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BANNER DAY: Sheila Gordon works on the 350.org banner for the multi-community 10/10/10 rally held Sunday at Centennial Park on Salt Spring. See photo, page A13 and related story, page A6.

ISLANDS TRUST

Funding deadline frets library board

Islands Trust to revisit application in November

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring library board members worry further holdups could jeopardize federal and provincial funding for a new library building.

"The faster we can spend the money we have, the surer we can be of getting it," said Duncan Hepburn, chair of the library's building committee, during an address to trustees at Thursday's local Trust committee meeting at ArtSpring.

Hepburn and library board chair Rita Archer attended the meeting in an effort to dissuade trustees from forwarding the library application to the Islands Trust's Advisory Design Panel and Advisory Environment Committee.

According to correspondence allegedly received

by library board members, the federal and provincial governments say the project risks losing funding of roughly \$4.5 million if construction does not start by March 2011.

The letter did not specify which specific step constitutes the start of construction.

Archer, who took over the role of library chair after long-time board member Tilly Crawley stepped down due to illness last month, said conditions at the current library are another reason to move swiftly on the matter. (Sadly, Crawley died on Monday.)

"It is increasingly inadequate and less safe every day," Archer told trustees. "The board lives in fear of what it may have to do to keep the library going."

She said mildew, structural issues and rodents continue to plague the library's aging building.

Trustees said enough input has already been received to warrant not sending the application to the ADP. Overlooking the Advisory Environment Committee, however, stands to set an adverse precedent and could lead to further delays down the road.

The AEC has been advised to concentrate its focus on potential impacts on and near Ganges Creek.

"My experience, more broadly, is that skipping steps often slows the process down and it would be terrible if we missed any steps," said Salt Spring LTC chair Sheila Malcolmson.

Given that none of the AEC's potential recommendations would impact the building's final design, trustee George Ehring said, he foresees no

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AGRICULTURE

Police target roadside vendors

New digs wanted

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Not even the lure of organic carrots, freshly cut greens and tomatoes was sufficient to deter Salt Spring RCMP officers from breaking up an impromptu fruit and vegetable market in front of Centennial Park on Tuesday afternoon.

"The highway isn't designed to be used as a store," said RCMP Staff Sgt. Danny Willis on Tuesday afternoon.

Ten market vendors who normally sell fruit, vegetables and prepared food items behind the Island Savings Credit Union in the United Church meadow set up shop along Fulford-Ganges Road at 9 a.m. in a bid to raise the profile of locally grown produce.

"We're kind of hidden away there [in the meadow]," said John Wilcox, owner of Duck Creek Farm. "It's during working hours and people just don't see us."

The move to the roadside next to Centennial Park in the heart of Ganges, Wilcox said, is all about putting locally grown produce front and centre in the community.

"Some of us hope that we could do this all year long," Wilcox said.

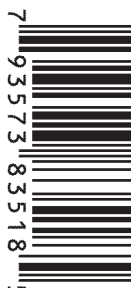
Thanks to an agreement with the United Church, Tuesday vendors have been a fixture in the meadow for several years during the growing season. The last Tuesday market of 2010 was held there on Oct. 5.

Wilcox said a low shoulder season turnout at the meadow, coupled with a late harvest,

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NEWSBEAT

Parking lot falls outside of jurisdiction

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means it's crucial that farmers find a highly visible and central location to sell their produce.

Farmer Ron Pither said moving the Tuesday market from the meadow to Centennial Park could make the downtown core more family friendly.

"We're back on the main drag," Pither said on Tuesday morning. "This is where the market was historically and we need this. It's critical for farmers."

The move prompted quick action by the Capital Regional District's bylaw enforcement officer, who stopped by to let vendors know exactly what was and was not permitted on the site.

"You're not supposed to sell things in the park wherever and whenever you like," said Wolfgang Brunnwieser.

Based on an official CRD map, the Parks and Recreation Commission's boundary doesn't include the sidewalk or the road-



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Tuesday vendors set up alongside Centennial Park.

side along Centennial Park.

As a result, vendors who are set up on the sidewalk and those who sell produce from vehicles parked alongside Fulford-Ganges Road need only worry about the province's Ministry of Transportation and the local RCMP.

Willis said the decision to move in and ask farmers to clear out occurred after he learned about plans to hold the event on

a weekly basis.

"One of the advantages of living in a smaller community is that we don't have to become officious about every little rule," he said. "Just because it's a violation doesn't mean we have to follow it up."

Willis said the RCMP's decision to close down the market at about 1 p.m. was a proactive measure to clear up any regu-

latory confusion in weeks to come.

Vendors who wish to sell their wares on MOT property, he said, must obtain a permit from the provincial government.

Wilcox said he and the other farmers who participated in Tuesday's action have no intention of breaking the law next week. Efforts are already underway to have next week's Tuesday market in the parking lot between Gasoline Alley and Centennial Park.

"I'm looking for sanctuary in front of the Church of Bruce's Kitchen," Wilcox said.

According to Willis, whatever happens in a privately owned parking lot would fall outside the jurisdiction of MOT and the CRD.

At that point, he said, it's between the owners, the vendors and possibly the Islands Trust.

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ISLANDS TRUST

Brinkworthy strata application gets rolling

Mobile home park in affordability debate

converted to a bare-land strata.

Whereas the complex's residents currently rent the land on which their homes are built, strata conversion would offer them an option to purchase the land.

Despite assurances from the company that residents will not be forced to purchase their lots, many residents of the senior citizens community believe strata conversion will cause prices in the 137-unit development to skyrocket.

"This is a unique slot [of affordable homes] on our island and the strata will raise the bar," said Pam Adams, one of the Brinkworthy Place residents

who spoke during Thursday's town hall session.

Strata conversion of the property requires the Trust to conduct a public information session and a public hearing on the topic before any final decision is made by trustees.

"The application is an important event to us and we need the opportunity to debate the merits of such a conversion at proper hearings under the auspices of the Islands Trust," said Rod Bailey, chair of the Brinkworthy Park Committee.

Bailey noted that the application process thus far leaves much to be desired. He worries that Tri-Star will become impa-

tient and look for a buyer.

"Tri-Star has been a good landlord that has dealt honestly and openly with all of the issues that we have raised with them," he told trustees. "However, we are concerned that because of the delays in processing this application, the principals of Tri-Star will get fed up and sell the park to some other investor who may not have the same interest of the tenants at heart."

Though the cost of a planner will be covered by the applicant, Trust staff provided certainty that any recommendations provided to the island's LTC will be entirely independent and unbiased.

Review 'due diligence' with creek running through land

LIBRARY

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reason why the library board can't give the architect the go-ahead to work on the build-

ing's next phase.

"I don't think it's due diligence to simply pass this off when we have a property like that with a creek running down the whole length of it," said Ehring. "Even though their

capacity to review this is narrow, I still think it should happen."

The application, along with any recommendations provided by the AEC, will be revisited at the Nov. 4 meeting.

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CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Visiting indigenous group connects with islanders

Permaculture practices appreciated

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Visitors from the remote Sierra Tarahumara region of Mexico are in the community this week learning skills to protect their traditional language, culture and environment.

The cultural exchange, part of an ongoing project by Salt Spring-based Terralingua, has brought representatives of the indigenous Rarámuri to the island to learn growing techniques from permaculture specialist Michael Nickels at Seven Ravens Tree Nursery. The group is also meeting with First Nations groups in the area for cultural preservation strategies.

Learning techniques that are effective and sustainable is crucial for preserving the Rarámuri culture, which has been eroding along with the soil of their mountain region due to heavy logging. Young people are leaving the community to find work to buy the food they once grew, but do not earn enough and also have no time left for farming.

Five travellers took time to visit with the Driftwood last Saturday during a tour of the Market in the Park. Despite the wind and cool weather, the Rarámuri visitors did not seem to notice the cold, coming from a region that sees winter temperatures that go down to -15 degrees.

Carlos Palma Batista, leader of the group, said the opportunity to visit Salt Spring has been very fruitful for learning simple but effective growing techniques and seeing the results of those techniques first hand. Nickels and Terralingua have previously led workshops on growing food and creating tree nurseries in Sierra Tarahumara, but now the information has become more tangible.

"With the tools, materials and results here, everything seems clearer now," Palma Batista said through interpreter and Terralingua founder Luisa Maffi.

"Many people have gone to the Sierra Tarahumara to show us techniques [for growing food], but they didn't go at the right planting season, so it is important to see here."

Clemente Loya Tucheachi said what he found most valuable during the Salt Spring workshops were the techniques for transplanting trees and other plants and the idea of planting things out to see how they will grow. Salvador Palma Batista said he appreciated seeing how fruits and vegetables look when they grow well, and learning how to make compost so they can start doing it at home.

Learning sustainable practices has been important to the entire group, as they are looking for ways to preserve the mountain ecology and still feed themselves.

"What is difficult for people in the Sierra has been how to grow enough food for one day to the next," Carlos Palma Batista said.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Visitors from Mexico demonstrate weaving techniques on Salt Spring.

"What we've learned here is some of these techniques are fairly simple and don't require a lot of money."

CARLOS PALMA BATISTA

"Conserving the environment is something people may be concerned about, but they don't have the time or the resources... What we've learned here is some of these techniques are fairly simple and don't require a lot of money, so it is possible to do some of these things."

Perhaps just as useful as the practical skills has been the experience of being treated as equals by non-indigenous people. Traditionally the Rarámuri have been wary of

meeting people of a different skin colour, but the visitors said they have felt many people "have soul" here on Salt Spring.

"What we have observed the most is people have really treated us well, not as little children, which happens in Mexico and elsewhere. In Mexico and other parts of the world, many people think they are superior and their focus is to accumulate, not to share," Palma Batista said.

With the intensive permaculture workshops now complete, the Rarámuri visitors will concentrate on the cultural arm of the exchange. They have already visited the Tsartlip First Nation at Brentwood Bay and this week are meeting with the Cowichan Tribes and the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group, an umbrella group negotiating land claims for six First Nations. The visitors will attend a potluck and meet spirit drummers in Duncan on Thursday.

For more information on Terralingua and its projects to preserve cultural and biological diversity, visit www.terralingua.org.

News briefs

Burnaby relieves Nanaimo

Travellers between Long Harbour, the southern Gulf Islands and Tsawwassen will enjoy a change of scenery until mid-December as the Queen of Nanaimo undergoes its refit.

The Queen of Burnaby took over the route on Tuesday.

Because the Burnaby is the Nanaimo's sister ship, the vehicle capacity is the same, although BC Ferries

says the ships' on-board amenities differ slightly.

Commercial operators should note that the Queen of Burnaby has a height clearance of 14'4" and width of eight feet as compared to the 14'8" height clearance and width of 10 feet on the Queen of Nanaimo.

Police report

A 19-year-old male was arrested for causing a disturbance after police received complaints of a fight at the Harbour Authority parking lot next to Centennial Park last Wednesday evening.

Investigation of the scene resulted in the seizure of two bottles of liquor, together with a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The man was detained until sober.

A 22-year-old male who was also involved in the incident was driven home and an intoxicated 15-year-old female was returned to the care of her parent.

Alcohol also played a role in an incident on Friday, Oct. 8 during which a vehicle was observed in the school board office parking lot with its lights

on. Police stopped the vehicle and investigation revealed the 17-year-old male driver from Alberta had consumed alcohol.

He was issued an immediate three-day roadside prohibition and the vehicle was towed and impounded for three days.

Also on Friday, police attended a motor vehicle collision on Vesuvius Bay at Central just after 11:30 a.m.

The 37-year-old Nanaimo driver of a vehicle with a trailer was proceeding northbound and then turned in front of another

vehicle.

Police say the driver apparently planned to turn left onto Vesuvius Bay Road and became distracted.

He continued into the turn without checking for oncoming traffic.

A violation ticket was issued to the driver for an improper turn at an intersection. Both vehicles suffered moderate damage.

Police received a report of a dirt bike having been stolen after it was parked and advertised for sale along North End Road, and thought to have disappeared sometime Saturday

evening.

The dirt bike is described as a red and white 2008 Loncin PY150. Anyone with information relating to this incident is asked to contact Salt Spring RCMP at 250-537-5555 or Crimestoppers.

Police also received a report of a vehicle stolen from a residence near Ganges around 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 10, although it was subsequently found on Tuesday.

An investigation is continuing. Anyone with information should contact Salt Spring RCMP.

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ISLANDS TRUST

Trust pulls back on B&B enforcement

Investigation to focus on 'unsupervised properties'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Trustees at Thursday's local Trust committee meeting directed bylaw enforcement staff to focus their efforts on unsupervised vacation rental properties.

"I think we agree that the real issues are about the classic short-term vacation rental people on the island," said trustee George Ehring. "The consequences of having that site not managed have a much greater impact on the community and neighbourhoods than the cottage rented where the resident is on-site full time."

The decision comes in the wake of a weeks-long contro-

versy that began with circulation of a letter to roughly 50 members of the Accommodations Group of Salt Spring Island.

The letter threatened legal action and fines of up to \$5,000 for B&B operators found in contravention of Salt Spring's land-use bylaw.

Some of those operators were among the nearly 80 people in attendance at Thursday's LTC meeting.

Trustee Christine Torgrimson used the meeting to follow through with her promise to schedule more discussions between B&B owners and Trust staff.

"I think it's very important to keep the dialogue going on this issue and listen to the suggestions from the organizations that are impacted," she said.

"I also think there is need for

greater clarity in the bylaw," Torgrimson added. "I have to say that, when I read it myself, it's like a maze to try and put it all together and we do need to improve it."

Recommendations will be presented at the LTC's next meeting on Nov. 4.

Trustees said the discussions are a preliminary step towards clarifying rules and regulations governing the rental of B&B units that have self-catering facilities.

Further discussion, trustees added, will require input from a broader audience of island residents.

"It's not just a matter of looking at the interests of the bed and breakfast owners but the interests of people in all sorts of different aspects serving the tourism market on the island," Ehring said.

"If we get into a real discus-

sion about this, I'm going to want to hear from the resort owners, the hotel owners, et cetera, et cetera . . . because their interests are also involved."

Speaking on behalf of B&B owners who received letters from the Trust, accommodations group chair Nora Layard said she hopes both sides can eventually clarify Bylaw No. 355's cryptic language.

"We've worked hard to find a way through what seemed to be an impasse and appreciate being able to talk with you about the issues," she told trustees during Thursday's town hall session.

"In the long term, the current bylaws continue to be confusing, even after having them explained several times. As business people we need certainty and we need clarity."

ISLANDS TRUST

Speaker wants more public access

Trust to release working group records

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A speaker at Thursday's local Trust committee meeting town hall session wants the Islands Trust to be less secretive about in-process efforts to update Salt Spring's land-use bylaw and development permit areas.

Norbert Schlenker accused the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee and staff of shielding the names of people who are taking part in a technical working group set up to discuss possible changes to the island's land-use bylaw.

He raised a further concern that notice for a Sept. 22 special business meeting at the Islands Trust office wasn't adequately advertised to allow members of the public to attend. Among other items, the meeting offered trustees an update on the working group's findings.

"I cannot find evidence the time and place were advertised to the public to enable them to attend," Schlenker told trustees on Thursday. "[As for the technical working group meetings], minutes were not taken or publi-

cized by the LUB working group and notes from the [development permit area] review are very sparse."

Schlenker, who ran for the position of trustee back in 2008, said he decided to speak out after someone drew his attention to the surreptitious nature of the Trust's technical working group.

According to minutes of the Sept. 22 meeting presented at Thursday's LTC meeting, the LUB's technical working group has had one meeting.

The group's discussion included the legalization of secondary suites and cottages and the creation of several bylaws to replace land-use Bylaw No. 355.

The minutes indicate discussion of possible locations for a pilot area that would be used to assess potential impacts of legalized suites and cottages.

The minutes do not include any information regarding the technical working group's make-up.

According to LTC chair Sheila Malcolmson, the alleged "secrecy" is a result of an administrative distinction.

"This is a different animal," Malcolmson said on Thursday.

Because the working groups

noted by Schlenker were established by Trust staff, as opposed to trustees, they don't fall under public notice or minute-taking requirements stipulated in the province's Community Charter.

Leah Hartley, regional planning manager for Salt Spring Island, justified the LUB discussion procedure by noting that the group discussion format is more efficient than a series of one-on-one discussions with different stakeholder groups.

"They are consultations to foster cross-communication between community organizations about OCP policies, interpretation, land-use bylaws and new provincial regulations," Hartley said. "It was considered to be a better dialogue by inviting different organizations to meet with staff in a working group."

Hartley said the Islands Trust will release meeting notes and recorded material, including names of working group members, to anyone upon request.

"Those notes are to be distributed to people who ask for them at the Trust office," Hartley said.


The Islands Trust's next special business meeting takes place on Oct. 26.

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ISLANDS TRUST

Saturna trustee gives resignation

Cites conflict with DPA decision

A member of Saturna Island's local Trust committee resigned on Thursday, citing a conflict of interest and inability to defend his property rights.

John Money, a straight-talking trustee whose roots on the island date back generations and who has been a trustee for several years at different times, declared he was stepping down after the Saturna LTC supported creation of a development permit area on land that includes a portion of his property.

Because of Money's position on the LTC, he was unable to influence the local Trust committee's decision, except through an agent.

"I've thought very carefully about this and, with regrets, have decided I have no choice but to resign," he said in a press release issued late last week.

The DPA will cover a portion of land near East Point that was identified in a 2010 Ministry of Environment report as particularly sensitive to development impacts.

The Trust anticipates that a by-election on the island of 350 full-time residents will be held in January or February in the event that more than one candidate is nominated.

NEWSBEAT



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

FOOD FOR ALL:

Trish Nobile, Ted Hinds and Jamie Alexander grill up burgers and hotdogs during Homeless Connect Day at Community Services Tuesday. The event aimed to highlight services available to people living on the island without secure housing.

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CRIME

Owner seeks info on missing horse

Theft and off-island sale feared

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The owner of a 17-hand Belgian horse is seeking the community's help for information that may lead to its return.

Mira Warrington and her horse Pearl were often seen together over the past summer providing carriage rides from the Saturday Market in the Park. According to Warrington's friend Christi Salyn, the large horse was retired from the business and spending time in a Reynolds Road pasture when she was last seen on either Sept. 29 or 30.

Searchers combed the field meticulously and found no evidence of any fences down, leading them to believe Pearl was taken from the field willfully.

The matter is now under police investigation, but Warrington and her friends fear the horse has actually been removed from Salt Spring and may be sold off-island.

"She's huge," Salyn said in describing the horse. "She'd be a very hard horse to hide."

Staff Sgt. Danny Willis of the local RCMP said horse theft



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Missing horse Pearl with owner Mira Warrington, right.

is extremely rare. In fact, the only cases he's come across before have been matters of disputed ownership.

Salyn said Pearl was actually stolen once before in just such a dispute, but the matter was resolved and paperwork finalized. To be sure, she contacted the man involved in that case, but said she believes his word that he had nothing to do with the recent disappearance.

