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FULL BRANCH: Taking in the colour and flavour of the 12th annual Salt Spring Apple Festival on Sunday were Miho Shida, left, and Hitomi Yoshii. For more apple fest photos, see Page A13.

ISLANDS TRUST

Trust to craft fresh B&B solution

Bylaw review will address 'changing face of tourism'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Bed and breakfasts allegedly operating contrary to the island's land-use bylaw have a second chance based on results of a Monday meeting between Islands Trust representatives and board members of the Accommodations Group of Salt Spring Island.

Christine Torggrimson, a member of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee, said she intends "to explore possible next steps regarding a constructive community dialogue around land-use bylaw provisions related to B&Bs" when trustees meet at Thursday's local Trust committee meeting.

"I know that Trust staff's recent and initial enforcement letter surprised B&B owners who did not understand current provisions in the land-use bylaw, eliciting considerable anxiety and concern," Torggrimson said in an email following Monday's two-hour meeting. "I am hopeful that the Trust's recent follow-up letter, this meeting today and further dialogue will bring us all to greater resolution."

Controversy over possible legal action against up to 50 island B&B owners was sparked by a Sept. 9 letter from the Trust's bylaw

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HOMELESSNESS

Basic services sought for homeless

Community Services marks Homeless Connect Week

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As Salt Spring Community Services finalizes preparations for Homeless Connect Week, people living without adequate housing are facing more than just cold weather.

Community perceptions of the disenfranchised are shutting people out; it's these perceptions the organization is hoping to change along with the circumstances.

"People in the community are by and large incredibly grateful for the supports they receive — a large portion ask what they can do to help out," counsellor and outreach worker Jamie Alexander said.

"There is gratitude, but also large gaps in what the community can provide for them. There's also a gap in understanding in the plight of homeless people. Because they don't really know the situation, there's a fair amount of judgement."

Alexander said a lot of people assume homelessness means being on the streets if in the city and camping if in the country. But in his experience, it can also mean people living in situations that don't provide a sense of place. It can mean families in which the parents are couch surfing and the kids are staying with friends. It can mean people who lived for years in a friendly arrangement only to have the situation change

suddenly.

"There's safety in a sense of place — when you're there you don't really have to worry about environmental factors, like it being leaky or mouldy, or if your kids have a place to play or if you have loud neighbours doing some threatening activity."

Alexander said that insecure housing is causing "ferry-loads" of families to leave every day, including those who have been here a long time. But the growing demographic of seniors will also see growing numbers of homelessness in that age group.

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NEWSBEAT

BC FERRIES

Ferries announces 2% fare reduction

FOI changes also enacted

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

BC Ferries announced Friday that a federal tax remission will be passed on to customers in across-the-board fare reductions on all routes.

The Government of Canada granted BC Ferries' request for duty remission on four vessels it built offshore, returning \$119.4 million in import taxes. The two per cent rate reduction takes effect on Oct. 18.

BC Ferries is also allocating \$20 million to upgrade key assets in B.C.'s ship repair and maintenance business.

Harold Swierenga, chair of Salt Spring's Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC), said although the reduction is small, every bit helps islanders who rely on ferry travel.

"It's better than nothing," he said, but noted FAC groups would like to see long-term structural change that officially recognizes user accessibility in the company's mandate.

BC Ferries media spokesperson Mark Stefanson said the ferries commissioner would take the reduction into consideration when setting the fare cap for 2012-16 in April 2011, but that future fares will likely be two per cent less than what they would have been.

In related news, as of Oct. 1 BC Ferries is subject to provincial freedom of information laws, as recommended by the Comptroller

General. The company has not had to respond to such requests since it changed from being a Crown corporation to a private company in 2003.

Stefanson said BC Ferries has already received a number of requests. The company has three staff members working in the designated office for information and public complaints.

Homeless awareness week is far-reaching

HOMELESS

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Community Services programs like the food bank are one way of helping those who need it, but Alexander said it's more of a first step than the end result.

"Building capacity is more than just making sure there is enough food in the food bank... If someone is coming regularly they may find the safety to say, 'I need more than food, I need help getting out of this,'" Alexander explained.

"People want to work but need real basics to make themselves presentable to the market."

Those basics include being

able to take a shower, do laundry and have a phone number for call-backs from prospective employers. Volunteers, staff outreach workers and access to a phone and the internet are therefore also on hand each Tuesday.

The new outreach team, established over the last couple of years and now housed in a dedicated building, focuses on capacity-building strategies, including counselling, mental health and addiction services, health, nutrition and life skills and programs to facilitate successful living in the community.

Outreach workers and community volunteers will be on hand to offer some basic steps

toward capacity building during Homeless Connect Day, a Salt Spring Community Services initiative linked to the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness.

Events scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 12 will overlap with regular programs like the food bank and Let's Do Brunch (9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

There will be an afternoon barbecue (12:30 to 3:30 p.m.) and a number of services from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., including a clinic for obtaining identification, an SPCA rep answering questions about pet health care for the homeless, vaccinations with a public health nurse, a visit with Lady Minto's new men-

tal health nurse, a yoga class with Kristen Elizabeth Lewis and a visit by the Salt Spring Literacy Society.

Additional meals planned for the week include partnering with Auntie Pesto's for a Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday afternoon beginning at 3 p.m. and with the United Church for a noon lunch on Wednesday.

Members of the public are welcome to attend Tuesday's event and meet with Community Services and the people they serve.

"There's a consciousness-raising aspect as well," Alexander said.

"It would be good for the average taxpayer to come."

Trust and accommodations group talking

STVR

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enforcement branch that threatened fines of up to \$5,000 per night for individuals operating short-term vacation rentals.

Property owners were members of the Accommodations Group of Salt Spring Island, an organization that promotes lodging and offers general tourism information via the internet.

The debate thrived on the ensuing confusion over what qualified as a legal STVR and who would be subjected to legal action and fines.

On Sept. 30 the Trust's bylaw enforcement branch sent out a follow-up letter in an attempt "to provide greater clarity on this important matter."

According to that letter, "a bed and breakfast home-based business may provide overnight accommodation and breakfast meals only."

"Operations that provide for self-catering of additional meals are operating outside the scope of the bed and breakfast regulations in Bylaw No. 355 and therefore operating as STVRs."

The letter, signed by bylaw enforcement officer Miles Drew, suggests that the "simplest option" available to owners is to not permit bed and breakfast guests "to use cooking facilities and to remove mention of these facilities from your advertising."

Nora Layard, chair of the Accommodations Group of Salt Spring Island, said the Sept. 30 letter and Monday's meeting make it clear that the Islands Trust is open to aligning the island's land-use

bylaw with emerging tourism trends to ensure competitiveness with other destinations.

"The travelling public now expects more amenities in B&Bs, including the opportunity to prepare food," Layard wrote in a statement to the Driftwood on Tuesday morning. "We pointed out that we are not satisfied that the current bylaws reflect or serve visitors' needs."

"We are pleased that, at the upcoming LTC on Thursday, the trustees [will] discuss our recommendation to review bylaws regarding B&Bs during the upcoming land-use bylaw review."

The Thursday, Oct. 7 LTC meeting gets underway at the ArtSpring theatre at 10:30 a.m. For more detailed schedule information, contact the local Islands Trust office at 250-537-9144 or see the website at islandstrust.bc.ca.

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GULF ISLANDS SCHOOL DISTRICT

International education embarks on second decade

District's program confronts competitive market

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

In little more than 10 years, the Gulf Islands International Education Program has evolved from an uncertain experiment into one of the school district's most distinctive elements.

"It was international education by immersion because we made just about every mistake you could make," said program director Scott Bergstrom about the program's initial year. "What it did, though, was show that there was a lot of interest in having international ed."

In a recent interview about the program's past, present and future, Bergstrom and students services co-ordinator Sheri Wakefield spoke fondly of the program's steep learning curve and prospects.

"We learned quickly that we had to train ourselves as we went," Wakefield said.

Back in the early days, only about four of the province's school districts offered programs catering to international students.

Based on the success of programs in Powell River, the Cowichan Valley and North Vancouver, Bergstrom, then vice principal at Gulf Islands Secondary School, figured international students would be a great way to embody the school's spirit of global awareness and international understanding.

The prospect of earning tuition from foreign students further promised to help the school district meet funding commitments and ensure the viability of school

programs.

"It was at a time when the district was going through a lot of soul searching about sustaining itself and revenue generation," he said. "A common theme was 'how are we going to sustain the programs we have at the schools?' and international ed was one of the ideas."

In its first year, the program had a grand total of two participants. That was far below the targeted 12 students and a hard sell to the parents, staff, administrators and colleagues who had gathered to discuss the program's future.

Luckily, the powers that be elected to give it another try.

The program's two "pioneers" spread word that GISS and Salt Spring Island lived up to the hype. The following year, 20 students had enrolled in the program.

This year, there are 57 international students studying at GISS.

"It's just so awesome here," said Yvonne Drauschke, a Grade 12 student from Germany who returned to Salt Spring for a second year in the international program. "People here are so nice and friendly and I made so many friends here last year."

Her classmate Lanna Gogo from Brazil has been on the island for little more than a month but is already impressed with the school's many activities designed to foster a better understanding of Canadian lifestyles and culture.

For students Laura Oberle of Germany and Yu Nakamura of Japan, part of that new lifestyle means they can eat food in their classroom and experience a more laid-back approach when it comes to the teacher-student relationship.

In 2008-2009, the program reached a peak of 90 students. Since then, Wakefield and Berg-



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

From left, students GISS Laura Oberle and Yu Nakamura, and program co-founder Scott Bergstrom.

strom have aimed to cap the program at about 10 per cent of GISS' total student population, deemed to be an optimum level.

"We want to pursue a quality experience, not the quantity of students," Wakefield said.

The international program has spread well beyond countries of the Pacific Rim and now includes students from Europe, South America and the Middle East. Students have come to Salt Spring from a total of 17 countries, including Iceland, Turkey, India and Vietnam.

It's that diversity that Bergstrom hopes to foster as the program continues to evolve.

"The ultimate vision would

be to have ideally about six kids from any one country and from as many countries as possible," Bergstrom said. "What we are moving toward is a model that is one-third Latin American, one-third Asian and one-third European in keeping with that idea of global cultural awareness."

In an ironic twist, the very thing that made the district such a dark horse 10 years ago is the key element Bergstrom and Wakefield hope will make the Gulf Islands stand out in what has become an extremely competitive and lucrative business across B.C. and the rest of Canada.

Forty of the province's 60 school districts now offer some form of

international education program, there are programs in cities and towns across the country, and there's ever-present competition from schools in other English-speaking countries.

Wakefield said the fact that Salt Spring has had to turn kids away in recent years is a testament to the hospitality of island students, homestay providers, teachers and everyone else in the community who helps provide an experience to last a lifetime.

"It may sound strange, but at the end of the year when they go, they are very sad and that makes me very happy," she said. "It means they loved it and had a great time."

News briefs

Drivers run amuck

A large number of traffic violation tickets and warnings were issued as the result of a visit by South Island Traffic Services on Thursday, Sept. 30 and other police checks during the past week.

Visiting officers issued 15 tickets for people driving without seat belts, six tickets for no driver's licence, one for no insurance, as well as eight warnings.

While on routine patrol in Ganges early Wednesday, Sept. 29, local police heard

a vehicle squeal its tires and noted it had no taillights. The vehicle was stopped and the 34-year-old male driver, who admitted to having consumed alcohol, was issued a notice of driving prohibition for 90 days and a notice of impoundment for 30 days.

A traffic stop early Thursday morning resulted in a 55-year-old Salt Spring male receiving an immediate roadside prohibition from driving for 90 days. His vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

On Friday, Oct. 1, a vehicle was observed by police driving along the edge of Atkins

Road around 3:30 p.m. approaching flag persons in the middle of the road. The vehicle was checked and a 47-year-old female driver was charged with impaired driving and over .08. She was released on a promise to appear in court on Nov. 10. The vehicle was towed.

Also in police news, officers conducting a road check near Central on Saturday evening detained a driver who failed to produce a driver's licence or registration of the vehicle. He was unable to correctly identify the owner once registration was located. The registered

owner was contacted and confirmed the vehicle was stolen.

The 22-year-old male was subsequently charged with possession of stolen property and breach of undertaking of his conditions of no alcohol or drugs. He also received a 90-day immediate roadside prohibition and a violation ticket for no driver's licence.

On the evening of Sunday, Oct. 3, police attended a report of a possible stolen vehicle located on Kings Lane. During the course of the investigation, a 48-year-old Salt Spring male arrived

to confirm that he had driven and parked the vehicle, knowing it was uninsured. The male did not have a driver's licence and was served a notice of suspension and a violation ticket for no insurance.

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The program is an effort to show that solar technology can be a viable part of a community's well-being, said Saanich-North and the Islands MLA Murray Coell in a press release.

Communities selected as part of the \$5-million Solar-BC initiative were chosen through an RFP process. Salt Spring Local Trust Committee applied for the designation in March.



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12:55	12:58	1:01	1:05	1:12
2:30	2:33	2:36	2:40	2:47
4:05	4:08	4:11	4:15	4:22
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 S2 Combined Routing: Trip routes via 1 Ganges Local, 3 Vesuvius and 5 Fernwood. Drop off only at Hospital and Brinkworthy.

2 Fulford Harbour

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Monday to Saturday									
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5:10	5:16	5:23	5:27	5:30	5:40	5:43	5:47	5:54	6:00

M-F Monday to Friday only.

3 Vesuvius

To Vesuvius		To Ganges			
Monday to Saturday					
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8:00	8:27	8:35	8:35	8:41	—
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4 Long Harbour

To Long Harbour		To Ganges	
Monday to Friday			
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1:15	1:25	1:25	1:35
2:50	3:00	3:00	3:10

Saturday

1:40	1:50	1:50	2:00
2:50	3:00	3:00	3:10

5 Fernwood

To Fernwood		To Ganges	
Monday to Saturday			
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NEWSBEAT

LAND USE

Brinkworthy owner seeks action from Trust on strata-titling plan

Trust to consider contracting services to independent planner

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Tri-Star Communities Ltd., the company that owns Brinkworthy Place, wants the Islands Trust to approve hiring of a contract planner to expedite a rezoning application that could see the property converted to a bare-land strata.

"We want to put the wheels in motion," said Richard Cook of the Vancouver-based Jordan, Cook & Associates land-use planning agency that represents Tri-Star Communities on Monday. "We're struggling because we would like to get this

out and talk to the public."

Should trustees approve the application, Tri-Star would pay to have a planner work on the file and speed up the process.

Cook said a favourable decision could mean a public debate on the Brinkworthy Place strata-conversion application within the next several months.

It's a topic that's already stirred up quite a bit of discussion among some residents at the manufactured home complex where a number of senior citizens live.

"This proposal is producing a high degree of stress and anxiety as many long-term residents, myself included, feel they will eventually lose their home," writes a Brinkworthy resident, who chose not to make his or her name public "for

fear of retaliation" in a letter addressed to the Islands Trust.

According to a strata conversion and lot-purchase survey conducted by Tri-Star back in 2008, 67 per cent of respondents said they do not favour strata conversion and would not purchase their property outright in the event that strata conversion is granted.

Roughly 20 per cent of the 91 respondents were in favour of a strata, but were divided as to whether or not they would purchase their lots.

Tri-Star Communities contends that strata titling is intended to prevent "the potential future redevelopment of the property into something other than a manufactured home community."

Brinkworthy residents own their homes but pay rent to use the

lot underneath. Conversion to a bare-land strata would give property owners the option to purchase their lots and continue to have access to communal amenities such as water, sewer, garbage collection services and common areas.

Cook said the company has every intention of giving current owners the opportunity to purchase their lots. Contrary to what some residents believe, Cook said, renters will not be forced to leave the development in the event they do not or cannot purchase their property.

"If you're renting a site right now you will be able to continue to do so," he said.

Any decision to proceed with the rezoning requires a mandatory public hearing and community information meeting.

TRUST COUNCIL

UBCM group supports Trust in protecting southern strait

Trust Council broadens region-wide marine protection strategy

Local government representatives from across British Columbia voted to endorse two initiatives aimed at cleaning up the waters of the southern Strait of Georgia during last week's Union of British Columbia Municipalities conference in Whistler.

The first of these is a resolution calling on the UBCM to petition provincial and federal governments for a protocol that will expedite and ensure removal of derelict and abandoned vessels, barges and docks in the region.

"Up and down the coast the issue of derelict and abandoned vessels, barges and docks continues to plague local governments and harbour authorities in British Columbia," said Sheila Malcolmson, chair of the Islands Trust Council, in a press release following the UBCM conference. "The growing costs of removal and the risks of environmental contamination and visual pollution spurred the Islands Trust and other coastal communities to address this issue."

The resolution, which originated from the Islands Trust

and other coastal governments, seeks government implementation of a vessel registration fee or marine fuel surcharge to fund the removal of derelict vessels, the creation of designated disposal areas, as well as more education and vessel product

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SHEILA MALCOLMSON
 Islands Trust Council chair

stewardship programs such as boat recycling facilities.

The second strait-specific resolution put forward by the Trust calls on provincial and federal governments to develop a National Marine Conservation

Area in the region.

"To protect the rich ecosystems in the southern Strait of Georgia we need a large, ecologically zoned National Marine Conservation Area Reserve that reaches from the southern end of Haro Strait up to and including Gabriola Passage," Malcolmson said.

"This area is incredibly important ecologically, economically and culturally, and it is being harmed by a variety of human activities."

The Trust lent its support to resolutions in support of a legislated ban on off-shore oil and gas exploration and development, opposition to further oil tanker traffic on the north coast and opposition to tar sands oil being shipped in pipelines across northern B.C. for loading onto crude oil tankers.

Trust Council has amended its strategic plan to prioritize protection of the marine environment.

"In addition to continuing to advocate for progress on derelict vessels and the National Marine Conservation Area Reserve, we will also be focusing our advocacy on influencing federal and provincial policies on marine shipping safety and oil spill prevention and response," Malcolmson said.

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NEWSBEAT



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Island Marine Construction finishes the first phase of Centennial dock repair.

CENTENNIAL DOCK

Ganges dock upgraded

Work should be done by the end of the year

The Centennial dock is in the process of getting a much needed lift thanks to some federal government stimulus funding.

Harbour master Robert Kelly said dock users can expect to see a wider access ramp, improved lighting and some fresh planks when work wraps up by the end of the year.

"It'll make life easier for everyone," Kelly said. "It's been a long time since we've done some repairs."

Kelly said work is timed to minimize inconvenience to anybody using the

dock.

In spite of the new look, the overcrowded facility will not be expanded, he said.

More than 100 boats are currently moored at the Centennial dock. Kelly said vacant slips are awarded on a first-come first-served basis.

Expanding the dock's area would mean moving the large breakwater that adjoins Grace Point.

"We would like to expand, but that means more stimulus [funding]," he said. "Right now we are just trying to make things better."

The project is funded by a grant to the small craft harbours division of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber members support governance study AGM motion

Study would offer new answers, says ISG president

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The island's traditionally apolitical Chamber of Commerce took on a decidedly political flair when members meeting at Thursday's AGM voiced unanimous support for a study of governance options for Salt Spring Island.

"The chamber has told me many many times that they are going to remain apolitical and I don't see looking at and visiting our governance through a provincially funded study as being political or not," said Ken Marr, president of Islanders for Self-Government. "Some people think it's political, I believe it is totally apolitical."

ISG is a member-driven organization dedicated to acquiring municipal governance for the island.

Marr told the audience of roughly 50 people on hand for the AGM and subsequent

Chamber of Commerce-sponsored business awards that any governance study must be followed by an island-wide referendum.

Though not everyone in the room raised their hand in support of the motion, nobody spoke in opposition to the proposal or asked that their vote against it be officially recorded in the meeting's minutes.

