About 36 inches +/- of rain falls on SSL. If all houses and out-buildings (and, for that matter, hard-standings) collected every

drop of rain that fell thereupon in cisterns, each dwelling would have available about 100 gallons of water for every day of the year.

I reckon I can get by easily on less than 30, so that's enough for about three people before opening the spigot for mains-water or well-water. I know because I've done it! And, remember, each person only needs less than 1 gallon per day for drinking purposes.

I advocate a building regulation requiring all new construction to provide underground cistern capacity to collect all rain-water.

This is nothing new — it is standard practice in many countries. Water-treatment is easy too — there are proprietary systems available (I've got one) which yield far better tasting water than what we currently are forced to consume from algae-tainted lakes, chlorinated to be undrinkable anyway from a taste perspective.

Retrofitting old buildings is entirely possible — think water-butts, but bigger. Grants, maybe?

An additional and important benefit is that every house would have immediate access for fire-fighting purposes, a huge benefit for off-mains properties remote from fire-hydrants. Hello, fire chief?

OK, all you highly paid planners, regulators, politicians, water-supply hand-wringers, Where are you on this? If you want further explanation than this, then ask me.

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ROSS KING, MBA, PENG. (RET'D),  
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### DEATHS

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1947 - 2010

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Love Cathy

### Parker, James George

James succumbed to cancer on July 21, 2010 in Duncan, BC. Born in Minster, Kent, England on June 19, 1942, James came to Canada in 1977. He owned and operated the Seaside Kitchen Restaurant in Vesuvius Bay for over 23 years. James leaves behind to mourn, his wife Sue; three daughters Stephanie, Madi and Donna; sister Jean Starke (Peter) on Salt Spring Island and his good friend Janet Ross.

A celebration of James' life will be held at St. Peter's Anglican Church, 5800 Church Road in Duncan on Saturday, August 7, 2010 at 11:30 a.m.

SANDS of DUNCAN

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### CARDS OF THANKS

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### COMING EVENTS

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OPINION

# Trustee Ehring is missing real criticisms of coffee co. decision

BY ERIC BOOTH

Whoaaaa, big boy. Trustee Ehring, pull in your reins a little. You sped right past the basis of Michael Contardi's criticism of your denial of the SS Coffee Company's rezoning request. ("Neighbourhood impact must be considered," July 21 Driftwood.)

The reason you gave to say "no" to the application after 18 months was that you didn't want to impact the investment neighbours had made in their quality of life.

Your "no" answer isn't what has most everyone who disagrees with you upset. You're missing entirely the point being made by Contardi, et al. Allow me to try and explain.

You stated, "A good guy can sell his business to someone who doesn't share his principles, or who doesn't have the money to run it to the same standards."

That's true, but, that's true of any land use application. So, unless you're saying you hadn't considered that possibility on the day you received Mickey's application, you apparently led him on to believe, for 18 months, that you were not overly concerned with that possibility.

Otherwise, and logically, you should have said, up front, "Hey Mickey, sorry, I like you and your company, but I can't take the risk you might eventually sell the property to someone else who isn't a 'good guy.'"

Last week you stated, "Local governments also don't get to rezone land based on a nice idea — they consider rezoning a piece of property in a specific location."

Are we to believe you hadn't, for 18 months, considered

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where the property was actually located — in a Rural Residential-zoned area?

You further stated: "... the impact on a neighbourhood will always be an important factor in my decisions about land use."

Great, but given you knew on Day One of the application this was a fairly large industrial operation proposal to be located within 75 metres of the neighbours and that there would be a corresponding increase in traffic, there were no rocket scientists or costly environmental studies required to come to that conclusion, were there?

Your comments this week that, "The pro-development types tell you that we can have both — growth and protection, and to a limited degree, with careful planning, that's true ... Ask yourself if those are the people you want making land-use decisions about your own neighbourhood the next time a proposal comes along."

Excuse me, but those elected to manage land use decisions should do so in a fair, timely and considered manner, which takes the impact to the entire community into consideration, as well as potential impacts on neighbourhoods.

Here's an example. When I was a trustee and a Rainbow Road resident said they didn't want a public swimming pool beside them, I had to take into consideration the greater good of the community.

As a result, we now have a pool. If I had used your excuse, we wouldn't have a pool.

In that regard, every rezoning decision is difficult. However, I view your decision in Mickey's case as nothing more than having played a "Get Out of Trouble Almost Free Card."

Your stated excuse, that the rezoning would have an effect on the neighbourhood's quality of life, should have been your first comment to Mickey, not your last.

On a concluding note, at the last LTC meeting you publicly chided members of the public by saying, "We continue to raise this, month after month, this 'level of dialogue' and tone in the community and it is very disappointing, and sure, we know we're not going to agree about things, that's not the point, when we can discuss issues in our community, intelligently and respectfully with each other, that's the direction that we have to try and go."

And so, just a week later, what do you do? You proficiently used the term "pro-development types" to distinguish all those who are nasty and don't agree with you from all the "good" people on the island, side-stepping the real issue.

So, "do as I say, not as I do," is becoming an all too familiar refrain in these parts. As Arvid recently stated, "Salt Spring has reached its hypocritical mass."

And heaven forbid the Driftwood should publish something you have not personally approved of as being at an acceptable "level of dialogue."

*The writer is a former Salt Spring trustee and currently involved in development projects.*

## This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

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### Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

A deepening of commitments should be quite obvious now. Amidst an overall indecisive period, you may be among the few who feel certain about your choices these days. Although this time is right to give fully to the situation, your main goal includes having more fun. Balancing duty, commitment and responsibility with play, adventure and spontaneity is ever ideal and in focus now.

### Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

Bringing creative solutions to everyday situations continues. Sometimes the answer is not so clear, however. More than one solution or approach can almost be a burden. The better way may require that you undo what is done completely and/or require new knowledge and perhaps training to achieve your goal. The time has come to take a new and better approach.

### Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

Recharging your batteries by enjoying simple pleasures in the summer season is ideal. As much as you want this, you may also feel the weight for other reasons. You want to break free from the past somehow. Avoid short term measures in this regard. Since freedom usually implies the need for focus, discipline and follow through, review your options and set a steady course.

### Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

Building on new foundations includes improving existing ones. Also implied is a review of all you have, have done, know you can do and what you would really like to have and/or do and perhaps where. Sometimes the world changes and we are moved to respond; sometimes it is our selves and sometimes both, like now. If you feel sparked yet the engines are not firing, consider a 'tune-up'.

### Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

You are in pioneer mode and fortunately, your energy levels are running high. However, you may also feel the weight of responsibility more strongly now. Financial considerations are extra important and as much as you feel the need to conserve, you also feel compelled to invest. This includes gaining new knowledge and leads and meeting new people.

### Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

Making important decisions is in focus. The time has come to build upon new foundations. Whether by choice or circumstance, things are changing in your world. It is important that you work consciously and diligently with these and avoid denial. At least make efforts to be aware of the opportunities and possibilities available. Review options, make plans and prepare the ground.

### Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

You are in a more assertive mood than usual. Knowing where to direct your energies is another thing. Amidst fun with friends and perhaps some crazy encounters with some unique characters, your concentration may be on feeling more secure. Knowing where you belong and fit best is featured. Learning how to best express your self with maturity and integrity is the core theme.

### Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

This is your time to shine in the Sun. On a deeper note, this is a god time to take an objective look at your self and situation. Is your focus as sharp as you like? Do you see any issues or patterns that sabotage your heart's desire? Take an engineering approach; make a list, then a sketch and design a plan worthy of your ambitions. Add a dash of management and work with time frames.

### Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

An enthusiastic clip is guiding you into new territory. Yet, your analysis of situations is sharp and sober. Desires for new tools and/or skills are growing. You seek fertile ground for you seeds, ideas and intentions. Taking a chance on meeting new people is part of the flow. You are negotiable yet you want to see results. What new method, direction or person attracts you?

### Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Noticing and making use of the talents and resources of others is on your mind. You scope of both large and detailed as you scan the possibilities. Improving your approach is necessary, let alone ideal. Exchanges of knowledge and skill and perhaps of culture and philosophy will prove satisfying. Obtaining or giving training is likely and this trend will grow.

### Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

It is shine time for you. Important meetings with others will lead you to reveal your skills and perhaps your emotional strengths. It is important that you be willing to render efficient service. Yet, be sure to honour and even assert your own needs as well. Seeing yourself in the world in new ways is ideal and perhaps necessary.

### Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

Sometimes we have to give more than at others. Inner desire and perhaps outer circumstance are pushing you to focus. Be willing to exercise constructive critical analysis on your situation, otherwise others might but may not be so constructive about it. How can and perhaps must you make changes and improvements that count? Make those extra efforts.