Salyn said a possible motivation for this theft could be that Warrington had adver-

tised the horse for sale just two days beforehand, so someone in the community who recognized the horse and its worth could have taken it.

As Willis observed, "If there's a horse in a pasture it would be pretty easy to take it," and as for getting it off-island, "there's animals going onto the ferry all the time. No one pays any attention to it."

A vehicle carrying a horse trailer was spotted Thursday, Sept. 30, leaving the Long Harbour ferry terminal. Salyn said

they are seeking more information on that lead in particular.

"Somebody, somewhere knows something, and someone on Salt Spring knows something, because she had to have been taken in the middle of the night."

Warrington is offering a \$2,000 reward for information leading to Pearl's recovery. Please contact the RCMP at 250-537-5555 or Mira at 250-653-2305 or 250-538-7721.

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DEVELOPMENTS

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The CRHA AGM is set for Community Gospel Chapel on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m., with Bryce Chap-

man of Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. scheduled to address the group on its long-simmering development.

CRHA president Ron Martin said equipment has been moving onto the site and construction of the 118 residential units is about to begin.

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Islands Trust

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 445

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing concerning **Proposed Bylaw No. 445**, for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained therein. At the public hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions.

DATE: Wednesday, October 27, 2010

LOCATION: Hart Bradley Hall (Lions Club), 103 Bonnet Avenue, Ganges

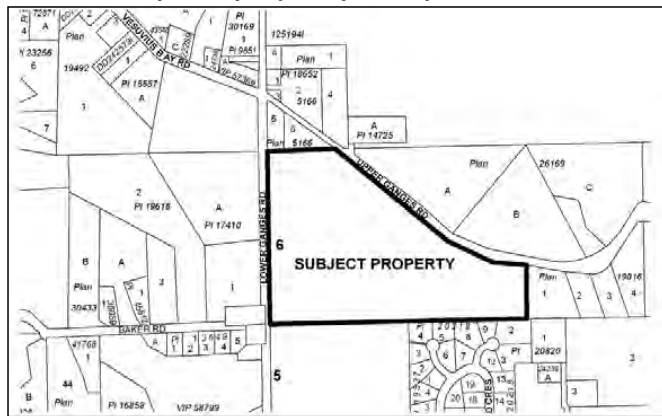
TIME: 6:00 PM – Public Information Session
6:30 PM – Public Hearing

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 445, cited as "Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 2, 2010".

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 445 is to amend Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw No. 355 as follows:

1. By adding a new Parks & Reserves 3 Zone Variation (a) – PR3(a) that will permit an "Indoor Recreational Facility" as an additional use.
2. By changing the zoning classification of Section 6, Range 2 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Except the Easterly 6.75 Chains Thereof; Except Parcel B (DD 770361), and Except Part in Plan 14185 from Parks & Reserves 3 (PR3) to Parks & Reserves 3 Zone Variation (a) – PR3(a), as shown on the following plan:

Subject Property - Proposed Bylaw No. 445



Copies of the proposed bylaw, and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee, may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Wednesday, October 13, 2010 and up to and including Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 4:30 PM. Proposed Bylaw No. 445 may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website at: www.islandstrust.bc.ca

Enquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to Planner Stefan Cermak at (250) 538-5608 or to the Islands Trust at (250) 537-9144. For Toll Free access, request a transfer to the Islands Trust via Enquiry BC: in Vancouver at (604) 660-2421, and elsewhere in BC at 1-800-663-7867. Written submissions may be delivered as follows:

1. By mail to the Islands Trust at 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2N8; by Fax to (250) 537-9116; or online at the Islands Trust website via the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltr/ss/meetings.cfm> by completing the **Public Hearing, Wednesday, October 27, 2010 Submission Form** before 4:30 PM on Tuesday, October 26, 2010.
2. To the **Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing.**

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

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

Pauline Brazier
Deputy Secretary

NEWSBEAT

HEALTH

Sites scouted for cannabis co-op

Compassion group seeks expansion

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A former Salt Spring resident was back on the island this week to look at potential locations to dispense medical marijuana.

Michael Kleinermann has spent the last year in the Montreal area for family reasons but lived for around 10 years before that on Salt Spring. While here he was known as the organizer of a compassion club that he claims supplied 250 members with marijuana (the preferred Health Canada spelling) to treat chronic pain and illness.

Kleinermann and a small group of partners have recently opened a dispensary shop in Quebec, a private compassion club in Toronto and a storefront in Richmond, all of which sell cannabis and related products.

"The government has promised the people therapeutic cannabis since 2001 and made it impossible to obtain," Kleinermann said during a phone interview from Montreal last week.

"If the government would recognize a place where people could get their medicine, we would not need to exist."

Kleinermann is one of the people behind the Canadian Cannabis Co-op, a group he said 40,000 people have applied to join in recent months. The orga-

nization's vision for Salt Spring is a co-operative dispensary that would be able to produce and distribute medical marijuana to a large number of group client-owners.

Health Canada's current Marijuana Medical Access Regulations (MMAR) do not allow "compassion clubs" or "cannabis dispensaries" to possess, produce, or distribute marijuana for medical purposes," according to an official statement published June 7, 2010.

Patients suffering chronic illness such as cancer, HIV and crippling arthritis can qualify for the treatment if okayed by their doctor and if other treatments have failed. But there are only three legal options to obtain their medicine: they can access Health Canada's supply of dried marijuana; obtain a licence from Health Canada to produce for themselves; or obtain a licence from Health Canada to designate someone to produce on their behalf.

Getting Health Canada's approval is a lengthy process, which Kleinermann said often takes six to nine months if the application is filled out perfectly. In the meantime, patients turn to illegal sources to meet their needs.

"People in chronic pain and illness have resorted to growing their own while applying. Some don't have the time or the property or the ability."

The MMRA states a licensed producer can grow for a maximum of two patients and a maximum of two growers can exist on one site. There is no legal structure for growers to pool product with a centralized distributor.

But Kleinermann argues that a co-operative, group licence would better serve clients of chronic illness and pain (he himself is one) and would lower prices.

"We want to supply people with what they need adequately — it's not about making money," he explained.

"We're looking at dropping the price dramatically to \$2 to \$3 a gram."

Kleinermann was set to arrive on Oct. 8 with four partners to look at three possible locations for a growing area and dispensary. He said the group does not want to be near schools, community centres or anywhere in Ganges, and would look for a property zoned for commercial use.

He has taken the precaution of notifying the RCMP of his intent in advance of his arrival but as of last week had received no response.

"They know who I am, they know what I've done in the past," he said in reference to the compassion club.

"I would expect some response from them if we're not welcome in the community."

ENVIRONMENT

10/10/10 event gets wide response

125 participants join world community

Salt Springers joined 7,347 other communities in 188 countries for a global day of action on climate change at noon on Oct. 10.

Coordinated by the 350.org team, founder Bill McKibben was ecstatic about the response in his email message to local groups the following day: "How do you say 'thank you' 7,347 times? People got to work yesterday in at least that many places around the world — the planet has never seen

anything quite that widespread. Or quite that beautiful."

Organizers report 125 people gathered on the sunny but windy day at Centennial Park. Over 30 people from all parts of the island converged in Ganges on bicycles in a critical mass ride to join the rally and work party on climate change.

The gathering opened with an inspiring chant called One World led by Barb Slater. Sponsored by Transition Salt Spring, Eco-Cell and Ecology International, faith groups, service clubs, environmental groups, cyclists and people of

all ages demonstrated their collective concern for a changing climate.

"Many groups brought banners, signs and people in solidarity with the cause," press material states, and "several speakers brought positive messages of action in the face of the most critical crisis our civilization has ever faced."

A nut tree, donated by Seven Ravens Tree Nursery, was planted in Centennial Park to symbolize both the healing of CO2 imbalance and the nurturing of future generations. Transition Salt Spring also distributed a vari-

ety of nut trees to residents to plant in their own gardens as a part of their Nut Capital of Canada project, which aims to increase local resilience to future upheavals caused by climate change or other factors.

For more information on Transition Salt Spring and to receive regular news about upcoming events, see the website at <http://transitionsaltspring.com>. The next event is a community potluck at Lions Hall on Oct. 16 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. with a discussion of solar energy opportunities.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Water taxi ambulance eyes move

Change would move base from Ganges to Sidney

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The B.C. Ambulance Service has put out a call for contracts that would allow the Ganges water taxi ambulance base to move to Sidney.

Shawn Carby, executive director of the ambulance service's Vancouver Island region, said the move will remove one extra trip each day for water ambulance crews taking patients from the Gulf Islands to hospitals in the Greater Victoria area.

"It's just for logistical efficiency and operational effectiveness," Carby said Tuesday, noting the financial savings will benefit taxpayers.

Carby said the proposed move will help serve all the patients of the Gulf Islands better. He added that patients coming from Salt Spring, who will have to wait for the water taxi to arrive from Sidney if the move takes place, will not be inconvenienced because the water taxi will be dispatched at the same time the vehicle ambulance is being sent to bring patients to the harbour.

Lady Minto Hospital is equipped only to assess and stabilize emergency and trauma cases before transporting

patients to larger hospitals. Chief of staff Dr. Shane Barclay said he was unaware of the proposed change.

There is no official hospital response as of yet on how the move might impact local patients.

Carby noted that as in the current situation, transport by helicopter and by Coast Guard vessel will still be possible if the water taxi ambulance is unavailable under the proposed base change.

Gulf Islands Water Taxi holds the existing contract with the B.C. Ambulance Service. Owner Jack Hughes said he is unable to discuss future possibilities during contract negotiations.

NEWSBEAT

MARINE SCIENCE

Salish Sea Expedition brings floating science centre to Salt Spring's shore

Sessions for both GLSS and public on Oct. 21

Gulf Islands secondary students will experience first-hand how ocean science solves mysteries in their own marine "backyard" when the Canadian Coast Guard ship Vector comes to Ganges Harbour on Thursday, Oct. 21 to mark National Science and Technology Week.

A one-of-a-kind floating science project, the Salish Sea Expedition is the result of a collaboration between Natural Resources Canada, Royal Roads University, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, the National Research Council, Ocean Networks Canada and the Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre.

Students will begin boarding the Vector in the morning to meet scientists face-to-face and watch demonstrations of equipment used to reveal secrets of the Salish Sea — from its temperature, salinity and oxygen content to the zooplankton it contains and seismic information about what lies below the seafloor.



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Scientists study the freeze core in the lab aboard Vector. Islanders can tour the vessel on the afternoon of Thursday, Oct. 21 from 3 to 5 p.m. in Ganges Harbour.

In the afternoon — from 3 to 5 p.m. — the research vessel, packed with oceanographic and geoscience sampling instruments, will be open to the public. "We'll show how something

like taking a core sample from the seafloor can help the people of Salt Spring Island plan for an earthquake, sea level rise and understand the ocean on their doorstep," said Phillip Hill, scientist with Natural

Resources Canada. "The exciting thing about marine science is that there are so many discoveries still to be made and these students could be the future scientists who make those discoveries."

ISLANDS TRUST FUND

Islands Trust Fund seeking a new moniker

Survey identifies public misconceptions

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Staff at the Islands Trust Fund have embarked on a campaign to rebrand their organization in an attempt to clarify the ITF's role and vision.

According to a recent survey, most people believe the organization is a kind of financial institution linked to the Islands Trust; that's not an ideal brand for an organization mandated to fundraise and acquire properties of ecological significance.

"It's hard to raise money when people

think you're a bank," said Jennifer Eliason, manager of the Islands Trust Fund. "It gives the impression that we have the money.

"Stakeholder research has shown that people are not clear about what we do."

Changing the ITF's name requires a legislative change to the Islands Trust Act, a process Eliason expects will take several months.

"We're very early in the process," she said.

Staff have been assigned to explore options and work alongside a consultant to organize focus groups and public meetings to develop a new name.

The Islands Trust Fund was established in 1990 through the Islands Trust

Act to serve as a regional conservation land trust for the Islands Trust area. The organization receives funding from the Islands Trust, other levels of government, as well as community groups and landowners. Funds are used to purchase and protect land throughout the Trust area.

The ITF manages 80 protected areas valued at more than \$31 million on 12 of the 13 main islands within the Trust's jurisdiction.

The organization's board of directors comprises three elected trustees and up to three members of the public appointed by the Minister of Community Development. Salt Spring trustee Christine Torgrimson is the current chair of the Islands Trust Fund Board.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Local Toastmasters score in Nanaimo

Bowes and Layard finalists

Salt Spring Toastmasters member Bud Bowes took first place in a speech contest in Nanaimo.

Bowes won the humorous speech component of the recent event with his funny and entertaining account of the hippie era when he discovered that his tenant was growing marijuana in his back yard.

With the win, Bowes advances to the Toastmasters' Division G contest in Campbell

River.

Salt Spring's Nora Layard displayed skill at thinking on her feet and came away with third place at the same event in the challenging task of impromptu speaking.

Toastmasters is a club that is about public speaking and getting over one's communication hang-ups.

Salt Spring Toastmasters meet at the Harbour House at 7 p.m. on Monday nights and welcome any guests.

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EDITORIAL

Tuesday shopping

With "renegade" farmers setting out their produce next to Centennial Park on Tuesday, the issue of mid-week vending has once again been churned up.

It's been a while since non-Saturday commercial park use has been a contentious issue, but so many matters on Salt Spring die back for a number of years before returning with renewed vigour.

Local farmers have for years sold their produce at not only the Saturday Market in the Park but the Tuesday Market in the Meadow on Hereford Avenue. The latter event has developed its own charming character, highly useful purpose and loyal customers, but ended for the year on Oct. 5.

The meadow spot could probably still be used, said farmer John Wilcox, but it's a much less visible

site when the lower traffic flow of the later fall months is considered. That's why farmers would rather be set up where everyone going through town will see them.

Since the number of farmers still wanting to sell produce downtown is fairly small, the edge of Centennial Park seems like a reasonable spot for

them to use at this point in the year. Demand for or use of the space is low in the off-season, and farmers could pay a nominal permit fee to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

There's no strain on downtown parking spots on a Tuesday in October, and the cobblestoned, Fulford-Ganges Road side of the park really is the best location for grabbing people's attention.

While using the Gasoline Alley/Centennial Park parking lot has been suggested as another alternative, that will likely not thrill most merchants in the immediate area unless a small, set space is negotiated.

Selling on a roadside right in town also has safety considerations, so that should not be pursued as an option.

If islanders want to cut their dependence on off-island produce, which is a critical part of any discussion on reducing greenhouse gases, the powers-that-be must be on-side to help make it as easy as possible for local farmers to sell us what they grow.

Hopefully the farmers can negotiate a short-term deal with the Parks and Recreation Commission that will let the fruits and veggies of their labour be appreciated by islanders as long as possible this fall.

THE ISSUE:

Tuesday vending by farmers

WE SAY:

Negotiate use of Centennial Park



Hospital questions must be posed

BY RUTH TARASOFF

There is a strange state of affairs on Salt Spring that belies our reputation for robust civic discourse. Over this one subject, a "cone of silence" seems to have descended, just as though Maxwell Smart and his sidekick were among us, plotting their moves and out of hearing. But that's just a TV show and we all know that life doesn't imitate art, it's the other way around.

Islanders are normally a fully engaged lot, vociferous in offering opinions, sought or not. Antennae bristling, we are ever alert to whiffs of skulduggery or unfair practices. Why then are we giving what appears to be a collective yawn over what is happening right here in our midst; not to mention what has happened simultaneously to our tax dollars?

Hospitals are a huge asset to a community. An acute care hospital is even more so. For decades, people have chosen to come to Salt Spring because of the services such a facility provides to them and their families. It assures them of timely care, a team of professionals on hand and the comfort of knowing help is very near. This "jewel" is something the community has shown it is only too happy to pay for. So happy, in fact, that they seem to have willingly paid for it three times over.

Vancouver Island Health Authority first estimated the cost of the operating room upgrade about 10 years ago as being close to \$2 million. Funding would be provided by the provincial government through VIHA (your tax dollars), as well as the Capital Regional District (also your tax dollars).

The breakdown was VIHA 60 per cent, with the CRD contributing 40 per cent. By the time VIHA decided to proceed, costs had escalated and VIHA could not keep its commitment of 60 per cent. VIHA then requested the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation make up the difference (\$780,000 of your donated dollars).

The "general public" as a stakeholder group was not asked for

VIEWPOINT

input, despite the fact that the general public is the predominant user group. VIHA's lip service to public consultation morphed into the June 2010 public meeting arranged over the dinner hour, when VIHA presented us with a fait accompli. "No more surgery, no more questions, we have a ferry to catch."

The Capital Regional Hospital District's mandate is to assist in planning hospital facilities throughout their region. Curiously, they were not invited to the table either when these momentous decisions were made. Part and parcel of this responsibility is assessing, on behalf of the community, whether the dollars spent reflect the services delivered. The passionate interest and pride in our local hospital has never wavered since its inception in 1915.

That demonstrates the value we put in services offered locally, particularly services of this nature, where personal safety and peace of mind go hand in hand. What has occurred does not generate peace of mind.

We do not have a surgical suite, we do not have surgical staff, we do not have ancillary services. This cascading effect prevents off-island specialists coming here for consults and offering treatments as in the past because we need the respiratory expertise required for investigative procedures. We have lost gynecological services and now urological services. Yes, it will be hard to replace these services. Practices and policies have made sure of that.

How has that happened? How have we let this happen? And where is the outcry? Every penny of this came out of the public purse, deep in our pockets. Isn't it your right as a taxpayer and donor to expect the services that were promised? Wake up, islanders, isn't it time to start asking questions?

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

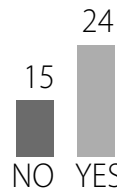
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Monday at midnight or clip this box and drop it at our office before Monday at 4:30 p.m.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you support the recall of MLA Murray Coell?



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IslandVoices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
"The highway isn't designed to be used as a store."

STAFF SGT. DANNY WILLIS, ON ROADSIDE VENDING

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What did you give thanks for on Thanksgiving?


SUE EARLE
Family, friends and the abundance of local, fresh food.

BEN CORNO
The temperate October weather.

BILL WILLIAMS
Being born in this part of the world.

CLAIRE RYDER
All my ancestors who brought us here.

EDITH GLENNIE
The food was nice and we didn't get salmonella like my boyfriend's mother thought we would.

Letters to the editor

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

Robbed

It is with great sadness that we must report that our Mystic Munchies bakery/farmstand was robbed on the evening of Sunday, Oct. 3 of almost \$50 worth of baking (squares, cookies, muffins etc.).

The thief was obviously familiar with our product and left the one item that they did not like.

This was not just a financial and emotional attack on us.

This is an attack on all islanders and our precious culture. Farmstands with honour boxes are a way of life lost to most of the world. We must protect and preserve them. Many have closed because of theft.

