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B.C. FERRIES

Long Harbour closure vetted

Elimination, restructuring of Route 9 among efficiency suggestions for post 2012

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A BC Ferries report detailing suggestions on how to operate more efficiently includes the discontinuance of the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen ferry among its options.

The document called Opportunities for Enhanced Efficiency in Performance Term Three states that higher operating costs expected in the 2012 to 2016 "performance term" will result in increased fares on northern and minor routes unless measures are taken to offset those costs.

Ideas for increased efficiency include eliminating Route 9 — the run from Tsawwassen through the Southern Gulf Islands. The financial benefits, according to BC Ferries, would entail the closure of the Long Harbour terminal, avoiding Queen of Nanaimo replacement and saving ongoing operating costs.

Under this proposal, all traffic from the Lower Mainland to Salt Spring would be routed through

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POPPY TIME: Terry Norfolk exchanges poppies for donations outside Thrifty Foods in Ganges.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

ISLANDS TRUST

Trust gives nod to building library

Board seeks interim library space

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Public Library's building committee anticipates work on the new McPhillips Avenue facility to begin in April 2011.

Rita Archer, chair of the library board, said she and her fellow board members are thrilled by the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee's unanimous decision to approve a series of development variances and development permits last Thursday.

"We're very pleased," she said. "This is very concrete progress for us."

The project's architect can now finalize plans and the board can hire a contractor for the project.

"We feel like we're on the home stretch," said Duncan Hepburn, chair of the library board's building committee.

Hepburn said he's pleased with the "optimized compromise" that's been developed between required guidelines and wishes from the public, elements which, he said, were at times totally contradictory.

Development variance permits were required to reduce the required number of parking spaces from 33 to 27, vary the minimum setback distance on the front and interior lot lines, and forego a requirement that the library plan include a dedicated space for the loading

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HOSPITAL

SOS presents case to CRHD board

Repurposing of investment questioned

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring grassroots organization Save Our Surgery will be in Victoria today (Wednesday) to present its case to the Capital Regional Hospital District Board.

SOS has campaigned to keep non-emergency surgical services intact at Lady Minto Hospital since

the Vancouver Island Health Authority announced its intention last May to discontinue those services and repurpose the operating room.

The CRHD is a stakeholder in the outcome because it was one of the principle funders of operating room upgrades completed in 2004, providing \$1.1 million to VIHA toward the cost. Salt Spring residents raised \$800,000 in private donations through the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation and VIHA made up the remainder of the \$3-million renovation.

SOS chair Phyllis Bolton said the presentation is being made at the request of the CRHD Board's Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee, which SOS spoke to at its Oct. 27 meeting.

With information from SOS summarizing the effects of the loss of surgical services, the PTPS Committee immediately asked VIHA to take no action toward repurposing the operating room. The

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'A long time coming'

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and unloading of vehicles. Development permits were required to ensure the new building complies with DPA 4 (lakes, streams and wetlands) and DPA 1 (island villages) requirements.

"This has been a very long time coming and I admire your patience for having stuck with it since 1999," said George Ehring, a member of Salt Spring's local Trust committee. "I've been a supporter all along of the library being in the village."

Trustees Ehring and Christine Torgimson thanked all the volunteers, including the efforts of the late Tilly Crawley, former library board chair, for such a strong commitment to an important community institution.

"I'm really proud of what has been arrived at so far in this project," Torgimson said.

One of the library board's next tasks is to secure a temporary-use permit from the Islands Trust. The permit is needed for an as-of-yet undisclosed property that will be used to house the library's collection during construction.

Archer said board members are considering use of a site in the Ganges area. More details will be forthcoming as negotiations develop, she added.

Thursday's decision alleviates much of the concern board members had expressed about whether the library project could meet construction deadlines to qualify for federal and provincial grant money.

Federal and provincial infrastructure grants announced in 2009 will supply two-thirds of the project's \$7.3 million budget.

An earlier version of this story was published on www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com on Friday, Nov. 5.

SOS presentation

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committee will present that recommendation to the CRHD today.

According to the agenda, the committee will express its concerns "regarding the manner in which the decision was made to terminate the operating room facility at Lady Minto Hospital," and that "the capital investment hasn't produced the time frame that was intended."

"It's true the board doesn't have anything to do with the operating policies [of the hospital]," said Bolton, "but it should have some elbow room to discuss things with the health authority."

Bolton said the Salt Spring delegation intends to be "very short and to the point," she said, adding the group would be given just five minutes to make its case.

Key points will be VIHA's earlier assertions that a new operating room was essential and its quick reversal after the renovations were complete; the added stress and expense for patients having to travel off-island for surgery; the compromised health of people putting off such surgeries; the loss of anaesthetic, gynecological and urology services, as well as much reduced endoscopy services.