Marr said a new governance study is needed to update the results of a similar report conducted in 2002, following which islanders rejected via referendum a move to incorporate.

"Many of the questions we receive in 2010 are only answerable in 2002 terms," Marr said. "To make those decisions and have those answers, we need a study."

Marr's motion called on the chamber to pursue and support a government-funded and sanctioned study for local governance on Salt Spring Island.

How far the chamber will get is anyone's guess given that the province has indicated there are no funds for any gov-

ernance studies anywhere in B.C. until early 2012 at the very least.

The government's unequivocal response followed meetings between provincial representatives and locally elected officials from the Islands Trust and Capital Regional District.

Outgoing president Mafalda Hoogerdyk confirmed the chamber's mandate enables it to proceed on the governance motion.

"If this is of interest to the members and the members vote to proceed with this, that's what the board shall do," she said.

A members' decision to support and pursue a provincially funded governance study will be addressed by the chamber's board members at an upcoming meeting.

The Chamber of Commerce's new board members, elected by acclamation at Thursday evening's meeting, are Mike Best, Suzanne Little and Matt Steffich. They join existing members Philip Reece, Clare Cullen, Paul Large, Tim O'Connor, Mike Boizard and Andrew Haigh.

CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

Police issue sales warning

Seniors targeted in solicitations

Salt Spring RCMP have received several complaints about high-pressure telephone solicitations and unsolicited salespeople arriving at local residents' doors.

These visits and phone calls seem to be directed at the senior citizens' community in particular, they say.

A number of residents have described people arriving at their doors trying to sell them a vacuum cleaner. The cost of the equipment has reached as high as nearly \$6,000. In an effort to make the sale, salespeople will offer to take an old vacuum as a trade-in. When completing documents for monthly installment plans, the salespeople reportedly become aggressive, seeking personal information such as banking information or family contacts.

Additionally, RCMP have received

complaints regarding telephone solicitations by a company seeking participation in a survey on the environment and clean air; the surveyor continues by saying that the resident has won a prize — usually a car cleaning kit or a trip — and that the prize will be delivered to their door.

The RCMP recommend not letting strangers into your home, nor providing any personal information whatsoever either in person, or on the telephone, including information related to family members. If a salesperson is in fact legitimate, they should be able to provide a business card or place information in the mail, which the resident may then contact at their convenience regarding their interest in any future purchases.

"Please do not feel obliged to make purchases when high-pressure tactics are used. Please do not be taken in by incredulous offers — if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is," state the RCMP.

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NEWSBEAT

GENDER ISSUES

Best approach to transgender issue is open curiosity: expert

Counsellor illuminates gender experiences

BY MEGHAN HOWCROFT
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR
SECOND OF TWO PARTS

The transgender world can be seen as a kind of “middle place” amongst a society that tends to view things in very binary ways.

The “trans” community is coming of age however, with more people like Jade (whom we met in a Sept. 15 Driftwood story) speaking out to educate the public on what it’s like

to be transgender. Even popular media has jumped on board, with television programs like *Degrassi: The Next Generation* adding transgender storylines.

This burgeoning awareness is good news for Jade, who hopes that deeper understanding will bring about greater acceptance.

Rowan Percy, who began counselling transgender people in the 1980s, found that transgender stories helped her explore her own sense of being transgender. She considers herself a “soft” expression of a transgender person. In a recent interview Rowan explained that she feels it is most important to see herself as a human being first.

“Gender feels very secondary to me,” she said. “Femininity and masculinity are just qualities of self-expression that come and go.”

Rowan believes that many transgender people relate more to the “internal experience of the self” rather than the identities given to them by doctors, family and society at large. “In a way,” she said, “transgender addresses the right of all human beings to see their gender separately from whatever their primary sexual characteristics happen to be. And I believe this gives us a lot of freedom.”

It’s not an easy road, however. There are high rates of suicide amongst transgender people and many experience severe anxiety and depression. Although transgender is still classified as a mental illness by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM), a widely used handbook of mental disorders, it is most often societal opinion that oppresses the individual and subsequently causes their depression and anxiety. Rowan explained that DSM’s psychiatric perspective, along with society’s judgments about gender, make the

path to self-acceptance much more difficult.

Both Jade and Rowan choose to view gender on a spectrum and regard it as something fluid rather than a strict binary division. While they agree that categorizing things (and people) as male or female is certainly legitimate, their feeling is that these labels shouldn’t be used to restrict us, or our view of the world.

Although, when Jade listed her personality traits and characteristics (perhaps in an attempt to legitimize her internal identity), I couldn’t help but notice she mentioned being interested in clothing and fashion, being good

ninity?

While Jade chooses to lean on physiological explanations and scientific studies for why she is the way she is (citing genetics and extra chromosomes), Rowan prefers not to rely solely on biological rationales. “These explanations can be used by people on either side of the discussion,” she offered. “I prefer to emphasize the importance of the individual’s personal experience and choices.”

“Each human being knows for themselves who they are and has the right to express themselves in the world accordingly. We shouldn’t need scientific studies to make that OK.”

The most significant hurdle that transgender people usually have to overcome is dealing with a lack of support from friends and family. Rowan believes that having even five or six core people in their life who are open, loving and supportive can make a world of difference.

The best way for family and friends to do this is to educate and seek support for themselves. Salt Spring has wonderful resources in PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) and GLOSSI, whose mission statement speaks to inclusion for transgender people.

What seems to be of the utmost importance is a willingness to listen to people outside of our own personal experience and to not assume we know better than them.

It is best to approach the transgender subject with open curiosity and by acknowledging that each individual knows what is best for him or her.

As Rowan stressed, “People are fascinated by this topic and my guess is that it’s because all of us understand that our ‘human-ness’ is bigger than either our masculinity or our femininity.”

“Each human being knows for themselves who they are and has the right to express themselves in the world accordingly.”

ROWAN PERCY
Counsellor

with children, having mostly women friends, having long hair, and being sensitive, as if these were proof of being female.

What is interesting is that in today’s society we can all find numerous examples of women who subscribe to none of these traditional and somewhat stereotypical traits and characteristics. As Rowan pointed out, there is no single definition, trait or characteristic of masculinity or femininity that is universally common across all cultures throughout history. It makes one wonder, what exactly is masculinity and femi-



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HEALTH

Talk probes connection between smoking, vision

The Salt Spring chapter of Probus International welcomes yet another intriguing and knowledgeable island speaker on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

Dr. Ian Chisholm earned an international reputation for his work as an ophthalmologist in Canada and Scotland. The focus of his lecture at next week’s Probus meeting will be about smoking’s little-known

effects on vision.

Chisholm has published an extensive array of scientific articles on a wide spectrum of vision-related topics during his career.

Chisholm’s talk is on Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 10 a.m. in Meaden Hall.

For more information about the club, contact Hartwig at 250-537-2348. of these presentations,” he said in a recent interview.

NEWSBEAT



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

POINTING OUT THE PARK: A Parks Canada team visited Salt Spring on Saturday to raise awareness of the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve. The open house event at ArtSpring also marked 125 years of national parks existing in Canada. There are 42 national parks and national park reserves in Canada.

ENVIRONMENT

Salt Spring goes nuts to plant 10/10/10 event this Sunday

Symbolic planting at island parks

The single largest day of carbon-cutting action in the planet's history is set to take place this Sunday with the 10/10/10 Global Work Party coordinated by 350.org.

Press material explains communities around the world will gather to express their concern about climate change by undertaking local projects that will help reduce CO2 buildup in the atmosphere.

Over 7,000 events are expected to take place

in 180 countries.

On Salt Spring, faith groups, service clubs, environmental groups, cyclists and people of all ages will be meeting at Centennial Park at noon. The event is expected to include words of wisdom, banners and the planting of nut trees.

Nut trees will be planted in both Centennial Park and Mouat Park as part of the Transition Salt Spring initiative called the Nut Capital of Canada in More Ways Than One Project. The trees are being supplied by Seven Ravens Tree Nursery. Salt Spring Air, through its carbon offset program,

is the main sponsor. There will be about 50 nut trees available for sale in Centennial Park. Transition Salt Spring will have more nut trees available in November and many more in the spring.

"The planting of the nut trees is both a symbolic gesture and an important long-term project aiming at increasing the resilience of Salt Spring to future upheavals caused by climate change or other factors," press material states.

"Nuts provide protein and oils for both people and critters, and the trees remove CO2 from the atmosphere.

The more nut trees we plant, the more resilient our community will become."

All of Salt Spring is invited to join the gathering, rain or shine. People are urged to car-pool or ride their bikes. Groups of bikers will leave the Fulford Inn at 10:45 and the Fritz Cinema at 11:30 a.m. to meet in Centennial Park at noon. Banners are encouraged.

For more information on the global 10/10/10 event, go to www.350.org. For more information on the Salt Spring event, or to sign up for future distributions of nut trees, go to www.transition-saltspring.ning.com.

Who reads us?

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SELF-DEVELOPMENT

New book study/support group looks at Women, Food and God

Library meetings start on Oct. 18

A combination book study and facilitated support group based on Geneen Roth's book *Women, Food And God* will be held Monday evenings at the Salt Spring Public Library beginning Oct. 18.

The group, organized and facilitated by certified addictions counsellor Helani Davison, will discuss how society is plagued by a myriad of issues surrounding food, weight, health and body image.

"Few resources are available to address this problem," press material explains.

"Roth offers help for anyone who eats too much, too little or obsesses over food. Her work is

described as a hugely important life-changer, one that will free untold women from the tyranny of fear and hopelessness around their bodies.

"Many women like Roth have been dangerously overweight or underweight; plagued with feelings of shame and self-hatred. The short-lived euphoria of quick weight loss due to fad diets is no longer an option. More is required."

Using *Women, Food and God* as a guide, group participants will move into the realm of spirit and soul for deep and permanent change. Through personal examination, women share their feelings and experiences. Facilitated discussions help to uncover the fears and core beliefs that drive

individuals.

"Mirroring helps us see parts of ourselves we cannot see on our own," Davison said. "Sharing a common bond with compassion and encouragement can be truly empowering. We find the freedom and fulfillment we truly long for. To attempt to do this work alone is very difficult, if not impossible."

The group runs every Monday from Oct. 18 to Nov. 22, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the library. Participants must register in advance and obtain a copy of *Women, Food and God*. The group is limited to 12 members and requires a one-time registration fee of \$50.

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EDITORIAL

Island visionaries

The recent passing of three much-respected Salt Spring elders — Tom Wright, Pat Byrne and Maggie Schubart — reminds us of the importance strong and sane voices play in our and any community.

Without them, it's hard to imagine where we'd all be headed.

At a time when so many people have become disheartened with the bombast of modern politics, it's critical to step back and take a moment to acknowledge the decency that our island's doyens bring to the stage of island life.

Pat Byrne took on one of the most challenging roles in our community — that of islands trustee — as did his wife Grace. Byrne was always tough but diplomatic and did not burn his bridges.

When it came to the debate about where to put the new library, the Byrnes held an opposite view to most on the library board, but it didn't stop them from supporting the institution they loved. Pat Byrne served as chair of the Friends of the Library group until 2009.

THE ISSUE:
Community contributors

WE SAY:
Passing elders offer valuable lessons

Tom Wright was a passionate voice for environmental protection, social justice and island history.

A geologist, he always made a point to use lessons from the past and from science to seek a better understanding of what the future had to offer. Most recently, Wright was outspoken in his effort to curtail the gradual transfer of services from the Lady Minto Hospital to off-island hospitals.

Before Maggie Schubart and her husband Hank moved to the island back in 1968, the couple was active in protests against the war in Vietnam and civil rights campaigns.

Schubart's enthusiasm for human dignity and respect found fertile ground on Salt Spring Island. Her work included areas of food security, affordable housing and, as always, global peace and justice. She was also the gracious, long-time host of Voice of Women for Peace meetings.

Each of these iconic islanders contributed their experience, knowledge and intelligence to help create the vibrant and outspoken island community we all enjoy today.

Hopefully each can live on to inspire another generation of elder statespersons who aren't afraid to live, learn and lead the way.



Police experience still dismays

BY DEREK HILL

I am the fellow who has been robbed three times now from the water and have had no satisfaction from our local RCMP. ("Theft victim frustrated with marine law enforcement," Sept. 22 Driftwood.)

The last case was the theft of my 10.5-foot inflatable dinghy with its 15-hp yellow striped motor several weeks ago from my dock near to Vesuvius.

In each case the RCMP come dressed in their bullet-proof vests armed to the teeth, but other than taking information, in words and action have shown me that they do nothing. I have consulted a large boat insurance company to try and get them to lean on the authorities, only to be told the same story: "the police do nothing." I was told that since the thefts occurred on the water, that even though the police have an inflatable boat and motor on a trailer that they would not launch it to search or question potential thieves. So living on an island we are surrounded by a vast lawless area that the police do nothing to control or even to deter lawless theft.

In the case of my three robberies I have gone by boat to Crofton, Thetis Island, Nanaimo, Maple Bay seeking information. I was told repeatedly to "go to Ladysmith." I found my dinghy in Ladysmith. The RCMP in Ladysmith had seen the dinghy as reported from the shore only, but had the local marina tow it to their dock. My motor had my name and phone number engraved in three places and an ugly six-inch-wide yellow stripe painted on it. After I contacted the marina, they phoned me. There was no description or the picture I had given our local police sent to anywhere, even though I had requested repeatedly that this information be sent to all the nearby communities. How difficult or time consuming can this be by email, considering time was critical before my dinghy was whisked off to points unknown? It wasn't even put on the standard police theft list

VIEWPOINT

as they "didn't have the serial number." I had explained that on new motors it is only an easily removed sticker and that my name and phone number were engraved on it. Your reporter told the police about a stolen boats.ca site that they had never heard of.

To my mind this is very poor communication even amongst the police force themselves, and certainly not using simple communications like email to rapidly share information.

To not have the facility or more importantly the inclination to investigate and question people on follow-up leads because they are on the water that surrounds us is patently ridiculous. I requested the RCMP to ask the marine police to question boats in Ladysmith, if only as a deterrent, but was told if and when they came by perhaps they would ask them.

I was also told that I needed to install alarms, cameras and more secure anti-theft devices as I was inviting theft "much like vegetable stands using the honour system." I responded that we shouldn't have to live in a cage and have all we own under lock and key because the police can do nothing to thwart these water-borne thieves. Society should be the way we believe it should be, not as a response to lawlessness. Criminal action must be stopped, not ignored.

Having been a municipal councillor in a small ski town with our own police force, I know that we were able to direct our peace officers in the direction we as a community wanted — not to accept some blanket directive to ignore thefts from the water issued from Ottawa.

This is yet another reason why we as a community need to control our own island, not have some bureaucrat off island use our high taxes to fund their decisions as opposed to ours.

The writer is a Chu An Drive resident.

Criminal action must be stopped, not ignored.

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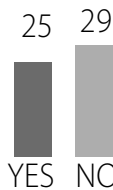
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"Building capacity is more than just making sure there is enough food in the food bank."

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SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What is the biggest fire hazard on the island?

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RACHEL MCLAUGHLIN
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DOMINIQUE GAUDET
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CODI MCININCH
Hairspray.

BEN WIEBE
Cigarette butts or ruthless "narshredders" seeking their inner flame.

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Who watches the watchers?

I attended the Islands Trust's LTC meeting on Sept. 2.

To my amazement the local Trust committee was being asked to grant themselves another temporary industrial/commercial use permit. They granted one permit with a renewal, then they issued themselves a new TUP and now this is their second renewal. You see, the Islands Trust office doesn't have the right zoning to allow for the offices of the Trust. The LTC gets to issue themselves a permit to exist.

At the meeting I spoke to this permit and asked the LTC to hold the Trust to the same bar as the rest of the common folk on the island and find themselves the

appropriately zoned land to house their business. I asked that before they continue with taking me to court over my land use issue that they should first resolve their own outstanding issue. I find it to be fundamentally wrong for them to be taking me to Supreme Court when they themselves have zoning issues.

But more to the point, the LTC needs to start looking at creating some new zoned land that would allow for some commercial and industrial expansion. As it stands there is no place for them to go, and for me there is no zoning in their bylaw that fits my business perfectly and trust me when I say that it needs to be the perfect fit or nothing with the Islands Trust. I have prepared a map that would allow for some expansion as well as add some much-

needed affordable housing and agro-industrial land for an abattoir and topsoil production or maybe some intensive agriculture. Our community has outgrown the existing zoned land base for commerce, industry and affordable housing. The status quo form of land management will no longer do. We need to look at this in a new light. My map can be viewed at <http://173.83.106.88/pdf/proposedsolution%20solution.pdf> and if you would like to know what the uses are for the various designations, these can be viewed on the Salt Spring page of the Islands Trust website.

It is time we made a proactive move forward before we lose any more island-grown businesses.

JOHN QUESNEL,
SALT SPRING

Evidence contradicts B&B stance

Has the Islands Trust overstepped its bounds regarding B&B operations?

I have one question for the Islands Trust. "Where does it say in the Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw 355 that B&B accommodation cannot have a kitchen?"

It doesn't. Nowhere. We have read and searched the entire OCP and bylaws and found nothing that mentions not being allowed a kitchen.

In particular, it specifically says a seasonal cottage may be used both 1) for a home-based business and 2) as a B&B operation. Seasonal cottages usually have kitchens.

In addition, it also states

in the bylaws that accessory buildings other than a seasonal cottage may not have a kitchen — which is another way of saying seasonal cottages can have kitchens.

Confused? I am.

What is the Islands Trust trying to achieve here?

Is the Islands Trust misrepresenting or misunderstanding its own bylaws, while fellow islanders are afraid for their livelihoods and being threatened with \$5,000-a-day fines?

The Trust's director of local planning services Mac Fraser is quoted as saying, "When people decide to operate a B&B inside a seasonal cottage, they have to follow additional rules." Who says? Because the OCP and bylaws don't. Anywhere. Is the Islands Trust undemocratically adding "rules"

off their own backs? If this is permissible, what comes next?

Up until recently I have been in support of the Islands Trust and its preserve and protect mandate. This latest incident has left me genuinely questioning both the Trust's agenda and our democratic process.

So again, I ask the Islands Trust to show us where it says in the bylaws that B&Bs cannot have kitchens. Because all the evidence in the Islands Trust own OCP and bylaws — especially with regards to seasonal cottages — actually and literally says the opposite.

EMMA-LOUISE ELSEY,
SALT SPRING

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Giddy about bike lanes and for good reason

The decision to ride my bike to work is entirely whether related. It's whether I feel lucky that day. I do all the right things: I wear embarrassingly loud biking clothes, regulation helmet and bright flashing lights. Still, it's a crap shoot whether I will make it downtown in one piece. I always carry ID . . . and dental records.

The bike trip into North End Fitness from the end of Maliview is now second nature. It starts with the continuous rumble strip of Maliview Drive that somehow is defined as "pavement," but is more or less a network of bad patch jobs. God knows when the last time this road was actually paved. And here's a note to the Highways boys — there is a lovely new pothole the size of a Volkswagen on Whims Road as you head down to the North End Road intersection. Last year I hit one of these so hard it snapped the spokes in my front wheel and I came this close to doing a nose plant into the ditch.

But things don't get really dicey until the Portlock Park intersection, where the traffic from the Vesuvius ferry and the entire north end of the island converge, all heading into town. Adjacent to the Portlock playing fields is an actual shoulder, installed with great fanfare a few years ago as the first step in the creation of a bike path. That soon ends (as did the initiative), leaving the cyclist to fend for himself, facing a narrow two-lane road populated with everything from Smart cars to cement trucks hurtling past.