Perhaps you can help. Perhaps you were at a party or gathering that night where someone gave out delicious baked goods that were wrapped in cel-

lophane. Perhaps a family member came home with baked goods to share. Perhaps you were (un)wittingly involved in this crime against the island.

We urge you to talk to the thief or us and have them make good on it.

To the thief: We urge you to come forward and do the right thing and get help before you end up in jail.

We will not give in to thievery. We will remain open and continue to bring joy and nourishment to the islanders.

We can be reached at 250-537-4866 or 131 Cranberry Road.

Thank you.
BRIAN AND ARIELLE PATERSON,
MYSTIC MUNCHIES,
CRANBERRY ROAD

What's the rush?

Atkins Road is a through street to Rainbow Road and

has high-density traffic and cars and heavy trucks all use it. Most people drive too fast!

When I am approaching the driveway to Meadowbrook Seniors Residence, it is necessary to stop or at least hesitate to check for oncoming traffic from Rainbow.

The road dips sharply and it is difficult to determine what is coming up the hill.

The other day I was on Atkins Road and planning to turn left into the Meadowbrook parking lot.

One car came very close behind me (impatient driver), and another impatient driver came up behind and actually pulled out onto the wrong side of the road, as if to pass.

I was reasonably sure it was safe to turn so I began to do so.

The car on the wrong side then got back into his proper lane. I made my

turn, once again realizing I had turned as safely as possible.

This island is only about 20 miles long. What is the big rush?

DON MADSEN,
ATKINS ROAD

Good things

My name is Carolyn Matt and I am with Island Tug and Barge Ltd. in Vancouver, B.C.

We recently completed a cable job on Salt Spring Island.

When this project first started, I was asked to set up accommodation on the island for our workers as well as outside contractors, so I phoned the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce and they gave me a few names of places to try.

We ended up dealing with the Seabreeze Inne and I cannot say enough about the excellent service and communication

that we received from that facility. They were accommodating to our every request, no matter what it was.

This was a very big project and dealing with Satish and Darryl from the Seabreeze Inne was an absolute pleasure.

When good things happen, people need to know.
CAROLYN MATT,
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT,
ISLAND TUG AND BARGE LTD.

Talk and log

Kudos to Peter Vincent for his humorous poke at the sad and sorry state of cycling (i.e. death wish) on Salt Spring. ("Giddy about bike lanes and for good reason," Oct. 6 Head to Head column.)

As the obvious need to cut CO2 emissions slowly filters through society it would seem most logical to promote a mode of transport with minimal impacts instead of trying

to kill its few practitioners.

Unfortunately, we've been down this road before. When I lived here in the '80s (dem olden days) I was part of a group called Island Pathways, which tried to convince various levels of government to establish safe biking lanes and put the island on the world stage as a cycling haven.

Twenty-five years later, we have a joke of a lane along Lower Ganges Road.

With the huge drain of tax money this island sends to Victoria every year (never to be seen here again) one would think the very least they could do to placate us would be to pave the silly thing.

We used to call this gov-speak "talk and log."

GARY GAGNE,
SALT SPRING

LETTERS continued on A10

Flying high on the outer fringes with festival island

With the Salt Spring Apple Festival wrapping up a couple of weekends ago, we can finally put our celebratory party hats back in the closet and hunker down for yet another wet winter. The winds are kicking up, the dark clouds are rolling in, and like many an islander, the sun is packing its bags and heading south.

Festival season is over. In case you didn't know it, this island is crazy about festivals. Give us a reason, any reason, to celebrate and we will "pardy hardy" till the sheep come home.

Besides the aforementioned Apple Festival, we have had our jollies frolicking at the Garlic Festival, as well as mellowing out at the Lavender Festival.

We have shaken our booties at the Folk Dance Festival, and tapped our toes at the annual Jazz Fest. We've oohed and aahed at the Antique Car Festival and drooled as we feasted our eyes at the Fibre Festival. We've sat mesmerized as our visual senses have been bombarded at the Film Festival.

Some of these events have been around as long as anyone can remember; others have come and gone.

In the past, we have celebrated such wildly diverse events as the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts, the Salt Spring Festival for the Arts, the Salt Spring Arts Festival, the Arts Festival of Salt Spring, and for something

completely different, the Arts Festival of Saltspring.

Actually, there is one more festive event I still have circled on the calendar. This upcoming weekend will see the celebration of the Harvest Grape Stomp Festival. As the name suggests, a grape stomp involves giant vats filled with vast bunches of Pinot Noir, Shiraz, or similar high quality grapes being stamped on and crushed by an assortment of purple-stained feet. The copious amounts of "fruit of the vine" juices that result ooze freely over, under, and between the toes of the revelling participants. Plans next year for a similarly themed Stinging Nettle Stomp Festival seem to have lost momentum after an initial show of enthusiasm.

As a matter of fact, when we're not attending festivals, we're usually busy partaking in tours. We've got the House Tour, the Garden Tour, the Orchard Tour, the Vineyard Tour, and the Studio Tour. Who knows how many unnecessary miles have been driven across the island by people futilely searching for Studio #311 on their tour maps, only to find that the advertised "felted alpaca cheese curd studio factory" has long since disappeared and been replaced by a "dig your own" gravel pit.


Shilo Zylbergold
NOBODY ASKED ME BUT...

Tour? Or you could be the first one on your block to take in the STVR Illegal Suite Tour.

Those of you who did not get your appetites satisfied at the Antique Car Festival might be interested in the Island Beater Tour, where you can not only see, but actually go for a ride in one of Salt Spring's relics on wheels.

Watch the blacktop race by your feet as you peer down at the rusted-out floor boards. Feel the confidence emanating from the knowledge that you will probably arrive at your destination as long as the duct tape, rebar wire and baling twine hold the various parts of your beater together.

As if we didn't have enough festivals or tours in which we could indulge, there are a few more alternatives that might attract our attention. Every spring the Salt Spring Folk Club holds its famed Gumboot Gala, where both performers and audience members are encouraged to squeeze into their finest rubber footwear (open-toed variety defi-

nately not acceptable) while celebrating the end to another season of folk music Mondays.

Another favourite island happening is the annual Pride Parade, in which Salt Springers of every persuasion and orientation don outrageous outfits (and on this rock, "outrageous" takes some real doing) and boogaloo down funky main street in Ganges to show solidarity in maintaining a truly free society where choice is still an option.

Nobody asked me, but there seems to be no subject that we here on Salt Spring would be unwilling to celebrate. There may be no more weekends left available, but just in case one or two have been accidentally overlooked, here are a couple of suggestions. Surely we would all love to get a chance to participate in a raucous commemoration of the Salt Spring Lost Sock in Dryer Festival. If that doesn't turn your crank, how about a couple of fun-filled days cavorting to the wild vibes of the Salt Spring Ring Around the Bathtub Festival?

No place rocks the festival world more than Salt Spring. People may debate as to whether or not the island lies at the "Centre of the Universe," but one thing is for sure: its inhabitants dwell on the outer fringes. Now there's something worth celebrating.

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OPINION

MORE LETTERS

continued from A9

Long house help

This coming Saturday, Oct. 16, our Tsawout neighbors are hosting a cultural and culinary feast at their hall in Saanichton. The event is another opportunity for Salt Spring Islanders to support the fundraising efforts of the Tsawout to rebuild their long house, which burned in July 2009.

As many people know, the reserve lands in the south end are a beautiful place for a stroll and have been enjoyed for many years by all. The day's festivities begin at 3 p.m. and feature the great music of Ed Peekeekoot, Alan Moberg, Paul Wagner, Wallabee Indeed and the drum song and dance groups Yellow Wolf, OCM, War Hawk, Tzinquaa and Mua.

Admission is \$25 per person, \$10 per child, \$40 per couple, with tickets at the door. Those wishing to donate but unable to attend may donate to account #1716885 at Island Savings.

The Tsawout hall is at 7728 Tetayut Road in Saanichton.

TOM MITCHELL,
SALT SPRING

90 years of Grace

Ganges resident Grace Garceau recently turned 90 and her six daughters along with other family members and friends from across Canada are gathering this weekend on Salt Spring to mark the occasion.

Grace has made many friends on this island since she moved from Ottawa in the mid 1990s.

She has enjoyed singing with The Lost Chords, reading to children at the local school and participating in many other aspects of island living. Her daughters welcome all to a community tea party on Saturday, Oct. 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the United Church hall in Ganges.

Bring your best wishes only and help us honour a very special woman. Hope to see you there.

THE GARCEAU GIRLS
(ANN, SUSAN, JANE, CAROL,
JESSICA AND BECKY)

For the record

REAL Trends has ranked the top 500 brokerage firms in the United States for over 23 years. In 2010, REAL Trends ranked the top 200 brokerage firms in Canada for the first time, based on 2009 results, and it ranked

Macdonald Realty Group as #1 in the sales volume category.

There were errors in the initial publication that were not caught until it had been released. We corrected these and re-issued the report to show Royal LePage corporate brokerage as #1 while Macdonald Realty was #2 in Canada and #1 in Western Canada. Macdonald Realty Group has 13 corporate locations of which Salt Spring Island is one of them. Macdonald Realty had released the initial findings and upon learning about the re-issued results was taking steps to issue the revised version.

A Royal LePage affiliate on Salt Spring Island took the premature step of taking out a newspaper ad chastising a Macdonald Realty affiliate for an ad that was released based on our mistaken first publication at no fault of Macdonald Realty. The ad the Royal LePage affiliate ran contained incorrect information about Macdonald Realty.

We disapprove of the Royal LePage affiliate's actions in this regard and have requested they print a retraction.

STEPHEN H. MURRAY,
EDITOR, REAL TRENDS

Speaker points way to sanity as the world goes insane

BY LESLIE WALLACE

Unseasonal temperatures, flooding, earthquakes, food riots, oil disasters, the erosion of fundamental legal rights, economic instability, terrorism. Has the world gone crazy? And how do we respond as individuals to the ongoing litany of bad news and more bad news?

Psychology typically concerns itself with helping individuals deal with "personal problems." But issues such as climate change and peak oil are breaking down the boundaries that used to separate our notions of private problems and public problems.

Climate change affects everyone, and the effects will become more pronounced over time. The decline in the supply of cheap sources of fossil fuels will also eventually affect everyone and change the way people live on this planet. Most people feel overwhelmed by the magnitude of these challenges, and denial is a typical response. It doesn't help that the media underreports peak oil in particular. The Association for the Study of Peak Oil and Gas held its sixth annual conference in Washington, D.C. last week, featuring a roster of prominent energy analysts. What should be front page news got almost no coverage by Canadian news media.

People from all over the world have written to Kathy about their reactions to learning about peak oil.

Four and half years ago, following her experience of learning about peak oil, clinical psychologist Dr. Kathy McMahon created peakoil-blues.org. The purpose of the site is "to identify emotional reactions that are blocking positive action and move through them." People from all over the world have written to Kathy about their reactions to learning about peak oil. Excerpts from several letters, together with Kathy's insightful and practical Peak Shrink Tips, appear in her Stages of Peak Oil Awareness — also available on the site and worthwhile reading for anyone interested in the psychology of change.

What has your response been to learning about climate change or peak oil? Do you change the channel on the TV set? Change the conversation to something more palatable? Do you tell yourself that "they" — governments, business, science — will fix it? Do you practise positive thinking in relation to your own life, believing that what is happening "out there" has nothing to do with you? Do you think that you'll be dead long before the problems of the world arrive at your front door?

According to Dr. McMahon, challenges such as climate change and peak oil aren't problems. They're dilemmas — "a choice between a rock and a hard place with no easy solutions." It's no wonder, she says, that many people respond to learning about peak oil in particular by going into denial. Peak Oil Blues includes a detailed description of the many faces of Panglossian Disor-

INDEPTH

der, a mock psychiatric category that Kathy invented and defined as "the neurotic tendency toward extreme optimism in the face of likely cultural and planetary collapse." The disorder is named after Dr. Pangloss, the central figure in Voltaire's novel *Candide*, who meets every disaster with complete passivity, declaring that this really is the "best of all possible worlds."

Panglossian Disorders are disorders of denial. With names like Rhett Butlerism ("Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn") and Scarlett O'Haraism ("I'll just have to think about that tomorrow"), reading the descriptions of the various Panglossian Disorders and their subtypes is funny and sad at the same time because, while denial is an effective coping mechanism, it's impossible to deal with a problem while denying that the problem exists.

There is a growing understanding that real change in response to the challenges of climate change and peak oil will come, must come out of the collective actions of a critical mass of people.

"The problem with using Panglossian defences as a lifestyle," she says, "is that we end up living in a constant state of denial. While in denial, we aren't taking action to mitigate the effects of peak oil. Given what we face, this is a grave danger."

Scientists were publicly voicing their concerns about climate change in the 1980s. It's taken all those intervening years for most people to accept that climate change is real. When it comes to peak oil, however, we don't have the luxury of that kind of time.

Rob Hopkins, who wrote *The Transition Handbook From Oil Dependency to Local Resilience*, says it this way: "Climate change says we should change. Whereas peak oil says we will be forced to change."

As Kathy says in a recent blog, "There is only one reason to consider the terrifying implications of an oil depleted future. It gives you more options."


It could be that we all need a little help to move through denial and other emotional reactions to climate change and peak oil that block constructive action, such as depression, fear, magical thinking and pessimism.

How to Stay Sane as the World Goes Crazy: Economic Hard Times, Climate Change and the Messy Issues of Oil is a public talk and discussion with Kathy McMahon taking place on Thursday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. at Lion Hall. Suggested donation is \$5 to \$10.

The event is sponsored by The Transition Salt Spring Heart and Soul Group. Its purpose is to inspire all of us to deepen our loving connection with self, community and the Earth.

The world-wide Transition movement is a grassroots, self-organizing movement that inspires, educates and supports communities to become more self-sufficient in re-building local resilience to outside shocks and changes.

Kathy McMahon, "the Peak Shrink," is a licensed psychologist, a couple's counsellor, a certified sex therapist and educator and a chicken farmer. She's also active in her local community to eradicate hunger and power-down to a low-energy future.



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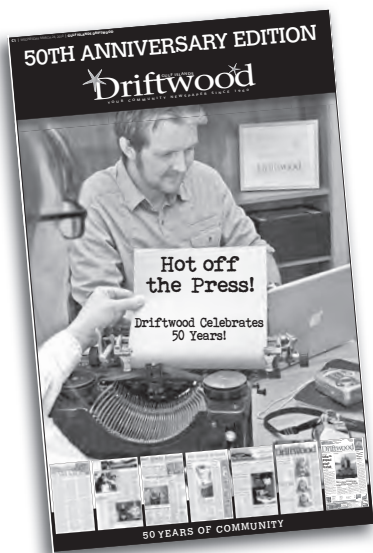


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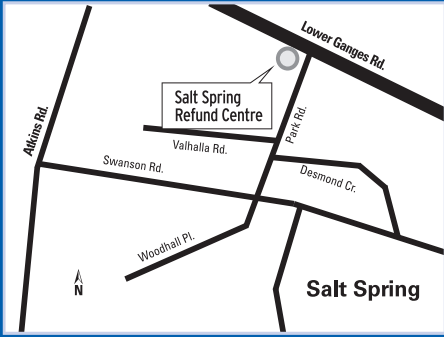
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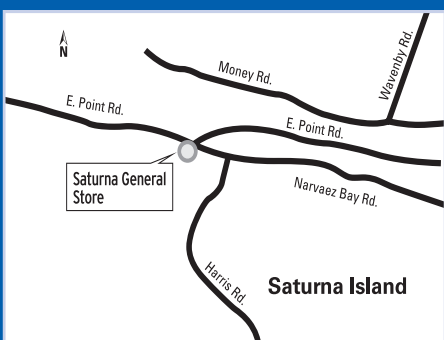
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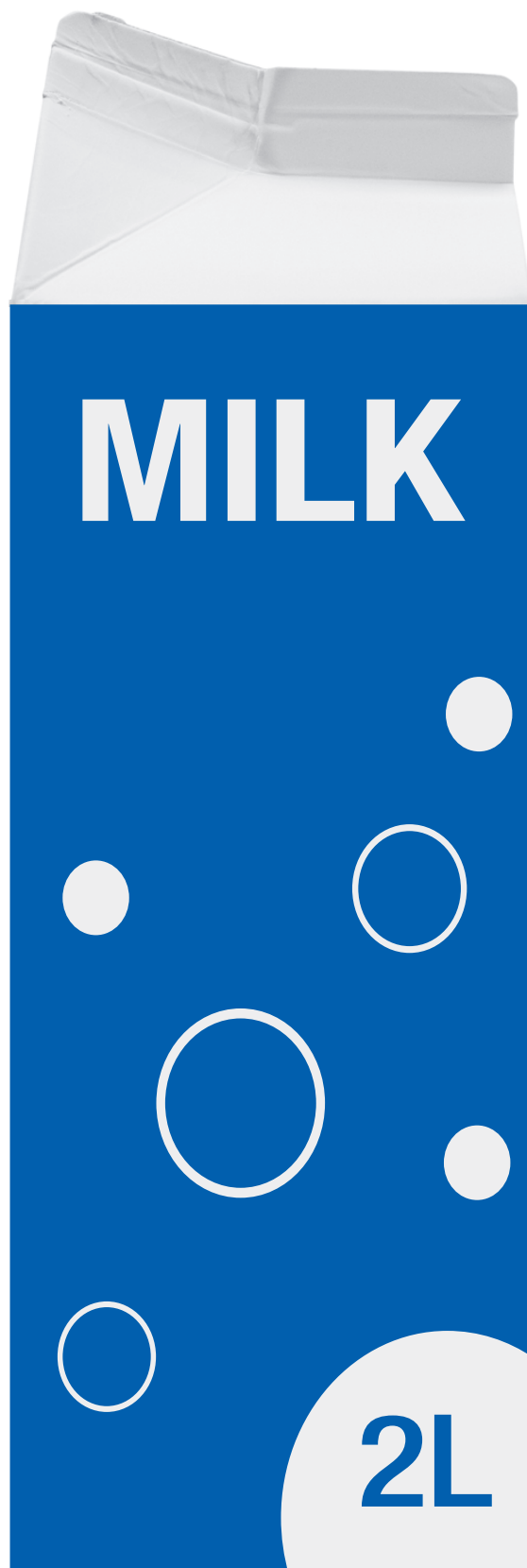
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OPINION



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY
TREE PLANTER: Onlookers stand by as Michael Nickels plants a special walnut tree in Centennial Park as part of the 10/10/10 rally, which drew together 125 participants on Salt Spring. People from 7,347 communities in 188 countries joined in 10/10/10 events.