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# NEWSBEAT

## HUMANITARIANISM



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY  
Heather Luna-Rose presents artwork from Thai prison inmate Felix Cheremnykh at an art show and fundraiser that starts at ArtSpring next Tuesday, Aug. 3.

# Fundraiser benefits Thai prison inmates

Art show and silent auction opens next Tuesday

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A local woman who provides solace to the foreign inmates of a notorious Thai prison will share her stories at a fundraiser and art show opening next week.

Heather Luna-Rose has spent several months of each of the past six years in Thailand, visiting the poorest and most desperate men serving time at maximum security Bangkok Prison.

She presents artwork from inmate Felix Cheremnykh, along with her own installations and donated works by local artists, at Through the Glass, a show running Tuesday, Aug. 3 to Tuesday, Aug. 10 at ArtSpring.

The show will help

Cheremnykh support himself in prison and aid the Luna-Rose Prisoner Support Society.

At the wine and cheese fundraiser and reception set for 7 p.m. on the opening night, Luna-Rose will describe her work and the conditions at the prison, giving islanders a chance to hear the details she can't say in print for fear it will get back to the guards.

"I have to censor myself because I don't want to jeopardize the guys in there or my ability to visit," Luna-Rose explained.

Each year Luna-Rose works on Salt Spring to earn enough money to buy a plane ticket to Thailand plus vitamins, food and basic items for the inmates.

Although the material support is much needed and appreciated, it is the psychological comfort she offers that is most valuable, she says.

Most foreigners are

imprisoned on drug trafficking charges with sentences of 100 years. Luna-Rose judges that many of the men end up there due to tragic economic situations in addition to poor judgement.

"I want people to understand this is important," she said of her humanitarian work.

"Every single one of us needs to be supported... nobody deserves to be degraded no matter what you've done."

While she forms an emotional connection with all the men she visits, Luna-Rose said, Cheremnykh stands out for his unbelievably positive attitude and his decision to make his life meaningful.

Taking up art and learning to speak English have been large parts of his self-improvement program, and the opportunity to see his work on Salt Spring is a rare glimpse into a world most west-

erners can't even imagine.

"It's a lesson for all of us. We as human beings all suffer — trauma, mental illness, prisons in our own minds where we're caught, debilitating illness — whatever the experience, we all have to find coping skills," Luna-Rose said.

"That's what's inspiring about about him. He's spent years becoming a stunning

artist, and he's so proud of that because that is what he does to transcend this place."

Cheremnykh's pencil and pen drawings document life at Bangkok and explore dreams of the outer world he can no longer access.

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# Arts & Entertainment



## ART BEAT

# Guild show: another solid offering

Summer theme on tap

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Local painters' ongoing development and seasonally appropriate celebrations of island life is highlighted at ArtSpring this week as the island's painters' guild stages a new show called Summer on Salt Spring.

Some of the show's notable pieces are described below.

Sally Walker's acrylic paintings have the rich texture and colour saturation normally associated with oils. Her work is bold and gestural, with broad, loose smears of pigment.

Viewed up close, there is the feeling that this is an emerging talent still experimenting with form and colour, but well on the road to finding her hand.

Seen from a distance, the paintings reveal the capacity of those broad strokes to vividly capture a scene.

Cowichan Bay Boats I and II are tall and narrow canvases, emphasizing the vertical lines of the boats and their masts. The reflection in the water extends this line even further.

Walker's style falls somewhere between realist and impressionist, and reveals her skill with convincing reflection and the way in which light bounces off the white hull in Boats I.

In West Coast Spirit, the canvas is long on the horizontal axis to emphasize the panoramic beach view. This is Walker's most abstract piece on exhibit, and it makes use of sandy beige with undertones of deep purple. Last of the Poppies combines choppy strokes of striking red against a deep green background of conifers.

Libby Jutras has a different method of invoking time and place with her illustrative-type watercolours.

Grazing on Lee's Hill II is a wonderful picture of two sheep. Their deep black faces contrast nicely with the pale green highlights of the field, while their fleeces look as soft and dense as a sponge, making you want to give them a squeeze.

Rainbow Rust is an old farm truck with



Kirsten Compton is seen with Maureen Walker's Rose on Silk at the Salt Spring Painters' Guild's summer show at ArtSpring.

wooden rails on the box. Jutras deftly gives the rusted hull all the shades of the spectrum, giving the abandoned wreck a sunny validity at rest in the overgrown field.

Bonnie MacPhail's watercolour technique employs deep colour saturation. Harvest's Bounty is a still life scene of pumpkins or gourds, their round but deeply lobed shapes resembling paper lanterns.

MacPhail contrasts the yellow-orange shells with a deep green, nebulous background. The green is repeated in the pumpkins' deep grooves, while the brighter tones have their opposite in the splashes of yellow that highlight the background.

MacPhail uses a similar composition in Belle of the Ball. Crisp white blossoms on green stalks are shown to advantage against a deep blue background. The yellow and orange flower interiors are recalled with small background splashes of yellow and soft red.

Peter Eyles captures a bit of island heaven with an acrylic landscape of Fulford Valley. A small white home with white wood siding nestles among spring splendour: fruit trees in blossom and long grass.

Behind the home, fully-leafed treetops take up the entire background with no sky to

be seen, while the framing choice contributes to the feeling of jungle-lushness. Eyles brings out the white blossoms and balances the overwhelming green with delicate touches of soft pink and peach.

Suzanne Prendergast introduces nature's riot with the paper collage Nasturtium.

There is a jumbled profusion of tendrils, vines and veins in the foliage. The blossom itself is wide open and flame-like in its colouration — bright yellow at the centre with reds near the edge.

Margaret Threlfall's lovely watercolours come into focus with three jewel-like seascapes. At just four by four inches, Island 1, 2 and 3 capture the scene at different times of day with minimum detail and often just a couple of pigments.

Jack Avison, the guild's undisputed watercolour master, shows his skill in West Coast Image. The hump of a purple hill with misted sky and water is highlighted with two tiny, slim sailboats.

Wendy Wickland's Gone Fishing has the feel of a sepia-toned photo that's been infused with sunlight. All in shades of glowing rusty orange, the scene is two men fishing while another looks on from a bicycle.

The fact that all three wear hats adds to the old-time atmosphere.

Many more examples of fine work are on display and as per usual, too numerous to describe. The painters guild will continue at ArtSpring through

Monday, Aug. 2. People attending by Friday, July 30 will have a chance to win \$100 toward the purchase of any painting, and to vote on Best of Show.

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Caroni Young at a recent Rocky Horror Show rehearsal.

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## MUSICAL THEATRE

# Music student joins Rocky band

Caroni Young brings special talents

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A music student at Capilano University is bringing her unique skills home as part of the live band in the Rocky Horror Show.

Caroni Young is about to enter her fourth year studying voice at North Vancouver's acclaimed music program, where she finds inspiration in the great jazz chanteuses of the past such as Sarah Vaughn, Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday. For the local, live production of The Rocky Horror Show, however, Young will rely on another of her musical talents as the band's synthesizer player.

Young's performance experience has a long history on Salt Spring. She's appeared in theatrical productions including the Newman Family Christmas and Shakespeare in the Park, and has played and sung with Swing Shift, Viva Voce and Tuned Air. She was a member of GISPA during her last year of high school, the second year that program became available.

Young's island performances — including keyboard player for last year's run of Hats! the Musical — have often brought her into contact with the multi-talented Sue Newman, who is working in musical direction for the Rocky Horror Show.

"Sue is a fantastic person. She has so much knowledge, not just musically but in the acting and dance worlds as well. I think she

really coordinates things so well," Young said.

Her mentoring is being further developed with sponsorship from The Ray Newman Fund, a memorial to Newman's father that supports music education and opportunities for children and families on the island.

Some of the show's other directors, like Lynda Jensen, Wendy Milton and Deb Toole, have also mentored Young in the past. It is her first time working with director Rachel Jacobson and she said she is enjoying the relationship.

Young first heard about Rocky Horror last summer when Newman mentioned a group of theatre lovers was thinking of putting it on. When Young returned to Salt Spring after classes ended this spring she was at first invited to join the cast, but then found she was needed even more in the show's band led by Milton.

Young had seen the movie version of the show a couple of times in the past, but said this is first experience with a live production. With seven-hour rehearsal days going by quickly, it's clear everyone there must be having a good time.

"It's really fun because you get to work with such great people," Young said.

"It's a high energy show — there's a lot of music going on and it's mostly upbeat."

Young is also enjoying working with the band members, many of whom she's played jazz with in other situations.

Playing alongside her are Ian Van Wyck on bass, Karen Arney

on keyboard, Monik Nordine on saxophone, guitarist Peter Taschuk and drummer Laurent Boucher. In a nice parallel with Young's Ray Newman sponsorship, both Taschuk and Boucher worked with Newman in the past, and Nordine, who was mentored by Ray Newman, will be playing his old tenor sax.