VIHA will have its own delegation and is scheduled on the agenda to make its case first; SOS will be followed by Salt Spring's former CRD director, Gary Holman.

Route 9 restructuring considered advisable

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Fulford. An alternate idea would significantly restructure the route but would still include the Long Harbour terminal closure.

The effects of such a plan would be "a huge setback in an already challenging economic situation," said Chamber of Commerce manager Paul Neale in response to the report Tuesday.

"From just the visitors' centre point of view, it would be major. The largest influx of visitors comes from that ferry — in fact, that's why we stay open year-round," Neale said.

B.C. Ferries CEO David Hahn said the report's suggestions are not meant as firm recommendations, but only as possibilities to activate public discussion.

"The long-standing issue in the Southern Gulf Islands is the interconnecting of all the islands . . . Everyone knows [the route] tends to operate not on schedule and not on time," Hahn said.

"Why not revisit it? It will

take some very, very difficult decisions to be made, but we could come up with something better and a whole lot more reliable."

Hahn said the report was timed to allow public discussion before the B.C. Ferry Commissioner makes recommendations to the government on fare price caps for Performance Term Three, which will happen within the next four months. The B.C. government will then have six months to decide on the service fee it will pay to B.C. Ferries to subsidize the minor routes.

Harold Swierenga, chair of Salt Spring's Ferry Advisory Council, said the efficiency ideas were discussed in depth at the group's last meeting. The FAC has been "lobbying hard" for the provincial government to increase its financial contribution, he said, and the efficiency suggestions posed by B.C. Ferries are an added reminder of what could happen if it doesn't.

"The key thing is that these are not in any way recommendations. The suggestion that

Route 9 be cancelled is really only an outside possibility at this point. They wanted to indicate to the province what the implications could be if there were no increases in the service fee, and the option would be to decrease service at some level."

Swierenga said his impression from FAC meetings is that Route 9 will still exist and the Queen of Nanaimo will be replaced by another vessel in six or seven years. How the route looks, however, could be very different.

Major restructuring of Route 9 is definitely advisable, according to Hahn, who said the schedule "is not designed to be successful" and that all the islands involved have individual concerns that must be considered. But other changes to the Coastal Ferry Services Contract allowing B.C. Ferries greater flexibility in the way it delivers its service are equally desirable.

Hahn noted that although the corporation has the ability to add sailings to meet passenger increases, it has no ability to take them away in

the opposite scenario. B.C. Ferries would like to make more timely decisions on service, such as removing mid-day trips in slow periods.

"On some of the mid-day sailings that occur on the some of the small routes, we move one car and two passengers. If we could make adjustments more quickly, wouldn't that be ideal?"

Any changes to the service levels mandated under the CFSC require approval by B.C. Ferry Commissioner Martin Crilly and are ultimately decided on by the provincial government.

"We're not advocating yes or no to anything. We're just trying to make sure everybody has the chance to participate," Hahn said.

He recommended the public make its opinion known by contacting the B.C. Ferry Commission and elected officials.

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ISLANDS TRUST FUND

Findings promote new land targets

Sixty per cent essential for species' survival

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Increased landowner stewardship is needed if there's any hope of preserving the natural health and biodiversity of the Gulf Islands, according to findings contained within a draft version of the Islands Trust Fund's new Regional Conservation Plan.

"More than 75 per cent of the Islands Trust area is privately owned, giving private property owners the biggest influence on the health of natural areas in our region," said Christine Pritchard, the ITF's communications and fundraising specialist.

"Because we can't solely rely on the acquisition of parkland, we hope to add another conservation strategy, encouraging a stronger stewardship ethic among landowners."

That means supporting local conservancies, working with local Trust committees and examining sustainable forestry and farming projects is an essential ITF priority over the next five years.

Conservation targets established under the 2006-2010 Regional Conservation Plan aimed to protect 15 per cent of lands in each local Trust area.

In 2008, the ITF announced that it, along with many community partners and private landowners, had achieved more than 15 per cent protection across the Trust area.

"The cost of land and continuing development pressures in the region are the main obstacles to achieving the 15 per cent goal for every island," Pritchard said. "While the Trust area as a whole is 15 per cent protected, some islands have not reached the 15 per cent protection goal, such as Mayne and Thetis."



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Gabriola Sands Provincial Park is among the 8.9 per cent of that island in the protected category. Gabriola is among Trust islands with the least amount of protected land.

Galiano, Hornby, North and South Pender, Saturna and Salt Spring islands have all surpassed the 15 per cent target.

On Salt Spring, a total of 16.9 per cent of land is officially protected. The biggest chunk is held in provincial, community and regional parks, followed by ecological reserves. Covenanted private lands account for 1.5 per cent of preserved properties.

Considering the findings of a recent study taken into account by authors of the 2011-2015 Regional Conservation Plan, however, 15 per cent of land is a drop in the bucket compared to what is really needed to preserve species and the health of ecosystems.