RANTS and Roses

Rants

Rants to the few yahoos who were inconsiderate as they drove past us bikers during the critical mass bike ride on Sunday. I took no offence but you are all setting a bad example. I'm sure onlookers didn't appreciate your behaviour either. Born eco-friendly, praise the Earth; born an eco-terrorist, just be fair to us. C. Baldwinson

Roses

A very light load of flowers for Rob at Ace Courier for the great job he does so cheerfully and so well. (And he makes it look so easy!) We appreciate the service you provide, Rob. Jim & Carol Helset

Lovely roses to the Salt Spring Transportation Commission, planner Mark Brodrick at the Islands Trust and especially to the Ministry of Transportation (which came up with the dollars) for working together to construct the new pathway from Kanaka Road to Park Drive beside what has always been affectionately called Swanson's Pond. It is already being well used. On behalf of the community, we thank you for doing a brilliant job. Island Pathways

A cascade of rose petals over the island in memory of wonderful Maggie Schubart. Peace to her

family. Cheryl Cohen

Roses to Salt Spring Garbage for disposing of the garbage that the Salt Spring Lions picked up in our annual beach cleanup for free! Thank you, Amanda McLeod

A drum full of roses and bagpipes full of tunes to the Salt Spring Island Pipes and Drums who graciously and with determination accepted the challenging task of accompanying us as we danced at Meaden Hall on Sept. 22. For us, it was a memorable evening. Thank you all! Salt Spring Island Scottish Country Dance Club

The trackers attending Salt Spring Search and Rescue's tracking course would like to thank Tali and Michelle with Beaver Point Hall, Jonn Ashlie of Ash-

lie's Pantry, chef Al and Susan in the GISS teaching kitchen, Mark Ritchie in Ruckle Park, Ian Elliott, area emergency program coordinator, and Julie of the Little Red Schoolhouse for making our weekend so successful.

A grateful rose to Gordy at Country Grocer for his quick delivery of organic sweet potatoes to a customer in dire need.

A huge heartfelt thank you to all my family and friends for making my 50th soooo amazing. I love you! Tracy

Me, toiling on a new roof — a few more fasteners — tarp the new work, go home: dark soon, and rain too. He, into the driveway, shiny new pick-up, clattering deisel stops. Driver's

door opens — a smiling face — familiar, but I do not know him. He: "Could I use a few minutes of his help, sheathing, tarping? Dark soon: rain too!" Me: "It's OK. Nearly finished. House is already tight to the weather." Thank you, Gordon Lee. Your gesture was generous and appreciated. David and my truck Sarah

Flowers of great beauty to the woman in Country Grocer, who, on a drenched Saturday, made my day with her good humour. Noting, as I passed, a plastic cap on her head, I said, just to be neighbourly, "You either have been in the shower or you are planning to be in one." She grinned and said, "What I know for sure is that when I get home I'll put this back on the potato salad."

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from Dr. Richard Hayden

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THE BEAUTIFUL GAME: Some of Salt Spring's youngest soccer players learn the art of the game at Portlock Park on Saturday morning.

Reducing speed limit first step on the road to a greener island

BY CAROL JANYK

Our local neighborhood met recently with two Ministry of Transportation representatives to discuss our safety concerns with the Fulford-Ganges highway in the Kitchen Road and Dukes Road intersections.

Many accidents and near accidents over the years preceded our desire to have a dialogue with people from the Ministry of Transportation to consider remediation of the issues thought to contribute to safety problems on this section of Fulford-Ganges Road.

Many of the people attending the meeting with the Ministry of Transportation folks were long-term residents of Salt Spring Island and could easily testify to the many changes that have occurred over the decades on our roads.

Of course one of the most significant changes on Salt Spring over the last several decades has been the dramatic population increase along with the consequent increased traffic on Fulford-Ganges Road. Currently the number of cars, school buses, dump trucks, delivery vehicles, ferry traffic and bicycles using Fulford-Ganges Road is staggering. The dramatic, increased usage of Fulford-Ganges Road along with the current allowable speed limit makes it extremely difficult for the highways department or the Ministry of Transportation to make any appropriate or significant changes to assure safety to vehicles and pedestrians.

Clearly, as agreed by the Ministry of Transportation folks, Fulford-Ganges Road was never designed for nor was ever intended to have the number of motorist using it travelling at the speeds currently allowed (80 km). It was generally agreed that it will be extremely difficult to make Fulford-Ganges Road safe if current speed limits remain in place.

Unfortunately, long-term residents have witnessed many of our young people harmed or killed over the decades on our roads. Especially notorious for injury and death is of course Fulford-Ganges Road where the combination of inexperience, speed, hills and a narrow twisting highway have all contributed to injury and the loss of life. Those factors will likely continue to kill unless we Salt Spring Islanders have a collective will to make changes to our driving habits. Clearly, signage placed strategically on our roads to warn motorists and pedestrian combined with increased RCMP enforcement of driving regulations has done little to change our driving habits or increase safety on our roads.

We know the Ministry of Transportation will not be building over passes, turn lanes, double lanes, or turn-off

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roads on Fulford-Ganges Road in the near future, nor likely would most of us want that. We can also assume that in the future there will likely be a continued increase in traffic on all our Salt Spring roads, especially Fulford-Ganges Road. So what can we do now to help alleviate the very real safety problems on our roads?

Let's consider the possibility of reducing our speed limits. Consider what that could mean in our daily lives. Consider too the resistance many of us had to the smoking ban and the unexpected gains many of us have enjoyed from that ban (despite our initial strong resistance). Consider the nature of resistance and our human inclination to reject change (even for the good) before we say a resounding "no" to the possibility of making our roads safer by reducing our speed.

Consider as well last week's Island Tides article on electric cars. Please stay with this argument, as this does have relevance to safety on Salt Spring roads. According to that article, B.C. has some of the most promising infrastructures in North America ready to make reduced oil consumption a reality, in part by the introduction of electric cars. However, currently electric cars cannot be used on Salt Spring Island while speeds of 80 km are in place. We must reduce our speed limits to allow electric cars to be used. Many folks are attempting to reduce their energy consumption, many others are working towards becoming more "green" and most of us are eager to do our part in reducing green house omissions. Therefore, if we reduced our speed limits on Salt Spring Island we would be reducing our overall oil consumption and moving in the direction of making the use of electric cars on our island possible in the future.

We can begin to move towards the "greening of Salt Spring Island" by reducing the speed limits on our roads and open the door to the possibility of electric cars on Salt Spring and at the same time make our roads safer for everyone using them. Our first step will be to get behind this idea, encourage the Islands Trust and others to work towards the goal of reducing the speed limits on our local roads so we can all be safer and greener. This can be done if we care enough.

Let Salt Spring Island be a real leader in change. Let's begin here in our own community to make our island a welcoming and safer place for all.

The writer is a Kitchen Road resident.

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NOTICE OF WAIVER OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee is waiving a public hearing for Proposed Bylaw No. 179 – cited as "North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw 103, 1996, Amendment No. 1, 2009". The public hearing is being waived under the authority granted in Section 890(4) of the *Local Government Act* that states that a local government may waive the holding of a public hearing on a proposed bylaw if an Official Community Plan is in effect for the area that is subject to a proposed zoning bylaw, and the proposed bylaw is consistent with the plan. Proposed Bylaw 179 is consistent with the Official Community Plan for North Pender Island.

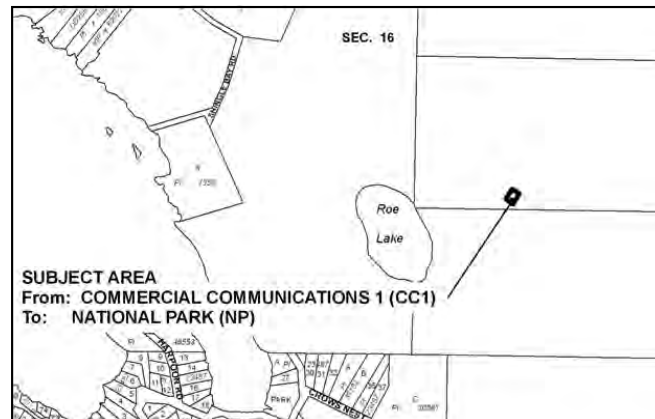
A public hearing on the proposed bylaw was previously held for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw at 9:45 a.m., Thursday, July 29, 2010, at Pender Island Community Hall, 4418 Bedwell Harbour Road, North Pender Island, BC.

At the Local Trust Committee regular business meeting on Thursday, September 23, 2010 the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee amended the proposed bylaw and gave second reading in order to remove a site specific use in the Rural Residential zone (RR(b): the storage of goods, materials and equipment) and the associated plan, which would have been applicable to Lot 17, Section 8, Pender Island, Cowichan District, Plan 20805. The site specific use has now been removed from the proposed bylaw.

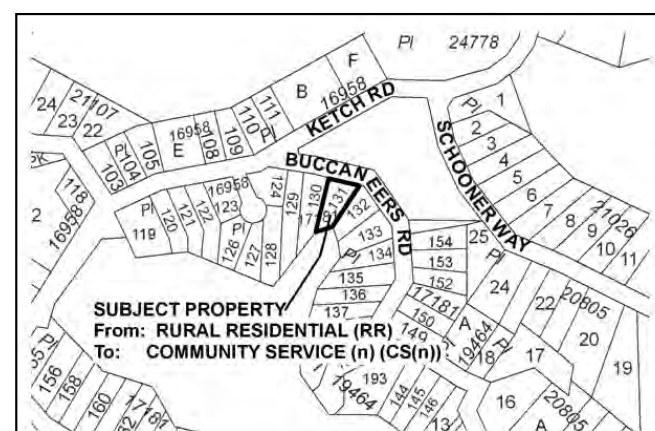
In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 179 is to update the Land Use Bylaw, provide clarity in the use and interpretation of the Land Use Bylaw, and remove regulations that are beyond the jurisdiction of the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee.

Schedule D (Zoning Map) will be amended as follows:

- The Commercial Communications 1 zone is to be deleted since it is federal jurisdiction and also located on national park lands.



- Site Specific Zone to permit a church use.



A copy of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing October 15, 2010 and up to and including October 27, 2010.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 893(2) (e) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at various Notice Boards on North Pender Island, B.C., commencing October 15, 2010. The proposed bylaw can also be viewed on the internet at www.islandstrust.bc.ca and selecting www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/np/bylaws.cfm

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Andrea Pickard, Planner, at (250) 405-5189 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver (604) 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

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IN THE STUDIO: Deborah Gainer puts the finishing touches on these fish, which are destined for display in Tofino.

A refresher on cycling and driving manners

BY WENDY WEBB

Last weekend was Harry Burton's apple festival and it has become increasingly more popular as the years go by.

Everyone is in a hurry to taste, smell, touch and enjoy apples in their many forms. As a result, the traffic is much heavier than normal on Beaver Point Road.

While cycling home on my third day of volunteering at Beaver Point Hall I decided perhaps it was a good time to sit down and share

my thoughts about road manners between cyclists and drivers — both sides. Beaver Point Road is narrow with no real shoulder (for those of you who do not get on down to the south much).

Our relationships as human beings extend from greeting and helping each other to being in vehicles of all kinds, which makes it much more impersonal. Negotiating these huge hunks of metal and balancing on these skinny wheels with spokes is not all that easy.

We all use the roads and must share them. Even horses, skateboarders and rollerskaters are seen.

The thing is, we forget about manners as we speed up and for many of us they just fly right out the window in the rush. This applies to both cyclists and drivers. We harbour habits while on our bikes or immersed in our cloistered vehicle worlds. Or perhaps we are talking to each other and distracted.

Motorized vehicles (most of them) will not wait to pass a cyclist on a hill or curve when it is in the interest of their own and the cyclist's safety. They have no way of knowing whether or not another car is just over the hill or around the curve. Just a few more seconds of patience to crest the hill or until the view after the curve is assessed is a wonderful gift to the driver and the cyclist.

At one point on my Sunday trip there were cyclists on both sides of the road and cars on both sides of the road, all abreast. I just held my breath and cringed.

For you cyclists — if there is a lot of traffic being held up and there is a safe place for you to pull over, pull off the road at your first convenience or even sooner. It is good for both yours and the motorist's health.

Motorized vehicles, please make a note. Cyclists should not hug the shoulder of the road in fear of being a nuisance or in fear of using too much of the lane! Cyclists are vehicles and must obey all of the rules of the road as other vehicles do. Walkers and cyclists are on the road legally and if a car hits either of them, the car is most always at fault. Many people do not know this. Signaling is good to show your intentions when passing. Also very important is that cyclists are travelling faster than you think, so give lots of room when pulling back into your lane.

Cyclists, please take note. Wear bright cloth-

ing, have your helmet on and properly fitted. Always use your lights night and day. Take your place on the road a safe distance from the pavement edge when there is no shoulder or bike lane. This is very important. Cars are then encouraged to wait to pass and you will not end up in a ditch full of blackberries.

Cyclists must wait to pass cars and other cyclists the same way. Cyclists must signal, ring the bell or yell "on your left" to other cyclists before they pass. Several cyclists passed me without any warning today. Many accidents happen between cyclists. Most cycling accidents, though, involve the cyclist and rider, not another vehicle at all.

A few cyclists feel that they can skoot in and out of the traffic without signalling, stopping at stop signs, not wear a helmet and cycle on the sidewalk. There is a fine for these offences. Small vehicles are more maneuverable, but please don't be tempted. If you need to get around traffic or don't feel comfortable making a left turn in traffic, get off your bike and walk. You are now a pedestrian and can use the crosswalk or sidewalk. When you walk your bike on the road, please face the traffic and stay on the inside of your bike for protection from oncoming traffic.

Everyone, please look out for each other. Get a copy of the rules of the road for cars and bicycles and review it. Education is good for all of us. Use your lights and signals. There is nothing worse than having someone yell out their window at a cyclist "get off the road" or worse. We can all learn.

To recap, if you remember nothing else, these things are very important. Show your intentions, cyclists and drivers, by signalling while passing. Don't be unpredictable. Make yourself seen by using lights all the time — both cyclists and drivers.

Slow down and share the road.

The writer is a member of Island Pathways, which is working in the community to educate young and old cyclists alike, provide helmets and make Salt Spring more friendly when not in a motorized vehicle. Just about every bike rack you will see was provided by Island Pathways. Have a look at the kiosks by the Chamber of Commerce and the new pathway below Brinkworthy. We will continue our work for you and welcome your feedback. If you would like to be involved or donate to the next piece of pathway, please call. Operators are standing by: 250-653-2311.

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For life insurance, cancer that was in only one part of your body is usually not cause for a company to decline an application. If the diagnosis was 5 years ago or more, an individual may even qualify for standard rates. In other cases, a special risk classification may be offered, meaning that a higher premium will be charged, but at least you can get the coverage you want. A report from your doctor will be needed to consider each individual situation — there are some cancers that do have a higher incidence of reoccurring, and may preclude one from getting coverage.

Critical Illness Insurance, however, is not available to people who have had any form of cancer, regardless of how much time has passed since one's diagnosis. Therefore, the best time to review your life or health insurance needs is while you are still completely healthy!



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If you are struggling with these questions as a result of a loss, any type of loss, please contact me. I may be able to help you find the answers.



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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER



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Gulf Islands Secondary School keeper Byron Mussell dives towards the ball during a soccer match against Shawnigan Lake.

Shawnigan Lake stuns hometown hopefuls

Scorpions to seek redemption against Brentwood

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

This year's promising pack of GISS senior boys soccer players had their work cut out for them on Thursday as the team lost a 2-0 decision to visiting Shawnigan Lake.

"In the end, we've got to go 100 per cent the whole time."

DOUG PEARSON
Scorpions coach

"Though more skillful, the locals found the hard-running visitors a handful, as they cut down time and space, generally not allowing the Scorpions to be creative or

get into any flow," said coach Doug Pearson.

Things quite literally took a turn for the worse when GISS keeper Arlo Bryn-Thorn received a red card after he inadvertently flipped a charging Shawnigan Lake forward about 20 minutes into the game.

The ensuing penalty kick gave the visitors a one-goal lead before the half.

Shawnigan stayed ahead with help from a dramatic penalty kick save and further help from the crossbar.

Shawnigan finally put the game out of reach midway through the second on the team's second penalty shot of the game.

"It was just that kind of game," Pearson said.

Despite heroic efforts by Kevan Brown and Ronan Gunn, who moved up to centre midfield, the Scorpions couldn't get back in the game and a fit Shawnigan team ran to the bitter end to pull off the upset, Pearson added.

"I think the lesson was that we have a stronger team than we've had but the com-



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Wearing protective head gear, Farley Cannon beats the Shawnigan keeper, but GISS goes down 2-0 on penalty kicks.

petition is also stronger," he said.

"In the end, we've got to go 100 per cent the whole time."

The Scorpions have a chance to redeem themselves in a Thursday game against Brentwood in Mill Bay.

The game is a must-win in the lead-up to the following week's battle against a talented Qualicum Beach team.

MEN'S SOCCER

Salt Spring's Old Boys avoid drop to last spot

FC looks to rebound

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Players on the Salt Spring Old Boys soccer team were lucky to escape with a single point in a nail-biter of a match against winless Zgoda FC on Sunday afternoon.

Mark Aston scored his first goal of the season to give the Old Boys the lead for most of the game, but it wouldn't prove enough to carry the win.

While the Old Boys managed to shut down any hope of a Zgoda comeback for most of the match, the home team's persistence paid off with a goal in the game's dying seconds.

In spite of coming so close to their first win of the season, players are content to return home with a single point.

"This keeps us off the bottom of the table and, despite coming so close to winning, the result is encouraging," said player Richard Steel. "Last year, Zgoda scored a lot of goals against us. This time we had Ben Cooper and Phil Ritson and the rest of the defence primed on how to keep them out."

Steel said the Old Boys (0-3-2) are upbeat and keen to earn three points when Nanaimo United (1-2-2) travels to Salt Spring for a match on Sunday, Oct. 17 at 10 a.m.

The Old Boys are in 13th spot in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's Masters B division but remain within a single victory of making it into the top 10.

In other men's soccer action, Salt Spring FC players were in need of a home-cooked turkey dinner to help them recover from

a shocking 6-0 defeat at the hands of visiting Vic West on Saturday afternoon.

The undefeated Vic West squad has outscored opponents 16-2 in its first five games of the season.

The loss, FC's first this fall, drops the team into a three-way tie for sixth place in Division 2.

The team will try to make up some ground and rekindle its offence against a struggling Powell River Villa (0-3-2) team at home on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 1 p.m.

FC Alumni's highly anticipated Masters-A division match-up against division-leading UVIC Alumni was postponed and will be rescheduled. The team (1-3-0) will try for a second victory in a row when it travels to play fifth-place Vic West (2-3-0) in an important early season match up on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 6 p.m.

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SKATEBOARDING

Skaters shine at Kanaka Park event as Tottman, Hayes vie for top spot

Event raises funds and promotes sport

Co-ordinators of Sunday afternoon's skateboard and BMX competition in Ganges call this year's event a total success.

"We had some amazing moves, good solid judges and raised a reasonable amount of money," said organizer Jack Rosen.

"Overall, you couldn't have asked for a better day."