Daughter Sue Newman said she's sure her father would have gotten a kick out of hearing "the jazz guy's horn playing rock and roll."

Young, for her part, sees a great advantage to having a band stacked with jazz players.

"It's good to work with them in a different context," she said of her band mates, explaining jazz musicians know how to improvise and have the skills to adapt to changes — many of which come up during a live stage show.

After the first full day with cast and band together at rehearsals last week, Young is guessing the alchemy of live music and theatre will quickly build a local Rocky fan base.

"It's something you can sing along with, and the age range in the cast shows the material is accessible for everyone high school aged and onwards," she said.

"If you haven't seen it it's worth checking out. You can feel the energy and excitement from the moment you walk into the hall."

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Thu	26	Daniel Howlett
Fri	27	Sunyata
Sat	28	Sunyata
Sun	29	Valdy
Mon	30	Billie Woods
Tue	31	Open Stage with David Jaquest

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## MUSIC

# Traditional African drummers back at BPH

Alseny Diallo and Kikeyambay perform



Musicians and dancers promise to make Beaver Point Hall rock this Saturday night.

Alseny Diallo and Kikeyambay's traditional West African drum and dance and 12-piece Electric Afro-fusion Orchestra will return to Beaver Point Hall on Saturday, July 31.

The dynamic show will feature four components: a sit-down theatre performance, then a traditional Guinean drum and dance concert piece, followed by a full-on Afrofusion dance party and finishing off with Sooke reggae band Head High to bring the crowd back down to earth.

"Born out of a collaboration between Diallo's deep knowledge of Guinean modern and traditional music, and the passion of Victoria's Dancing Moon Multicultural Arts Company, Kikeyambay brings a dynamic, energetic show that captivates audiences," a press release states.

Diallo is described as a famed soloist and master djembé player from Guinea who has a gift for teaching and sharing the rhythms of his culture and is

considered one of the best djembé players in Canada.

He has performed for renowned djembefola Mamady Keita, as well as at various festivals and theatre shows with five-time Juno award winner Alpha YaYa Diallo and Naby Camara, as well as with Yamoussa Bangara, artistic director of the acrobatic drum and dance troupe Kalabanté.

Partnered with dancers from the Dancing Moon Multicultural Arts Company, under the choreography

of Ilana Moon, the group explores traditional drum and dance rhythms, honoring the ancestral cultural traditions of the Malinké and Susu people.

"The precise knowledge and understanding of the many parts, variations and uses of these timeless traditional rhythms not only qualify Diallo as a master djembé player, but also allow him to masterfully arrange rhythms, at times fusing African styles with reggae riffs, tropical pulse and world beat sounds," states the

press release.

"Alseny Diallo and Kikeyambay offer Salt Spring Islanders a chance to dance, be joyful and revel in the African way of music as a vital and fundamental part of everyday life.

The musicians, the dancers, and everyone within earshot of this music become an integral part of the music, whether they are nodding their heads, tapping their toes, or experiencing a full spirited explosion of dance."

Workshops for all

levels in both drum and dance at will be held at Beaver Point Hall the following afternoon, Sunday, Aug. 1.

Dance workshops start at 1 p.m., and drum workshops start at 2:30 p.m.

For workshop pre-registration or for more information, contact Hughson Welch at hughbeat@hotmail.com or 250-653-4220.

Also visit Alseny Diallo and Kikeyambay on the web at [www.reverbnation.com/kikeyambay](http://www.reverbnation.com/kikeyambay).

## VOICE

# Public invited to sit in on master voice classes

Eva Bostrand returns for week of instruction August 3-8

Advanced choral students from across Canada will be on Salt Spring for the fourth year running to attend A Voce Sola master classes with Swedish soprano Eva Bostrand.

Members of the public are invited to see how the instructor brings the best out of every voice. Observers

can audit the sessions, to be held 9 a.m to 12:30 p.m. at the United Church from Aug. 3 to 6, and attend the student recital at All Saints Church, being held Sunday, Aug. 8 at 2:30 p.m. with a reception to follow.

Bostrand was educated and established her career in Stockholm, and has since spent many years in Canada performing and teaching.

Her belief in the social and physiological benefits of singing has led her to establish two choirs for absolute beginners in Edmonton.

Her sessions on Salt Spring involve singers with well-developed instruments working to go even further.

Master class organizer Carol Brown said there is much to be learned from seeing Bostrand at work, even for those with little knowledge of singing.

"You can hear how singers' voices evolve as they work with Eva," Brown said, noting that changing a single aspect can often greatly improve a singer's performance.

"Eva's skill is that she can hear not only what that one

thing is, but if she hears five things that can change, she knows which is the most appropriate next step."

Brown noted that despite her considerable prowess in the professional realm, Bostrand doesn't bring any ego into the training environment.

"She's one of the least assuming in the way of teaching I've encountered, but she brings out amazing results. And she's fun to work with," Brown said.

Admission to the student recital is by donation.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## CONCERTS

# Allison Crowe gives SPCA benefit concert

On the ArtSpring stage Aug.6

beauty of her songs stand out from just about any other artist ever."

According to press material, Crowe's musical foundation in classical and jazz blends uniquely with rock, folk and soul to appeal to fans of classic singer-songwriters such as Leonard Cohen and Joni Mitchell, alongside rock/pop bands from The Beatles and Pearl Jam, to such varied artists as Ani DiFranco, Tori Amos, Aretha Franklin and Counting Crows.

A true grassroots success, she's garnered praise in the mainstream from the CBC, The Globe and Mail and National Post to BBC Radio and MOJO magazine – alongside widespread appreciation in the alternative media and in the global online community where Crowe is especially active and progressive.

"When I listen to it, I think, 'This is real music, real singing.' It has the power, it's natural, not artificial and calculated like many songs nowadays," says Lukasz Garbol, podcaster with Poland's

popular Radio Swidnik.

"I hear so much music these days, too much for one person really," says Muruch. "I'm inundated with such a flood of sounds both good and bad that I sometimes forget what it feels like when a song literally produces chills on your arms. Then I hear Allison Crowe sing, and I remember the effect music is supposed to have on you."

Jeffrey Pitcher, Artistic Director of Theatre Newfoundland notes: "No matter where she is in this world, that voice, that conviction, it crosses all borders. She's one of those rare artists that fits into any culture, any community because she is who she is — an incredible talent."

Born on Vancouver Island, Allison Crowe now tours Europe regularly, and has two bases in Canada: her birthplace, Nanaimo, territory of her tabby Sambuca, and her Atlantic home, Corner Brook, where Johnny, the cat in black, walks the line. Link, a wiener dog, travels with her on "the long and winding road."

**"When I listen to it, I think, 'This is real music, real singing.'"**

LUKASZ GARBOL  
*Radio Swidnik.*

Salt Spring Island BCSPCA Manager Brandy Glovka and a team of volunteers give their time to caring for homeless, injured and abused animals as they ready cats and kittens for adoption to good homes, notes press material.

"With enough dedication for eight days a week, and a Beatles theme to the naming of some of the fab felines, the musical benefit is particularly fitting."

Advance tickets are \$20 general and \$15 students and seniors or \$22 and \$17 at the door, available at the ArtSpring ticket centre.

For more information, visit: [www.allisoncrowe.com](http://www.allisoncrowe.com) and [www.spc.bc.ca/saltspring](http://www.spc.bc.ca/saltspring).

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## MUSIC & MUNCH

# Folk-rock duo Silk makes first M&M appearance

Aug. 4 at All Saints

In their first appearance before a Music and Munch audience, the husband and wife duo known as Silk will take the stage next Wednesday for a performance in the weekly series at All Saints By-the-Sea Church.

Philip and Kim Benson's partnership began years ago in Hull, Yorkshire where as teenagers they played in various contemporary bands, explains press material.

Both were raised in musical families and Kim's father was a professional musician, so music has played a large part in their lives together.

They emigrated to Canada, along with their three children, in 2004 and found their way to Salt Spring Island almost by osmosis, and they say that the island's creative atmosphere has enabled them to take their musical and artistic talents forward.

People may also know Philip for his teaching computer classes in the community education field and Kim for teaching piano and selling her watercolour paintings in the Saturday market.

They are also members of the Salt Spring Farm Food Link, with their organic farm operating under the name of Au Naturel.

As to their first love, performing music, Silk has been warmly welcomed at many venues throughout the island and currently performs every Friday afternoon at Salt Spring Vineyards.

Their folk/rock songs are thoughtful and versatile with piano-string backdrops and can best be described as "music from the thought-provoking folk-rock of Bob Dylan through to the classically-edged Enya."

Besides voice their instruments used are digital piano, guitar, flute and harmonica.