Coming around the corner is the walkway

that parallels the road from the SPCA office to Country Grocer. Not meant for bikes. Loose gravel and road bikes are not a good mix, and the path is not wide enough to accommodate both pedestrian and bike travel. So it's the road. Just past the BC Hydro Building is where my friend Ron got nailed riding his bike home a few years ago — a hit and run that left him physically and psychologically savaged for months.

All Salt Springers have a bike story. Two years ago I witnessed a nice young boy biking with his mom on Walker's Hook. I witnessed him getting blown off his shiny new bike and into the ditch, caused by a giant (local) cube van passing way too close, going way too fast. I am sure the kid is still traumatized.

Driftwood staffer Susan Lundy's daughter ended up in hospital after a truck turning left onto Beddis Road smacked into her as she was coming down the Ganges Hill. Sierra had a pretty good shot at making the Canadian women's soccer team in the future. Six fractures, two hours in surgery . . . she hasn't ridden a bike since. I now see her limping around North End Fitness, still in rehab. These accidents change people's lives.

From Foxglove, the morning bicycle commute to Ganges is a Snakes and Lad-


Peter Vincent

HEAD TO HEAD

ders game of dodging cars and trucks, as Dagwood's, the Country Grocer stores and all the other businesses come alive. All in all, it's a 25-minute roller coaster ride of hills and valleys, of coffee slurping, honking, tailgating, texting, oblivious drivers screaming by just inches from my left shoulder.

My dogs gaze balefully at me as I mount up each morning to test my luck. In my best Chief Dan George voice, I reassure them that "it is a good day to die, my friends."

Island Pathways, our Parks and Recreation Commission, the CRD, the provincial government, even BC Ferries all seem quite giddy about the idea of bike lanes on Salt Spring Island, and according to the recent studies and surveys, 70 per cent of respondents supported the construction of bike lanes. I am assuming that the Islands Trust, given their off-the-charts greenhouse gas reduction targets, would also love to see legions of cycling commuters.

Brenda Guiled of the Salt Spring Island Bicycle Working Group quite rightly points out that if there was a dedicated bike lane from Fulford Harbour to Vesuvius, Salt Spring Island would become a world-class cycling destination, bringing green tourists from all corners of the globe. Nobody comes to Salt Spring because of the indoor pool, but you can bet thousands would be

enticed to spend the weekend cycling on this rock. If it was safe.

In the interest of fair and balanced journalism, last week I biked from Ganges to Fulford Harbour, looping up to Stewart Road, along Beddis and back to Ganges. I thought my regular commute was chancy, but the Fulford run is downright dangerous with its narrow roads, zero shoulders and traffic, traffic, traffic. It's nothing I want to do again.

There is little Salt Spring can do about the rainy season or the hernia-inducing hills. But we can and need to do something about the basic safety issue. Until something happens, how can we in good conscience tout this island as an idyllic, pastoral bike romp through verdant valleys, as BC Ferries is currently doing? Cycling tourists should remember the sea air and the country roads, not the ambulance ride to Lady Minto Hospital.

The Bicycle Working Group is sponsoring a forum/fair on Nov. 27 from noon till 4 p.m. at the Fulford Hall. It seems all the stars are in alignment for some actual movement on the bicycling future on this island.

You can learn more about it by visiting their website at <http://ssi-bicyclerworkinggroup.blogspot.com/>. I encourage everyone to come down to Fulford Hall to participate. But leave your bike at home. It's way too dangerous.

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OPINION

Cutting to the chase while flying around with those carbon offsets



Judi Stevenson

MY YEAR OF CHANGING CLIMATICALLY

started by looking into the details of their program.

Air Canada works with a company in Vancouver that goes by the handy name of Offsetters. Founded in 2005 by two professors from UBC, Offsetters describes itself as being a “premier provider of high quality solutions for individuals and organizations seeking to reduce their climate impact.” Their website provides readable information about how air travel contributes to greenhouse gas emissions, how carbon offsets can help and how good their particular compensation program is.

All in all, I think offsetting is a brilliant idea.

For example, Offsetters reassured me that the projects they send money to are “verified by third parties as generating additional, permanent reductions in the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere.” This is exactly what I want to hear, given what I know about past problems with the first generation of offset companies.

Fine, I thought, after scanning their voluminous website. Let’s cut to the chase: how much will it cost me to do this for my flights? (What I’m wondering is: just how much will it hurt my pocketbook to do the right thing?)

Want to take a guess? Well, my air travel to Ottawa and back, via Toronto — just my own personal portion of the flights I was on — produced a disturbing 1.47

tonnes of carbon and other emissions. Offsetters offered three price levels for payment, based on the kind and location of projects getting the money and the way they are assessed. The gold standard (the highest) would cost \$44.08. Whew, not too bad.

I was ready to go with this, but then I decided to check the Suzuki Foundation website for its recommendations. Offsetters was not on the list, for whatever reason. So I checked out one of the Suzuki picks, a company called Planetair.

Planetair is the Canadian partner of a Swiss non-profit organization called *myclimate* which claims very high standards and practices for the development and monitoring of the projects to which they direct the funds contributed by fliers. I read through more voluminous details and found more good answers to the hard questions about effectiveness.

Both companies seemed credible to me. But in the end, I decided to go with Planetair, even though its highest payment level cost me a bit more: \$53.52.

I appreciated the company’s explanation of its costs and the certification process it goes through, part of which involves the UN and the Kyoto Protocol. I liked its stress on renewable energy and energy-efficiency projects. And I particularly liked its priority on projects in the developing world since those countries are least able to afford their own transition to clean energy. (Offsetters includes Canadian projects in their roster, which some people like better.)

All in all, I think offsetting is a brilliant idea. Given that I am going to get on a plane once in a while, I want to be able to pay for the damage I’m doing. Yes, my share is only a tiny fraction of the total damage done by that plane, let alone by all planes — 500,000 of the things are in the air at any one time, I’m told. But big ideas generally start small, and I definitely want to help this one grow.

One idea that is under discussion in B.C. is the possibility of paying offset money to land conservancies to protect forested land where carbon is stored in trees. Some people argue this wouldn’t pass the “permanence” test (trees die) — but at least it would buy us time to fight climate chaos in other ways.

You can read the case on the website of the Land Trust Alliance of B.C.: see Conservation Offsets by Briony Penn at www.landtrustalliance.bc.ca.

Last month, the challenge I set myself was to reduce my carbon footprint from personal travel — not the kilometres I log every week by car, though that is one of the elephants in the room I guess. No, I decided to take on air travel.

Since I was flying to Ontario for “Christmas” (yes, really, in September), the challenge I set was to investigate carbon offsets as way of cancelling out my share of the greenhouse gases spewed out by the planes I would be flying in. I did some basic research last month and satisfied myself that offsetting can be a valid and valuable way of reducing climate impacts.

But then I heard from a lot of people who have doubts or think it’s a sham, so I decided to revisit the issue this month.

What exactly is carbon offsetting? Well, as an idea, it’s pretty simple, though it gets more complicated when it comes to the details of how it is done.

Fundamentally, offsetting is a form of compensation by individuals or businesses for the carbon emissions we produce. For me, it’s a way of calculating how much carbon I am responsible for when fossil fuel is burned so that I can do something like fly across Canada, and how much I need to pay to prevent an equivalent amount of carbon from being emitted elsewhere.

It works like this: first I pick an offsetting company I can trust (that’s the tricky part). Then I calculate the cost of my emissions (easy to do online). Then the company takes my money and directs it to let’s say a big greenhouse farm operation in the Fraser Valley. My money helps the farm convert its heating and cooling system to a low-emissions technology that it couldn’t afford otherwise. Or maybe my money is directed to a village in sub-Saharan Africa so that nasty charcoal-burning stoves can be replaced by small solar-powered ones. And so on.

Frankly, I love this idea. Of course, the devil is in the details. How are the calculations done? How are the projects chosen to get my money? Who makes sure that they are doing what they claim, that I’m getting what I pay for and that there is actually a reduction in greenhouse gases?

The key, I figure, is picking a proven company with well-chosen projects and third-party performance monitoring. Since Air Canada offered me the option of buying offsets when I booked my flight, I

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STVR questions

Could someone please enlighten me as to why it became wrong to have paying guests stay in a zoned guest cottage for a short period of time?

I can see no good reason for this bylaw, unless people do not want Salt Spring Island to be a vacation destination. This island has a mainly tourist-based economy and by not allowing STVRs (be it self-catered B&B or short-term cottage rental) you cut off a large portion of our island’s guests, especially young families, or those guests with animals.

Another question: why is every five-acre-plus property advertised as “house and guest cottage allowed” — just so the cottage can sit there empty and waiting for the odd guest who needs their very own building? Or is this a question of finding the answer to the long-term/low-income housing rental situation? As I can see the need for

this, I personally do not want to be a landlord or have someone drawing on my well 365 days of the year. As it stands, there aren’t enough cottages available for rent on this island in the busy part of the tourist season.

Also I’d like to point out how ridiculous it would be to have rural residential properties rezoned to “commercial” — as if! I also happen to know guests who rent out STVRs do go out to restaurants.

If you are opposed to a full-time resident of Salt Spring Island renting out their guest cottage on their property for short-term periods, could you please explain why?

**SHERIDAN CASS,
SALT SPRING**

Do the drill

As British Columbia’s representative to the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs, I am proud to acknowledge the efforts of fire departments and elementary schools across the province during Fire Prevention Week from Oct. 3 to 9.

I’m appealing to all parents to support your youngsters when they come home excited to help make your home more fire safe

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Whole community plays role to ensure best care for animals

BY BRANDY GLOVKA

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

Mahatma Gandhi's quote may be overused, but it remains true. How do you think we're doing here on Salt Spring Island — a community that prides itself on adherence to peace, love and caring? My question is prompted by calls I receive at the Salt Spring Island SPCA Branch, asking why we don't do more to make pet guardians take better care of their animals.

Leaving the "nation" part out of it, let's just take an honest look at Salt Spring Island's approach to caring for animals. There is a bare minimum of care that must be legally provided for animals; then there is the standard of care that constitutes good animal welfare, and there is a heck of a big grey area in between. And fellow Salt Spring residents, I've got to tell you that I see plenty in the grey area every single day.

Examples? It's legal to not spay or neuter your pet. It's legal to give kittens away for free. Surrendering your eight-year-old cat to a shelter because you want to travel? Perfectly legal.

Not walking your dog because he "gets enough exercise running around the yard" ... also legal. Ear cropping, tail docking, backyard breeding, de-clawing, not vac-

INDEPTH

inating? You guessed it — legal. Just because someone does not beat their animal or withhold basic care like food, water or shelter, does this make it alright?

So people call the SPCA, and say "Why can't you do something?" Good question. Well, it could be that this donor-supported, non-government animal welfare organization has its hands more than full trying to deal with the things that actually are illegal.

More examples? It is not legal to leave your dog on a tether. It is not legal to move away and leave your cat behind. It's not legal to not provide food, water, and appropriate shelter, be it for a dog, cat, horse or chicken. Leaving your dog in a hot car — illegal. Driving with your dog in the back of your truck — against the law. Withholding veterinary care — even if you "can't afford it" is illegal.

This is in addition to trying to shelter and re-home all of the unwanted animals we receive. I believe I can speak for anyone in my line of work, that we would love to do something about it (and we do, through our advocacy and humane education work), but the simple truth is we cannot do it all. Although I work for the BC SPCA, and spend most of my waking life trying to figure out how to make it better, there is one

of me (plus a dozen or so volunteers) on this island, and 10,000 of you.

If you love animals, you cannot stand by and say and do nothing if you see a friend, a coworker or a relative treating animals poorly. If it bugs you that your neighbour took a box of kittens to Fulford and gave them away, you can call me, but there is honestly not much I can do about it. I can talk about pet overpopulation until I'm blue in the face, but many are unwilling or unable to hear this from me — but they may listen to you. It's hard to stand up for what is right. It's uncomfortable and scary and some people won't like it — trust me on this. Someone may tell you to mind your own business; but if you really care about animals, it is your business. It's all our business.

I am guessing that people who care and want to see change are the majority, but as long as those of us who actually stand up for it remain the minority, little will change. Supporting organizations like the BC SPCA does make a difference, because we are on the front line every day, trying to make changes. But it can't be left to us alone.

Gandhi had another quote: "Be the change you want to see in the world."

The writer is manager of the Salt Spring branch of the BC SPCA.

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Sidewalk caution

Walkers and runners should take extra care around the site of the new sidewalk at the Mid Island Co-op gas bar (corner of Jackson Avenue and Rainbow Road).

Last week I was with a group of runners who were jogging along the side of the road on Jackson Avenue. The curb of the sidewalk along this entire section is level and integrates seamlessly with the adjacent pavement. However, once you go around the corner onto Rainbow

Road, the pavement suddenly drops away by two inches, leaving the curb jutting into the air. One instant I was running on level ground and the next instant I was tumbling onto the road, badly spraining my right ankle in the process. My left foot had glanced off the raised curb, causing me to fall.

I am concerned that others may fall, too, as this section of road is near both the schools and town centre. Please take extra care on the Rainbow Road section of the new sidewalk.

I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to the gas bar employee (a former Search and Rescue

volunteer), who came rushing out of the store to help me after I fell.

**J. DICKIE,
SALT SPRING**

Award thanks

While winging my way to Mariposa in Ontario to cook for their 10th anniversary last Thursday, Bruce's Kitchen was presented with the Small Business of the Year Award.

When my staff member Kelly gave me the news I was thrilled. There are many people who I wish I could thank in person (and indeed will). Among them are our investors who helped me when I had the opportunity to pur-

chase the business from Matt, our fabulous staff (both past and present) and the community members who support us on a daily basis by coming into the shop.

Susan and Julia from Moonstruck Organic Cheese have also been very supportive and helpful. And of course without the beautiful produce, cheese and assorted ducks, chickens, cows (and others) from the farmers and artisans on the island, we would not be able to do what we do.

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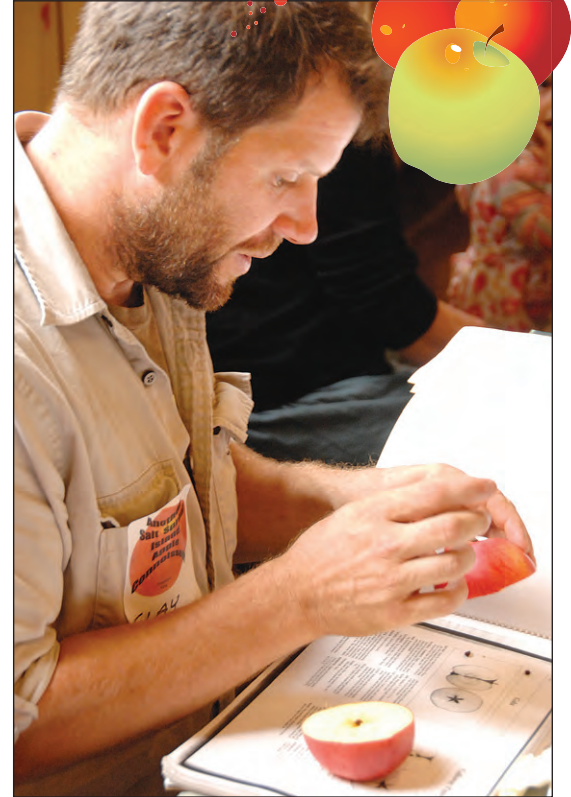
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Above, Christoph Weeks reads about an apple tree for youngsters as part of Sunday's apple festival. The theme of the event was Kids and Apples: a Magical Combination. At right, Clay Whitney, an apple expert from Sooke, tries to identify a mysterious apple variety. **PHOTOS BY DERRICK LUNDY**



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Kaliya and Malaya Hart-Weller sample apples at Apple Luscious Organic Orchard, which was one of the tour spots participating in the 12th annual Salt Spring Apple Festival.

LOCAVORE EVENT

Local foods and thoughts dissected

Reservations recommended for Oct. 9 event

Local organic vegetables, fruit, cheeses, eggs, seafood caught nearby, and Salt Spring raised lamb and chicken, as well as Salt Spring wine and beers will be featured at a locavore dinner at Meaden Hall on

Saturday, Oct. 9.

Doors for the event open at 3:30 p.m., with dinner served at 5 p.m.

Suppliers include Sandy Robley, Foxglove, Indigo and Duck Creek farms, Harry Burton, Adam Gold, Ropy Fishing, the Fishery, and Salt Spring and Moonstruck cheeses.

Happy hour offerings will include lox, crab and shrimp, bread and crack-

ers made from Metchosin-grown wheat, as well as local cheese. Dinner will include variety of vegetable dishes and salad, butterflied, broil-roasted chicken with local herbs, a navarin printanier (French lamb stew), salmon and hard-boiled eggs.

The sponsoring NDP Club says it will "cheat a little" but "the cooks are trying to keep the meal at least 95 per cent Salt Spring raised, grown or fished."

The charge for the dinner is by donation with a suggested amount of \$25. If people can put together a table of 10, that drops to \$20 per person. Chil-

dren's meals cost half price.

Guest speakers are Bruce Wood, well-known local chef and raconteur, and Gary Holman, Salt Spring's former CRD director and NDP candidate in the last provincial election. Holman will talk about the importance of food security, the restoration of the family farm and the need to preserve our wild fisheries.

Michael Byers will serve as emcee.

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FOREST PRESERVATION

Ancient Forest Alliance seeks support

Slide show event runs tonight, Oct. 6

Co-founders of the newly formed Ancient Forest Alliance Ken Wu and TJ Watt will host an informative and inspiring slideshow featuring spectacular photographs of Canada's largest trees tonight, Wednesday, Oct. 6.

The presentation by Wu and Watt will include discussion of the stunning ecology and complex politics surrounding B.C.'s old-growth forests and forestry jobs, and slides of the Red Creek Fir, San Juan Spruce, Cheewat Cedar and the newly discovered and threatened Avatar Grove. It will be held at Central Hall from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 6.

Admission is by donation. "Time is running out for our endangered old-growth forests and B.C.'s

coastal forestry jobs," said AFA campaign director Wu in a press release. "Salt Spring Island is famous as a hub of environmental consciousness — it may very well have the highest density of tree-huggers in North America! It's a key place for us to build support and expand the campaign to protect our ancient forests, ensure sustainable second-growth forestry, and to ban raw log exports to foreign mills."

The AFA says that to date, about 75 per cent of Vancouver Island's productive old growth forest has been logged according to satellite photos, including 90 per cent of the flat valley bottoms, while only six per cent of its original, productive old-growth forests are protected in parks. Meanwhile thousands of forestry jobs are being lost as millions of cubic meters of raw logs are exported each year to foreign mills.



Tree in the Upper Avatar Grove on Vancouver Island, an area the AFA is trying to protect.

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Visiting expert speaks on bioidentical hormones

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Dr. Rishi Verma, an expert on bioidentical hormones, will give a talk on natural hormone replacement therapy sponsored by Lali Formaggia of Natura Medica Health Clinic on Thursday, Oct. 14.

According to press material, Verma obtained his bachelor's degree in human physiology followed by his medical degree from the University

of Saskatchewan. "He was quickly recognized as a leader amongst his peers and was awarded the chief residency of family medicine at the University of Manitoba," the press release states.

"Inspired by an enthusiasm to improve patient quality of life by optimizing body functionality, Dr. Verma sought a deeper understanding of age-related degeneration. He turned to the nation's leading educational institutions, including the American Col-

lege for the Advancement of Medicine and the American Academy for Anti-Aging Medicine. He began practising family and emergency medicine for many years before discovering his true passion for integrative medicine."

Bioidentical hormone therapy, or natural hormone therapy, refers to the use of hormones that are molecularly identical to endogenous hormones. Bioidentical hormones are made from botanical plants.