Even the previous day's heavy wind and rain cleared out in time to dry out the course and make for ideal skateboarding conditions.

"The sun came out and it was a hot September day in October," Rosen said.

Roughly 150 people attended the Oct. 10 event at the Kanaka Road skatepark.

Approximately 25 participants competing in three divisions were registered in the event.

The advanced



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Ryan Clemente shows his stuff during last Sunday's skateboarding competition at the Kanaka Road skatepark.

final came down to two games of SKATE between Kean Hayes and Walker Tottman.

"Walker was just on his game all day, flying off the huge grass gap and taking massive air on every opportunity," Rosen said.

"Kean's style and talent on the rails, however, made it a great final

competition. We even saw a double kick flip, which is not seen too often, even by the professionals."

Walker went on to take first spot, followed by Hayes in second and Kyle Matheson in third.

River Toris placed first in the intermediate category, followed

by Luke Hylands and Brandon Horvaki in second and third.

Liam Dooley topped the promising pack of young island skaters in the beginner competition.

Zion Avenpicard and Adam Wolfemann rounded out the top three.

Carson McCormick

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JACK ROSEN
Organizer

topped the day's BMX competition. Silas Flynn rode to a second-place finish.

Rosen said the several hundred dollars raised at the event will go towards ongoing maintenance and repairs on the skatepark property.

Of equal if not greater importance is the event's support for the sport and a new generation of island skaters.

"The whole idea is to get the skate community hyped up and get them ready for another season," Rosen said.

"It's a local event that can get the skaters tuned up and really jazzed."

Rosen thanked the countless volunteers who helped out and said the event could not have been possible without support from Country Grocer, Thrifty Foods, Embe Bakery, Pomodoro, Island Escapades, Island Star Video, TJ Beans, PARC and the Gulf Islands School District.

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RUNNING

Island runners take to Victoria's streets

More than 30 enter weekend running events

Salt Springers descended upon the streets of downtown Victoria in droves early Sunday morning to participate in the Goodlife Fitness marathon, half-marathon and 8K events.

Richard Hayden finished the 42.2-kilometre marathon with a time of 3:10:50.

The scorching pace placed him 132nd out of the event's 2,638 racers and 15th in his age category.

Melanie Van Soeren placed sixth in her age category (20 to 24) with a time of 3:30:44, and Julie Van Soeren crossed the finish line in 4:44:46.

Salt Spring-raised Erin Toole, who now lives in Burnaby, ran her first full marathon in the 20 to 24 age category, finishing seventh with a time of 3:31:44.

Young marathoner Maria Elss-

er was first among four racers in the under-19 category with a time of 4:20:40.

Johan Bosman topped the more than 20 island runners who participated in the ever-popular half-marathon event with a time of 1:43:02. Eric Van Soeren crossed the line in 1:44:42 and Sean McIntyre clocked out at 1:46:17.

Keith Cloete finished 19th in his age category with a time of 1:51:05, followed by Lise Fraser at 1:52:38.

Judith Beaglehole placed fourth in the women's 65-69 group with a time of 2:02:08.

Other half-marathon participants included Bob Potter (1:52:40), Greg Taylor (2:01:34), Wayne North (2:02:49), Natsuko Inaba (2:06:48), Cornelia Schuster (2:10:21), Sabine Gregory (2:19:19), Jenny Dirks (2:20:15), Janice Pereira (2:49:42), Mary Rowles (3:06:03), Linda Counsell (3:07:06), Betty-Lou Lake (3:41:06), Jane Winter (3:41:09), Bronwyn Stocks (3:39:21) and

Penny Sira (3:47:29).

Beaglehole, Sira, Winter, Lake and Counsell are all members of Lake's longstanding Fit for Life class, with all but veteran marathoner Beaglehole registered in the walking category.

"Everyone found it an exhilarating experience," said Winter. "The energy and enthusiasm level of the enormous crowd was terrific."

Long-time long-distance running enthusiast Lynn Thompson put in another outstanding performance in the 8K, earning a third-place finish in the men's 70-74 group with a time of 42:38.

Matthew Byron was tops among Salt Springers registered in the eight-kilometre event, finishing 193rd out of 2,680 participants with a time of 37:42.

Other finishers included Claire Jutras (41:42), David Melville (44:44), Helen Morrison (47:32), Kai Adams (51:48), Karen Potter (53:04), Rebekah Welsh (57:35) and Violet Rahja (1:00:34).

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CORNELIUS LAUBENTAL

Born: October 12, 1942, Berlin, Germany, died suddenly and peacefully, October 3, 2010 on Salt Spring Island. Corny attended the University of Alberta (Zoology) and moved to Vancouver, BC, where he worked as a very creative Goldsmith for 30 years. In 1990, Corny met Tricia Holland and they lived happily for 20 wonderful years. In 2001, Corny retired to Salt Spring Island to follow his passion for gardening and growing orchids, rhododendrons and many other plants. Other joys of his life were classical music and cats. He taught others by example with his kind and gentle nature. He will be greatly missed by his wife Tricia, sister Sabine Laubental of Victoria, niece Carma Brophy/husband Jonathon Bartlett of Nanaimo, sister-in-law Sally Holland of Ladner and other close friends. A Celebration of Life was already held.

DEATHS

Tilly Crawley

died peacefully at home on October 11th

Tilly will be remembered for her leadership of the project to build a new library, which was very dear to her.

No flowers, please.

Donations in her name to the Salt Spring Public Library Association

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARDS OF THANKS

THANK YOU to those who expressed support and sympathy after Tom died on September 20. Your gentle kindnesses have meant so very much to me and our family here and in Denmark.

Many thanks to those who attended the service but perhaps not the reception. If you see me in town I would really like you to tell me if you were there. Tom would have been overwhelmed.

Thank you for helping me to see what a beautiful community Salt Spring is.

Sincerely,
 Ruth Volquardsen.

Who reads us?
 88% of Islanders read the Driftwood each week.
 -Combase survey

DEATHS

Maggie Schubart's family

would like to thank all those who have shown such kindness and support for Maggie as her health declined in recent weeks and months. Home support was essential in making her final time more comfortable, and those who enabled Maggie to stay in her own home did her a great service. We would also like to acknowledge and thank the many people who came with meals and bright words to ensure that Maggie kept her spirits high at a difficult time, and who helped keep the house and garden going strong. Especially for those of us who live far away, it was a great comfort to know that she was surrounded by such a loving community.

COMING EVENTS

BALLROOM DANCE Lessons Sunday evenings at Mahon Hall. Newcomer lessons 6 to 7 pm. Practice 7 to 7:30. Continuing level 7:30 to 8:30. \$50 per person for 6 lessons incl. practice time. Contact Kathy ballroom@saltspring@gmail.com or 250-537-5058.

BEGINNER ACRYLIC painting lessons with Bev Lillyman. 250-537-2466. Oct. 25-28, 10am-2:30pm. Max 3 students

CLIMATE CHANGE and the Future of Our Garry Oak Forests. Friday, Oct 22. Dr. Marlow Pellatt, coastal ecologist for Parks Canada will present a multi-media presentation for the SSI Conservancy. Community Gospel Hall, 7pm. \$5 donation to cover costs.

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COMING EVENTS

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

PAINTING WITH PAPER. Collage workshop with Bly Kaye. Nov. 6 & 7, 10 -4. Stowel Lake Farm. 250-653-4453 gbkaye@gmail.com

PEACE WORKS! PRESENTS

The 5th annual Children & Youth Peace Assembly of School District 64. Please come and

HEAR US SING!

Also: Valdy, Barbara, Sue, and the Raging Grannies for Peace.

Thursday, October 21, 1 - 2:30pm
 Mahon Hall

Please come early
 Everyone welcome

PEACE.

COMING EVENTS

MARGARET K (PEARL) MOTION 1924 - 2010

Pearl was born and raised in Edinburgh Scotland. At the age of 19 in 1942 she joined the RAF and was posted to India where she served until the end of the War. She returned to Scotland, married Bert and had her only child "wee Bobbie". The family emigrated to Canada in 1957, initially settling in Victoria but moving to Salt Spring Island in 1962 where Pearl lived the remainder of her life.

Pearl was a "working woman" at a time when a woman's place was in the home. She was a Court shorthand-typist in India and Scotland. In Canada she worked for an insurance company and then Saltspring Insurance Agency before obtaining her real estate license and opening the second real estate office on Salt Spring Island under BC Land & Insurance Agency.

Pearl lost Bert in 1986 and it wasn't until she and Bob Petty became "an item" that she had her second chance at happiness. Bob gave Pearl another kick at life and the two were like inseparable teenagers. Bob took Pearl camping all over BC (she never liked camping til Bob came around - go figure). Pearl took Bob on two cruises (Bob had never been on a cruise before). They doted on each other and enjoyed a wonderful 14 years together.

Thank you Bob for making my mum so very happy.

Pearl Motion was my mum and to me she was the best mum in the world.

An intimate service was held on Mount Maxwell, Salt Spring Island on Sept 28 2010

*As Pearl would have said,
 "Lang May Your Lum Reek"*

DEATHS

Maggie Schubart

(November 13, 1916-October 2, 2010)

Maggie, born Margaret Cecilia O'Connell in Rochester, New York, passed away Saturday, October 2, at home at the age of 93. She had been ill for some time and was comfortable with this final change. Maggie had lost her husband Hank in 1998 and remembered him with profound tenderness, akin to the gentle care that she offered to her children, Peter and wife Jill (Los Altos Hills, California), Michael and wife Maralyn (Salt Spring Island), Daniel and wife Erica (Port Alberni, B.C.), Matthew (Thurston County, Washington), Paul (Vancouver, B.C. and Salt Spring Island) and Gabrielle and husband Ujval (Chicago, Illinois) as well as Hank's two daughters, Mallory and husband Ralph Pred (Salt Spring Island) and Linda Hawkins (Berkeley, California), throughout her life. She also leaves a legacy of quiet and persistent activism and a legion of friends and colleagues with whom she has worked in social and artistic endeavours. As per Maggie's stated wishes, there will be no service, and in lieu of flowers, she requested that people make donations to the local chapter of the Voice of Women in care of Marg Simons at 135 Hilltop Pl., Salt Spring Island, V8K 1V9

DEATHS

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DEATHS

SHOWCASE GALLERY

CALL FOR EXHIBITION PROPOSALS

The Salt Spring Arts Council announces an open call to Artists and Craft people working in a variety of media, to submit exhibition proposals for the 2011 season of **ArtCraft's Showcase Gallery**. The Showcase Gallery exhibits, on the stage at Mahon Hall, are two to three weeks long and run during the **ArtCraft season- June to September**.

- Artists are welcome to submit work individually or as part of a group
- Work must be recent - **created within the past 2 years**- and must not have been exhibited locally or at ArtCraft either on the main floor or at a previous showcase.
- Exhibitions are chosen to reflect **innovation, quality and professionalism**
- The **Artcraft** commission rate is 35%.
- All items entered must be for sale.
- Application Forms can be **downloaded** on the website **www.ssartsCouncil.com**
- Or, picked up at **Mahon Hall**, 114 Rainbow Road at rear office in mail box.

The deadline for proposals is November 30th, 2010

salt spring arts council

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Oceanfront Town Home in Ganges,
2 bedroom plus office, 2 1/2 baths, propane fireplace, one car garage, N/S, N/P, avail. immediately.....\$1900

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DOCK SIDE IN THE SUN: A sunny tangle of boats and masts, ropes and wires reflected in the water produces a compelling image on the waterfront in Ganges.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Connecting with nature talk at GICEL celebration

Set for GISS on Oct. 22

With 10 years of experience and over 1,000 participants of all ages and programs offered in four island communities, the Gulf Islands Centre for Ecological Learning has accomplished much since its beginnings in 2000.

To celebrate, GICEL is inviting friends and supporters of its work to a banquet at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Friday, Oct. 22 to help kick off the centre's next decade.

Then at 7:30 p.m. the same night at GISS, GICEL will host a keynote address by professor Rick Kool, head of environmental education and communication at Royal Roads University.

The title of his talk is One Touch of Nature Makes the Whole World Kin . . . the Need for a Connection with Nature in the Modern World. Everyone is invited to attend Kool's talk.

The concept and feasibility of an outdoor learning centre using basic ecological principles and processes as a way to help learners find personal connections to nature was developed under the auspices of the Gulf Islands School District.

That was in the summer of 2000. Using this work as its foundation, the centre has created as its core an integrated and cooperative model for its programs.

As explained by Michael Dunn, founder and program director of the centre, "Our participants are provided opportunities to explore and understand the functions and services of the diverse and accessible ecosystems found on each Gulf Island through use of natural science, art, writing, music and play. Our leaders facilitate and guide these explorations."

"We now have a growing body of knowledge confirming that a connection with nature is integral to our own physical, mental and emotional health."

MICHAEL DUNN
Founder and director

GICEL has also had success in using community resource people and organizations to help in the delivery of the programs, including food growing, photography, biology, music, First Nations and nature interpretation.

The result has been the very successful week-long Seasonal Earth Education Programs (SEEP) held annually on each of Salt Spring, Pender, Mayne and Saturna islands as summer day programs.

At other times of the year, the centre has used this model for home-schooled groups, families and adult learners.

The centre has developed a broad partner base as part of its operations.

These include local community funding partners, support partners and program partners. Most significantly, the relationship with the Gulf Islands School District has been a mutually beneficial partnership.

According to school board chair May McKenzie, "GICEL programs dovetail perfectly with the district's focus on personal learning and the con-

cept of cross-ecological studies that take advantage of the unique geography in the place we call home."

Musing on the next decade, Dunn noted the trends that existed in 2000 included increasing urban dwellers and increasing use of electronic media and that these were contributing to diminishing experience and connection with nature.

On the threshold of this second decade, these trends continue and are perhaps now more insidious.

There is a significant difference, however, he said.

"We now have a growing body of knowledge confirming that a connection with nature is integral to our own physical, mental and emotional health," Dunn says.

Richard Louv coined the term nature deficit disorder in his wildly popular book *Last Child in the Woods*. As a result, movements such as the Child in Nature Network in the United States and the Child in Nature Alliance in Canada have sprung up to work toward countering the trends.

Attendance at the GICEL summer programs has been increasing over the last few years, reflecting this growing awareness of the importance of nature-based learning and the centre's approach to such learning.

The Gulf Islands Centre for Ecological Learning will meet this challenge of the next decade, according to its chair Desmond Berghofer.

"In doing so we will find the energy and conviction to commit to increasing our sphere of influence in a world that desperately needs what we have to offer," says Dr. Berghofer.

Article contributed by GICEL.

This Week's Horoscope

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Tip of the Week:

Libra is the sign of the counsellor, diplomat, negotiator, salesman and generally any occupation that brings a person into contact with others on the basis creating harmonious human relations. This applies to the archetype of Libra and not simply those born during the month of Libra. Actually, every person has all the signs of the zodiac in their astrology chart. Where Libra indicates the above tendencies. Sometimes it is more active and less and this is true of all the Astrological archetypes. There are many levels and depths to Astrology that most people are simply unaware of. It truly is an art and science worthy of the description. Astrology is founded upon principles that were more celebrated in times gone by. Although it has and is undergoing a revival, the mainstream attitude and perspective remains largely unaware of the workings and intricacies of this ancient system of tapping the intelligences behind the outer expressions of reality. This is why it comes under the heading of esoteric which means within or occult which means hidden behind. These terms often take on negative connotations to those who are afraid of what is within and behind the outer manifestation. This is where the efforts of Libra come to the fore. Libra aims to honour all types and levels of understanding towards creating greater levels of mutual understanding, respect and harmony. In this regard Libra is a sign of true intelligence.

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

An active period of communications, negotiations and meetings in general should be keeping you busy. You are coming around a long bend in the road where the focus of your time and energy speaks of new commitments. This trend will continue. At deeper levels you may be wrestling with conflicting desires more than usual. A rising creative surge will ignite more decisive action soon.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

Creating balance in your world is such a major theme these days. Your physical health related to lifestyle choices is a big part of it. Are your current habits sustainable for you into the future? Weaning negative habits takes discipline and focus, yet you are the one who will stand or fall based on your choices. Your love life may be another area of concern and significant others are persistent.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

A love for life and a life with love is on your mind. Striking a happy balance is not so easy sometimes. You are willing to give, but how much and does it mean giving in. It is hard to make promises when we are uncertain and that may be your attitude. Sharing your feelings seems right but how to do so in the right spirit, with the right words. Ask for guidance and be willing to receive.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

Life is all about facing and overcoming fears. This is where learning to listen to and trust your intuition comes to the fore. Knowing the difference between it and imagination is part of the challenge. Imagination can be great for creative thinking and expression, but it can also conjure fears about the unknown based on how you interpret what you need to feel secure. Create new dreams.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

A busy time is keeping you on the go. Places to go and people to see mix repairs to make and demons to purge. Healing of some is likely in this regard. You might begin with clearing clutter

in your home, or your mind or your body and organs. Avoid thinking the issue is outside of you. Look within and realize that your experience without is a reflection of what is going on within.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

Establishing a more solid ground in your life somehow is underway. To succeed you may well have to diversify your focus and energies. This is a deep ongoing theme for you. Whatever is happening, be willing to persevere as returns will be that much more obvious about six or so months from now. Clearings, cleanses and endings may be occurring to make way for this new foundation.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

You are taking strides and exploring new territory. Much of this may be within your own mind and have a lot to do with your self concept. Backed by deep ambitions and desires, you may feel willing to do whatever it takes to succeed. Financial concerns and interests may be at the top of your priorities. Given just one descent opening of opportunity, you would take it no matter what.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Pulling strings and swinging deals behind the scenes continues. You may want to forge ahead but you also know that timing is of the essence. You may not be as clear as you would like to be either. You know that this too will pass soon and you are wise to wait it out as much as you can. In the bigger picture you are gearing up to make some major changes in your life. Plan, wait and watch for now.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Who do you love and who loves you? Things change and how or where we once felt secure in knowing where we belong, we sometimes round a corner a no longer feel the same. Your willingness to take a hard look and be honest with the answer will help. Learning to be one's own best friend and finding security from within is one of the golden keys to true freedom.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

New ambitions and aspirations are leading you upward and onward. You may feel that you have arrived at a high point but wonder where the rewards or feelings of success you anticipated are. It is likely that these will come but perhaps not quite yet. It is important that you persevere now. Not all successes are external. Remember that evolution includes the soul and not simply social advancement.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

A philosophical and curious mood is leading you to explore the possibilities. Getting some form of training is likely now. As much as you want new skills, you may also feel the need to be free of old habits, attitudes and orientations. An entire re-consideration of your power and potential in the world is underway at deeper levels. Patience, a livelier social cycle is coming.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

Dealing with some of the deeper themes in life has been keeping you busy. Death, taxes, sexuality, psychology, responsibility, money and power in general are likely themes on your mind. Somehow you are changing at deep levels. Ideally, you are patiently working with the process and exercising trust. Be willing to cooperate fully and pay especially close attention to increasing health and fitness levels.