Their performance begins at 12:10 p.m., on Wednesday Aug. 4, to be followed by the usual optional lunch prepared by the Anglican Caterers for \$5.50.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Don Conley is in concert at Ango Retreat on July 31.

## CONCERT PREVIEW

# Summer Romance music on tap in beautiful Ango Retreat setting

Pianist Don Conley gives classical concert

Ango Retreat is celebrating completion of The Barn — a studio for musician-in-residence Don Conley — with an afternoon concert on Saturday, July 31.

“The acoustically superb barn, which houses not sheep nor horses but two grand pianos, a harpsichord, organ and digital keyboard, will be a Salt Spring centre for intimate performances, music instruction and workshops,” explains press material.

“Programs will be designed to serve Salt Spring residents who wish to explore their own love of music through performance, lis-

tening and study, and we envision many fascinating collaborations, concerts and classes to come.”

Conley will give a piano concert of classical music called Summer Romance beginning at 4:30 p.m.

“Guests are invited to find a comfy spot on the lawn and enjoy the magnificent peaceful vistas while listening to the concert Steinway grand piano soaring out the open doors of the musical barn.

The program’s music, chosen especially for its warmth and poetic expression, will blend harmoniously with the surrounding natural beauty.”

Iced tea will be served, and dancing is encouraged.

Admission is by donation at

the door, with \$15 suggested.

Conley is an accomplished pianist, organist, harpsichordist, teacher and performer, adjudicator and clinician, who has been teaching and performing since 1977 and has enjoyed a wide variety of concert performances as a soloist and accompanist.

He has accompanied some of Vancouver’s finest voices, instrumentalists and choirs.

He holds a Master of Music degree from St. Joseph’s College in Indiana, is an Associate of the Royal Conservatory of Toronto, and a registered music teacher in B.C. Conley is establishing a teaching practice on Salt Spring and welcomes students of any age or level of experience.

## EXHIBITS

# Diana Dean retrospective at Starfish Gallery

Clayoquot piece forms show’s centrepiece

With Aug. 6 known as the feast day of the goddess Diana, it’s a fitting day to launch a showing of Diana Dean’s work.

In her 25 years on Salt Spring, painter and sculptor Dean has created art on a daily basis, honing her instinct for colour and form while delving deeply into archetypal themes. Dean is now bringing some of these rare treasures out of her studio. Works spanning three decades will be on display at the Starfish Gallery from Aug. 6 to 22, including still lifes, landscapes, portraits and sculptures in bronze.

“Diana’s work is timeless,” says Starfish gallery owner Andrea Collins in a press release. “Her paintings from the 1980s are as contemporary now as they were then. They have an energy and power that is transformative — her paintings stay with you.”

Dean has attracted an international following over the years through her passionate mingling of the familiar with the symbolic, explains press material.

“She depicts everyday life — cooking, sharing meals, a family outing to the beach — while elevating everyday life to mythic proportions with a rich tapestry of symbols and the sometimes formal, classical poses of her characters.”

Dean completed her formal art education at Bath Academy of Art and University of Bristol in England in 1964 with a distinction in sculpture. Last year, she was selected to exhibit in the prestigious Biennale show in Florence. Dean’s work has been shown and collected internationally. Her works sit in some of the finest collections such as the Canada Council Art Bank, Confederation Centre Museum and the McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinburg, Ontario.

The centrepiece of the Starfish Gallery exhibit is Dean’s newly completed painting called Clayoquot - Morning of the Demonstration. The 96- by 72-inch work evolved from Dean’s original pencil sketches done at the site of the Clayoquot demonstrations.

The timing of the unveiling of this piece is opportune, notes Collins. This spring, Canadian forest industry and environmental groups signed the world’s largest conservation agreement applying to an area twice the size of Germany. Dean’s painting portrays the efforts and struggles of all involved to help bring about this agreement.

“The painting is really a piece of our social history,” says Collins, who was also at the Clayoquot demonstrations. “There was a lot of ground lost at Clayoquot, but this new legislation proves that, in the long run, all of us who participated did have an impact.”

An opening reception for the Starfish Gallery’s Diana Dean show runs from 6 to 8 p.m.

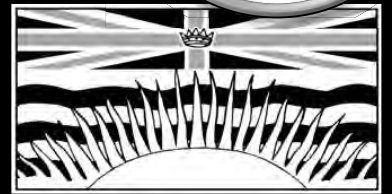
The gallery is located at 1108 Grace Point Square. Collins can be reached at 250-537-4425 or visit [www.starfishgalleryandstudio.com](http://www.starfishgalleryandstudio.com) for more information.

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## Wed. July 28

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Alvaro Sanchez.** Performs Latin guitar for Music & Munch at All Saints. 12:10 p.m.  
**Sean Ashby.** Former lead guitarist for Sarah McLachlan performs at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday Night Live.** Open stage with Stephanie Rhodes at Moby's. 8 p.m.  
**Live Music in the Vineyard.** Every Wednesday with Harry Warner & Friends at SS Vineyards. 2 to 4 p.m.  
**Open Mic Night.** At the Pub in Fulford.

### ACTIVITIES

**Sunrise Yoga.** Tuesdays to Fridays at Ganges Yoga Studio. 7:30 a.m.  
**Art Camp.** For kids aged 5 and up. Fables Cottage. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Info: 250-537-0028.  
**SSI Golf & Country Club.** Special general meeting at the clubhouse. 5 p.m.  
**Reading Rocks!** Summer Reading Club: Rocky Reads. For children ages 6-11. SS Library. 10:30 a.m.

## Thurs. July 29

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Open Mic.** Hosted by Sean Logan at The Local. 6 to 10 p.m.  
**John Lefebvre & the Stonehouse Ravens.** At Moby's. 8 p.m.  
**Heyboy Heygirl.** Live at Shipstones. 7 p.m.  
**Lane 31.** At the Pub in Fulford.  
**The Oogies.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Sunrise Yoga.** See Wednesday listing.  
**36th Annual Family Yoga Retreat.** July 29 to Aug. 2 event at SS Centre. Info: 250-537-2326.  
**Art of Living.** July 29 to Aug. 1 workshop begins today. Info: Shalon, 250-538-2102.  
**Green Drinks.** Features Transition Town display and a give-away of Earth by Bill McKibbin. Harbour House Hotel. 5 to 8 p.m.  
**Art Camp.** See Wednesday listing.  
**Toddler Time.** Storytime and singing with Wendy at Fables Cottage. For kids aged 2 to 4. 10:30 a.m.

## Fri. July 30

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**The Rocky Horror Show.** Musical production at Fulford Hall. 8 p.m. Advance tix Stuff & Nonsense & Acoustic Planet.  
**John Lefebvre & the Stonehouse Ravens.** Live music at Moby's. 8 p.m.  
**Gerry Barnum.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.  
**Simone+The Soul Intentions** Live at Shipstones. 7 p.m.  
**Richard Cross.** Harbour House lounge. 6:30 to 9 p.m.  
**Silk.** Live music from 2 to 4 p.m. along with local wine and food tastings at Salt Spring Vineyards from noon to 5 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Sunrise Yoga.** See Wednesday listing.  
**36th Annual Family Yoga Retreat.** See Thursday listing.  
**Anglican Parish Salmon BBQ.** Full-meal deal at All Saints By-the-Sea Church. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
**Art Camp.** See Wednesday listing.  
**Argentine Tango.** Keith's Summer Practicas. Top floor, Core Inn. 8 to 10 p.m. Beginners welcome.

## Sat. July 31

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**G.S. Sachdev.** World renowned flute player, accompanied on tabla by Ravi Albright, performs classical Indian concert at Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 7:30 p.m.  
**The Rocky Horror Show.** See Friday listing.  
**Summer Romance Music in the Barn.** Pianist Don Conley. Ango Retreat. 4:30 p.m.  
**Fretwork.** Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.  
**Emily Spiller & Cory Woodward.** Moby's. 8 p.m.  
**Mike Demers Trio.** Shipstones. 7 p.m.  
**KC Kelly.** Harbour House lounge. 6:30 to 9 p.m.  
**Alseny Diallo and Kikeyambay.** Afro-fusion band and dancers followed by special reggae guests, Head High. Beaver Point Hall. 8 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Sunrise Yoga.** See Saturday listing.  
**36th Annual Family Yoga Retreat.** See Thursday listing.  
**Police & Victim Rights.** Part of a free Know Your Rights and How to Use Them series of talks at the United Church meadow. 2 to 4 p.m.  
**100-Mile Green Medicine** First day of 2-day workshop with Don Olsin. Info/register: Leslie, 250-538-1911.  
**Weekly Saturday Night Market.** Local and nomadic artisans showcase their works at Alchemi Living Arts on corner of Jackson and Hereford. Info: alchemilivingarts@gmail.com  
**Anglican Parish Salmon BBQ.** See Friday listing.