Common patient conditions addressed by the therapy include menopause, perimenopause, andropause, erectile dysfunction, adrenal fatigue, subclinical hypothyroidism, type II diabetes and metabolic syndrome, PMS, endometriosis, fibroids, fibrocystic breasts and ovarian cysts.

The talk is at Still Point Studio at 7 p.m. Please RSVP to Natura Medica (250-537-2202) or info@balancemedical.ca to reserve a seat.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Library gets French donation

Books for adults now in circulation

Salt Spring's adult Francophiles and Francophones can now borrow French books from the island's library, thanks to a generous donation by Irene Wright.

According to the library, Wright's mother started the collection as she taught French for many years in the Vancouver school system. Wright herself taught French at Gulf Islands Secondary School and continued to augment the collection now at the library.

"This substantial collection was offered to

the library in the spring and is now being catalogued and ready for circulation," explains a library press release.

"All readers of French are cordially invited to visit this new section of the library."

Salt Spring's library has had a collection of children's French books for a number of years.

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Fifth annual Salt Spring Business Awards spread much-deserved honours far and wide

The cream of the island's business crop were saluted at the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce's fifth annual local business awards at ArtSpring on Thursday evening.

"I think the awards are very important because it does bring us together as a group," said John Dolman, the evening's emcee.

"We have to realize that we need each other. It's sort of like that old saying that no man is an island but, here, it's like no business is Salt Spring, together we are one.

"We need each other's support and we need to be on the same page."

About 50 people were on hand to celebrate 2010's winners at the ceremony that followed the Chamber of Commerce's annual general meeting.

Awards were presented to winners in nine distinct categories.

Winners were selected by an independent panel of judges representing various sectors of the island.

THIS YEAR'S WINNERS ARE:

Citizen of the Year:
BRIAN FINNEMORE

Agriculture/Farm Business of the Year:
FOXGLOVE FARM
(Michael Ableman)

Market Vendor of the Year:
SALT SPRING SAVOURIES
(Elizabeth Buchanan)

Business of the Year
(more than 8 employees):
MOBY'S OYSTER BAR AND MARINE GRILL
(Robert Steinbach)

Business of the Year
(fewer than 8 employees):
BRUCE'S KITCHEN
(Bruce Woods)

Business Ambassador of the Year:
SALT SPRING COMMUNITY LIST
(Suzanne Little and Christopher Roy)

New Business of the Year:
SALT SPRING MID-ISLAND CO-OP GAS

Green Business of the Year:
IMAGINE THAT GRAPHICS
(Tina Kempling)

Building or Construction Trades of the Year:
POLARIS PLUMBING (Rick Traer)

Read about each category, winner and nominees in the following pages.



Robert Steinbach behind the bar at Moby's Oyster Bar and Marine Grill.

Business of the Year - OVER 8 EMPLOYEES -

The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Year Award is awarded to the island-based business that demonstrates sound business practices, leadership, involvement in the community and exceptional employee relations.

During his acceptance speech, Moby's owner Robert Steinbach said the recognition of fellow business owners on the island is a real honour.

"We're having a lot of fun at Moby's these days," Steinbach said.

"It's all about how hard everybody works day in and day out to give you an exceptional Moby's experience. We are eternally grateful to the community for coming back to Moby's."

The chamber's panel of judges determined that Moby's level of community involvement, excellent business practices, commitment to safety, above-par customer service relations and great all-around working environment helped it top the category's 15 other nominees.

Those included Salt Spring Inn, Barb's Buns, Salt Spring Air, Island Savings Credit Union, Mouat's Hardware, Salt Spring's Finest Natural Water, Pharmasave, Choices Clothing, Windsor Plywood, Market Place Café, Salt Spring Coffee, Country Grocer, Raven Street Café, Island Escapades and the Tree House Café.

The Business of the Year award is sponsored by Mouat's Trading.

Green Business of the Year

Imagine That Graphics completed its remarkable comeback from the ashes (literally) by winning this year's Green Business of the Year Award.

On an island known for its many environmentally friendly initiatives and endeavours, Imagine That Graphics was selected because of its commitment to green principles in the printing and graphic design sector.

The company relies exclusively on green power, uses 100 per cent recycled papers and is committed to boosting its EnerGuide rating to above 80 in the coming year.

Tina Kempling, the company's owner, said she wishes to thank everyone in the community who stepped forward to help her and her employees recover and get back to work after a fire destroyed the company's former headquarters on Eagle Ridge Drive earlier this year.

Kempling thanked the Lions Club for providing office space at the Lions Hall since the incident.

Green Business of the Year Award winners must show judges that they practise water and energy conservation techniques and make an effort to reduce their carbon footprint.

Fellow award nominees were Gecko Green Living, Salt Spring Coffee Company, Salt Spring Metal Recycling and Laurie's Recycling and Waste.

The award is sponsored by Island Savings Credit Union.



From left with their award are Gayle LeBlanc (representing the Lions Club), and Imagine That Graphics' Karen Jesson, Tina Kempling and Dave Lettinga.



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CHAMBER AWARDS

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Morgan Quesnel, left, and Stephanie Gillis of Mid Island Co-op gas station and store.

New Business of the Year

Manager Morgan Quesnel accepted the 2010 New Business of the Year Award for the new Mid Island Co-op station at the corner of Rainbow Road and Jackson Avenue.

The award is presented to an island business that has been in operation for no more than three years. The winner was chosen because of its initial growth and success within the first three years of operation, new employment opportunities and future growth potential, as well as the company's sound employee relations and customer service.

Mid Island Co-op topped an impressive list of nominees that included Mistaken Identity Vineyard, CFSI Radio, Gallery 8 and Pura Vida.

The award is sponsored by Thrifty Foods.



Michael Ableman at his Saturday market stand.

Agricultural/Farm Business of the Year

Foxglove Farm topped a list of two nominees to earn its second-consecutive Agricultural/Farm Business of the Year Award.

The award is presented to a company that shows consistent quality and excellence in its service and product.

Owner Michael Ableman said he's honoured to have won the award a second time given the agricultural resurgence that has taken place on the island in recent years.

He said there are plenty of small farms and farmers who work tirelessly to promote the production and awareness of quality food on the island.

Ableman's fellow nominee was Dan Jason of Salt Spring Seeds.

Judges deemed the newly revitalized Foxglove Farm on Mount Maxwell Road played an integral role as a supplier to other local agricultural operations and demonstrates an environmentally friendly focus within its operations and procedures.

The 120-acre heritage farm is owned and operated by Ableman and his family. The farm offers seasonal classes that focus on organic agriculture and sustainable lifestyles.

The award is sponsored by The Wine Cellar.

Market Vendor of the Year

Elizabeth Buchanan topped a cornucopia of island artisans and craftspeople to earn the second-annual Market Vendor of the Year Award.

Buchanan, the owner of Salt Spring Savouries, could hardly believe the news when her vegetarian-friendly market bakery was awarded this year's chamber award.

Judges deemed that Salt Spring Savouries embodied the vibrancy and home-grown ethic that the Saturday Market in the Park has long stood for.

To qualify for the award, nominees must be present for at least 20 of the 30 market Saturdays over the course of a year, make, bake or grow a superior product, and promote the market's co-operative and collaborative nature.

Fellow nominees in the market vendor category were Melanie Platz and Paul de Roo, the Salt Spring Forge, the Salt Spring Island Cheese Company and Monsoon Coast.

The award is sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Cheese Company.



Elizabeth Buchanan of Salt Spring Savouries.



With their building and construction trades award, from left, Dave Milutinovic, Rick Traer, Gary Traer and Reynaard Vergalen.

Building and Construction Trades of the Year

The Building and Construction Trades Award is among one of the newer additions to the business awards roster. This prize represents the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce's attempt to acknowledge the building sector's significant importance to the island's economy.

This year's winner, Rick Traer of Polaris Plumbing, told the audience at last week's awards ceremony that he couldn't have done it without the help of his wife Lynda and talented crew.

The award is presented to a building or construction trade business, including contractors,

sub-trades, excavators or landscapers, that is based on the island. The winner must practise business exclusively on Salt Spring.

Judges look for companies and business owners who offer a service or product when volunteering for a community project, make an effort to buy the majority of their supplies locally, have a reputation for quality workmanship, are registered with WCB and provide career growth or apprenticeship opportunities to employees.

The award is sponsored by John Cade of Royal LePage.

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CHAMBER AWARDS

STORIES & PHOTOS BY SEAN MCINTYRE



Suzanne Little and Christopher Roy of the Salt Spring Community List, with Roy's son Magnus.

Business Ambassador of the Year

The Salt Spring Island Community List — run by Suzanne Little and Christopher Roy — has had a profound impact on the inboxes of countless islanders over the past year.

Helping islanders get the word out about just about anything and everything imaginable is partly why the young company was awarded this year's coveted Community Ambassador Award.

"We're really proud to work on it because we get a lot of feedback from people in the community who feel it helps recycle, reduce, find homes for things that people don't want anymore and connect people," Little said during her acceptance speech. "We are really proud of those aspects and we hope to continue to build it into a business that we can hire staff at and make it an economically sustainable business as well, so thank you very much."

Judges determined that the Salt Spring Community List attracted positive attention and interest to Salt Spring Island through its product and service.

The winning business must actively sell its product on and beyond Salt Spring, develop interest in the "Salt Spring" brand and promote potential opportunities and quality of life on the island.

Other nominees included Salt Spring Air, David Wood of the Salt Spring Island Cheese Company, Dan Jason of Salt Spring Seeds and Country Grocer's Paul Large.

The Business Ambassador of the Year Award is sponsored by Salt Spring Air.



Bruce's Kitchen employees Rosemary Kilmer, left, and Kelly Waters. Below is Bruce Wood (with an onion on a string), who was in Ontario this past week.

Small Business of the Year

— UNDER 8 EMPLOYEES —

All one needs to do to see why Bruce's Kitchen picked up this year's Small Business of the Year Award is stop by the restaurant facing Centennial park.

Owner and chef Bruce Woods was in Ontario and could not attend the event and accept his award. Speaking on his behalf were employees Rosemary Kilmer and Kelly Waters. Each thanked the community for its ongoing support and encouragement.

The award is presented to a small business operating on the island for at least three years that demonstrates a high level of community involvement and make an effort to purchase supplies locally.

Sourcing products from local farmers has been Bruce's raison-d'être since day one.

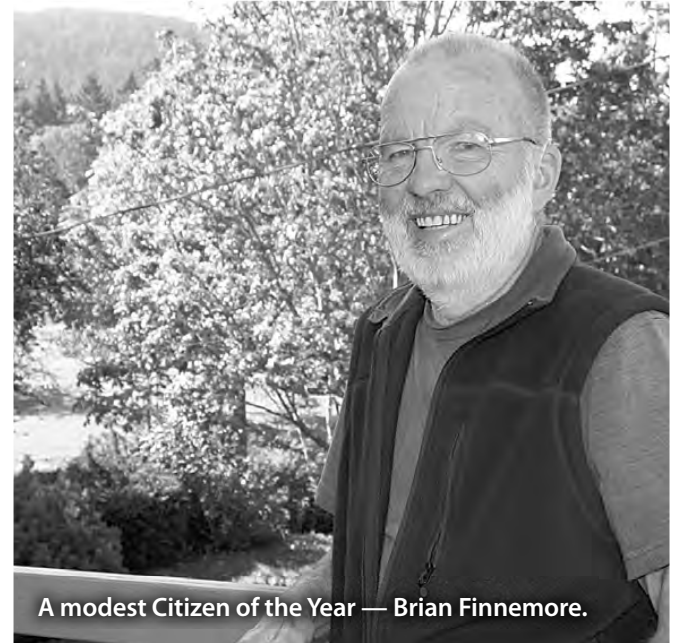


Bruce Wood

Judges determined that the restaurant topped the 23 other nominees in the category because of the owner's commitment to the company and excellent customer service.

Fellow nominees were Symmetric Design, Island Star Video, Rendezvous Cafe, Beach House B&B, Mid Island Co-op, TJ Beans, Pegasus Gallery, Flash Flagging, Barnyard Graphix, Love My Kitchen, Flow Day Spa, The Wine Cellar, Choices, Island Gourmet Safari, Twist and Flip Gymnastics, Salt Spring Metal Recycling, Gallery 8, Salt Spring Books, Admiral's Specialty Foods, Acoustic Planet, Raven Street Market, Lakeside Gardens and Moonstruck Organic Cheese.

The award is sponsored by Island Star Video and TJ Beans.



A modest Citizen of the Year — Brian Finnemore.

Citizen of the Year

Brian Finnemore can be excused if he wasn't available to collect his award for Citizen of the Year at last week's gala ceremony at ArtSpring.

After all, he's a pretty busy man.

Finnemore may be best known for relentless efforts to promote the ongoing sustainable development initiative facilitated through the sale of Ometepe Coffee.

"I am both honoured and a bit embarrassed by the designation," Finnemore wrote in a letter to the Chamber of Commerce following the awards ceremony. "Honoured because I believe that it reflects some of the volunteer activities that I have been engaged in but embarrassed because there are so many other members of the Salt Spring community who are more worthy than I of the designation."

Indeed the list of Finnemore's fellow nominees reads as a veritable who's who of island do-gooders. Rita Dods, Margaret and Martyn Day, Margery Moore, Wendy Duke, Tilly Crawley, Cherie Geauvreau and Jewel Eldstrom, Susannah Devitt, Barbara Slater, Ann Myers and Elsie Bosnell.

"The Lions Club Directory lists over five pages of associations, clubs, groups and societies, almost all of which depend on volunteers and all of which contribute to the rich fabric of island life," Finnemore added. "I would like to accept the above designation in the name of all of those volunteers."

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MEN'S SOCCER

Alumni FC grabs first win of season

Salt Spring FC still undefeated; Old Boys set to face Zgoda

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Gord Akerman and Jeremy Byron helped extend Salt Spring FC's unbeaten streak to four games as the team tied the Castaways 2-2 on Sunday afternoon.

The draw puts Salt Spring FC (1-0-3) in fifth place in the VISL's second division with six points. The team has a major opportunity to close in on first-place Vic West FC (4-0-0) in a home game on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 2:15 p.m.

In other VISL soccer action, Salt Spring FC Alumni earned its inaugural victory of the season by downing the Castaways Juniors 2-1 in Victoria on the weekend.

Roben Doobenen

and Josip Bratanovic each scored their first goals of the year to lift Salt Spring (1-3-0) over a struggling and as-of-yet winless Castaways squad.

The Alumni FC squad will have their work cut out for themselves when they host the undefeated and always powerful UVIC alumni team in a 10 a.m. match-up on Sunday, Oct. 10.

Finally, Salt Spring's Old Boys couldn't muster any momentum from last week's draw as they went down 5-0 to a strong counter-attacking Bays United squad on Sunday.

"After the first 20 minutes," said player Richard Steel, "the Old Boys had the better of the game and, despite going into half time 2-0 behind, were looking the more likely to score."

Despite several close near-net scrambles early in the second, the Old Boys were still



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Alumni FC players Eamon Murphy and Martin Kitzenegger are part of an athlete sandwich during a game against the Castaways Juniors in Victoria.

unable to find the "killer touch."

Bays United capitalized repeatedly as the Old Boys switched to an all-or-nothing offensive attack.

"We deserved to get a couple of goals from the game and overall didn't play badly at all," Steel said in his post-game

report on Monday. "The final result was not a true reflection on the game."

The Old Boys will attempt to put some padding between itself and last place in the Masters-B division when the team travels to play Zgoda (0-4-0) on Sunday, Oct. 10 at 12

p.m. The Old Boys are in second-to-last position in the VISL's Masters B division, one point ahead of Zgoda. "There are some things we need to work on, but we are working well as a team and the future is still bright," Steel added.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Division 2 women earn decisive victory

High intensity credited with win

A new formation for Salt Spring United's Div. 2 women saw spectacular results last Sunday and promises to win the team many future games.

"We are a strong squad with a lot of talent," spokesperson Sue-Anne Donaldson said after the match with the Nanaimo Rangers.

"We moved the ball up the field with some impressive passing. We are going to capitalize this season."

Joanne O'Connor stepped up for the team to play a dynamic

and strong game in net, where a full-time keeper is still being sought.

"It is crucial to have a goalie that is another play maker on the field and Joanne is that," Donaldson reported.

Donaldson scored the first two goals of the game, in each case receiving a through ball to strike it into the net.

The second two goals were scored by Valri Cunningham. She earned United's third point of the day after striking a beautiful ball from just inside the 18-yard box. Shortly after, she received a cross in front of the net.

"Valri made no mistake in

volleying it into the net — the keeper had no chance," Donaldson said.

The fifth goal came on a direct free kick for United, which Carol Adam struck sensationally into the top corner, bringing United into the second half at a score of 5-3.

"We kept the intensity high and our movement continuous, which resulted in two more goals in the second half," Donaldson said.

A skilled corner kick from Joelle Morrison led to Adam directing the ball past the keeper with composure. Lorna Walde helped finalize the match, making a strong run from defence

to pass the ball to Liz Wilson, who controlled the ball with authority and put it in the net for United's seventh goal.

Donaldson said both Wilson and LeeAnn Norgard had an excellent game, noting the teammates were composed and distributed the ball throughout the field.

Islanders interested in catching some entertaining and skilled soccer are invited to attend the next game, set for Sunday, Oct. 17, 12:30 p.m. at GISS.

Practices take place Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Hydro field from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

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There are seven to nine vacancies available within the Commission that require a two year commitment. Meetings are held at least four times per year. All vacancies must be filled by January 1, 2011.

Send us a one-page summary telling about yourself, your expertise, and why you would like to serve on the committee. The majority of the nominees must come from a local community/business group within community sectors such as Ganges, Fulford and Channel Ridge and the balance will be from the community at large.

Deadline for receipt of applications is **October 8, 2010**. Mail or email your application to: Community Economic Development Commission #5-105 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V5 T: 250.538.0009 E: directorssi@crd.bc.ca

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SKATEBOARDING

Kanaka Park hosts skate comp

Event features prizes and awards galore

Organizers promise plenty of excitement at the annual Kanaka Park skateboard competition on Sunday afternoon.

"It's a great spectator sport," said Jack Rosen, one of the event's coordinators. "It's a really fun format because you get to watch a gazillion skaters."

Participants in three categories will take part in a skate jam to kick off the competition. Judges,

many of whom are past competition winners, will choose the top four skaters in each jam based on overall performance, ability and style.

"It's basically kind of an exciting format," Rosen said.

The final four skaters in each category will face off in a head-to-head playoff to crown this year's novice, intermediate and expert champions.

Participation in the event is open to anyone who can pay the \$5 entry fee. Grand prizes will be awarded to winners in each category and draws will take place throughout the afternoon.

Rosen encourages people of all ages and abilities to participate in an afternoon designed to highlight the island's homegrown skate scene.

Sunday's event will feature live commentary, plenty of music, food and refreshments. There may also be short BMX demonstrations in between competitions. Spectators can take it all in free of charge, though a donation jar will be on hand for anyone feeling especially generous.

All funds go to the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the skatepark grounds. "We hope to raise as much money as we can," Rosen said. "There's always maintenance that has to be done."

The 2010 Kanaka Park skateboarding competition starts at noon on Sunday, Oct. 10. All the action is expected to wrap up by 3 p.m.

In the event of rain, the competition will be rescheduled to Monday, Oct. 11 at 11 a.m.

U15 boys notch first win in spirited affair

Lots of goals and yellow cards

BY MARKUS WENZEL
BOYS U15 SILVER COACH

Salt Spring United Boys U15 Silver played an entertaining match against Bays United on a sunny Saturday in Oak Bay.

The spectators were treated to not only some exciting soccer, but to an escalating display of theatrics that ultimately resulted in an ejected coach and a pair of yellow cards for the home team.