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FROM MEXICO:

Yolanda Gonzalez, Ortixia Dilts and Lorena Mota weave pine needles from trees planted in Mexico by Salt Spring's Michael Nickels. The weaving workshop took place as part of an intercultural exchange with a group of indigenous Rarámuri people from the remote area of Sierra Tarahumara in northern Mexico. The exchange has been hosted by Terralingua, a non-profit group that has been working with the Rarámuri to assist them in recovering the health of their landscape and the vitality of their cultural traditions.



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ART BEAT

Galiano artists finish Gallery 8 season

Joint show showcases talented married pair

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Galiano-based artists Bill Boyd and Jade Boyd are the featured exhibition for the end of Gallery 8's regular season.

Bill Boyd's gorgeous crystalline-glazed ceramics have long been a focal point at the gallery, while Jade is coming into her own with landscape paintings illuminated by local nature.

The combination is another good one for the gallery, and as a visiting artist said in passing, the show seems to be all about reflections.

Bill Boyd's ceramic pieces are based on the functional form but are far too precious to think of using for a mundane task like eating or drinking.

His large bowls and shallow dishes are technically impressive, reaching up to 22 inches in diameter and yet perfectly formed.

His shapes are simple and classic, with roundness a reason for pleasure in bulb-shaped and tear-drop vases.

It's Boyd's glazing technique that's truly eye-catching, however. According to the show catalogue, crystalline glazing



Jade Boyd's acrylic on panel called The Inundation of Spring, and below, a Bill Boyd vase. Part of an exhibit now at Gallery 8.

involves actually growing zinc-silicate crystals in the glaze at high temperatures.

The resulting crystals seem to capture light itself on the surface, and take shape in organic formations that can resemble flowers, mushrooms or star bursts.

One large wall-hang bowl has a centre depression with fractals of deep amber rimmed in pale gold and black edging. Pale blue moves outward to pale gold and sand at the outer edge.

The beautiful "sahara" themed colours ripple in complex crystallization over the entire surface.

Some other pieces have more solid background colours with patterns of crystallized areas over top, like a tear-drop vase in almost iridescent rust shot through with eyelash-thin gold markings.

Ringed blue-grey



crystallized markings are spotted overtop like a beneficent (and beautiful) fungus.

In another wall-hang bowl, the marks resemble pansies in deep blue edged with softer blue-grey.

In Jade Boyd's series, water and the light reflected on it is the focal point of large acrylic paintings.

While the sky as the source of light is sometimes included in the scene, the water's ability to cast the light back outwards is what seems to hold her artistic interest.

Two paintings are remarkable for their successful interpretation of that interest.

Beyond the Sunset takes a view of island hills seen from across the water.

The orange sky is reflected on the sea just below the horizon and then transforms into clear, deep blue. The extreme foreground is taken up with dark sea grasses against green vegetation.

Boyd uses many small brushstrokes on her large canvases to build up the scene: horizontal ones for the sky, water and hills, and vertical ones for the contrasting movement of the grass.

She manages to capture the magical stillness of the hour, and blends the contrasting colours of sea and sky in a way that makes blue seem a natural extension of orange, rather than its opposite.

Water also takes up most of the view in The Inundation of Spring, which portrays a marshy flat extending to a thicket of trees.

The trees are shown only as a tiny dark strip at the top of the frame, while the water is expansive and encompassing.

The viewer is taken in toward the centre with a deep triangle of blue, edged on the left side by lush green reeds and on the right by reflected shadows of the tree line.

Boyd balances the wide expanse of blue with the orange-tinged flats that lie between the trees and the open water, and with delicate water plants that speckle the fore to mid-ground.

Bill Boyd and Jade Boyd continue as the showcase exhibition upstairs at Gallery 8 daily through Oct. 30.



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FOLK CLUB

Fred Eaglesmith kicks off new folk club season

Performer gets 'back to the basics'

"Fred Heads" and fans of fantastic folk-rock music take note: Fred Eaglesmith is this season's opening act for the Salt Spring Folk Club on Monday, Oct. 18.

As an artist who clocks in over 200 shows per year, the acclaimed singer-songwriter is not only deemed one of the hardest working men in music today, but one who truly puts his fans first. And the award-winning artist is doing just that by returning to his roots with a tour of rare solo shows.

"I started out playing by myself, pretty stripped down and a lot of my fans are nostalgic about that, so these shows are for them," says Eaglesmith, whose latest album, his 18th, *Cha Cha Cha*, was released last June to rave reviews.

"It's just about me and my guitar, playing songs and telling jokes, back to the basics."

The folk club venue at Fulford Hall will certainly appeal to Eaglesmith.

As he says, "I am most comfortable playing for

200 people in a more intimate setting."

The club boasts the "best sound on the island" and the ambience is enhanced with delicious dinners and delectable desserts available from 6 p.m. when the doors open for season's pass holders (6:15 p.m. for others).

The set list for his solo dates won't veer from what fans have seen on his tour with the Fabulous Ginn Sisters in his backing band, the Fred Eaglesmith Travelling Show, who some islanders may have seen last year at the Islands Folk Festival in Duncan.

"The songs are the same," said Eaglesmith. "I just change the way they are presented."

The opening act for the Oct. 18 show will be Kathy Stack, who has just produced a new CD. The music begins at 7 p.m.

Season's passes for the folk club concert series will be available at this event for \$100, providing access to six concerts for the price of five. Individual shows cost \$20.

Concert tickets can be purchased in advance at Acoustic Planet Music, Salt Spring Books and Stuff & Nonsense.



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THANKSGIVING: Molly Paterson helps chef Sean Walton serve up a free turkey dinner for those in need at Auntie Pesto's on Sunday afternoon.

ARTS & COMMUNITY

School of the arts concept plan explored

Salt Spring Arts Council creates committee

The Salt Spring Arts Council is pleased to announce that it has followed up on the success of its "Chairity" fundraiser last spring for a school of the arts by establishing a committee that is working hard to investigate and recommend how best to establish an art school on the island.

Co-chairs Liesbeth Leatherbarrow and Seth Berkowitz are pleased with how quickly the committee has come together.

"We've got people with a wide variety of art-related, fundraising, business development and organizational skills," said Berkowitz. "There is some membership drawn from the arts council board, but the majority of committee members come from the larger community."

Leatherbarrow is also excited about the opportunity to research and develop an art school concept.

"We're working out a detailed process for our research," she said, "because we need to make sure that we recommend a viable and sustainable art school model, as well as consider the potential impacts on the island, island businesses and island residents."

Arts council chair Rineke Jonker said, "The committee is exploring many different possible models from a virtual school to bricks-and-mortar and everything in between. At the same time the arts council is starting up the Artist in the Community initiative, and is planning a series of professional development workshops starting this winter and continuing on into the spring as a precursor to an eventual school."

Jonker points out the school for the arts committee is committed to ensuring that it shares information about its work on a regular basis.

"It is exciting to be moving this work along," she said, "and we know that many people in the community are interested in what we are doing. We will use a variety of channels to ensure that islanders understand what we are proposing, and why."

The Salt Spring Arts Council is a community organization serving residents of Salt Spring Island. By providing funding, material and organizational support to a broad range of groups and individuals, the arts council fosters a positive environment for visual and performing artists, artisans, writers and performers. The council supports and encourages the arts through partnership, advocacy and facilitation.

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The Secret of Kells

Seemingly arriving out of the blue, the French/Belgian/Irish co-production *The Secret of Kells* caused a lot of Oscar viewers to squiggle their foreheads in confusion when it was nominated for Best Animated Film last year. It's certainly no Disney crowd-pleaser, which is both a good and bad thing.

The *Secret of Kells* is basically the kids' version of the story of the Book of Kells, a stunning manuscript of several books of the New Testament that was written around 800 A.D. and has somehow survived to this day. The protagonist of the film is the young monk Brendan (Evan McGuire), who lives in a walled city built around the Abbey of Kells.

When the friendly monk Aidan (Mick Lally) arrives with the nearly completed Book of Iona, he recruits the boy to help finishing it before the Vikings arrive and destroy everything. Poor Brendan has to grow up fast, not only learning how to finish the book but becoming strong enough to defy his stoic, misguided Abbot (Brendan Gleeson) and venture by himself into the dangerous forest.

By far *The Secret of Kells*' greatest asset is its wondrous animation, an almost entirely hand-drawn 2D style that seems like a decidedly more lush and infinitely more


complex version of that used to create the works of Genndy Tartakovsky (*Samurai Jack*, *Dexter's Laboratory*, *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*). Supposedly it mimics the artwork of the Book of Kells itself, and it fascinated me for the length of the film's 75-minute running time.

Yes, 75 minutes. This is the film's greatest problem: it's way, way too short. Understandably it is a film aimed generally at children, but the epic quality of much of the animation, combined with the civilization-saving implications of the book's survival, lend to a far larger tale. *The Secret of Kells* feels small quite often when it should be big.

In the end, however, I do recommend it wholeheartedly. I think many adults, particularly the more artistically inclined types who gravitate to foreign animation such as the works of Hayao Miyazaki, will revel in *The Secret of Kells*' beauty. I hope that many kids will forego the need for cheesy songs and talking animals, though there is one beautiful little tune and a cute-as-a-button little kitty.

If only the filmmakers had given their fantastic animation some fantastic storytelling to go with it, we'd have a classic. As it is, we've got a pretty good movie.

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Jeanne Lyons is seen with her artwork, now hanging at ArtSpring.

Lyons artwork at ArtSpring

Mardi Mob member goes solo

Shifting Realms, a solo art show by Jeanne Lyons, is on display in the lobby of ArtSpring for the month of October.

The show reflects her inquiry into a variety of realms, including birth, death and other transformational spaces. Shifting

Realms consists of drawings on paper, sculpture and relief work.

Lyons studied at the Rhode Island School of Design and moved to B.C. in 1970 during the Vietnam War. She has lived on Salt Spring since 1989, practised midwifery for over 25 years and has been very involved in the political movement to legalize and integrate midwifery into the provincial health care system.

She currently holds a post as a part-time instructor in the midwifery program in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of British Columbia.

Lyons is a member of the Mardi Mob, a portrait group on the island, and sculptural reliefs of islanders are included as part of this exhibit. Her works appear in numerous private collections throughout North America.

ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES

Wildlife group seeks artist of year submissions

B.C. Wildlife Federation sets program

The B.C. Wildlife Federation is now accepting submissions for its 2012 BCWF Artist of the Year Program.

According to press material, the program was developed in 1992 with the goal of honouring

a B.C. artist whose work exhibits the beauty of B.C.'s fish, wildlife and habitats.

The program also serves to support BCWF conservation work through the sale of limited edition wildlife art prints. The deadline for submissions is Jan. 31, 2011.

Artists are selected a year in advance to allow time for qual-

ity production of the artwork for sale and the ongoing promotion of the artist and their work every year. Past winners include Denis Mayer Jr., Joyce Trygg, Myles Mathis, Valerie Rogers, Eric Renk and Bruce Muir.

For more information about the program, visit the BCWF website (www.bcwf.bc.ca) or email development@bcwf.bc.ca.

RECITAL

Cesar Franck music featured at next Simply Organic recital

All Saints tradition maintained by Don Conley

The popular organ recital series Simply Organic recommenced last month with accomplished organist Don Conley at the console.

"Conley endeared himself to his audience from the start with his sense of humour and engaging manner, while his skills at the All Saints pipe organ and his musical knowledge offered much to lovers of music of all genres," explains a press release.

"A newcomer to Salt Spring, Conley

is establishing himself as a teacher, performer and coach and has a wonderful studio at the north end."

Simply Organic is held on the third Wednesday of the month, falling next on Oct. 20, when Conley will be playing music by Cesar Franck. Included will be *Pièce Héroïque*, which is particularly well suited to Halloween.


"The first part should scare your socks off," said Conley, "but it does become rather triumphant in the end! The good guys win."

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SS Vineyards invites the public to Oct. 16 Grape Harvest Stomp

Free event fun for whole family

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The fruit is ripening on the vine and local winemakers at Salt Spring Vineyards are ready to celebrate with the Grape Harvest Stomp on Saturday, Oct. 16.

An annual event that is open to people of all ages, the stomp is the winery's way of showing appreciation to its island community, owner Joanne McIntyre said.

"The island is so supportive of us, we like to have a few parties to give it back a bit," she said.

Activities from noon to 5 p.m. will include a lineup of live music acts, wine tastings and wine by the glass, food and friendly competition.

Local performers include Silk, David Jacquest, Wallabee Indeed and Norris & Jacques.

Calvin's Restaurant and other local gourmet outlets will supply some of the nibbles. There will also be a special allotment of Royal Cortesian oysters arriving fresh from Cortes Island for "a buck a shuck" (or something close to it).

McIntyre said the shellfish pairs beautifully with the vineyard's Pinot Gris and Karma wines.

In addition, the opportunity to actually stomp on the harvest won't be left out.

"We'll have tubs of grapes so people can get their feet wet," McIntyre promised.

"Last year we had everybody from age two to 90 stomping."

Teams can even participate in contests to see who stomps down their grapes to liquid the quickest.

Some of the proceeds of the day will go toward the initiative to build community gardens.

McIntyre said the winery is committed to supporting other island businesses and projects, as well as staying local in its own practices.

For instance, all the wines are made with its own grapes, without importing any from the Okanagan.

McIntyre hopes people will bring their picnic baskets and enjoy the kick-off to this year's harvest.

"It's just a ton of fun," she said. "If the weather's good it will be a real blast."

"I love to watch everybody having a good time," she added.



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LECTURES



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Eva Seidenfaden working on baskets at Denise Bachman's home.

Danish basket maker to speak on African project

Free presentation at
Lions Hall Oct. 18

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An expert basket maker visiting from Denmark will give a free lecture and presentation of her work with the people of Burkina Faso at the Lions Hall on Oct. 18.

Eva Seidenfaden has visited Salt Spring several times in the past as a guest teacher at the invitation of local basket maker Denise Bachman. The founder of the education centre and museum Vissinggaard in Denmark, Seidenfaden has dedicated most of her life to pursuing her craft and teaching it to others. She has taught and exhibited in the most important European centres of basketry and has travelled to China and Africa to research other living traditions.

"I'm absolutely passionate about the spiral," Seidenfaden explained at Bachman's house last week.

"I think life is a spiral — and we get a little wiser every year."

While researching spiral pattern baskets made in Burkina Faso, Seidenfaden became

involved in the third of her life's most important occupations. The project Baskets4life is a combination of Danish artisans wishing to add to the public discussion of design and functionality and a fair trade business employing villagers in the world's third poorest country.

With a supplementary goal of getting people to replace plastic shopping bags with baskets, the Danish baskets4life participants worked to create metal framework templates. Women in Burkina Faso have been trained and employed weaving sustainable materials into the framework. While early trials of bicycle tires and goat skin was ineffectual for various reasons, the ever-plentiful nylon cord found in African markets has proved just the right thing.

In brightly coloured patterns of the makers' own design, the baskets are simultaneously modern, eye-catching and functional. Seidenfaden is working on a removable bicycle basket that should fit in well with Europe's highly developed cycling culture.

The women are paid \$5 a day for their weaving work, and because they are the ones making the money, they get to decide where it goes. Often it is

for greatly needed basics such as food, medicine and education for their children. The men are also involved in constructing the baskets' metal framework.

"These 50 families, it has definitely changed their lives — in an economic way as well as the fact they are in a group with a common goal," Seidenfaden said.

A secondary project is the creation of multi-rayed stars from the leftover husks of red and white millet canes. The stars will be available at island stores and Christmas craft fairs as fair trade ornaments for just \$2.

Joan Carrigan, a local basket maker who has taught at the Vissinggaard centre, said island artisans have heard how Seidenfaden's African project has evolved over the years during her visits.

"This time we thought more people should hear this story," Carrigan said.

"I think it is a wonderful story," Bachman added, "that you can take your passion or something you like to do and expand it to help other people."

Monday's talk and slide show begins at 7 p.m. Donations will be accepted and stars will be available for sale.

CONCERT PREVIEW

Endlessly fascinating past emerges in concert by Netherlands ensemble

English consort music highlighted Sunday

BY GEORGE SIPOS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The Netherlands' famed Brisk Recorder Quartet Amsterdam performs at ArtSpring on Sunday, Oct. 17 at 8 p.m.

The concert will feature English consort music from the 16th and 17th centuries, which raises the question of why audiences should care about early music in the era of iTunes, digital media and all the rest of it.

The question, of course, is part of a larger question about why we should care about the past at all. Often the answers rely on some version of "Those who ignore his-

tory are doomed to repeat it," or other similarly moral or political admonitions.

But the simple fact of the matter is that the past is endlessly fascinating because people's attitudes and tastes reflected very important basic understandings about the world and our place in it, understandings which were different in the past from our own and which therefore allow us to see ourselves in a new light.

This is especially true in the arts. To listen to pre-Baroque music (and therefore also pre-Classical, pre-Romantic and pre-20th century) allows us to enter a different set of mental attitudes that pre-date the formalism of the Baroque, the glorification of the self of the Romantic and the dissociated sen-

sibility of our own times.

Early music allows us to discover parts of ourselves, but more importantly parts of other people who saw the world quite differently. Think of it not so much as time travel but as geographical travel. Visit Tasmania and you will recognize the sea and sky and mountains, but the essential feel of the place will be endlessly surprising and new.

This is a long winded way of saying the concert of early music by the Brisk quartet will be a journey into the elegance, courtliness and stately harmonies of a different world. Beautiful and fragile.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. performance are available from the ArtSpring Ticket Centre at 250-537-2102.

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PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

TREASURES: Michela Sorrentino holds some Indonesian masks during an antique sale at Mahon Hall.

LOCAL FOOD

Hastings House chef presents final dinner series evening

Island abattoir fund benefits

Through its Chefs Across the Water summer dinner series, the Hastings House Country House Hotel and Dining Room has welcomed some of the best chefs in B.C. into its kitchen.

Now the hotel's own executive chef, Marcel Kauer, steps into the spotlight for the fifth and final dinner in the series on Oct. 18.

Chefs Across the Water is an initiative that has seen master chefs prepare five-course dinners in the Hastings House kitchen incorporating Salt Spring produce with seafood and meats.

The meals are paired with fine B.C. wines featuring vineyards from Salt Spring Island and the Okanagan Valley.

Partial proceeds from the event go towards Island Natural Growers to benefit the Save Salt Spring Lamb Fund.

Kauer has extensive knowledge of the area's ingredients since local produce from island farmers supplements the harvest at Hastings House.

Each year, Kauer works with the Hastings House gardener to plan the next year's crop and also knows the farmers in the area and the foods they grow.

He marries his training in the continental style with the use of the freshest local, seasonal ingredients to create culinary masterpieces.

"Having some of the best chefs prepare meals in our kitchen has been an inspiring experience for me and my staff. We have

embraced the opportunity and are now looking forward to putting together something special of our own using the ingredients we have come to know and appreciate."