## Sun. August 1

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**The Norris Clement Trio.** Jazz at Moby's. 7 p.m.  
**Fretwork.** At the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.  
**Barley Brothers.** At the Pub at Fulford.  
**Alvaro Sanchez.** Harbour House lounge. 6:30 to 9 p.m.  
**Jazz in the Vines.** Jose Sanchez Cuban Band plays at Salt Spring Vineyards, with complimentary local food & wine. 2 to 4 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Sunrise Yoga.** Still Point Studio. 7:30 a.m.  
**36th Annual Family Yoga Retreat.** See Thursday listing.  
**Green Tara Sand Mandala Project.** Procession to the sea and dissolution of mandala begins at Duck Creek Gallery at 2 p.m.  
**Herbal Medicine Making & Herb Walk.** With Rainbow Ramadevi May. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info/register: 250-537-1503.  
**Anglican Parish Salmon BBQ.** See Friday listing.

## Mon. August 2

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Wallabee Indeed.** Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**36th Annual Family Yoga Retreat.** See Thursday listing.

## Tues. August 3

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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

### ACTIVITIES

**Sunrise Yoga.** See Wednesday listing.  
**A Voce Sola Masterclasses.** Public can audit morning classes at SS United Church.  
**Market in the Meadow.** Tuesday farmers market runs next to the SS United Church. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Art Camp.** See Wednesday listing.  
**Toddler Time.** Arts & crafts for kids aged 2 to 4. Every Tuesday at Fables Cottage. 10:30 a.m.

## Wed. August 4

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Silk.** Salt Spring duo perform for Music & Munch at All Saints. 12:10 p.m.  
**Velvet Band.** Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.  
**Live Music in the Vineyard.** Every Wednesday with Harry Warner & Friends at SS Vineyards. 2 to 4 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Sunrise Yoga.** Tuesdays to Fridays at Ganges Yoga Studio. 7:30 a.m.  
**A Voce Sola Masterclasses.** See Tuesday listing.  
**Art Camp.** For kids aged 5 and up. Fables Cottage. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info: 250-537-0028.  
**Story Theatre Company.** Interactive theatre presentation from Victoria group. Summer Reading Club season finale at the library. 10:30 a.m.

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**EXHIBITIONS**

- **Summer on Salt Spring** is the Salt Spring Painters' Guild's show and sale that runs daily through Aug. 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enter by July 30 for a chance to win \$100 towards a painting purchase, & vote for "best of show."
- Work by painter **Michela Sorrentino** and ceramic artist **Byungjoo Suh** is featured at the **Showcase Gallery** exhibit in **ArtCraft at Mahon Hall** called **Elsewhere** until Wednesday, July 28. **Carl Sean McMahon's** show called **Awakening** opens Friday, July 30 with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m., running daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., until Aug. 11.
- The **ArtCraft Gift Shop** of the **Salt Spring Arts Council** is open daily in historic **Mahon Hall** through the summer from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Observe **Lama Tenzin Tsundu** as he creates a **Green Tara** sand mandala at **Duck Creek Gallery**, 181 Broadwell Rd., daily from Mon., July 26 to Sat., July 31, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mandala will be dispersed on Aug. 1 in a ceremony beginning at 2 p.m.
- **The David Jackson Welcome Back Exhibition** is at **Gallery 8** daily to Aug. 7.
- **Summer Lights - Illuminated Installations** by **Judson Beaumont**, **Brent Comber** and **Peter Pierobon** runs daily at **Salt Spring Woodworks** through July and August, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., plus the **Night Gallery** is open Friday and Saturday nights from 9 p.m. to midnight.
- **The Point Gallery** presents *Idyll*, a **Salt Spring Pastoral**, with work by **Stefanie Denz**, **Delaine Faulkner**, **Karin Jones**, **Murray Reiss**, **Bill Rhodes** and **Stella Weinert**. **Runs daily to Aug. 15.**
- **Shirlee Lewis** and **Gail Sibley** feature new work called **Still Life & Other Reflections** in the **ArtSpring** open space until Aug. 31.
- "Nesting" is the theme of the 2010 **Salt Spring Potters Guild** display in **Mark's Work Wearhouse** windows, which runs through July and August.
- **Hastings House Sculpture Garden Tours** run every Tuesday by reservation at 1 p.m. Phone 250-537-2362.
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- **Eric Klemm** has photographs from the **Silent Warriors** series on exhibit at **Cafe Talia** through July.
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**MUSIC IN THE PARK:** Jimmy Dee plays the guitar on a sunny day in Centennial Park.

## BOOKS

## Local author makes Good Morning America reading list

Phyllis Smallman Florida mysteries recommended

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A local author who waited until she was 60 before her first book was published has been named on a top summer reading list by Good Morning America.

Phyllis Smallman broke into the scene and picked up a couple of awards in the process with Margarita Nights, published by McArthur and Company in 2008. She's now released two subsequent books with Sex in a Sidecar and A Brewski for the Old Man, with a fourth title in the series, Champagne for Buzzards, due out next March.

Mystery writer and blogger Janet Kaplan named Smallman's books as one of the six best mystery series to take up this summer. The series centres on bartender Sherri Travis and the seedy happenings in the small (and fictional) beach town of Jacaranda, Florida.

Smallman didn't know about the list in advance and only learned about the honour several days after the segment aired on June 30.

"I was delighted and surprised, and I'm not quite sure how it happened — it was quite out of the blue," Smallman said.

"I was in very good company, and Good Morning America... I felt like I won the Olympics."

Smallman has just completed a fifth book, beginning a new series that takes place on an island "very much like Salt Spring." Although it may seem like she writes incredibly fast, in fact her proliferation of titles is the result of many years' rejection by publishers.

"When you don't get published right way you have a backlog of books," Smallman explained. "It gives you the chance to explore and write other things — to take chances that you wouldn't be able to if you were writing for a deadline."

Probably the writers who would continue to complete full novels without a publisher's encouragement are in the minority, but fortunately for readers, Smallman is one of those few. And her experience is an inspiration to other writers.

"There's always time. I always tell new writers to keep persevering," Smallman said.

"It's just as exciting at 62 as it would be at 32."

Salt Spring readers have participated in Smallman's creative process by helping name characters in her latest and her upcoming book. She has donated the opportunity as a live-auction item for ArtSpring's past two Island Treasure Fairs. The auction winner for last year chose to name a place rather than a character in A Brewski of the Old Man. Learning that the winner loved cricket, Smallman created a cricket-themed list of titles at Rowell's Bookstore.

Smallman's recent success — including excellent reviews in the Globe and Mail and the Times Colonist — has led to a slight decrease in the time she can devote to writing, with conferences and teaching engagements now in the mix.

She's looking forward to devoting the upcoming two months entirely to writing, saying "Salt Spring is the perfect place to do it."

## KIDS' ACTIVITIES

## Story Theatre group at reading club finale

Live production at the library

For a fun way to spend a morning at the library, kids are invited to join the crowd on Wednesday, Aug. 4 to see a live production by The Story Theatre Company.

This special interactive performance is the grand finale of the library's annual Summer Reading Club program. Kids who are already a part of the Summer Reading Club should be sure to bring their reading record with them to get stickers and for a chance to win prizes and medals.

The special event begins at 10:30 a.m.

The Story Theatre Company is a reg-

istered, non-profit society from Victoria whose productions for young audiences enhance and complement the learning experience in the classroom. The group's aim is to create shows that use the familiar content of folk tales, stories from the oral tradition and classic literature as the vehicle to promote literacy and social responsibility.

The show, aimed at children aged five to 12, will take place downstairs in the children's section at the library.

For more information on the company, see [www.storytheatre.ca](http://www.storytheatre.ca). For more about the show and to register, contact the library at 250-537-4666.

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### Adrián Iaies Trio

Tuesday, Aug 10 | 8:00pm

Tickets: \$17.50, \$5.00 youth

One of the most respected jazz pianists in the world, Adrián Iaies returns to ArtSpring with his fine trio from Buenos Aires. Their performance in 2008 was truly memorable and we're grateful to MusicFest Vancouver for bringing them back to Canada. Since their last visit, the trio has performed in the Opera House of Tel Aviv, the America Society in NY, the Ibirapuera Auditorium in San Pablo, Brasil and the Jazz al parque festival in Bogota.



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Thursday, Aug 19 | 8:00pm

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## YOUTH ACTIVITIES



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Lorence Bryans, 12, applies the finishing touches to a wizard, one of the many projects undertaken by students at last week's Clay Kids Camp. Registrations for the August session are now being accepted.