Salt Spring got on the board early, with a nicely-lobbed shot by Lukas Wenzel over an outstretched "blinded by the sun" goalie. Oak Bay struck back with three quick goals, taking the lead 3-1, on some casual defending and improbable errors by Salt Spring in their own half. Eric Weatherby scored before the half, with a nice corner blast off

a Tai Levitt feed.

Alex Graham stayed in goal for the second half, determined to shut the door. Meanwhile, the young referee began calling more fouls, as the game had become increasingly chippy. Salt Spring took advantage quickly, with Mark Camps scoring the tying goal off a nice pass from Levitt. Weatherby made it 4-3 when he scored on a penalty kick,

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his second is as many games, when he was tackled in the box.

As frustrations set in for the green home team, Wenzel scored back-to-back individual-effort goals to make it 6-3, with the second assisted by Daniel Irving. Continued referee criticism got the Bays coach expelled, and the dejected Bays team would let in another 2, and get one back themselves, before the match would end. Levitt scored both for Salt Spring, thanks to assists from Weatherby and Wenzel. The game finished 8-4.

GISS SOCCER

Scorpions trounce Woodlands

Team to next host Shawnigan Lake

The Gulf Islands Secondary School's senior boys' soccer team kicked off its 2010 season in fine style on Thursday by defeating Woodlands Secondary in Nanaimo 8-2.

The goal scoring came fast and furious as the Scorpions built up an insurmountable lead and never looked back.

According to coach Doug Pearson, goals were evenly spread out among experienced and younger players.

"That's a good sign," he said.

The team's defence, Pearson added, held strong for the entire

match.

Players followed up their league game with a sixth-place finish out of 10 teams competing in a two-day tourney in Campbell River on the weekend.

The Scorpions defeated Langley and rivals from Shawnigan Lake in two highly dramatic penalty-kick shootouts. In spite of the team's losses to hosts Carihi secondary and Highlands secondary of Comox, coach Pearson said he likes what he sees on the field.

"This was one of those tournaments where everyone was mixing and matching," he said.

"Coaches were trying out new things and all the games were really even. I think the kids real-

ized they have a strong team."

Rhys Hardy earned the Scorpions MVP award for his stellar performance throughout the four-game tourney.

The senior boys Scorpions take to the high school field on Thursday afternoon at 3:15 against Shawnigan Lake for the second official league game of the season.

Jyah Flam, a player in Grade 11, said the weekend's performance makes him and the rest of his teammates confident they'll be able to preserve their perfect record in league play.

"If we play together and everybody shows up, we should do well," he said.

EQUESTRIAN

Oct. 15 horse night replaces clinic

The Nick Hutchinson Driving to Ride, Riding to Drive clinic slated for the weekend of Oct. 15 to 17 has had to be postponed due to Hutchinson suffering a serious back injury.

However, reports event coordinator Mandy Spottiswoode, Hutchinson "will still be coming to Salt Spring on that weekend and we are happy to announce an evening presentation where Nick will talk about his many years of working with horses, both as a teamster and as an accomplished rider."

In addition, the group hopes to show the National

Film Board movie called Horse Drawn Magic, featuring the early years of the Caravan Stage Company, of which Hutchinson was a founding member. The event takes place on Friday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. at the home of Diane Kray, 120 Little Mountain Rd.

Cost for the evening is \$20 (light refreshments included) and those attending will get a preferential rate on the horse clinic, which will be rescheduled for a later date.

For more information and to register, call Spottiswoode at 250-537-1283.

Exciting comeback win put together by U15 girls

New coach keeps players motivated

BY KAREN HUDSON
PARENT REPORTER

Salt Spring's U15 girls proved that it's not over until it's over in their season opener against Juan de Fuca on our sunny home field.

Energetic Jasmine Cooper took the first shot of the game, but the first half was scoreless despite both teams shooting on goal. Keeper Cassidy Fraser and the skill of newcomers Eliza Moat, Hannah James, Maia Beauvais and Sophia Pickstone helped to shut down the opposition.

After sidelining two Salt Spring players to injury, the second half began with an impressive kick by Juan de Fuca that Fraser just got her fingertips on for 1-0.

Soon after, a crowd in front of the net led to another point to put the girls down 2-0. Suddenly, the Salt Spring girls came alive and started a rally of heavy pressure to keep the ball downfield. The ball was in front of the net and after several blocked shots; captain Maggie Birch went and booted it in for 2-1. Juan de Fuca tried to respond but the tide had turned, and defensive player Linda Herbert made sure with some impressive blocks.

One of Zorah Wiltzen's crosskicks hit its target when it bounced off a defensive player into the net for the 2-2 tie. Wiltzen was driving towards the goal again when she was tackled by two players just after she got the pass off to Birch, who sent it into the net for the 3-2 win!

New coach Doug Fraser did a great job of keeping the girls motivated to make a spectacular comeback.

Reports from coaches and parents on youth soccer games are welcomed by the Driftwood for the Soccer Kicks column. Submit items of 200 words max by Monday at noon to news@gulfislands.net.

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DEATHS

Pat Byrne
 Born: November 12, 1928 - Southampton, England, died suddenly September 26, 2010 in Antigua, W.I.
 Emigrated to Edmonton, Canada in 1937. Attended the University of Alberta, B.Sc. 1950, M.Sc. 1951 (Geology), University of Illinois, Ph.D. 1953 (Clay Mineralogy). After graduation, Pat worked for the Alberta Research Council.
 In 1951, Pat married Grace Young, with whom he enjoyed 58.5 happy years. They had 3 children, Jimmy (deceased at 2.5), Sheila and Michael.
 In 1957, Pat and his family moved to Tulsa Oklahoma, working for Carter Oil Research Department for 7 years, returning to Calgary, Canada, where he worked for Imperial Oil Ltd. and Panarctic Oil. In 1971 he moved to Canmore, AB, where he went into geology consulting and teaching at SAIT. At this time he and his wife Grace bought a motel in Canmore which they ran for 5 years.
 While in Canmore Pat was a town councillor for one term and town Mayor for two terms, 1977-1983.
 Grace and Pat moved to Salt Spring Island in 1983. Pat served two terms as a trustee with Islands Trust, and was a library volunteer for many years.
 One of the joys of his life was planning and taking holidays to many parts of the world. His delight in his latest vacation place, Antigua, led to the choice of holding his funeral and burial in Antigua on October 1, 2010 at St. Paul's Anglican Church.
 A memorial service will be held at All Saints by the Sea on October 23, 2010 at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Pat's name to the Salt Spring Foundation.

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Elizabeth Lee Funeral Consultant 537-1023

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DEATHS

Shirley Wynnifred Laniado
 Shirley passed away unexpectedly but peacefully on September 20th in Vancouver after a short illness.
 Predeceased by her mother, Edith, father, Richard and brother Edward Stephens, she leaves to mourn her passing her husband Avraham, twin sister, Sheila (Sayer); niece Larissa Sayer and her husband Patrick Callas and nephew Dylan Sayer, all of B.C.
 Shirley was born in Lloydminster and grew up on the family farm in the Southminster district. Her formal education began at Southminster Saskatchewan School where she recently attended its centennial celebration. After studying at Lloydminster High School she went to the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, and graduated with a B.Sc. in Nursing in 1966. Later, she earned a Masters degree in Adult Education from UBC in Vancouver.
 Shirley was an exceptional nurse educator and inspired many students.
 Shirley was a great lover of animals, especially cats, and was both their benefactor and fierce protector. She was also a very kind, compassionate and giving person to everyone she met. Shirley will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.
"Those who give us our greatest joy, give us our greatest sorrow" -Kahlil Gibran

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DEATHS

John William Reynolds "Jack"
 1939 - 2010

Celebration of Life
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MEETING: BOARD of directors of Central Community Hall, Tuesday, October 19, 2010, 7 pm. Public welcome.

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 Annual Memberships are now due (\$10)
 Tea/Coffee to follow the meeting.
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SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (Gulf Islands)
A regular meeting of the **Board of Education** will be held at **Galiano Community School** **Wednesday, October 13, 2010** at 1:00 p.m.
Public welcome!
To view the agenda for this meeting, please refer to www.sd64.bc.ca/board_meetings.html.

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

Re: The estate of **NORMAN LEIF IVERSON**, Deceased, formerly of 160 Don Ore Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2H3. Creditors and others having claims against the Estate of **NORMAN LEIF IVERSON**, are hereby notified under section 38 of the *Trustee Act* that particulars of their claims should be sent to the Executors at Box 414, Ganges P.O., Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2W1, on or before November 12, 2010, after which date the Executors will distribute the estate among the parties entitled to it, having regard to the claims of which the Executor then has notice. **James Pasuta**, Solicitor for the Estate of **NORMAN LEIF IVERSON**

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SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (SSIFPD) PUBLIC NOTICE of an Alternative Approval Process (AAP)

This notice will be published twice in the Driftwood for the Public's awareness 30 days prior to the closing date of November 10/2010. Those dates being September 22nd and October 6th / 2010.

A public posted notice of this AAP is located at the Ganges Fire Station, 105 Lower Ganges Road.

In accordance with the; Alternative Approval Process under Part 4, Division 2 of the Community Charter, (Ministry of Community and Rural Development) the SSIFPD Board of Trustees hereby gives notice of intent by means of a Trustees Resolution to conduct an AAP to authorize long term borrowing to replace one 1994 Ford Mini Pumper (Fire Apparatus) referred to as Unit 101.

If ten percent (834) of the overall elector signatures against the AAP are not received then, the Board of Trustee may move forward with the borrowing process. If the AAP receives more than ten percent (834) of the overall eligible elector signatures against the matter, the Board of Fire Trustees cannot proceed with it unless the approval of the electors is obtained through a referendum or special general meeting vote.

Based on the governances of the;

- Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) reports from 2005 & 2010 which note the continuing need to replace older Fire apparatus and modernize the fleet.
- The Board of Fire Trustees 10 year plan commitment, to replace fire apparatus.

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The overall number of eligible elector voters for this AAP is estimated at 8345. Be aware that the; AAP elector response forms are available at the; Ganges Fire Station, 105 Lower Ganges Road during normal weekday working hours of 9am to 5pm. Closing date for the AAP elector response form process is November 10/2010 at 4pm.

Take further notice that; In order for a petition against the project to be deemed to have been received within the time period ending 4:00pm on November 10th/2010 completed petitions, signed by electors must be delivered by first class mail directly to the District or dropped off no later than 4:00pm on November 10th /2010 at Ganges Fire Station, 105 Lower Ganges Road, V8K 2T1.

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This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

Tip of the Week:
A variety of key Astrological events are active now. First, we have the New Moon in Libra. It occurred on October 7 at 11:44 am Pacific Time and at 14 Libra 24. Watching the themes of a New Moon unfold in our lives reveals the workings of Astrology. Of course, few do this as they do not know how. Learning basic Astrology is actually easy, useful and enriching. Sincere interest is mostly what is required. If you would like to learn the language of Astrology, let me know as I teach webinars that teach you how. The next one begins October 13. Another key cycle is a conjunction between Venus and Mars in Scorpio on October 9. Venus turns retrograde on October 8. This is a very potent aspect. It stands to at least manifest as passionate exchanges with strong sexual overtones. Venus retrograde increases the desire for material gain and/or physical stimulation. While Mars is well placed in Scorpio, Venus is generally not so and lends to an obsessive, secretive and potentially manipulative mode of behaviour. Chiron and Neptune are again exactly conjunct at 26 Aquarius and suggest a healing process underway on a mass scale. This is having an extra strong effect in the United States as 26 Aquarius is the position of the Moon in one of that country's more important birth charts – yes there is more than one! Currently the Sun is conjunct Saturn which lends a more sober and serious tone. Good Astrology brings awareness that brings clarity and understanding to life's complexities.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)
A dynamic learning curve has begun for you. Psychological, spiritual, and scientific interests will gain your attention. How these all weave together may prove especially interesting. You will be busier with correspondences, errands and social activity. Meanwhile, clearing up confusion close to home in the more intimate and private areas of your life implies an important healing cycle.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)
Life is all about cooperation and this is an especially good attitude now. The time has come to build upon more solid foundations. These are linked to your professional, spiritual and creative areas of life. Your overall power potential is on the rise but you will probably have to work very diligently to rise to the next levels. For now, be willing to negotiate new terms then deliver more than is expected.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)
A serious and determined focus continues to lead you on. Whether by inspiration or desperation, you are moved to make some big changes in your life. If you do not realize this, take a closer and, if necessary, a harder look at what is going on in and around you. Your willingness to take initiatives to open new lines of communication to stimulate needed changes is important now.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)
Balancing inner work and working behind the scenes with outer assertions continues. You may feel ready to entertain new prospects. This trend will continue for several weeks. This is the time to plan and organize more than execute, even though you may feel impatient to get going. You will be better prepared to take more deliberate outer action in a few weeks. 'Measure twice cut once'.

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)
Stimulating dialogue and thoughts to gain insight about what you really want at this stage of your life is a central theme. A potential conflict includes wanting to know the motives and desires of others but not wanting them to probe you for your own. Such double standards rarely win votes. A growing sense of commitment to the future and the responsibilities implied is the main topic.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)
Creating a healthier lifestyle balance is easy in theory but can be more challenging in practice. For example, things that taste or feel good may not good for us. It is said that we will do more to avoid pain than pursue pleasure. So, associating pain to negative habits can be a good strategy to break them. So, getting clearer on what is and not good for us is a key to success with this strategy to moderate.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)
A wave of creative inspiration is washing in on your shores. The reality may be bitter sweet however as it is mixed with the complexities of major endings in your life in the bigger picture. The time has come to be committed to new levels and modes of freedom. This is an inside and out job. From a spiritual perspective, even endings can be seen as gifts that strengthen and inspire.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)
Taking on new levels of responsibility is a current theme. Many changes brewing both at home and in your social/professional scene are making you focus. These will come to a fuller resolution by the early New Year. A new cycle concerning love, romance and sexuality will gain your attention, whether you are directly involved or not. For now, pay attention to both the details and the big picture.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)
This is a time of letting go. Clearing the past or moving on from prior associations can be painful. Yet holding on to the past and fearing or resisting the prospects of new opportunities and relationships will also create pain. Your willingness to move on is extra important now. Accept endings and even apparent losses and stimulate new and better associations.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)
You are in an expansive phase right now. Ambition backed by desire and perhaps need to advance to the next level somehow, is a major focus. Confidence for success is ever important and especially so now and over the next few months. If you think something is too good to be true it may be, but then you may be underestimating yourself as well. Read the fine print and affirm your worth.

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KAYAKING ADVENTURE

Kayaker recounts coastal experience of a lifetime

Storms and aftermath keep Salt Springer from home

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It began with the semi-annual getaway of three friends and ended with the all-or-nothing escape of 42 people from a tiny north island community.

For Salt Spring resident Blake Gold, the kayak trip to Nuchatlitz Inlet was probably the most adventure-filled vacation he's experienced — and for those hearing about it, it's the kind of story that would make a pretty good movie.

Gold is part of a group of experienced kayakers who for many years have made spring and fall trips around Vancouver Island, taking in different stretches of coastline in 10-day camping excursions. He was with friends Peter Mede and Iam Talbot for this September's trip to Nuchatlitz Marine Park. The group was nearing the end of the first week out and headed for a remote beach on Nootka Island when they heard Coast Guard reports of two storm fronts about to hit the exact area.

"We knew a place where we could be tucked away from the storm and get a good view of it at

the same time," Gold said, adding he was on the beach eating beef curry when the two fronts met.

"It was amazing — they said the storm would come at 4 o'clock and at 4:05 there was a battle like you wouldn't believe."

Gold and his friends called into the Coast Guard to announce their position, noting they were fully provisioned for a week if needed and in a safe location. They figured the usual 24-hour period for the storm to blow out — but on the second day of full-on extreme weather they decided to move to a nearby cabin they knew of on Tongue Point.

The three men took a chance early the next morning when they awoke to blue skies and calm seas, and made the crossing back to Espinoza Inlet — one they would usually space over several days — in less than six hours.

"Every corner we turned we got wind and water in our favour. It was like we were being pushed home," Gold said, adding they were "highly motivated" to get across before the next storm blast predicted for that afternoon.

Their progress was so good Gold believed he could make it to Crofton for the last ferry of the night and back to work at his job as a coffee roaster the next morning.

"That dream was shattered within about five minutes," he

said ruefully. During the time it took to pack up their gear, around a dozen cars stopped to see if they were okay and apprise them of the situation: the only road out was blocked by a series of mudslides and might take anywhere from three days to a month to repair.

Gold's group was met with cheers when they pulled into Zeballos, a town of less than

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BLAKE GOLD
Salt Spring kayaker

200, where residents were on the watch for returning visitors last seen heading out into the wild. By the end of Sunday there were 41 people from out of town and one person from Zeballos who desperately wanted to leave, with no way out.

Perry Heatherington, owner of the Port Renfrew Hotel, was

one of the most desperate with a son in the hospital. He started the motion of chartering the one barge that runs between Gold River and Kyoquot. The problems with the plan were multiple, however. The province was not willing to pay and the cost was \$3,000 plus \$350 per hour, just for the vehicles. Passengers would have to travel separately by water taxi for another \$90.

Space was also an issue: the barge was said to hold only nine cars and 16 vehicles were waiting to leave, plus four logging trucks that arrived afterward.

During a meeting at the community hall, Gold and Heatherington emerged as the leaders and spokespeople. Gold found himself in the position of listening to everyone's story and drawing up the list of priorities of who would be allowed on the barge first.

But as the evening progressed, the all-for-one philosophy of Gold's kayaking group began to extend to the larger crowd, and Gold was determined that everyone would leave together.

"At the end it was almost as if we were a 42-unit family trying to get from Point A to Point B," he said.

Gold spent two days meeting the small town's characters and hanging out in the diner of the Iris Lodge while the rain continued to fall torrentially. While there the

B.C. government included Zeballos among the areas eligible for disaster relief.

When the town's food and beer started to run out, the mayor and the other citizens decided they would help the visitors get out before residents. News came Tuesday morning that the barge would come and that the province would pay after all, but the captain wouldn't take any vehicle if the driver couldn't guarantee getting to Tahsis to unload it.

"The village decided this wasn't making any sense — anyone who had a fishing boat and was licensed to carry passengers started firing up their engines," Gold said. And when the barge arrived, equipment had been cleared so that every vehicle was able to board.

Gold finally left Tahsis at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 28, arriving at Duncan at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday and returning to his job first thing that morning. It wasn't the trip he imagined, but it's certainly one he won't forget.

Editor's note: We tried to get photos from Blake Gold but an email didn't come through as hoped by press-time. Check our Facebook page — facebook.com/gulfislandsdriftwood — or our website at gulfislandsdriftwood.com for photos that will hopefully arrive by Wednesday.

PARC NEWS

Fall activities on Salt Spring abound through Parks and Rec

Islanders urged to keep leisure guide on hand

BY KEES RUJRS
PARC MANAGER

Fall is upon us presenting its own full range of seasonably appropriate recreational opportunities. Also, work continues on a number of interesting PARC projects.

Leisure Guide

The fall/winter guide from the Parks and Recreation Department came out a few weeks ago as an insert in the Driftwood. A special feature of that guide is maps of some of the trails around the island PARC had developed and/or upgraded over this past summer. Keeping your copy will assist you in exploring the full range of Salt Spring Island leisure activities.

Should you need new copies they are available both at the PARC office at Portlock Park and at the SSI Chamber of Commerce. Of course, we'd also welcome receiving your views on the guide and any suggestions you might have for making future issues even more useful. Just call us at 250-537-4448 or

email ssiparc@crd.bc.ca to let us know what you think.