The Swiss-born chef has opened his kitchen to chefs Pino Posteraro (Cioppino's) June 29, John Bishop (Bishop's) July 19, Frank Pabst (Blue Water Cafe) Aug. 9, and Jean-Francois and Alessandra Quaglia (Provence Mediterranean Grill) Sept. 13, all from Vancouver, and Sean Brennan (Brasserie L'Ecole) on Oct. 4.

Kauer admits it has challenged the kitchen staff to be on top of their game, but says they have "embraced the concept and it's been a huge success."

The aim of these events is to raise awareness of the pleasure, as well as health and economic benefits, of using local, organic and sustainable ingredients, despite the broader availability of ingredients from around the world.

The program will also bring into focus how local farming has been challenged by changing regulations that favour large agribusinesses.

Donations to the Save Salt Spring Lamb Fund can be made by participating in Monday night's dinner or by direct donation; pledges can be made by e-mailing chocolate-beach@shaw.ca.

For more information, visit: www.hastingshouse.com as well as the Chefs Across the Water website: www.chefsacrossthewater.com. Call 250-537-2362 for reservations to dinner on Oct. 18.

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Islands Trust Fund Regional Conservation Plan Advisory Panels

The Islands Trust Fund invites applications from Islands Trust Area landowners and residents interested in sitting as members on Regional Conservation Plan Advisory Panels to provide advice and guidance on the draft 2011-2015 Regional Conservation Plan.

The Regional Conservation Plan outlines goals and objectives for land conservation in the Islands Trust Area, and sets out a strategy for the Islands Trust Fund to meet those goals and objectives. Sitting on a Regional Conservation Plan Advisory Panel is an excellent opportunity for islanders interested in and knowledgeable of conservation to help guide the direction of land conservation and preservation in the Islands Trust Area.

APPLY: Visit us online at www.islandstrustfund.bc.ca/planning.cfm to view the draft Plan, a copy of the Panel's Terms of Reference, and to learn how you can apply for a position on one of the panels.

Deadline for receipt of applications is 4:30 p.m. October 20, 2010.

ONLINE FORUM: Can't make a panel session? You can still participate by sending your comments regarding the Plan to itfmail@islandstrust.bc.ca



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What's On This Week

www.gulfislandstourism.com/calendar.htm



Wed. October 13

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Stage. Wednesdays with Stephanie Rhodes at Moby's. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

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

Thurs. October 14

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic. At The Local pub. 6 to 10 p.m.
Sweet Water Revolver. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.
Los Morenos. Latin music at Moby's. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Hypertension Workshop. What it is, what causes it and what to do about it. At the meeting room behind the hospital. 1:30 to 3 p.m.
Square Dance Intro Evening. Salty Wheels Square Dance Club offers free night of instruction and dancing at Central Hall. 7:30 p.m. Info: Marilynne, 250-537-5356.
Natural Hormone Replacement Therapy. Talk by Dr. Rishi Verma at Still Point Studio. 7 p.m. RSVP to Natura Medica at 250-537-2202 or info@balancemedical.ca.

Fri. October 15

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Paul Bram. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.
KC Kelly. Live at the Harbour House Hotel.
Los Morenos. Latin music at Moby's. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Rollerblading. For all ages at Fulford Hall. 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Hakomi Workshop. Three-day workshop with Ron Kurtz begins. www.mindfulselfdiscovery.com
Mid Island Co-op Grand Opening. Special event and prizes with free BBQ from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Tango Practica. Fridays at the Core Inn, third floor. 8 to 10 p.m. Info: Keith, 250-537-1544.

Sat. October 16

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Harry Warner & Jo Lundstrom. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.
Paul Black. Live music at Moby's.
Big Al & Tubob. Harbour House Hotel.

ACTIVITIES

Grape Harvest Stomp. All-ages event with live music and more. Salt Spring Vineyards. Noon to 5 p.m.
Ken Rouleau Fundraiser. To fund Ken's battle with ALS. Pancake breakfast at the Core Inn, 8 a.m. to noon, and garage sale & bake sale at the GIFTS building on McPhillips Ave. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Book Sale Drop-off Event. Drop off new or gently used donations for Community Ed's Giant Book Sale. Country Grocer parking lot, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Salt Spring Garden Club Fall Plant Sale. Includes Seeds for Malawi, Bamboo Ranch, Ecoliving Organic Solutions, plus Master Gardeners' Bureau. Farmers Institute. 1 p.m.
Community Potluck & Solar Hot Water Event. With guest speaker Nitya Harris from SolarBC. Lions Hall. 6:30 p.m. A Transition Salt Spring event.
Por el Amor del Tango Milonga. Tango dance at All Saints. 8 to 11 p.m.

Sun. October 17

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Brisk Recorder Consort Amsterdam. An evening of 16th and 17th-century English music. ArtSpring. 8 p.m. Pre-concert chat at 7 p.m.
The Barley Bros. Sundays at the Harbour House Hotel.

ACTIVITIES

Graffiti Theatre Workshop. With Nick Hutchinson for acting & production involvement in the Salt Spring Caucasian Chalk Circle production. Info: Mandy Spottiswoode at 250-537-1283.
Silva Method Course. Mind development workshop on Oct. 17 and 24. Info/register: Arna, 250-415-7716 or silvamethod@arnaberg.com;
Journey Into the Heart. Talk by Dagini Amba at Ganges Yoga Studio. 3 p.m. Info: Cecile, 250-537-1277 or email astradevi@shaw.ca.

Mon. October 18

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Fred Eaglesmith. Salt Spring Folk Club concert at Fulford Hall. 7 p.m. Doors open for season's pass holders at 6 p.m. Opening act is Kathy Stack.

ACTIVITIES

Chefs Across the Water. Final dinner in the local food series at Hastings House with executive chef Marcel Kauer. Reservations: 250-537-2362.
Basketry Talk. And slide show with Danish basket maker Eva Seidenfaden on her work with the people of Burkina Faso. Lions Hall. 7 p.m.
Women, Food & God. Book study and support group. Info: helani@shaw.ca
Salt Spring Fire Protection District. Monthly public trustees meeting at the Ganges fire hall. 7:30 p.m.
Life Drawing. Mondays on the third floor of the Core Inn. 1 to 3 p.m.

Tues. October 19

ACTIVITIES

Channel Ridge Homeowners' Association. AGM at Community Gospel Chapel. 7 p.m.
IODE Bake Sale. Meet local IODE members at bake sale at Country Grocer. Noon to 2 p.m. Part of IODE Awareness Week.
Prenatal Classes. Begin today at the SSI Public Health Unit. Call 250-538-4880 for info.
Texas Hold'em Poker. Hosted by Heather at The Local.

Wed. October 20

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Simply Organic. Free recital with Don Conley at All Saints, featuring music of Cesar Franck. 10 a.m., followed by muffin & coffee for \$2.
Lorne Elliott. Music & comedy show from one of Canada's top comedians. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
Open Stage. Moby's. 8 p.m.

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- EXHIBITIONS**
- A new show of work by **Bill Boyd** and **Jade Boyd** is now on at **Gallery 8**, running daily through Oct. 30.
 - **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.
 - **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**.
 - 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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AT THE LOOM: Diane Heffner gives a demonstration as Salt Spring's Weavers and Spinners Guild holds a sale and show at ArtSpring.

Comedy, history, music and art abounds this Oct. at arts centre

Following is a list of activities scheduled for the rest of October at ArtSpring.

- **Brisk Recorder Quartet Amsterdam** — Sunday, Oct. 17, 8 p.m., pre-concert chat at 7 p.m. Two violas da gamba join members of the Amsterdam Recorder Consort for an evening of 16th- and 17th-century English music, culminating in Thomas Campion's *The Domestication of the Animal World*, first performed at the marriage of Elizabeth, the daughter of James I, in 1613 and accompanied here by a wonderful animated film created by students from the Hogeschool voor de Kunsten Utrecht.

- **Lorne Elliott Music & Comedy Theatre** — Wednesday, Oct. 20, 8 p.m.: He's back — Canada's perennial and perennially wacky comedian who has been entertaining audiences since 1974, most memorably with his *Madly Off in All Directions* CBC Radio program. Lorne Elliott returns with an unpredictable evening of comedy, song, and who knows what else.

- **Driftwood 50th Anniversary** — Friday, Oct. 22 to Saturday, Oct. 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

50 years of community! If you missed the Driftwood's 50th anniversary open house in March, we hope you can join us for our community open house. Back by request, we will have historical displays celebrating 50 years of community, from the Driftwood newspaper and several long-time businesses and community groups.

WHAT'S ON AT ARTSPRING

- **Met Opera: Boris Godonov** — Saturday, Oct. 23, 9 a.m.: René Pape takes on one of the greatest bass roles in a new production by Stephen Wadsworth. Valery Gergiev conducts Mussorgsky's epic spectacle that captures the suffering and ambition of a nation, with Aleksandrs Antonenko, Vladimir Ognovenko, and Ekaterina Semenchuk leading the huge cast.

- **Di Wu** — Sunday, Oct. 24, 2:30 p.m.: Di Wu is an extraordinary young Chinese pianist currently living in the U.S. She was a finalist in this year's Van Cliburn Piano Competition and is the toast of the American piano world. We have added this recital at the last minute to take advantage of a few free days she has between concerts in Bellingham and New York. Check her website — www.divupiano.com — and you too will be as thrilled as we are at this serendipitous opportunity to hear an extraordinary young artist.

- **Grant Lawrence Book Launch** — Friday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m.: Salt Spring Books presents a book launch of *Adventures in Solitude - What Not to*

Wear to a Nude Potluck by CBC Radio 3's Grant Lawrence.

- **George Zukerman's Farewell Concert** — Saturday, Oct. 30, 8 p.m.: Pre-concert chat at 7 p.m. With Leslie Janos on piano. George Zukerman is a national treasure. Not only has he been a tireless advocate for classical music through a 40-year career, championing concert societies across British Columbia, but he has worked devotedly to establish his beloved bassoon as an important solo instrument, "freed from the penal servitude of the orchestra," as he puts it. Tonight's performance is billed as George's "retirement concert," though his audiences may have something to say about that. Repertoire for the evening extends from Mozart and Beethoven to Rossini, Lalo, von Weber, Weisgarber and even Inuit chants. Don't miss this historic evening.

- **Patches of Red: Collection of Canadian Quilts** — Saturday, Oct. 30 to Sunday, Oct. 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jim Erickson will display a number of antique Canadian quilts, the fourth in a series of shows he has mounted to raise money for Island Comfort Quilts. At 2 p.m. each day he will give a talk about the quilts and answer questions regarding his collection. The exhibit is open to all and any donations will be appreciated.

- **The lobby show in October** is an exhibition of drawings, sculpture and relief work by Jeanne Lyons.

THEATRE

Version of Caucasian Chalk Circle gathers interested local parties

Workshop set for coming weekend

Islanders wanting to join Graffiti Theatre's production of the Salt Spring Caucasian Chalk Circle can attend a workshop session run by its director this Sunday.

The Oct. 17 workshop with Nick Hutchinson is for people interested in participating from either an acting or production perspective.

Bertolt Brecht's *Caucasian Chalk Circle* is a re-telling of the famous judgement of Solomon where the rightful mother of the child is determined by having the two women claiming

to be the "real" mother pull the child out of a chalk circle. Brecht sets his story in the Caucasus Mountains in a time of political upheaval and social turbulence and prologues it with a debate between two revolutionary communities as to who has the right to farm a particular valley.

Graffiti Theatre's version will prologue the main play with a Salt Spring land dispute engaging the community as a whole.

Hutchinson has directed at major theatres across Canada since 1967 when he arrived from Europe where he had trained as a director in France and the Royal Shakespeare Company in England. But his main body of work was as the founding artis-

tic director of the Caravan Stage Company and the Caravan Farm Theatre where he directed most of their shows between 1976 and 1993.

He is also a well-known acting teacher and has worked for 37 years at the National Theatre School in Montreal.

He will collaborate in this upcoming production with his long-time designer Molly March and composer Doug Dodds, who both worked with Hutchinson on the *Caucasian Chalk Circle* for the Caravan Stage Company's tour of Alberta in 1980.

For more information and to register for the free event, call Mandy Spottiswoode at 250-537-1283.

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Talking with Paul Large of Country Grocer

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There's always been a concerted effort to take local first in Country Grocer stores. It makes practical sense. Because there are only six stores and all of them are independently owned, each business will follow the overall Country Grocer systems but also cater specifically to their own areas. What we've tried to do lately is draw more attention to local products with signage and placement in the store. We consider "local" to be within B.C., but we really set apart the Salt Spring grown products more than others.

HOW DO YOU SEE THE TREND OF SHOPPING LOCALLY WORKING IN YOUR STORE? ARE YOU RESPONDING TO DEMAND OR ANTICIPATING IT?

There's been movement, to be sure. The biggest struggle with buying local is getting enough product on a consistent basis.

ARE YOU A RECIPIENT OF ISLAND NATURAL GROWERS', GROWING UP ORGANICS DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM? IF SO, HOW HAS THIS PROGRAM MADE IT EASIER FOR YOU TO KNOW WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Yes, they've helped us considerably. They have organized a system of distribution from a number of farms, which means we get access to more product. It used to be that farmers would come and give us enough for, say, four hours. We try to let the ING know what we need to get a balanced supply from a variety of crops.

CAN YOU GIVE ME AN EXAMPLE OF HOW MUCH PRODUCE YOU WOULD NEED IN A GIVEN WEEK FOR, SAY, CARROTS?

Sure. We need about 2-3,000 pounds a week. Right now, food production on Salt Spring can't keep up with the demand, but I think that's something Island Natural Growers is working on - encouraging higher yields.

YOU HAVE A GREAT SELECTION OF ORGANIC MEATS, INCLUDING OUR OWN SALT SPRING LAMB AND POULTRY FROM NEARBY COWICHAN FARMS. DO YOU THINK AN ABATTOIR ON ISLAND WILL WORK IN YOUR FAVOUR IN TERMS OF EXPANDING AND/OR DIVERSIFYING THE PROTEIN SECTION EVEN MORE?

It has to be practical all the way up. By that I mean we have to transfer mainstream philosophies and thinking into the organics industry. Local and organic foods should not be

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*Janet Harvey and Christine Arpita
Country Grocer's Demonstration Kitchen*

an exception to working concepts like supply, cost, and expectations. A 20-30% cost difference is acceptable for local meats but a 50% higher cost is not. In order to keep costs from being prohibitive, the home-based cottage business would need to adopt a clear business model, with all its efficiencies.

HAVE YOU HAD ANY FEEDBACK ON THE WAY YOU HAVE BEEN FEATURING LOCAL FOOD, IN TERMS OF ADVERTISING AND THE SIGNAGE WITHIN THE STORE?

It's been very positive. Salt Spring has a very diverse client base, and we try to cater to all, including old school thinkers who don't subscribe to the "eat local" movement. I'm a firm believer that we at Country Grocer provide an essential service, so we do as much as we can to keep costs down. I think it's critical to do that. The problem with the really big food companies is that their demands are too large for the supply so local produce rarely enters the mix. We want to give people choices.

WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU LIKE PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT COUNTRY GROCER'S MANDATE ON SOURCING AND OFFERING LOCALLY GROWN ALTERNATIVES?

We will always meet with anyone selling a local product - from garlic to packaging - we will always try it. We've found the homegrown products attract positive attention - for example, we can't even keep Salt Spring flour mill products on the shelf. We're the Salt Spring Roasting Companies number two account. If you're looking for local products, keep an eye out for the signs "We Support Local."

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FIREFIGHTER IN TRAINING: Gavin McKenzie puts out a fire under the guidance of firefighter Mark Wyatt at last Saturday's fire hall open house. The event marked Fire Prevention Week.

STEWARDS IN TRAINING

Stewards program sets visual history

MEC grant put in motion online

The Salt Spring Conservancy's Stewards in Training school program is making good use of a grant from Mountain Equipment Co-op and wants to share the results.

The grant has helped the group collect, categorize and organize hundreds of photographs collected by various coordinators, volunteers, teachers and school committee members over the last seven years.

"We think 'a picture speaks 1000 words,' so we wanted to highlight them in every way we could," said Jean Gelwicks from the conservancy's school committee.

"With the MEC grant we purchased the Light Room software program for organizing these photos, which has worked like a dream. We have now collected all these photographs into one place and given each photograph a number of keywords to sort them by and organized them into a series of slide shows."

The photos have been placed on a website —

www.saltspringconservancy.ca/stewards_in_training.html — along with a comprehensive overview of the entire program.

"We are hoping parents and students will visit the Salt Spring Island Conservancy's website before coming out on a field trip to get an idea of the good time they are going to have, and how to dress properly and come prepared," said Gelwicks. "We also hope to use our 'shows' in fundraising, volunteer recruitment and celebrating our award-winning program."

A few more volunteers would also be appreciated for the current Stewards in Training sessions.

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Solar hot water activity heats up on SSI

Project gets underway with potluck info session

A \$5,000 grant will help Salt Spring work towards becoming a "solar community," with the first public activity set for Saturday, Oct. 16.

That's when Nitya Harris, executive director of SolarBC, will be the featured speaker at a Transition Salt Spring potluck at Lions Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee applied for the SolarBC grant, and the Earth

Festival Society is coordinating and promoting the project on Salt Spring.

According to a press release from EFS, the society will work with groups such as the new solar working group of Transition Salt Spring, the Institute for Sustainability Education and Action, and the Salt Spring Climate Action Council to implement the solar hot water project.

The project will develop realistic targets and identify existing solar installations, and work with School District 64, Parks and Recreation Commission and library board to determine if solar potential

exists for their buildings.

User groups of people interested in solar hot water will also be set up, with information and other resources provided, including details about SolarBC and federal EcoEnergy incentives to make solar hot water installations more affordable.

The SolarBC program is administered by the B.C. Sustainable Energy Association.

The Oct. 16 Transition Salt Spring evening will also include information about the worldwide transition movement. (See www.transitionnetwork.org.)

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FUNDRAISER

Island caregiver describes ALS diagnosis

Friends of Ken Rouleau rally to support

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring man who has dedicated his life to helping others has found himself on the other side of the equation as the community steps in to help fund his fight against ALS.

Ken Rouleau, 42, is known to many on the island as a social justice activist, a caregiver and a parent. People have been shocked to learn he was recently diagnosed with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease — but they were not as shocked as Rouleau himself.

The first sign that anything was wrong came last spring, when he suffered near constant spasms in his upper chest muscles. He also noticed some mobility problems in his left hand. After going for tests, Rouleau thought he'd probably learn he had a cyst on the spine, which can produce such symptoms. However, to his immense confusion, on Aug. 11 his doctor told him he probably had only two years to live.

The ALS Society of Canada describes amyotrophic lateral sclerosis as a fatal neurodegenerative disease.