# Course fires up passion for clay

Registrations now accepted for August session

According to the newest graduates of Tracy Harrison's Clay Kids Camp, getting your hands dirty is just part of the good times to be had at a week-long course for children aged seven and up.

"You're allowed to express yourself in art and clay and Tracy won't control you," said student Teagan Moore in class on Friday. "She won't say 'do this and do that.'"

Moore wasn't the only participant who enjoyed the openness and creative free-

dom of the class.

"Tracy does a really good job," said Maddie Lipscomb. "If we want to do something a little different she lets us."

That flexibility has led to some pretty remarkable creations on the walls and shelves of Harrison's Creative Fire Arts Studio near the end of Beddis Road. Last week's class focused on wizards, monkey mandalas, hot diggity dogs and other mysterious wonders.

Lorence Bryans followed his creative impulses and wound up with a miniature long-haired sloth tree spirit.

"My parents enrolled me in the class and I just kind of really got into it," he said. "Tracy is very nice and very

trusting with students."

Harrison is a registered art therapist and a member of the Salt Spring Potters Guild, who has exhibited her professional work across the country and internationally.

She takes pride in engaging artists of all experience levels and abilities in the creative process.

Students who enroll in August's Clay for Kids Camp can expect a variety of new and exciting clay projects.

Harrison said working with clay can help children develop solid problem-solving skills, resilience and the ability to transform a disappointment into a celebration. The summer youth camp is especial-

ly designed to help children accept and learn from their mistakes.

"Mistakes are part of the process," Bryans said. "Every mistake should be celebrated. Every mistake is something to rejoice."

Cost for the next camp, which runs from Aug. 9 to 13, is \$180. The courses take place between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. from Monday to Friday. The price includes all materials and access to an end-of-summer clay pick-up hot tub party.

A complete list of Harrison's workshops is available at [www.creativefirestudio.org](http://www.creativefirestudio.org) or by contacting her at 250-538-0144.

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## EXHIBITS

# Carl Sean McMahon shares artistic results of upcycling

Showcase Friday, July 30 at ArtCraft

"Upcycling" is the process of converting waste materials or no-longer-useful products into new materials or products of a better quality or a higher value.

Carl Sean McMahon's sculptures made from scrap metal aptly fit this description as people will see at his upcoming exhibit called *Awakening* featured at ArtCraft's Showcase Gallery at Mahon Hall.

McMahon's work is created exclusively from scrap metal: discarded components and products of our society.

Each sculpture focuses on the fusion between various sharp, inorganic, materials that work together to produce a free-flowing form.

As a press release explains: "Many of the materials he uses — old cutlery, rebar, nuts and bolts — are 'blended' into the piece and their original functionality 'stripped away.' This allows the viewer to look at these materials in a new way. His artwork reinforces the idea that any material can go through a metamorphosis and become contrary to its formal existence."

"Certain mechanical components are integrated into the sculptures not only for the aesthetic qualities, but also for their relationship to movement."

Many of the materials he uses — old cutlery, rebar, nuts and bolts — are 'blended' into the piece and their original functionality 'stripped away.'

"Individual attributes, such as the angle of a chair arm or the curve of a wheel arch, help determine the visual flow of the piece."

McMahon relies on materials he sources on his own or which have been donated to him by local businesses.

Whether he transforms these resources into a steelhead salmon or an orca, his work captures the vibrant traits of wildlife in nature.

Everyone is welcome to the opening reception of *Awakening* this Friday, July 30, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The exhibit, which is sponsored by Saltspring Air, runs daily from July 30 through Aug. 11.

Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Showcase Gallery in Mahon Hall.



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**FESTIVAL FRESH:** Adaeze Norget is seen with fresh produce at the Foxglove Farm Festival, held Sunday.

**GARDENING**

## Compost secrets and options revealed at Aug. 5 workshop

How-to session and display at Farmers' Institute

Backyard composting is back in style these days to aid in the production of those delicious organic home-grown vegetables and to recycle garden waste and kitchen scraps.

There are many different composting methods and wonderful "black gold" should be the end result, but sometimes results are less than perfect.

For people wondering how to produce better compost, recycle kitchen scraps, or dispose of pet litter in the most environmentally friendly way, a backyard composting display is being set up at the Farmers' Institute and the first workshop will be held next Thursday, Aug. 5.

Several types of composters and a digester will be on display from 2 to 5 p.m.

It comes about thanks to

a collaboration between the Earth Festival Society, the Farmers' Institute and the Greater Victoria Compost Education Centre.

A manufactured composter such as the Earth Machine (available at the recycling centre, while supplies last), a do-it-yourself pallet composter for larger quantities, or a worm bin are all suitable for uncooked vegetable waste, lawn clippings, etc. and will make very good compost, given the right mix of materials and moisture. All these can easily be rodent-proofed.

But what about the other household organics — cooked food scraps, leftover fats and dairy products and pet wastes? A digester such as the Green Cone is one answer to this waste disposal question, explains Elizabeth White of the Earth Festival Society.

"It does not make compost in any quantity, it just digests food scraps, including meat and

**Several types of composters and a digester will be on display from 2 to 5 p.m.**

pet wastes," she said. "Households with a garden may need a composter plus a digester to deal with the different types of organic waste."

Those wanting to attend the workshop to learn how to set up and operate a rodent-proof composter, or people who are experienced at composting and willing to help and share information, can call White 250-537-2616 or email elizwhite@saltspring.com.

The workshop, led by Nashira Birch of the Greater Victoria Compost Education Centre, is free but pre-registration with White is required.



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# PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

## SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Intensive Immersion program lets students delve into passions

Projects become part of local francophone legacy

BY SARAH HOOK-NILSSON  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

During the last week of school, I was invited to the presentations of the independent studies of the Grade 11 Intensive French Immersion class.

Some of the students have used "Connecting Generations" to find resource people for their projects.

Though not always word perfect and sometimes searching for the right one, 10 young Salt Springers spoke French freely and with confidence about subjects in which they have a passionate interest.

Projects ranged from a study of the glacier flow on Salt Spring to historical research on the First Canadian Parachute Battalion, from an illustrated book for young readers about dinosaurs to a medieval fantasy novel.

Topics included photography, film, physiology and exercise, childhood behavioural difficulties and a history of the black pioneers of Salt Spring.

The intensity of the students' interest and clear knowl-

edge of their subjects seemed to overcome most of the shyness that you would expect to accompany public speaking in a second language!

Perhaps the most exciting thing about these projects is that they will be part of a Salt Spring francophone legacy for the use of other students in the immersion programs in the middle school and the high school and the community at large.

A bilingual review of French films will be available at Island Star Video this summer and at least one of the projects will find a permanent home on the Salt Spring Archives.

A video clip of a murder investigation foreshadows the release of a full-length film in French and English later in the year.

In a "one-room schoolhouse" located on the second floor at GISS, a close-knit group of high school students has experienced an unforgettable semester immersed in the culture and language of 21.5 per cent of Canada's population.

Outings and activities included writing poetry at the beach, participating in the Salt Spring Conservancy's Stewardship program with French Immersion students in Grade 6 and 7, watch-

ing the francophone events at the Olympic Games, enjoying Brigitte's French patisserie café, playing "petanques" and preparing and savouring a French meal.

An historical novel written by their own teacher, Ghislaine de Saint Venant, brought alive 20th-century history for the students and, by attending the Vimy Ridge celebrations in Ottawa, the group came together witnessing one for themselves, the human dramas of war.

The Intensive French Immersion class this semester has been a wrap-around French experience, from the inside-out, a voyage of discovery that will undoubtedly change the way that each of these students sees the world, in English as well as French.

*The writer is coordinator of the Connecting Generations program of the Gulf Islands School District.*



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**RAT TRAP:** Foxglove employee Ben Carro fashioned some wearable art on his face at last Sunday's Foxglove Farm Festival.

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# PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

## COMMUNITY

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From left, Koffie Klub members Tim Camps, Anne Marie Linders, Petra Otten, Bob Oudenaarden, Mark Camps, Anke Smeele, and Gerry Van Roessel gather at Moby's.



## Klub cooks up 'gezellig' spirit

Group reignites Dutch islanders' heritage

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Folks gathered at Wednesday's Koffie Klub have got plenty of gezellig to spare.

Unfortunately, that doesn't mean they've reached a consensus on the Dutch word's precise English equivalent.

For some it means coziness, while others suggest it refers to a kind of warmth or conviviality. One participant says it's really all about good Dutch-style fun.

The debate proves one thing: that gezellig, like cursing and the use of idioms, is one of those things that's bound to lose something in translation.

In times like these it's best to sit back and watch everything unfold. The debate itself, after all, is gezellig in action.

For the dozen Salt Spring residents with Dutch citizenship or Dutch ancestry who gather at Moby's on the third Wednesday of every month, sharing the Dutch spirit, very dark coffee and those tasty windmill biscuits known as speculaas is what the Koffie Klub is all about.