Skateboard Competition

On Sunday, Oct. 10 a skateboarding competition will be held at the skateboard park on Kanaka Road. This should be an exciting event for all the skateboarders, young or old, in our community. For more information, call Island Escapades at 250-537-2553.

Fulford Tennis Court

Thanks to a generous donation of an amount then matched by the commission, all the funds required to repair the Fulford tennis court are now in hand. A contract has been awarded to a company to carry out the work. However, the weather is not cooperating. If we don't get some warm dry days back soon, the necessary repairs will have to wait till next spring.

Annual Pool Shutdown

Every September the swimming pool is closed for three weeks to carry out major maintenance that requires shutting down the entire system. That work has now been completed and the pool reopened on Sept. 26. More and more islanders are using this great community facility and we expect that to continue over the coming winter.

All the swimming lessons for this fall and winter have now been scheduled. If you need more information on these classes and/or want to register for them (or if you have any other questions), just call the pool at 250-537-1402.

Mouat Park Creek Preservation

If you use Mouat Park from time to time you will notice during late September and early October some large equipment working there. PARC is reinforcing the creek walls and installing "water calming" features. Last year's winter storms did considerable damage to the creek banks and

the work being carried out at the moment should, hopefully, prevent any further erosion of those banks.

And speaking of Mouat Park, a natural features inventory of that park was recently completed. If you are interested in receiving a copy of that report, contact the PARC office at 250-537-4448.

Peace Park Japanese Garden

The new irrigation system for Peace Park, across from ArtSpring, was recently completed. As well, lighting both in the Japanese Garden and along the path from that garden to Elements was completed. The pathway itself also received a new gravel surface. The Japanese Garden Society will continue to work on improving its beautiful contribution to the community. To begin with, several of the trees that were lost over the years will be replanted in October.

Given all the possibilities, we hope to see you out this fall enjoying Salt Spring's trails, its pool, and its playing fields and courts this fall!

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Arts & Entertainment

CANADIAN ART

Historic Canadian artist featured in rare solo show at Pegasus Gallery

Exhibition of watercolours and woodblocks on until Saturday, Oct. 9

A rare collection of Canadian art history is at Pegasus Gallery this week, which has devoted the entirety of its wall space to Walter J. Phillips.

Phillips has the type of presence that has seen two national galleries devoted to his work and a gallery at the Banff School of Fine Arts (where he helped start the visual arts program) named in his honour. His work was used by Group of Seven artist A.J. Casson to cheer up the Canadian troops in their WWII barracks, and has been reproduced as a stamp.



Elizabeth Nolan

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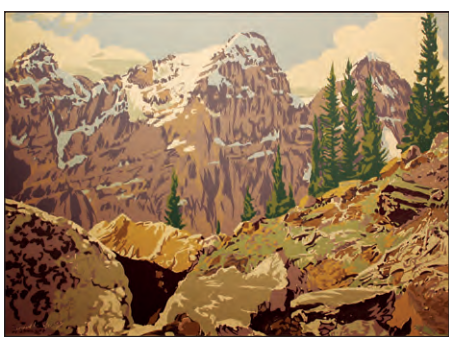
Pegasus Gallery owner Ian Sigvaldason has been working for five years to put together a comprehensive show of Phillips' work, acquiring and

bringing together 10 collections, including a portfolio held by the artist's family after his death in 1963.

The result is stunning: It is both an opportunity to see these historic works on Salt Spring and a full immersion with 82 paintings and wood-cut prints on display.

Phillips was known initially for his watercolours, but his prints are especially intriguing, particularly because in many cases different prints from the same run can be viewed together. The artist's decisions in colour mixing can change the focus on elements of the picture. It is also possible to see the development and refinement that takes place through the course of the run.

Banff Indian Days (1952) is one such example. Pegasus is showing both the artist's proof and print number 82. The very complex scene sets large, colourful teepees against the backdrop of mountain crags. Complicated lines render the clouds above, the tent pole framework, the figures crouching beneath and their long shadows. With the two prints side by side, the viewer can see how Phillips brought out the entire image with bright-



Four of the many Walter Phillips' pieces at Pegasus Gallery until Oct. 9.

er and more saturated tones, in particular the yellows.

In Karlukwees, British Columbia (1929) the subtle influence of classic Japanese wood-block artists can be felt. This peaceful view of a Kwakiutl winter village looks down at a semi-circle of longhouses grouped around the shore.

No humans are visible in the scene, which is viewed through falling snow. Snow covers the ground right up to the water's edge and the houses' roofs, and obscures the trees hinted at in the background. Soft touches of colour are in the brown and green ranges.

Phillips' ability to distill a landscape into its basic elements for the carved wood-print is represented well in Beaver Lodge (1944). A sweeping mountain slope in teal is backed by bluer peaks behind. An icy plain in the foreground hosts a snow-covered beaver lodge, from which long teal shadows extend. Trees on the perimeter of the ice are soft orange and sienna tones, brightening the cool winter shades.

With York Boat on Lake Winnipeg, Phillips shows more Japanese influence in his interest for clearly defined lines. The waves of the lake are engraved with a pattern of black ridges, while a tiny islet and wind-blown pine have a softer touch. The figures, hard at work on an ancient-looking sailboat, seem from another time.

While Phillips is masterful at mixing colour and bringing out complex images from the printing of flat planes, his black and white prints are explorations into the stark contrasts the medium richly favours. In one series taken from his visit to the remote B.C. coastal villages he describes the totems, trees and people through the patterning of deep black lines, emphasizing winter's shadow and the heaviness of timber.

As Phillips noted in an essay published in 1930: "No black is so rich and 'fat' as the black in a wood-cut, and no white is so pure. For graphic boldness, directness and simplicity the wood-cut is supreme."

A prime example of this boldness is found in the tiny print Lily, Second State (1932). The single blossom in stark white is set in a background of solid black water. The lily pads are fine white lines etched into the black space, producing an image that is mysterious and beautiful.

The Walter Phillips show continues at Pegasus Gallery through Saturday, Oct. 9.

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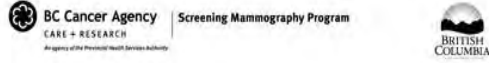
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CONCERT SERIES

Home Routes house concert series returns to Salt Spring

Sweetland is first guest of new season

Last April, Home Routes finished its first year on Salt Spring with a performance by the legendary Ken Whiteley.

A full house of just over 20 people were able to hear a master of folk perform for them and as luck would have it they experienced a reunion. Whiteley used to perform with Raffi and after over 20 years they performed again in the comfort of host Rob Pingle's living room.

"It was a magical event," says Pingle. "Everyone was blown away as they experienced a reunion that was so natural and spontaneous."

After ending the year on such a high note, Pingle looks forward to a new season of artists visiting his house. The first is Kristin Sweetland, who has a connection with Ken Whiteley since both of her albums have been produced by him.

Sweetland is no stranger to the West Coast. She studied at the University of Victoria and performed in the B.C. Festival of Arts before returning to Ontario to record her first album, *Root, Heart & Crown*, in 2002.

The concept of Home Routes is to co-ordinate the performance of artists in volunteers' houses over a two-week period. There are 12 circuits across Canada with six artists performing on each tour over the year. The volunteer hosts provide food and accommodation to the artists and tries to get a large as possible audience out for each show. The artist takes away all of the ticket charge, which is only \$15 per person.

To have ended the first season with the established Ken Whiteley was a thrill for Pingle and opening the second season with the emerging Kristin Sweetland seems to be the perfect way to continue the tradition. Especially when Sweetland is known for



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Kristin Sweetland performs Oct. 10.

saying "In everything I do, I try to cultivate an atmosphere that makes you feel you're on a bit of an adventure."

Sweetland will perform at Pingle's house on Sunday, Oct. 10 with

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Lennon parties on at Moby's Oct. 9

Mancubs and 'Noko' host John Lennon tribute

Imagine the greatest rock concert that never happened.

That was the challenge David Jacquest

of Dave and Nikki's Allinone Entertainment put to himself when planning his latest musical happening: Imagine John Lennon's 70th Birthday Party.

It runs this Saturday, Oct. 9 at Moby's Pub from approximately 8 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$5.

Jacquest's band The Mancubs will handle most of the musical duties with special guest stars from the var-

ious open stages held all summer long at the Tree House Cafe. The band features Paul Marcano on keys and vocals; Bill Nash and John Herbert as guest vocalists; and Mancubs alumni Ross Duncan, Dave Campbell and Malcolm Shoolbraid.

The event also features the return of the infamous Noko Nono (played by Nikki Hanssens) who first appeared as Lennon's

counterpart in the summertime production called Let it Beatle.

Imagine John Lennon's 70th takes place a mere two weeks after Jacquest's last event — No Stone Unturned (a.k.a. Rolling Stones open stage at the Tree House) — which featured local musicians turning in their own renditions of their favourite Rolling Stones songs.



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OPERA

Met opera series beams from new screen

Wagner set as season opener and closer

The third season of live Metropolitan Opera broadcasts to be shown at ArtSpring starts this Saturday, Oct. 9 at 10 a.m.

Press material calls the opening performance of Wagner's *Das Rheingold*, in a new production designed by Robert Lepage, "the talk of the entire opera world." It is the most expensive production in the history of the Met, and features an extraordinary 45-ton piece of technological wizardry that, among other effects, recreates the Rhine on stage. The set is so heavy that steel I-beams had to be brought in to reinforce the foundations of the Met stage.

The New York Times review

of opening night said: "Maestro Levine drew a splendid performance from the superb Met orchestra, which played brilliantly, and from the excellent cast, including Bryn Terfel and Stephanie Blythe, as strong a lineup of vocal artists for a Wagner opera as the Met has seen in years."

"Wagner may not be everyone's cup of tea," ArtSpring executive director George Sipos said in the press release, "but that's more by reputation than by actual listening. This broadcast will give us all a chance to encounter Wagner afresh in one of the best performances we are likely to see and hear."

Das Rheingold is the first of 12 live opera broadcasts making up the 2010-11 season. For those not familiar with

the series, live performances are beamed by satellite and

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GEORGE SIPOS
ArtSpring executive director

picked up at ArtSpring. This year they will be shown on a brand new professional quality cinema screen which ArtSpring installed in August.

All the operas are on Saturday mornings, with most starting at 10 a.m. Refreshments catered by Christine Godlonton are available during the ample intermissions. A video screen in the ArtSpring lobby, generously donated by Jack Hallam and Dan Davies, allows patrons to both enjoy refreshments and watch the intermission interviews at the same time.

Tickets for the Met broadcasts are available from the ArtSpring Ticket Centre (250-537-2102) with discounts available for seniors, and further discounts available for anyone purchasing tickets to five or more operas at one time.

A full list of operas can be found at www.artspring.ca/events/programs/metropolitan-opera.

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LITERARY EVENTS

Great B.C. novel contest winner celebrated at literary evening

Mother Tongue Publishing hosts Lions Hall event

Lovers of fresh new literary voices can enjoy an evening with the winner of Mother Tongue Publishing's Search for the Great B.C. Novel Contest.

As chosen by final judge Jack Hodgins from an original 64 manuscripts, Gurjinder Basran's story called *Everything Was Good-bye* centres around a character called Meena.

As a press release from Salt Spring-based Mother Tongue explains, Meena is "a young Indo Canadian woman growing up in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia and [the novel] traces her life as she struggles to assert her independence in a Punjabi community. Raised by her tradition-bound widowed mother, Meena knows the freedoms of her Canadian peers can never be hers, but unlike her sisters, she is reluctant to submit to a life that is defined by a suitable marriage."

"Though a narrative moving between race and culture, it is ultimately a story of love, loss and self acceptance amidst shifting cultural ideals."

The Mother Tongue launch event is at Lions Hall on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 8 p.m.

Basran studied creative writing at Simon Fraser University and

The Banff Centre for the Arts. Her work was shortlisted for the 2008 Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award and earned her a place in the Vancouver Sun's annual speculative arts and culture article, *Ones To Watch*.



Winning author Gurjinder Basran

A 2006 graduate of Simon Fraser University's award-winning Writer's Studio, Basran has read her work at the Vancouver International Writers Festival and has been both a panelist and facilitator on writing at the 2007 Writer's Studio alumni symposium.

Hodgins called the book "a fascinating story, skillfully written, of a rebellious young woman's remarkable courage."

Salt Spring author Kathy Page, who was on the shortlisting panel, said, "This is a brave book, and also a pleasure to read: emotionally engaging, sensuous, vibrant and beautifully observed."

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Anna Netrebko in *Don Pasquale*

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Wed. October 6

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Alan Moberg. Popular performer plays Music & Munch recital at All Saints. 12:10 p.m.
Open Stage. Wednesdays with Stephanie Rhodes at Moby's. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Great Community Fire Drill. Time to practice home fire drills. 6:30 p.m.
Brain and Yoga Workshops. Four seminars with Blake Martin, yoga teacher and kinesiologist. Ganges Yoga Studio. Info: 250-537-2444.
Old Growth Forest Slideshow. Ancient Forest Alliance shows spectacular photographs of Canada's largest trees. Central Hall. 7 p.m. By donation.
Silva Method Workshop. Free intro to upcoming two-day mind enhancement workshop. Lions Hall. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Info: Arna, 250-538-1967.

Thurs. October 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic. At The Local pub. 6 to 10 p.m.
Live Music. TBA at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.
John Lefbvre & the Stonehouse Ravens. Moby's. 8 p.m.
Trio Accord. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
Open Mic. At The Local pub. 6 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Kindergym. Runs every Monday and Thursday (except on school holidays) for kids aged 0 to 4 and their parents. Community Gospel Chapel. 9:30 to 11 a.m. \$2 per family. Coffee & tea supplied.
Family Place Open House. At the house at 120 Park Drive. 12 noon to 3 p.m. with Storytime with Wendy Vine at 12:30 p.m. Cake and crafts to follow.

Fri. October 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Stephanie Rhodes. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.
Lloyd English. Live at the Harbour House lounge.
DJ Mummy T. Moby's. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Tango Beginners' Lessons. Oct. 8, 15 and 22 with Keith at the Core Inn, third floor. 7 to 8 p.m. Info: Keith, 250-537-1544.

Sat. October 9

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Met Opera: Das Rheingold. Wagner opera as part of Met live broadcast series. ArtSpring. 10 a.m.
Daniel Howlett. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.
Imagine: John Lennon's 70th Birthday Party. With the Mancubs and 'Noko'. Moby's. 8 p.m.

Sat. October 9

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Erotica Electronica. Alchemi Living Arts Collective event for 17+ with DJ Someone Special, Indigo Matter, Dan Snakehead and Prodigal Son at Beaver Point Hall. Doors at 9 p.m.
Sweetwater & Co. At the Harbour House lounge.

ACTIVITIES

Fire Prevention Week Open House. At Ganges fire hall. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Antiques & Collectibles Sale. Mahon Hall. 10 - 5 p.m.
Locavore Dinner. Supporting Salt Spring Island farmers and fishermen, with guest speakers chef Bruce Wood and Gary Holman. Meaden Hall. 3:30 p.m. To reserve or for info: 250-537-5347; 250-537-4567.
Book Launch: Everything Was Good-bye. Evening with Gurjinder Basran, winner of the Mother Tongue Publishing's Search for the Great B.C. Novel Contest. Lions Hall. 8 p.m.

Sun. October 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Kristin Sweetland. Indie folk rock fun house concert. 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets at Acoustic Planet or 250-538-7262.
The Barley Brothers. Live at the Harbour House lounge.

ACTIVITIES

Critical Mass Bike Ride. Leaves Fulford Inn at 10:45 a.m., Cusheon & Fulford-Ganges intersection at 11:30; Central at 11:30 and Dagwoods at 11:50 a.m. Heading for 10/10/10 event at Centennial Park at noon.
10/10/10 Gathering. Multi-faith event sponsored by Transition Salt Spring, including the planting of nut trees. Centennial Park. Noon.
Skate Comp. Annual competition at Kanaka Skate Park with food sales to support the park. Noon to 3 p.m.
Free Family Thanksgiving Dinner. at Auntie Pesto's Cafe. 3 p.m. until the food runs out. Part of Homeless Connect Week.
Antiques & Collectibles Sale. Mahon Hall. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mon. October 11

ACTIVITIES

Thanksgiving Monday.
No activities scheduled at this time.

Tues. October 12

ACTIVITIES

Homeless Connect Day. At Community Services. Let's Do Brunch, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; BBQ on site, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; On-site resources, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
An Evening with the Indigenous Raramuri from Northern Mexico. The Raramuri speak of their experience in the Sierra Tarahumara. GISS multi-purpose room. 6:30 p.m. Info: Tania, taguila@terralingua.org.
Effects of Smoking on Vision. Probus presentation by Dr. Ian Chisholm. Meaden Hall. 10 a.m.

Tues. October 12

ACTIVITIES

SS Transportation Commission. Meets at the Portlock Park portable from 4 to 6 p.m.
Texas Hold'em Poker. Hosted by Heather at The Local.

Wed. October 13

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Stage. Moby's. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Homeless Connect Week Lunch. At Salt Spring United Church. Noon.
GI School Board Meeting. Galiano Island Community School. 1 p.m.
World War I War Graves Presentation. By Dr. Peter Rowell at Central Hall. SS Historical Society. 2 p.m.

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CINEMA
Dinner For Schmucks — Tim is a rising executive who "succeeds" in finding the perfect guest, IRS employee Barry (Steve Carrell) for his boss's monthly event, a so-called "dinner for idiots," which offers certain advantages to the exec who shows up with the biggest buffoon.

EXHIBITIONS

- A new show of work by **Bill Boyd** and **Jade Boyd** opens at **Gallery 8** on Friday, Oct. 8, 5 to 8 p.m., and runs daily through Oct. 30.
- Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art** holds a major exhibit and sale of work by **Walter J. Phillips** daily through Saturday, Oct. 9.
- The Salt Spring Weavers and Spinners Guild** holds a show and sale at **ArtSpring** from Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 9 and 10, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Monday, Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Starfish Gallery & Studio** shows **New Works** by **Stefanie Denz** through Oct. 10.
- Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** welcomes eight new artists to the artist-run gallery. Photographer **Bob Rogers**, stained glass artist **Rachel Vadeboncouer**, sculptor **Kathleen Horsdal**, painter **Judy Harper**, painter **Tina Louise Spalding**, bead jewellers **Leslie D'Athe's** group, gold and silver jeweller **Virginia Midgett**, and sculptor **Frederich Johner**.
- Shifting Realms**, a solo art show by **Jeanne Lyons**, is on display in the lobby of **ArtSpring** for the month of October. The show includes drawings on paper, sculpture and relief work.
- Sculptor **Morley Myers** shows new work at his **Merchants' Mews** gallery.
- Delaine Faulkner** shows work at **Island Savings** through October.
- The Salt Spring Photography Club** displays photos by club members at the **Salt Spring Coffee Company** on an electronic picture frame, with updated photos every two weeks.
- Hastings House Sculpture Garden Tours** run every Tuesday by reservation at 1 p.m. Phone 250-537-2362.
- New paintings by **Carol Haigh** are showing at **Steffich Fine Art**.
- Jim Standen's** photo exhibit, featuring Salt Spring-grown produce, is now being displayed on the walls at **Bruce's Kitchen**.
- Shari Macdonald** shows new photos at **Jana's Bake Shop**.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

MUSIC INDUSTRY

Salt Spring musician joins rock legends on U.S. stage

Daryl Chonka thrown into BTO fire

A new power trio joined the Canadian music pantheon when a last-minute delay brought about the one and only show of Bachman Turner . . . Chonka.

Salt Spring-based musician and music producer Daryl Chonka has been managing stage and backline for rock legends Randy Bachman and Fred Turner for the past year and a half. His duties have included setting the stage, preparing equipment and instruments for the show and keeping

the show running once the performance begins. "This means everything from tuning guitars and putting out fires from over-driven guitar amps to escorting raging groupies from the stage," Chonka explained.