According to the website, "People living with the disease become progressively paralyzed due to degeneration of the upper and lower motor

neurons in the brain and spinal cord. Eighty per cent of people with ALS die within two to five years of diagnosis — unable to breathe or swallow."

Since his diagnosis Rouleau has already noticed huge muscle loss in his back and shoulders. His energy is gone and lifting a tennis ball is akin to lifting a 100-pound weight. However, his decision is not to follow the dire diagnosis but to remain positive that he'll find a way out of the disease.

"I'm not going to let this ALS take me — no way. I'm going to burst into remission," he said. "I'm going to be someone who's in an auditorium in 20 years, talking about how I healed it with love and laughter."

In fact, Rouleau started making up a stand-up comedy routine as soon as he was driving away from the initial diagnosis. (He said he's since shocked and offended some people with the material but is working out the kinks.)

"Levity is what will make the difference," he explained regarding his positive outlook.

"Gravity is what happens to the body with ALS, and levity is all about light and gladness and movement."

Rouleau's strongest motivation to fight the disease comes from his four-year-old son Dorian, as well as a strong network of family and friends, including his partner Christina. Strategies for healing have

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KEN ROULEAU
ALS victim

involved instantly changing his diet and habits, quitting work and trying to sort through the myriad alternative options to see what is valid. Acupuncture and tai chi seem to be helpful, as do magnetic products from Japan.

Rouleau recently met with Dr. Neil Cashman, a leading expert in the field at the ALS clinic in Vancouver. He described Cashman as "a real human being, entirely supportive of my goals, step-stages and wishes."

With six months of degeneration since the symptoms set in, Rouleau figures he has another half year of work to regain what he's lost. But taking time to heal while suffering motor loss, plus pursuing alternative therapies, has added a financial burden on top of an emotional one.

Rouleau's recent years have been spent working as an adult caregiver through Choices and in group homes.

In his past he worked for Greenpeace and ran in elections, trying to change the world for the betterment of all. As the former owner of Star Books in Ganges he provided clothing and shelter to people in need.

Coming to grips with the necessity of receiving help — much less asking for it — has not been easy for him to do, but he does realize its importance.

"I feel that people without those networks of love are those that fall first," Rouleau observed.

"I'm lucky to know so many people who are so supportive — it's marvelous."

Fundraising events that have been set up by Rouleau's friends begin this Saturday, Oct. 16. There will be a garage sale and bake sale at the Gulf Islands Families Together Society building (across from the ArtSpring parking lot) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and a pancake breakfast the same day from 8 a.m. to noon at the Core Inn.

An upcoming dance is being planned featuring Lane 31 and other bands. People can also donate to the Ken Rouleau ALS Trust Fund at Island Savings, account # 2112043.

"I have a very strong spiritual life," Rouleau said at the end of our talk.

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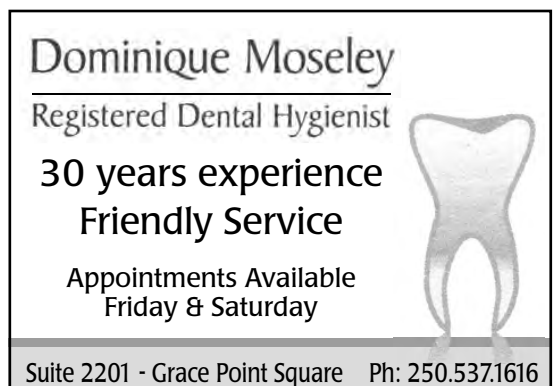
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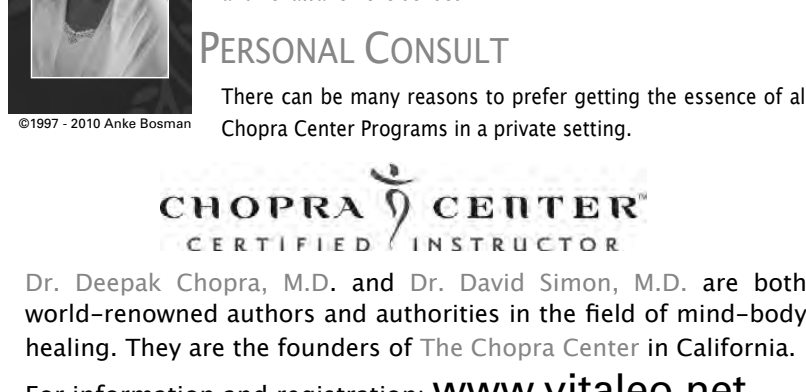


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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

SERVICE GROUPS

IODE celebration: 110th anniversary

Local fun chapter contributes to multiple causes

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The women's service organization IODE is celebrating 110 years of activity this month.

The group's Salt Spring chapter has been raising funds and awareness, promoting citizenship, education and welfare for 95 years, but members say some people still think all they do is meet for coffee.

IODE Awareness week, taking place Oct. 18-25, is the chance to learn more about this quiet but motivated organization.

Founded in 1900 by Margaret Polson Murray of Montreal as Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, since the 1970s the organization has officially gone simply by its sleeker acronym.

Florence Wiseman, president of the HMS Ganges chapter, said throughout its history IODE has worked at the community and national level on relevant issues of the day.

"That's why we've lasted for 110 years, because we're always moving with the times," she explained.

On Salt Spring the IODE's major fundraiser is a spring fashion show at the Harbour House.

Its beneficiaries are many: seniors groups, SWOVA, the Bessie Dane Foundation and Lady Minto Hospital are just a few of the local groups IODE supports.

It sponsors three annual scholarships for GISS students, provides money to schools for library books each year and funds the Food for

Thought program, so teachers can keep a cupboard full of snacks for hungry kids.

IODE members make a Sunshine Breakfast of crepes, fruit and coffee for Greenwood residents once a month for a special social activity and meal.

IODE also supports Transition House with Fresh Start baskets, which come with items like new towels, pajamas, housecoats and toiletries for women and children seeking shelter.

Local chapters are part of the national program that funds many important scholarships, provides support for Canadian troops and donates relief funds and supplies to places like Haiti.

Wiseman explained that although there is a head office in Toronto, the organization owns no property and the overhead is low.

"The money goes almost wholly to the project people give it for because there's so little that needs to be spent," Wiseman said.

Islanders can meet local IODE members on Tuesday, Oct. 19 between noon and 2 p.m. at a bake sale being held at Country Grocer. Wiseman said the group is always looking for new members, and those that do join find the monthly meetings not just rewarding but enjoyable.

"This is a fun organization to join," she said. "You meet a lot of people and they're all ladies in the community who want to help people, so they have that spirit."

Meetings are held every second Friday of the month, 2 p.m. at the upper hall of the United Church. For more information, call Wiseman at 250-538-1882.



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FAMILY FUN: Wendy Vine enthalls her audience as she reads a picture book at last Thursday's Family Place open house.

Spirit of Salt Spring

Salt Spring Lions Club donates \$20,000 for a room makeover at the Vancouver Easter Seals House

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ISLAND VINEYARDS

Winemakers meet challenges

Harvest delayed but promising

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Extreme weather conditions that severely affected Salt Spring's 2010 apple crop will fortunately not do too much damage to this year's grape harvest, local winemakers say.

Wendy Baker at Mistaken Identity Vineyard, which produces apple cider and an award winning apple-Chardonnay dessert wine as well as grape vintages, said their trees have produced less than 50 per cent of the usual crop. While managing the organic grape vines has also been a challenge, she said most of the varieties are doing well.

Baker said wasps have depleted some of the high sugar grapes and deer and raccoons have also been a problem. The weather is the most difficult outside force to contend with, however.

"We're probably about a month behind with all the rain, which is also happening in the Okanagan," Baker said.

Recent sunshine has helped, and most grapes are ripening well with sugar levels developing as hoped. Winemaker Ian Baker will decide how to use the grapes to their best advantage after the harvest.

Despite the challenging weather, Garry Oaks Winery co-owners Marcel Mercier and Elaine Kozak report things there are "looking pretty good."

"We started with that early spring and then got that cold," said Mercier. "It's been a tough year for agriculture right across



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Grapes ripening at a local vineyard.

the province."

Mercier said his vineyard's location enjoys several advantages that have helped see it through the challenging season, such as good sun exposure, good soil and good slopes. And since Garry Oaks grows all its own fruit, the owners are able to take precautions to meet the challenges of bad weather, like using canopy management during an early spring.

"It reminds us a lot of 2008 — that year we had an average harvest but each of our five estate wines won awards, including four silvers and a bronze."

"On the coast we can hang fruit for a longer time — we don't have to harvest right away and can mature and develop the flavours," Mercier explained, noting coastal vineyards don't have to worry about early frost the way Okanagan-based wineries do. He expects to harvest mid-October.

Joanne McIntyre of Salt Spring

Vineyards said although the harvest will likely be behind by a few weeks — they'll begin after the Harvest Stomp on Oct. 16, which is usually the harvest wrap-up party — the types of grapes growing there are adjusted to cool coastal weather.

"Our Blattner varieties are cross-developed species, grapes our winemaker has developed for this region. They're disease resistant, good in the cooler climate and make beautiful wine that's perfect for [pairing with] turkey," she said.

McIntyre reported the vineyard's sparkling wine grapes are also in great shape because they don't require early ripening.

The recent week of sunshine has been welcome after the rainier than average September, Mercier said.

"This has been great. We love this kind of weather at this time of year, and it helps us finish things off in the vineyard and get equipment ready."

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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

SCHOOL PROJECTS

Centre School marks Walk to School Day with new path

Student-built trail offers safe route on Blackburn Road

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Students, parents and faculty members of the Salt Spring Centre School participated in International Walk to School Week last Wednesday with an inaugural walk down a new pathway.

Initiated by Centre School alumnus Aidan Haigh as his leadership project last year, the path has now been completed from the Salt Spring Centre to the Blackburn Meadows Golf Course parking lot.

The timing coincided perfectly with Iwalk events happening around the world, which the school participates in every year.

Iwalk takes place in 40 countries around the world and in some regions encompasses the entire month of October.

The program began with just a few schools in Hertfordshire, UK in 1994 but by 1998, 16,000 Canadians from five provinces had joined, along with 170,000 Americans, according to the program's website.



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Salt Spring Centre School kids donned crazy hair and hats on International Walk to School Day.

"In 2000, the first ever International Walk to School Day took place on October 4." With countries including Canada, Great Britain, United States, Ireland, Cyprus, Gibraltar and The Isle of Man, "over two and a half million walkers were estimated to have participated."

Some of the aims of Iwalk are to encourage physical activity by teaching children the skills to walk safely, how to identify safe routes to school and the benefits of walking; to raise concern for the environment; and to share valuable time with local community leaders, parents and children.

At the Salt Spring Centre School, walking together has long been an important activity. Every Wednesday begins with a wilderness walk for the entire school, to which parents are invited.

Teachers use the path as a learning opportunity — the bordering creek is part of the ecosystem

that runs through Blackburn and Cusheon lakes and ends in the Creekside rainforest, and is an important salmon stream.

"It's an extension of being on the land and getting fresh air before the day, and it's really good for the brain," said Centre School principal Erin Porter.

With the new pathway, students have another opportunity to take in nature at the start of the day and at the same time meet many of Iwalk's established goals. The finished portion, running along the fence line, tunnels through dense bush and is set well off the road, separated by at least 10 feet of vegetation.

Students on last Wednesday's walk travelled all the way from Fulford-Ganges Road on foot (meeting up with the kindies at the golf course at the start of the safe trail) and were encouraged to wear crazy hats and crazy hair — in part to make them more visible to traffic.

Haigh, his father Andrew and other volunteers are continuing to expand the trail to eventually reach Fulford-Ganges. Until then, drivers are asked to please watch for pedestrians and cyclists along the narrow, winding road.

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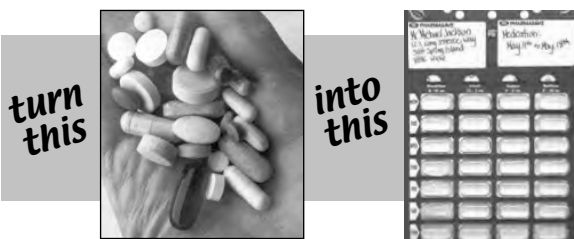
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In B.C. there are approximately 575,000 drivers over 65 years of age. That population is expected to triple over the next 20 years.

The BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation encourages mature drivers and their families to follow safe driving practices and think about possible transportation alternatives.

"Most seniors are safe drivers. They are cautious and conscientious," says David Dunne, director of road safety for the foundation. "We know that the ability to drive safely depends on factors other than age, such as driving skill, your abilities and habits; your vehicle; and your driving knowledge."

While age alone is not a good predictor of driving ability, the changes that occur as we age do affect our ability to function safely as drivers, putting us, and other road users at risk.

Each year nearly 60,000 Canadians over the age of 70 stop driving. Unfortunately, few seniors or their

families ever plan ahead in preparation of driving retirement, says Dunne. Driving retirement is currently associated with a decrease in personal mobility and participation in out-of-home activities, along with increased depressive symptoms.

For those individuals for whom driving is no longer an option, their situations need to be addressed in a compassionate, supportive, and community-minded way with the guiding principle that mobility is a right and a major contributor to greater independence and overall quality of life.

Alternative transportation options can help seniors maintain their mobility and involvement in the community once they stop driving.

Public transit alone cannot meet all the transportation needs. Families and communities need to adapt to the changing requirements as well.

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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

GOLF

Upgrades drive Salt Spring golf club's renaissance

Board members envision bigger better things

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Board members say changes proposed for the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club have the potential to extend the playing season and boost island tourism.

Over the summer, several projects have been undertaken to spruce up the island's largest golf course in an effort to keep the course on par with the competition.

A new deck area in front of the clubhouse provides more room during tournaments and fundraising events, a new irrigation system is in place and some long-anticipated drainage work on the fifth hole has corrected some notorious moisture issues.

"We expect that these projects will continue to improve the conditions of our course and expand our season each year," said board member Randy Cunningham.



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Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club undergoes recent upgrades.

"We are hoping these improvements will contribute to a healthier tourism to our island as our course could become more of a draw for some visitors."

Competition from some decent courses nearby on Vancouver Island, Cunningham said, has put additional pressure on the

club to improve and upgrade facilities.

Other than die-hards who slip on the rain slickers and rubber boots for a mid-winter round, few golfers want to wade into the course during the wetter months.

Drainage work, he said, has the potential to hasten the start of the island's official golf

season and allow golfers to hit the fairways until November or early December.

Cunningham said it will cost approximately \$100,000 to fix nine areas of varying sizes on the lower five holes.

Board members want to wait until March to confirm that the 5,000-square-foot "test drive" on hole five is a success. Approximately \$10,000 in funding for the initial drainage project was provided by the golf club's members.

Cunningham said the next step will be to engage people in the club and throughout the community in a fundraising campaign to pay for further work.

Because of the tourism potential, he said, many people beyond the golf scene stand to gain from the course improvements. Cunningham hopes to inspire synergies with island accommodation providers and other tourism-dependent sectors.

He foresees a day when golfing can become as common a tourism experience as hiking, kayaking and visiting the Saturday market.

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ENVIRONMENT

The living dead — paleo-history, climate change and the future of Garry oak ecosystems discussed

Parks Canada scientist speaks on Oct. 22

BY SUSAN HANNON
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Have you noticed, while strolling through a Garry oak meadow on Salt Spring Island, that there are very few young trees? I always attributed this to heavy browsing by feral sheep and our native black-tailed deer.

Biologist Tara Martin, hosted recently by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, spoke of the problems of heavy deer herbivory on our native plants. She called these Garry oak forests "the living dead." With no new trees coming up, once the old trees die the forest will be gone.

Historically, Garry oak forests were managed by First Nations people who burned the meadows to promote the growth of camas, a native lily that they harvested for its bulb. This burning held back the encroachment of Douglas fir and enhanced the blooming of many

wild flowers. They also harvested the deer, which along with a suite of predators, including wolves, kept deer numbers low. With the current situation of fire suppression, encroachment of fir, heavy browsing and the loss of habitat due to urban expansion and agriculture, our Garry oak ecosystems are in trouble. They are much less extensive now than at the beginning of the 20th century. Formerly common in southern Vancouver Island, they are now found mostly in a narrow strip along the coast of southeast Vancouver Island and in the Gulf Islands. The Canadian Species at Risk Act lists Garry oak ecosystems as "at risk." Over a hundred species of plants, mammals, reptiles, birds, butterflies, dragonflies and other insects are at risk of extinction in Garry oak ecosystems.

But there is another factor that will affect the future of Garry oak ecosystems and that is climate change. As part of its education series, the conservancy has invited Marlow Pellatt, a scientist with

Parks Canada, to come and speak about his research on this topic. Pellatt is a paleoecologist, someone who uses fossils or other paleo-ecological records to reconstruct ecosystems of the past. Lakes contain a record of the past in the layers in the sediments on the bottom. By taking cores from the sediments, Pellatt can trace back through time the prevalence of Garry oak and Douglas fir using the abundance of pollen grains. Traces of charcoal indicate periods when the forests burned. His research shows that the forests burned frequently, every 25 to 40 years, and that Garry oak was much more prevalent in the past than it is now. Climate models predict that global climate change will cause ecosystems to migrate northward and higher in elevation. Pellatt will talk about how this will affect Garry oak ecosystems and how to plan for protected areas to conserve them.

Pellatt will speak on Friday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Community Gospel Chapel.

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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

EMPLOYMENT

Project to bridge youth, employers gap

Oct. 29 forum first in series

A visit to Salt Spring by Tammy Boucher and Tim Carlson of Service Canada last Thursday reflects the special interest the federal government is taking in Bridging the Gap, part of the Gulf Islands School District's Connecting Generations program.

The project, which has received funding from Service Canada, is supported by the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce and the island's CARE (Career Assistance and Resources for Employment) agency.

It's the first of its kind in Canada and will see a series of six forums bring together youth and employers during the school year.

The first takes place on Friday, Oct. 29 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at GISS and will be about the tourism and hospital-ity sector.

The next will be a forum for youth and employers involved in arts and entrepreneurship.

Other topics include health and the helping professions, business and the trades.

There will also be



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Members of the school district, Service Canada, the local business community and others celebrated the Bridging the Gap program at GISS last week.

The forums ... are designed for youth who would like to explore a career or are interested in making connections for a summer job or work experience.

two forums on job skills called How to Get a Job and How to Keep a Job in the spring.

As press material explains, "The forums are free and are designed for youth who would like to explore a career or are interested in making connections for a summer job or work experience."

"Not only is this for students who are wondering how to navigate their career paths but also for youth who have already left or dropped out of school and would like to take

a look at what opportunities there are right here in our community."

Local employers can meet youth and hear about their career ideas and work expectations.

Forums will include conversations in small, informal groups and refreshments will be provided.

For more information about Bridging the Gap and to register for the youth employer forums, contact Sarah Hook-Nilsson at shooknilsson@sd64.bc.ca or call the high school at 250-537-9944.

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