Anke Smeele, a Dutch-born Canadian citizen who arrived in the 1960s, got the idea to start a Salt Spring group after a friend told her about a similar meeting at Victoria's Hillside Mall.

"She told me she met people she'd never met before and had a wonderful time, so I thought 'How about we start this on Salt Spring?'" Smeele said.

For the longest time, people of Dutch ancestry tended to go about their own lives without paying much attention to their shared cultural roots. In recent years, however, Koffie Klubs have popped up in mall food courts and local coffee shops across North America.

"There is a real mixture of a group. We have all come at different times, from different places, with different ideals and different ideas about the country and what we want to do here," said Bob Oudenaarden, a Dutch citizen born in Indonesia. "It works because we are all Dutch and that is the one thing that we have in common."

Oudenaarden said the scope of Dutch culture and history is pretty amazing given the nation of 17 million inhabitants is barely the size of Vancouver Island.

Dutch pride reached a fevered pitch when the nation's soccer team made it to the World Cup final against Spain earlier this month.

With the match now behind them, talk around the Koffie Klub table has returned to normal. Most of the time, participants share their stories about raising families, working and travelling back home to visit friends and family.

"We exchange our life stories. A lot of it is about our adventure of living in Canada," Oudenaarden said.

The club also offers an opportunity for both Dutch and Canadian-born members to practise their native tongue and pick up a few new expressions.

**"We exchange our life stories. A lot of it is about our adventure of living in Canada."**

BOB OUDENAARDEN  
Participant,  
Salt Spring Koffie Klub

School teachers in Manitoba discouraged Petra Otten and her parents from speaking Dutch in the 1960s. Though she's still got a pretty extensive Dutch vocabulary, Otten has forgotten how to string all those words together. Thanks to the Koffie Klub, she's begun taking private lessons and rediscovered her roots.

"I have no family to speak with so it's hard to keep it up," Otten said. "It's only now that I've had the opportunity."

Even fluent speakers like Smeele have something to gain from the experience.

"A lot of us forget the language if we don't use it and the language changes so much," she said. "When I go back, my nephew calls me antique."

A few more Koffie Klubs and that could change well before her next trip to Holland.

More information about the Salt Spring Koffie Klub is available by contacting Smeele at ankes@shaw.ca.

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The series began last weekend with a talk on Housing Rights.

The following weeks feature:

police and victim rights, July 31; healthcare rights, Aug. 14; welfare rights, Aug. 21; parents' and kids' rights, Aug. 28.

For more information contact the literacy centre at 250-537-9717 or visit [www.saltspringliteracy.org](http://www.saltspringliteracy.org).

## WORKSHOPS

### 100-Mile Green Medicine: cornerstone for the future

Two workshops offered by herbal elder

BY LESLIE WALLACE  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

"There's a lot of talk about the 100-mile diet. How about 100-mile medicine? There's a lot of talk about food security. What about medicine security?"

Posing these questions is Don Ollsin, an herbal elder with over 40 years experience in the field of herbal medicine.

Most of the herbalists who practice on Canada's West Coast have taken at least part of their training with this master herbalist and resident expert on the medicinal plants of the Pacific Northwest.

As a teacher, Ollsin perpetually seeks ways to nurture healthy and sustainable individual and community lifestyles through education.

Knowledge of how to locate, identify, prepare, use and store medicinal and food herbs are part of what sustained multiple generations of First Nations peoples.

Ollsin says that herbal knowledge can help to sustain islanders, too, helping to build local resilience around food and medicine.

Ollsin grows upwards of 50 medicinal herbs in his yard. He knows that calendula is a powerful anti-inflammatory, that echinacea stimulates the immune system, that the plantain plant outside his door could save his life in the event of an allergic reaction to a bee sting or spider bite. His birch tree provides a kidney function stimulant. His hawthorn tree provides a heart medicine. He knows that the willow in his yard originally provided the active ingredient for aspirin.

Whereas the workings of pharmaceuticals are understood only by chemists and pharmacists, knowledge of the beneficial effects of herbs comes to us down millennia-long lines of traditional knowledge.

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Ollsin points to another benefit of herbal medicine. "Do you ever wake up, go to the medicine cabinet, take out a bottle of aspirin, pour some in your hand and think: Are these ever beautiful? But I go out my door and see my willow tree. Wow, is it ever beautiful. It's a rich way to live."

Ollsin is offering two workshops on Salt Spring Island this summer on the medicinal, culinary and spiritual uses of local herbs. 100 Mile Green Medicine 1 and 2 will take place at Beaver Point Hall on July 31 to Aug. 1 and Aug. 21 to 22.

The first workshop will include instruction in herbal note taking, drying and preserving.

The second workshop will include student preparation of tinctures.

Each student will leave the workshop with one of each tincture prepared.

Both workshops will include an herb walk and harvesting of local medicinal and culinary herbs, information on medicinal and food herbs and their western uses and the importance of 100-mile green medicine.

Ollsin will lead both groups in shamanic exercises to aid in intuitive identification of herbs.

One workshop builds on the other. Participants are welcome to attend one workshop or both.

The cost is \$175 per workshop.

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# PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

## LIVESTOCK

# Local meat producers tour Saturna abattoir

Visit deemed 'valuable'

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Farmers in an ongoing struggle to maintain Salt Spring's livestock production got some support during a visit to a Saturna Island abattoir last weekend.

Local meat producers were invited to visit the Campbell family of Saturna Island last Saturday to tour the recently upgraded meat processing facility and to ask questions of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) inspector.

Margaret Thomson, a founding member of Salt Spring Island Livestock Producers, predicted before the trip that "seeing a small facility that meets the new standard would be very helpful to all who are working to provide similar services on Salt Spring."

After her return Thomson said the visit was definitely valuable and provided examples of what a potential facility on Salt Spring could look like.

"What I found most interesting was how quiet it was," Thomson said the following day.

"There was no smell, and they were really quick." She was also surprised at how little room the building took up, measuring approximately 20 by 30 feet.

Normally the Campbell farm does its processing on Fridays when a CFIA inspector, who must be present during operations, can be available. The day was specially arranged so the inspector could be there Saturday to accommodate the visitors.

Thomson said the farm has a team of four people who butcher the meat inside the abattoir after the slaughtering takes

place in pens outside. They typically process around 15-20 lambs once a week during the lambing season. Many of these are consumed at the island's famous lamb barbecue and the rest go to other local residents.

"That's why you don't hear about the Saturna Island lamb anywhere else — it's all eaten there," Thomson explained.

Salt Spring's meat producers are hoping to bring back their home island's reputation for delicious lamb.

Their application to establish a mobile abattoir has gone through an initial screening with a sub-committee and now has to go before the head officials at the Meat Transition Assistance Program.

If it passes, funding will help the group build a processing facility for which its many users will share responsibility.

Thomson said the local facil-

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MARGARET THOMSON  
SSI Livestock Producers

ity would be similar in many aspects to Saturna's, but would differ in the type of business model it would have to adopt for the group users.

The mobile capability would also allow the abattoir to travel to other islands if needed, although Thomson explained that when on Salt Spring it would stay in just one location.

Where that site will be, if the

application is approved, would depend on what is available and what the time constraints of implementation are.

With considerable support from local groups including Island Natural Growers and a local food campaign from the Hastings House Country Resort, Thomson said, there is a lot of public goodwill for the plan.

"And most farmers would rather not load up their animals and bring them on a ferry, and then get on a ferry themselves and bring the wrapped animals back," she added.

Wrapping requires a separate inspection process and would not be immediately available here, although Thomson said that would be the group's desire for the long run.

She also expressed hope that island agriculture would grow enough to warrant a permanent facility in the future.

## KARATE

# Karate club members to christen new Furness Road dojo

Twelve members stand for promotion

Members of the Salt Spring Karate Club are preparing for a pretty special time down at Pat Byron's new rammed earth dojo on

Furness Road this Friday afternoon.

The day will see at least 12 club members receive promotions to black, brown, green and blue belt levels.

"The amount of effort and time these guys put into it is horrendous," Byron said.

A special ceremony to formally open the new hand-built dojo promises to make the day's events even more memorable than usual.

Cameras and recording equipment will not be permitted during the traditional Japanese-style ceremony.

Head sensei Mike Puckett of Sidney will be on the island to oversee the day's events.