When most of the band and all of their instruments were delayed while crossing the border into the U.S. for a Septemebr show at the Little Creek Casino, being the band's drummer was added to that list of duties.

"Bachman turned to me and said, 'Chonka you are drumming tonight,'" the musician said, still

with a trace of amazement in his voice.

Tour manager Kevin Duffy was quoted as saying "You are doing what? That is simply crazy . . . absolutely nuts!" when told of the situation by sound man Christian Stonehouse, also of Salt Spring.

With an hour to run over the tunes on his iPod and a mad scramble to find a guitar for Bachman and a bass for Turner, for Chonka it was an exciting introduction into the big leagues of classic rock.

"Randy took to the stage explaining to the audience that

this was a special night that would never be repeated. He went on to play a couple of solo acoustic songs at which point he came to American Woman," Chonka said.

Bachman re-enacted the story of how he wrote the song live on stage, explaining drummer and Canadian rock icon Marc Lefrance was somewhere between the border and the venue but would be covered by his "drum tech," who had never played the songs before. He introduced his bass player, legendary BTO co-frontman Turner, while banging out American Woman's

opening chords.

The one-night-only power trio, with backup vocals by Stonehouse, reportedly went on to play a raw but energized set of classics that escalated to the famous BTO hit Not Fragile, at which point the band arrived and seamlessly joined in mid-song. A relieved Chonka staggered off stage to prepare the newly arrived instruments for the final 15 minutes of show.

"All in all, everything considered, it was a successful night and a night I'll never forget," Chonka said.

DANCE

Erotica Electronica set for south end on Saturday

Weekend event to ignite passion and pleasure

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Organizers of Erotica Electronica seek to liberate islanders' inner eros at a one-of-a-kind multi-media dance event at Beaver Point Hall on Saturday night.

Members of Alchemi Living Arts Collective invite anyone aged 17 years and older to drop by the hall wearing whatever makes them feel their sexiest.

According to Mya Hardman, one of the collective's founding members, that can mean dressing up in anything from corsets and stilettos to pajamas and flip flops.

"Basically what we're trying to promote is safe, open and healthy sexuality," Hardman said. "Come in your pajamas if that's how you feel sexy."

The evening of entertainment and

dancing will include performances by DJs Someone Special, Indigo Matter, Dan Snakehead and Prodigal Son.

The event will also include shadow dancing, an non-alcoholic aphrodisiac bar, a one-woman erotic poetry and dance recital, a lounge and plenty of visuals strobing throughout the night.

"I want people to feel safe and that they are in an environment where there is no judgement," Hardman said. "People need to feel free to express their sexuality and it's hard to find a place on the island where they can do that."

Alchemi Living Arts Collective is based out of the big yellow house at 133 Hereford. Hardman said the group's goal is to spice up the island's arts and entertainment scene by bringing so-called alternative trends into the mainstream.

Hardman said the Oct. 9 event is intended for mature and

responsible audiences only.

The collective raised more than \$4,000 for survivors of the devastating earthquake in Haiti at a February event. Part of the proceeds from Erotica Electronica will help support counselling and support work provided by Options for Sexual Health, a non-profit group that gives people of all ages information about reproductive options and contraception.

Tickets for the event cost \$15 at the door before 10 p.m. or in advance at 133 Hereford Ave. Tickets will be available for \$20 after 10 p.m.

Doors open at 9 p.m. and the event is expected to wrap up at 2 a.m.

Hardman is looking for a someone with a Class 5 driver's licence and access to a vehicle for use as a shuttle bus between the venue and Central. For more information, contact Hardman at 250-538-8839.

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WEDNESDAY

STITCH DIMENSION QUILT GUILD meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of September (and the first and third Wednesday of subsequent months) at the SSI Baptist Church (rear door), 7 to 9 p.m. New members welcome. 7 to 9 p.m. Info: stitchdimension@gmail.com
GENEALOGY GROUP meets on the last Wednesday of each month for discussion and sharing at the Mormon Church. 7 p.m. Info: claudia2@shaw.ca.

every WEDNESDAY

PUMP PRIMERS co-ed heart health fitness class. All Saints By-the Sea. 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.
BODYBALL at All Saints church from 9 to 10:15 a.m. A low-impact aerobic class for energetic mature women. An exercise ball and yoga mat are required. For more information contact Minzie Anderson at 250-537-4004.
CONTEMPORARY DANCE CLASS with Robbyn Scott and Anna Haltrecht. 5 to 6:30 p.m. Call 250-537-5681 for studio location and more info.
FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE is open at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Info: 250-537-9573.
YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at The Gatehouse, Stowel Lake Farm. 9 to 10:30 a.m. and a Slow Flow class (for tired bodies) at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 4:45 to 6 p.m.
TAOIST TAI CHI - New weekly beginner class at All Saints church. 6:30 to 8 p.m.
PILATES CLASSES with Diana Bell at 210 Cedar Lane. All levels class at 11 a.m. More info: 250-537-5965. \$10 drop-in. Bring your own mat.
ZEN MEDITATION at 210 Cedar Lane at 7 p.m. Call 250-537-2258 for details. Newcomers always welcome.
CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP for people caring for individuals with Alzheimers and others. Every Wednesday at Salt Spring Seniors (379 Lower Ganges Rd.) at 11 a.m. Info: Margaret Monro, 250-537-5004.

every WEDNESDAY

SMARTSOMATICS CLASSES are suitable for all fitness levels and can help you reclaim a comfortable relaxed body at any age. North End Fitness, 3 to 4 p.m. Bring a flat pillow and wear comfy stretchy clothes. New class on Wednesdays 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. at Cedar Lane Studio at 210 Cedar Lane, providing enough people sign up. Call Nelly at 250-537-2056 first. Smartsomatics card available 10 sessions for \$130 and 11th class free. Drop-in \$16; 4 consecutive classes \$52. Register smartsomatics@shaw.ca to save your spot.

THURSDAY

BINGO at Meaden Hall on the first and third Thursday of each month at Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.

every THURSDAY

FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE is open at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-9573.
SALT SPRING BADMINTON CLUB. GISS gym from 8 to 10 p.m. For teens and adults. Bring own racquet and non-marking gym shoes. \$3 drop-in.
SMARTSOMATICS CLASSES. See Wednesday listing. North End Fitness, 3 to 4 p.m.
FIT FOR LIFE CLASSES with Betty-Lou Lake. All Saints lower hall. 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. Focus on balance, strength, flexibility. Target group is boomers and up. Info: billake@telus.net; 250-537-1638.
YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 9 to 10:30 a.m. (beginning Sept. 9) and 4:30 to 6 p.m.

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SUNRISE YOGA with Jenny at Ganges Yoga Studio. 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
YOGA LEVEL 2 with Celeste at Ganges Yoga Studio, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

every FRIDAY

RESTORATIVE YOGA with Jenny at Ganges Yoga Studio. 5 to 6 p.m.
PUMP PRIMERS co-ed heart health fitness class. All Saints By-the Sea. 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.
EVERYBODY STRETCH — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music. Ganges Yoga Studio. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
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RUGG HUGGERS Baby and Parent Drop-In group. Family Place, 120 Park Drive. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info: 250-537-9176; familyplace@ssics.ca
FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT CLASS at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Road. \$12 drop in or \$100/10 classes. 10 to 11 a.m. Info: Anna Haltrecht at 250-537-5681 or anna@bonesforever.com
TANGO PRACTICA at the Core Inn, third floor. 8 to 10 p.m. Info: Keith, 250-537-1544.

every SATURDAY

PILATES CLASSES with Diana Bell at 210 Cedar Lane. All levels class at 9:30 a.m. More info: 250-537-5965. \$10 drop-in. Bring your own mat.
HARDCORE BODY BLAST with Lola at Ganges Yoga Studio. 9 to 10 a.m. Free.
POWER FLOW YOGA at Ganges Yoga Studio. 10:30 a.m. to noon.
DAD 'N' ME Pancake Breakfast for kids and their dads at Family Place, 120 Park Drive. 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Info: 250-537-9176; familyplace@ssics.ca

every SUNDAY

SALT SPRING BADMINTON CLUB. GISS gym from 7 to 9 p.m. For teens and adults. Bring own racquet and non-marking gym shoes. \$3 drop-in.

every SUNDAY

KARMA KLOSS yoga at Ganges Yoga Studio. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free.

MONDAY

SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT trustees meeting runs on the third Monday of each month at Ganges fire hall, 7:30 p.m.
SALT SPRING PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION meets on the fourth Monday of each month in the Portlock Park Portable, 7 p.m. — although actual meeting dates are subject to change. Info: PARC, 250-537-4448.

every MONDAY

FLOOR HOCKEY at Fulford Hall. 7 p.m. Drop-in \$5.
LIFE DRAWING every Monday at the Core Inn (third floor). 1 to 3:30 p.m. Info: Jose Campbell, 250-537-1121. Drop-ins welcome.
DUPLICATE BRIDGE meets every Monday evening at Salt Spring Seniors Services Centre. 7 p.m.
PLAY READING GROUP meets every Monday at Salt Spring Seniors Services Centre. 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
EVERYBODY STRETCH — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music. Ganges Yoga Studio. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
THE CLINIC by OPT: Options for Sexual Health is open every Monday at the Core Inn 2nd floor. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 250-537-8786.
PILATES CLASSES with Diana Bell at 210 Cedar Lane. A gentle stretch-based class suitable for beginners. 2 p.m. More info: 250-537-5965. \$10 drop-in. Bring your own mat.
YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 4:30 to 6 p.m.
PUMP PRIMERS co-ed heart health fitness class. All Saints By-the Sea. 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.
TOASTMASTERS public speaking group meets Mondays at the Harbour House Hotel, Crofton Room. 7 p.m. Members of the public welcome.

every MONDAY

BONES FOR LIFE CLASS at Cats Pajamas Studio (104 Langs Road). \$12 drop in or \$100 for 10 classes. 4-5:15 p.m. Info: Anna Haltrecht at 250-537-5681 or anna@bonesforever.com
SALT SPRING SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS meet every Monday at All Saints Church hall. Basic class 6 to 7 p.m.; mixed class 7 to 8 p.m.; intermediate class 8 to 9 p.m. No previous experience required. For info, contact Mary Davidson, 250-653-4357.

TUESDAY

TAOIST TAI CHI - Weekly beginner class at All Saints church. 10:30 a.m. to noon.
MARKET IN THE MEADOW runs in the United Church Meadow every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
KUNDALINI MOVING MEDITATION from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and ECKHART TOLLE PRACTISING PRESENCE from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Info: Amrita, 250-537-2799.
PILATES CLASSES with Diana Bell at 210 Cedar Lane. An energetic class suitable for the fit client. 5:30 p.m. More info: 250-537-5965. \$10 drop-in. Bring your own mat.
YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at the Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. 7 to 8:30 p.m.
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AWARDS

Pharmasave cosmetics advisor up for national award

Gala event set for November

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A local Pharmasave employee has been selected from 800 nominees across Canada as a finalist for a prestigious “cosmetics outstanding service award.”

Adrienne Schult, a cosmetics advisor at Salt Spring’s uptown location, is competing for one of 17 awards given by Cosmetics magazine for outstanding service. The publication is Canada’s official trade magazine for beauty advisors working in all aspects of the industry.

“It’s a big compliment because AJ is relatively new in the business. We’re really proud because it’s all about customer service,” local business owner Linda

Ramsey said.

Schult’s nomination by Pharmasave Pacific’s cosmetics operations coordinator, Laurel Parker, was an impressive feat in itself. The over-arching company has more than 400 stores nationally with many more centrally located employees to attract notice, but as Ramsey said, Pharmasave’s Pacific division “really felt she deserved to be recognized.”

Cosmetics magazine’s award committee apparently agreed. Each person nominated receives three visits from a Cosmetics magazine mystery shopper, and Schult’s service helped bring her from a group of 800 to 74 finalists.

Schult has worked in the cosmetics section for two years, and Ramsey said it usually takes that long just to acquire the basic training. Beauty



Adrienne Schult

advisors take a more active role than might be suspected: they attend several educational seminars each year, learn advanced hair colour and makeup application techniques and stay abreast of the latest products and trends.

As Ramsey explained,

“For us, building our business is all about building relationships. Consultation on skin care, for example, can be a really personal experience — we’re helping someone feel better about themselves.”

Schult’s secret to providing excellent cus-

tomers service is twofold: knowing her products and giving people the space to come in and look around before she offers them help.

“I just treat them the way I’d like to be treated,” she said, “and I just try to be myself.”

It may come as a surprise to customers that beauty products can actually be returned. The store’s policy is to help people find what works for them, Ramsey said.

“The whole point is to make you happy with the product you buy. It’s not just a sale, it’s part of a conversation you’re having with a customer. And when you do make a difference, it’s the best feeling.”

Schult’s ability to make a difference is hinted at by the fact some customers come to see her every day. Her favourite part of the job comes with helping people with fra-

grance. As a scent fiend who has 12 to 15 bottles of her own at home, she knows which fragrances will work with which people, and how they settle. (Her personal favourite is Clinique’s Happy Heart, but she saves wearing it for after work so as to not overwhelm customers).

Schult is receiving the full support from Pharmasave Pacific, which is sending her to the gala awards ceremony being held in Toronto this

November. The black tie, red carpet event has been likened to “the Oscars for beauty advisors.”

If she wins, Schult will be treated to a full beauty treatment and photo shoot for her Cosmetics magazine profile. Even if she doesn’t win, however, she figures she’s received more than enough honour.

“It’s been great to be nominated out of 800 people nation-wide. . . . I made finalist. To me, I’ve already won.”

PHILANTHROPY

Salt Spring man endows two new scholarships at alma mater

Funds support studies in sexual diversity and queer spectrum students

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring resident Jack Hallam is in his former home of Toronto this week to celebrate the endowment of two new scholarships.

The scholarships will be awarded through the Mark S. Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies at the University of Toronto; one for undergraduates which will support queer spectrum students studying in any field, while a second is for graduate students specifically in sexual diversity studies.

Hallam, 82, is known to many on Salt Spring as a generous benefactor and the grand marshal of the Pride parade. He explained that since receiving a bequest from his sister he has endowed a number of scholarships.

“I have no partner and no children,” he said, “so in the past few years I’ve been giving away a fair amount of money.”

Previous scholarships Hallam has endowed include those for underprivileged First Nations students at Lakehead University and one for students of Brock University’s program in critical animal studies.

The latest awards were sparked by an article that

appeared in the magazine published by the University of Toronto, Hallam’s alma mater when he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1952 and for subsequent masters and Ph.D. degrees. The magazine’s summer 2009 cover story Out and Proud catalogued 40 years of gay activism at the university.

Although Hallam accepted his attraction to men wasn’t going away in 1955, being out wasn’t an option until decades later. The U of T article discusses how much of the work on gay liberation in Toronto and Canada actually began at the university.

Hallam greatly appreciated the article, but was concerned to see several homophobic letters regarding its publication in the following issue. One, written by a fellow graduate of 1952, said its author would reconsider his donations to the university because of the story’s content.

Hallam decided to show his support by improving education surrounding the issue. Also in U of T magazine, he learned about the Mark S. Bonham Centre, the only program in Canada to offer graduate studies in sexual diversity studies, but part of a growing field that includes several prestigious centres in the United States, including Yale and Cornell.

Although Hallam said he has focused on programs that seek to reverse racism, homophobia and animal cruelty, there is a reason that goes beyond the fact he came from there that



Jack Hallam is donating \$100,000 to educational causes at the University of Toronto, where he earned three degrees.

all of the scholarships are for Ontario universities.

“Ontario matches everything. It’s quite an incentive to give if you know your money is being matched,” Hallam explained, noting his \$100,000 donation will become at least \$200,000 in educational value, and perhaps more with the interest.

While at the university reception in Toronto, Hallam hopes to see a number of old friends, including early gay activists like the producer of Body Politic, a magazine Hallam once contributed to.

It’s his life in B.C. that will be the centre of his speech, however, with several anecdotes illustrating an “only on Salt Spring” picture — his home since 1990 — of how far acceptance of sexual diversity has progressed.



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Definitely in the summer we have a lot more choice in what we can use. Our herbs last the whole year — if freshly picked in the summer and dried or frozen in the fall for the winter months. I wouldn't put on the menu dishes that I couldn't harvest, at least in part.

WHAT PERCENTAGE OF YOUR OWN PRODUCE WOULD YOU SAY YOU USE ON YOUR MENU? DO YOU FIND IT DIFFICULT TO USE LOCAL FOOD CONSISTENTLY?

In terms of produce, I use 100% of my herbs and about 80% of my vegetables in the summer. In the fall and winter, I'll cook with the root vegetable I've grown until they're all gone. Currently I'm not using local lamb, chicken, or beef, but we get fresh salmon and tuna from the Ropy Fishing company.

HAVE YOU HAD ANY DEALINGS WITH GROWING UP ORGANICS, AN INITIATIVE OF ISLAND NATURAL GROWERS THAT CONNECTS LOCAL FARMS WITH RESTAURANTS? OR DO YOU RELY MAINLY ON WHAT YOU GROW YOURSELF?

No we haven't dealt with them. I would like to mention that one of my best experiences this year was attending the Chefs' Congress at Providence Farm (in Duncan). This event focused almost entirely on the "Ocean Wise" philosophy. We (or at least I) walked in to the congress thinking I knew the issues but we, as chefs, can do so much more in terms of being aware of ocean fish sustainability. The Congress is also about mainstreaming these ideals so that they're as commonplace as recycling is now. I remember only ten years ago when recycling was piecemeal at best, and now it has been mainstreamed into our consciousness.

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Presented by Arna Berg, who divides her time between Salt Spring and the Caribbean where she has taught

for many years, the Silva Method premise is "that you can achieve anything you set your mind to," explains a press release. "That the 'secret' to success is no secret at all. It teaches you techniques and mental skills that can be applied to whatever you want. You will develop a healthier body and mind, expand your talents and improve your skills, make positive

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to use more of your mind and use it in a special way."

The free Oct. 6 session is at Lions Hall at 7 p.m.

The course is set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 17 and 24.

To register or for more information, call Berg at 250-538-1967 or Samantha at 250-537-7302.

People can also visit www.silvamethod.com and www.silvamethod-sxm.com.



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YOGA FOR APPLES: A well-attended yoga session led by Kristen Lewis was part of the Apples for the Cure event to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research in Centennial Park on Saturday.

HISTORY

WWI in focus at graves talk next Wed. at Central

Dr. Peter Rowell shares European experience

Veterans of the First World War will be remembered at the next Salt Spring Historical Society presentation at Central Hall.

Dr. Peter Rowell of Salt Spring will present a historical view of his visit to the war graves of the men and women who fought in European wars — maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Established by Royal Charter in

1917, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission pays tribute to the 1,700,000 men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died in the two world wars.

But as Rowell will show, there's more to the commission than cenotaphs and cemeteries. In his talk, Rowell will use pictures, recollections, audio tapes and his own personal impressions as he leads us through this remembrance program concentrating on WWI.

The Oct. 13 talk is at 2 p.m. Tea and coffee will follow.

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A Salute to Firefighters

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Firefighters work hard during the 2010 fire training weekend that saw 100 firefighters from 20 communities participate in a variety of training and social activities. It was the seventh annual event held on Salt Spring. Applications for volunteer firefighting recruit class members are now available.

FIREFIGHTING

Local firefighting inspires lifelong learning, growth

Applications now being accepted for new recruit class

BY MITCHELL SHERRIN
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

People might think firefighting is pretty basic. After all, don't we just pour water on a fire to put it out? But in reality, firefighting is a skilled trade performed by craftsmen akin to professional carpenters, plumbers, mechanics or electricians utilizing an array of specialized skills, techniques and tools.