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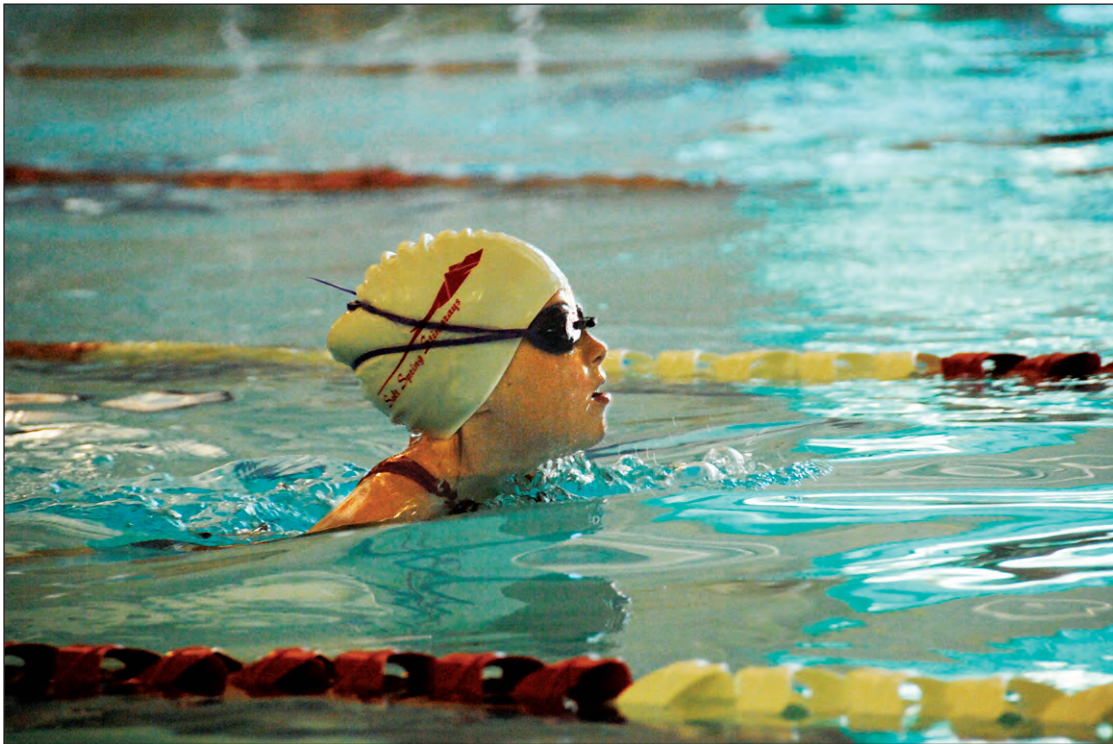


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 Salt Spring Stingray Lexi Wesley-Plambeck competes at a swim meet held on Salt Spring at the Rainbow Road Pool facility last weekend. See story below.

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## VOLLEYBALL GISS alumni makes national team

Chris Howe already training for continental tourney

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Chris Howe, a former Salt Spring Island resident attending UBC Okanagan, has been named to Canada's junior men's volleyball team. Howe, who celebrates his 19th birthday on Aug. 6, was selected by national scouts while the country's best volleyball players competed at the National Team Challenge Cup tournament in Toronto last week.

Howe and the rest of Team B.C. earned a fifth-place finish at the event. Only 14 of the tournament's 96 players were chosen to compete with the national squad. Chris' dad Bob Howe returned to Salt Spring from Ontario on Sunday night. He said the opportunity to play at such a high level caps what has always been a dream season for his son. "It's very, very exciting for him and the future looks pretty good," he said. Making this year's national team carries additional significance since provincial funding cuts have placed the future of B.C.'s volleyball program in

doubt for next season. Training for the junior men is already underway as the team prepares for a mid-August competition against 10 teams from the North and Central America and Caribbean Confederation (NORCECA) in Gatineau, Q.C. The NORCECA Junior Men's Continental Championship offers valuable world ranking points and a berth in the 2011 Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) World Junior Championships. The Canadian squad earned a respectable 12th place finish at the 2009 world championships in Pune, India.

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## SWIMMING Stingrays post impressive results

Organizers celebrate event's success

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Local swimmers made a splash at a well-attended island swim meet held this past weekend. Islanders posted no fewer than 88 personal best times and 41 top-three finishes during the three-day event. "Aquatically, it was wonderful to see the bits and pieces fall into place. You work throughout the season on the small stuff - starts, turns, strokes - and at this point in time it all begins to wrap up into fantastic races," said Stingrays coach Rachel Gardner. "I was so proud of everyone." Roughly 60 swimmers were also on hand on Friday afternoon to participate in a resurrected open-water swim at St. Mary Lake. The 1.1-kilometre swim proved popular with spectators and participants alike. "It's something different and it worked extremely well," said Shelley Harris, a volunteer who

helped co-ordinate the weekend's event. Individual performances of note included an eight-second improvement for Nataya Smith-Valdivielso in the 100-metre IM (2:05.90 - 3rd place); Cyrus Andress' 13-second improvement in 100-m free (1:56.15 - 7th place); Lukas Booy's seven-second improvement in 50-m breast (1:21.34 - 6th place); Tyler Bullach's 16-second improvement in 50-m fly (1:15.84 - 11th place); Andrew Sinclair's 10-second improvement in 100m free (1:20.05 - 1st place); and Becki Steel's three-second improvement in 100m breast (1:29.14 - 1st). Luke Hylands and Liam Sinclair took home first- and second-place medals with best times of 1:02.26 and 1:03.30, respectively. "It was a pleasure to watch the Salt Spring community run the meet," Gardner said on Monday. "I may not be completely unbiased, but I'd say the volunteers at this competition were among the friendliest, most relaxed and most helpful I've ever seen."

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RACHEL GARDNER  
 Coach, Stingrays Swim Club

"They all showed off the island at its best, which may be why so many teams from all over the region and outside of it rushed in to get spots in our competition." Based on this year's success, plans are already underway to host a similar event on Salt Spring in 2011. Gardner said this weekend's performance, combined with the Stingrays' success at a recent meet in Sidney, puts the team in a great mindset for the upcoming regional championships on Aug. 7 and 8 in Victoria.

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# SPORTS & RECREATION

## B.C. SUMMER GAMES

# B-ballers net fourth place

Teens take stand against province's best at summer games

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Two island teens were among the more than 4,000 British Columbian athletes who took part in the B.C. Summer Games in Langley late last week.

"Playing at that level is a really big step," said Billy George, a member of the Vancouver Island/Central Coast U14 basketball team.

"There were a lot of new faces and a lot more people than I'm used to playing in front of."

George and his fellow Salt Spring teammate Eric Weatherby didn't let pressure from the hundreds of spectators get in the way, however, as their squad finished the tourney in fourth place.

The VI/Central Coast team dropped Sunday's bronze medal match 69-56 against the Fraser River Delta region.

George and Weatherby stayed with other B.C. Summer Games athletes at a local elementary school for the duration of the biennial event.

Aside from playing ball against some of the province's top youngsters, Weatherby and George braved the crowds and caught a few other events and took in the festive atmosphere in between games.

The boys were named to the U14 team earlier this year and have been practicing hard for several months.

Athletes and coaches from across the province convene every two years to participate in any of 23 sports included at the B.C. Summer Games.

Vancouver Island/Central Coast competitors topped the event's medal standings, earning a total of 61 gold, 63 silver and 46 bronze.



Billy George, left, and Eric Weatherby were selected to represent Zone 6 Vancouver Island/Central Coast U14 basketball at the 2010 B.C. Summer Games in Langley. Under the coaching of Clint Hamilton (centre) of UVic, the boys' team placed fourth overall.

## TREE CLIMBING

# Arborist tops regional ranks

One win away from worlds

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Whoever said climbing trees is a waste of time probably never heard of the International Society of Arborists' tree-climbing championships.

And thanks to a spectacular performance at this past weekend's regional final in Bellingham, W.A., island resident Scott Nyuli is only a win away from an all-expenses paid trip to the world championships in Australia.

Nyuli has worked in the field for the past 11 years. As the owner of Salt Spring-based Prairie Pro Tree Services, he's called upon for a range of tree-pruning, tree-care and tree-removal jobs on and off the island.

On competition day, Nyuli's skills were put to the test against 16 other professionals from Washington, Oregon and British Columbia.

Competitors are ranked according to speed and quality in a

series of five events: the secured footlock, speed climb, throwline, work climb and aerial rescue.

The competition is open to International Society of Arborists members as a way to promote safety and develop new techniques.

Nyuli placed first or second in all but a single event to qualify for a showdown that featured the day's top-three competitors.

"I smoked them," he said.

"A lot of the guys tend to over-analyze things and use too many gizmos."

Nyuli credited his blend of old-school simplicity and experience for winning the event. The victory earned him \$1,000 worth of swag and an invitation to compete in the Northwest chapter finals in Tacoma, W.A.

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Nyuli qualified for the 2009 world championships by placing first at the 2008 Pacific Northwest Arborist Championships in Boise, I.D.



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