In the last few decades, fire departments have been called for an increasing range of non-fire problems such as car crashes, medical crises, hazardous spills and technical rescues. And the trade of firefighting has only become more sophisticated with technological advances in recent years.

It's common knowledge that firefighting is one of the most dangerous occupations with approximately 100 line-of-duty fatalities each year in the U.S. (Canada does not track similar statistics) and some 80,000 reported injuries. An unskilled firefighter risks more than poor performance on the job site;

their very health and safety requires proficient skills, solid team work and a high level of knowledge about their area of expertise.

Surprisingly, the average number of firefighter injuries and fatalities per structure fire in North America has actually increased over the last few decades, even though there have been significantly fewer fires and much safer protective equipment.

Some cited reasons for increased injuries and fatalities are that the increased use of synthetic materials in furnishings and changes in building construction have caused fires to burn two to three times hotter than they did only 30 years ago. Changes in building construction with items such as lightweight roofs and flooring have also caused buildings to collapse much earlier — in as little as five minutes of continuous exposure to flame.

Additionally, since there are fewer fires now than there were in the past (largely due to advances in fire code and fire-education initiatives), firefighters have less opportunity to hone their skills; consequently, the need for quality training is greater now than ever before.

In recent years, fire depart-

ments across Canada have also observed residents in rural communities like Salt Spring demanding higher levels of service than were previously expected in the past. One explanation for this phenomenon is related to population movement trends over the last few decades. City-dwelling residents accustomed to a high level of service have migrated to communities like the Gulf Islands where they tend to expect the same service they had in the city.

And, much like the clientele, fire does not distinguish between a rural volunteer who attends a few calls a year and a highly trained specialist working in a busy city department. Both types of firefighter face many of the same challenges.

Accordingly, firefighter training at Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue (SSIFR) is accredited through the Justice Institute of B.C. (JIBC) and meets international standards set by the National Fire Protection Administration. Firefighters trained at SSIFR meet the same training criteria as their colleagues graduating from fire colleges in Vancouver, Calgary, Los Angeles or New York City.

Training itself is often a motivator for prospective firefighters to join SSIFR since the same 33

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JAMIE HOLMES
CAPTAIN



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Once a firefighter has mastered the basic skills at SSIFR, maintenance training is provided continuously and supplemental training is available in the areas of emergency vehicle and heavy truck operation, leadership, fire engineering, fire investigation, public education, fire inspection and advanced rescue skills.

And training is

ongoing throughout the career or volunteer stint of anyone involved in the fire service. New equipment and procedures are constantly evolving and innovating the way people perform their work. As with any technical vocation, constant practice is required to maintain proficiency.

Islanders can take pride in the high calibre of instruction that firefighters receive at SSIFR.

Some education in specialized areas is provided by guest instructors or weekend visits to off-island facilities, but the bulk of training is provided in-house during three-hour Tuesday-night drills, with a few weekend sessions each year dedicated to major course work.

It should be noted

that while the calibre of instruction on Salt Spring is high, SSIFR struggles to find suitable training locations. The department has only one small classroom for an organization of 55 members, and SSIFR usually offers three or four different classes simultaneously each session. Venues for hands-on training (most critical for skill development) are restricted to department parking lots, truck bays and the occasional use of a local business or public-service building. Consequently, students in a class on forcible entry might be restricted from actually breaking a door or cutting through a wall — since there is currently no site where SSIFR can actually practise these skills.

Fortunately, SSIFR is working toward building an island training facility where future firefighting instruction can allow students to cut roof props, practise extinguisher training, perform searches and simulate rescue techniques.

With community support, the SSIFR Recruit Class of 2011 might even be able to

see the fruits of this five-year project unfold during their training.

Islanders can take pride in the high calibre of instruction that firefighters receive at SSIFR. The department is constantly recognizing the personal growth of local firefighters as they increase their skills individually and collectively through a dizzying array of certified and locally-produced courses. Instructors at SSIFR have worked with the JIBC and Vancouver Island University and are constantly invited to teach firefighters in other communities. Past members trained by SSIFR have recently gone on to career firefighting positions for the city of Toronto, the municipality of Oak Bay, the Department of National Defence and the B.C. Ministry of Forests.

When someone on Salt Spring calls 911 for a fire, rescue, environmental or medical emergency, they can expect prompt, effective and professional assistance from SSIFR. And given a solid training foundation, SSIFR expects to control incidents, reduce property losses, and



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Salt Spring firefighters work to extinguish a cottage fire earlier this year. The department has tackled nine structure fires so far in 2010.

preserve public safety while maintaining a high degree of safety for their own members to prevent injuries or fatalities while providing this vital community service.

For more information about the SSIFR training program, the proposed SSIFR train-

ing facility or volunteer firefighter employment opportunities, visit the SSIFR website (www.saltspringfire.com), phone the fire hall (250-537-2531), or drop by SSIFR Hall #1 (105 Lower Ganges Road). SSIFR Hall #1 will also host an Open House Information

Session for the annual recruit drive at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 13.

Oct. 31 is the deadline for recruit applications for the SSIFR Recruit Class of 2011.

The contributing writer is a career firefighter with SSIFR.

Iris just joined the Fire Department this year as the Administrative Assistant and is very proud to be a part of the SSIFR Team!

SAFETY TIP: Keep space heaters at least 3' from anything that can burn.

IRIS BECK
ADMIN. ASSISTANT



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In the fire service since 1974

Fred is our computer techie. Fred was a captain with the Township of Langley for 13 years.

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Travis is a career firefighter who joined the dept. for all the great training.

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TRAVIS GUEDES
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Mitch works as a career firefighter and lives on a hobby farm with his wife and three children and a menagerie of animals. "I'm proud to serve my community with such a well trained and dedicated team."

SAFETY TIP: Please mark your address clearly so that we can find you.

MITCHELL SHERRIN
FIREFIGHTER



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In the fire service since 1995

Ken works as an electrician and is a realtor with Pemberton Holmes Realty. He joined the department because he wanted to help the community.

SAFETY TIP: Take advantage of our infant CPR program.

KEN AKERMAN
CAPTAIN



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Jim always wanted to be a firefighter and followed in the footsteps of his brother. He works as a highways maintenance technician for Mainroad South Island Contracting.

SAFETY TIP: Make sure your child is wearing reflective clothing on Halloween.

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Todd works as an electrical contractor. He started volunteering to "give back to the community."

SAFETY TIP: Practice electrical safety at home and at work.

TODD McINTYRE
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Laurence works as a marine engineer for BC Ferries. "I joined knowing that what I do as a firefighter makes a difference in the community."

SAFETY TIP: Teach your children how to get out of the house in the event of a fire.

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Kurt owns Irwin Collision. Kurt joined the department to "give back to the community."

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Second generation Salt Spring Island firefighter, and second term as an elected member of the Board of Trustees.

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In the fire service since 1996

Brian works for North Salt Spring Waterworks and followed in his father's footsteps as a volunteer firefighter.

SAFETY TIP: Yield to emergency vehicles when they are using lights and sirens—we could be going to your house.

BRIAN HARTLEY
CAPTAIN



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In the fire service since 1997

Rob works for the maintenance depart. at Lady Minto Hospital. Rob enjoys facing and conquering new challenges. "I joined the dept. to be part of a close knit team and to do something honourable for my community."

SAFETY TIP: Keep all chemicals and other household cleaners safely locked away.

ROB MINVILLE
LIEUTENANT



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In the fire service since 1994

Dan has been a resident of Salt Spring since '93. He has rejoined the fire dept. after a five-year hiatus and looks forward to serving in the community again.

SAFETY TIP: Check your smoke detector often.

DAN LEE
PUMP OPERATOR



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In the fire service since 2000

Peter, a carpenter, enjoys the challenge of firefighting and training to meet that challenge.

SAFETY TIP: Be prepared.

PETER OGIS
LIEUTENANT



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Brent works as a receiver at Thrifty Foods. He enjoys regular golf gatherings with his fellow firefighters.

SAFETY TIP: Have an escape plan.

BRENT DICK
LIEUTENANT



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Dan enjoys the professionalism and dedication that the department represents and the challenges it provides.

SAFETY TIP: Give the right-of-way to all emergency vehicles on call.

DAN OLSON
FIREFIGHTER



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In the fire service since 2001

Rob works for the CRD. "I like to help my community and joined to learn more about emergency services."

SAFETY TIP: Check your smoke detectors and change batteries every six months.

ROB GROSSMAN
LIEUTENANT



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"My eldest son was four when I joined the department, and my dad asked him what it meant when the smoke the alarm went off, and he answered 'Dinner is ready.'" Do your kids know what it really means when the smoke alarm goes off?

SAFETY TIP: Formulate a home fire escape plan and practise it.

ALISA OWEN
FIREFIGHTER



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Rob joined the department to help the community. He works in the dairy section at Thrifty Foods.

SAFETY TIP: Be cautious of campfires and burn piles.

ROB HUNTER
FIREFIGHTER



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Chris is a pastor at the Community Gospel Church. He was invited to serve as chaplain and became a firefighter because of his desire to help the community.

SAFETY TIP: Never leave space heaters on when you go to bed.

CHRIS CORMACK
FIREFIGHTER / CHAPLAIN



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As produce manager at Thrifty Foods, Steve aims to keep the department supplied with fresh humour, organic golf tips and smiles in the aisles.

SAFETY TIP: Don't hesitate to call the fire department for help.

STEVE HUNT
FIREFIGHTER



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Doug lived in New York City during 9/11 and he wanted an opportunity to learn and give back to the community. He operates the Hale Eddy B&B.

SAFETY TIP: Water your Christmas tree daily and be sure it's placed away from exits and heat sources.

DOUG PONSFORD
FIREFIGHTER



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In the fire service since 2004

Mark is a self-employed publisher and event producer who joined the department to contribute to the community. "I've found the training knowledge and camaraderie to be extremely rewarding."

SAFETY TIP: If you have children, always use childproof lighters.

MARK WYATT
FIREFIGHTER



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Kris owns an excavating business and said he joined the department to better himself and help the community.

SAFETY TIP: Wear your seatbelt.

KRIS PLAMBECK
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SCOTT CHAPMAN
FIREFIGHTER



Scott is the yard manager for Slegg Lumber. "I like being able to benefit the community."

SAFETY TIP: Keep a fire extinguisher in your home.

In the fire service since 2008

GEOFF FISHLEIGH
FIREFIGHTER



Geoff runs a woodworking business and has been a resident of SSI for 25 years. "I'm happy to serve."

SAFETY TIP: Stop, drop and roll if your clothes catch fire.

In the fire service since 2008

GLEN SMITH
FIREFIGHTER



Glen works for BC Ferries as a deck hand. He volunteers for the community service. "Both my father and grandfather were firefighters, so it's something of a tradition in my family."

SAFETY TIP: Plan a fire escape plan with your family.

In the fire service since 2001

FIONA FOSTER
LIEUTENANT



Fiona works as a hairstylist and likes setting an example to young women that they can achieve anything they want. She's found volunteering more rewarding the longer she's been in the department.

SAFETY TIP: Check smoke alarm batteries twice a year on daylight savings day.

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GRANT BURRON
FIREFIGHTER



Grant joined the department to receive training that could possibly assist, save or help someone in his community which he finds gratifying and a reward in itself.

SAFETY TIP: Be sure to check your gas and/or propane lines for leaks regularly.

In the fire service since 2008

PETER ANDRESS
FIREFIGHTER



Peter is always interested to learn new things and skills related to helping others.

SAFETY TIP: Have your driveway cleaned before you start burning in the fall.

In the fire service since 2008

ERIC TAYLOR
FIREFIGHTER



Eric is a self-employed glazier. "I joined the fire department because I was born and raised on SSI and it's time to give back to the community."

SAFETY TIP: Clean your chimney.

In the fire service since 2008

AMANDA VANDERKLOOF
FIREFIGHTER



Amanda works as a paramedic for BC Ambulance. "I wanted to give something back to the community and work alongside a great team with the SSIFD."

SAFETY TIP: Don't play with matches!

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DAVID GRIFFITHS
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David works as a manager for Mouat's Hardware. "I joined because when needed, there is always someone on the way!"

SAFETY TIP: Please shake your fire extinguishers once every few months to prevent the powder from packing.

In the fire service since 2008

ROSS ATKINSON
FIREFIGHTER



Ross works as a handyman. Ross joined the department as he wanted to set an example for his children as to the importance of contributing to the community. "I enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship within the department."

SAFETY TIP: Don't burn in the summer.

In the fire service since 2009

CHARLIE VAN STRAWBENZEE
RECRUIT



SAFETY TIP: Keep cooking areas clear of combustibles and wear short or tight-fitting sleeves when you cook. Keep the handles of your pots turned inward so they do not overhang the stove. If grease catches fire, carefully slide a lid over the pan and smother the flames, then turn off the burner.

In the fire service since 2009

PAUL DREBERT
RECRUIT



Paul, an engineer, joined the department this year to learn some new skills as a firefighter and serve the community.

SAFETY TIP: Periodically inspect your extinguishers and fire alarms.

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Jewelz joined the fire dept. because, as she says, "Who doesn't like the big trucks?"

SAFETY TIP: Hold a family fire drill at least twice a year.

In the fire service since 2009

CODY HUNSBERGER
RECRUIT



Cody has lived on SSI for all his life and loves to give back to the community. "Hopefully I'll make firefighting a life long career."

SAFETY TIP: Always make sure your cigarettes are fully extinguished.

In the fire service since 2009

JASON POHL
RECRUIT



Jason moved to SSI with his wife and two children in January 2009. Jason has a passion for volunteering and plans to make firefighting a career.

SAFETY TIP: Never smoke in bed or when you are sleepy. Carelessly discarded cigarettes are a leading cause of fire deaths.

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Max Akerman leads Sparky the Fire Dog through his school, followed by his dad Ken Akerman, a volunteer firefighter. Fire personnel gave presentations to Fulford Elementary School classes on Monday. Max also took his dad to kindergarten class, where students brought things that begin with the letter D.

PROTECTION AT HOME

Smoke alarm maintenance is just one crucial safety step

Fire plans should be set up and practised

Canadians should replace their home smoke alarm batteries at least once a year as recommended by the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs. The good news, according to a recent TNS Canada poll, is that the majority of Canadians (about 73 per cent) with smoke alarms are following that advice.

But fire officials also warn that good home fire safety practices also mean having a fire escape plan in place and practising home fire drills once a year.

Unfortunately, the same TNS Canada poll, conducted in July 2010 on behalf of Duracell, showed that nearly half of Canadians surveyed said they do not have a home fire escape plan. The poll also showed that two in three homes with children never practise home fire drills.

"A working smoke alarm is a critical element of home fire safety, but knowing exactly what to do in the event of a real fire emergency is also crucial," said Bruce Burrell, president of the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC). "Having a proper fire escape plan and practicing fire drills can make the difference between a safe escape and tragedy when a fire hits."

FIRE SAFETY continued on B15

In the fire service since 2004

JIM WITHERSPOON
FIREFIGHTER

Jim works as a finishing carpenter. He enjoys the challenges and learning new skills in the fire department.

SAFETY TIP: Please pull over when you see a vehicle with a fire plate and flashing hazard lights. Help us help others.

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Having moved to Canada in 1974, Mario has been active in fighting fires and forest fires.

SAFETY TIP: Always watch when you are working with fire for potential hazards.

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DOMINIQUE GAUDET
FIREFIGHTER

Dominique joined the department to continue the first aid training that he learned as a ski patrol, and to learn the skills needed to become a career firefighter and help people in need. Dom works as a Blacksmith and part time firefighter.

SAFETY TIP: Make sure to turn your stove off before you leave your house.

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GRANT GUSSIE
FIREFIGHTER

Having moved to Salt Spring Island in 2004 from Manitoba, Grant joined the department to meet people and to help the community.

SAFETY TIP: Periodically check the pressure on your fire extinguisher.

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IAN WHIPPLE
FIREFIGHTER

Ian is a registered nurse at Lady Minto Hospital. Ian enjoys the camaraderie of volunteering at the dept. and also helping the community.

SAFETY TIP: Do not leave candles unattended. Trust me.

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KIRSTIN FLANNAGAN
FIREFIGHTER

Works as a paramedic for BC Ambulance, sings in two choirs, volunteers at the climbing wall, dances and enjoys yoga. "I love doing something useful. I'm constantly learning both in the department and about myself."

SAFETY TIP: Always have an escape plan ready and practise it too!

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COLBY SAWCHUK
FIREFIGHTER

Colby works as an engine room assistant for BC Ferries. He enjoys learning the skills to be able to help people at a time when they need it most.

SAFETY TIP: Wear your seatbelt.

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PARIS HAASE
FIREFIGHTER

Paris is self-employed and volunteers with the department as he enjoys helping the community. "In the future I want to become a career firefighter."

SAFETY TIP: Use designated drivers or taxis whenever drinking.

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Update safety practices

FIRE SAFETY
continued from B14

This year, Duracell is partnering with the CAFC and Kidde Canada to promote fire safety with the Great Canadian Fire Drill campaign, which is encouraging Canadians to develop escape plans and be counted in by doing a drill. Complete details on this special campaign are available online at www.safeathome.ca/drill.

"Fire safety in the home is something all Canadians should take very seriously and we want to spread the word on the importance being fully prepared in the event of a real emergency," said Victoria Maybee, external relations manager for Duracell. "The Great Canadian Fire Drill cam-

paign is an easy way for parents to help children understand what to do in case of fire."

Fire Prevention Week in Canada runs Oct. 3 to 9 this year and is a good time to update your fire safety practices. More home fire safety resources and tips, including a fire escape plan builder and an email reminder tool are available online at www.duracell-firesafety.com.

The TNS Canada poll was conducted July 15 to 20, 2010 and is based on a national sample of 1,074 adults from TNS Canadian Facts' Internet research panel who were invited to complete an online survey.

Article provided by News Canada.




PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Salt Spring firefighter Travis Guedes, accompanied by Sparky the Fire Dog, visits the class of teacher Jim Lightfoot at Fulford Elementary School on Monday as part of Fire Prevention Week, to talk about smoke alarms and other fire safety matters.

In the fire service since 2002

CHRIS JOYNSON
VOLUNTEER




Chris likes to volunteer around the hall and he's always liked the fire department. "It's my favourite team," he said.

SAFETY TIP: Put in a sprinkler system.

In the fire service since 2010

DAVID LEWINGTON
PROB. FIRE FIGHTER



SAFETY TIP: Ensure you've put the batteries back in the smoke detector after smoke from the burnt dinner has cleared.

In the fire service since 2010


NANCY PURSELL
PROB. FIRE FIGHTER



SAFETY TIP: Join our SSI Fire/Rescue Facebook page and stay up to date on current events and fire related news. Become a fan today.

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STEVE LEICHTER
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Steve started in emergency communications as a police dispatcher in the mid 1970s and has been a radio operator for police, fire and mountain search and rescue agencies. He has experience in dispatch, command post, and field communications. Steve joined the department to free up trained firefighters from communications duties, to help keep the firefighters a bit safer when on a call, and to give something back to the island.

SAFETY TIP: Be active in your neighbourhood POD.



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GUS TREEWATER
RADIO OPERATOR



Gus is an avid ham radio operator and, besides helping with Salt Spring Fire communications, is involved with the Salt Spring Emergency Program and is a member of the CRD Emergency Management Commission. Gus also runs Going Away Home Checkup Services, keeping an eye on Islander's homes while they are away.

SAFETY TIP: If you're gone from your home for an extended period, don't forget to unplug all electric space heaters.



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Dave moved to Salt Spring Island in 2006 from Alberta. He joined the department to meet people and to help the community.

SAFETY TIP: Plan and practise your house escape route.


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