Accordingly, somewhere between 60 and 70 per cent of habitat must be protected to avoid significant species loss.

Based on that report, two-thirds of species reach extinction and abundance thresholds before their available habitat drops below 30 per cent.

Though daunting, staff at the ITF are confident that a strong interest in conservation by government and non-government groups throughout the Trust's jurisdiction can engage the public to become more aware of what's at stake.

"In creating the plan, the Islands Trust Fund has consulted extensively with local and regional conservation organizations to ensure that the goals and objectives of the plan are something we can all work together to try to achieve," Pritchard said.

"We hope their support and involvement in achieving these goals will add to the strength of this new layered strategy to conservation."

News briefs

Dog park

Staff at the island's Parks and Recreation Commission are nearly ready to unveil a new island facility that's sure to get tails wagging.

Kees Ruurs, Parks and Recreation Commission manager, said he expects work on the Rainbow Road Pool dog park will be finished within the next few weeks.

Though passersby may notice a newly fenced-off area in front of the pool, Ruurs said, work remains to be done on signage, gates, a picnic table and doggie-bag dispenser.

He said PARC will organize a ribbon-cutting ceremony for dogs and their owners to mark the fetching new facility.

Most of the money for the dog park was collected from islanders in fewer than two weeks of fundraising efforts. Donations included a \$5,000 gift from an anonymous island resident.

"That's nothing to sniff at," Ruurs said.

Islanders pay respects

Island paramedic Amanda VanderKloof was among five Salt Spring emergency service workers who attend-

ed an emotional memorial ceremony to mark the deaths of two paramedics from Tofino over the weekend.

"For me it was important to come together and show our support and honour their memory," VanderKloof said. "It was absolutely moving and touching."

"We didn't know them, but we are like a family."

Jo-Ann Fuller and Ivan Polivka served as paramedics for a combined 37 years. Both were killed after their ambulance plunged into Kennedy Lake near Tofino while returning from Port Alberni on Oct. 19.

VanderKloof, who has

served as a paramedic for nearly eight years, said the incident hit extremely close to home.

She, with fellow paramedics Catherine Brannan and Nicole Gillette and volunteer firefighters Jim Buckley and Eric Taylor joined approximately 2,500 emergency service workers from across the continent at Tofino's Wickaninnish Inn for the Saturday, Nov. 6 ceremony.

Abattoir fundraiser

Fundraising efforts are set to go whole hog in hopes of raising the roughly \$200,000

needed to begin work on a mobile abattoir facility that could save island meat producers from the brink of extinction.

"So far we've been delighted [by the response] and we haven't even done anything too ambitious," said Margaret Thomson.

Despite the stampede of support from people in the industry and proponents of local food, Thomson said much work lies ahead.

She said virtually everybody on the island stands to gain since the creation of such a facility on the island will improve the lot of local farmers and contribute to food security.

Back in August the abattoir initiative received a \$100,000 grant (up to \$150,000 if a cut-and-wrap facility is built) from the BC Food Processors Association.

The only catch is that fundraising efforts must match those funds before any money is provided.

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NEWSBEAT

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

Holman chides island CRD rep

Director defends low profile

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's former Capital Regional District director has admonished current director Garth Hendren for a continued unwillingness to attend the local Trust committee's monthly town hall session.

"In my view, the town hall is intended for anyone to speak to any issue, whether it is in the LTC's jurisdiction or not," Holman told trustees at Thursday's town hall.

According to Holman, Hendren has repeatedly declined offers to attend the sessions or provide monthly public updates on CRD activities during the

LTC's monthly business meetings since he was elected in November 2008.

Holman noted that the tradition of inviting the island's CRD director to speak at the LTC meeting dates back to the early 1990s.

"One of the concerns we have on this island is about [government] fragmentation and that is a valid concern, but one of the ways you can address that is through this forum," Holman said. "It is the only forum where people can actually talk to the government directly."

In an email response to Holman's comments, Hendren noted that all CRD business is held at meetings that are open to the public.

Monthly CRD board meetings occur at 1:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the

month at 524 Yates Street in Victoria.

"The mandate that I was elected on was to complete the library, support the development of housing for the homeless, the hard to house, and affordable rental accommodations and affordable housing for sale and guide the process of incorporation," Hendren wrote. "These activities occupy all of my time."

"I choose not to participate in the Trust public meeting as I am not part of the Trust. My responsibilities are outside of the Trust's mandate."

Trustee Christine Torgrimson noted that communication between trustees and the CRD director is "very positive." She added that Hendren is always welcome to attend meetings and offer updates on CRD initiatives.

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10:05	12:58	1:01	1:05	10:22
12:55	2:30	2:33	2:40	2:47
2:30	4:05	4:08	4:11	4:15
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2 Fulford Harbour

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7:10	7:16	7:23	7:27	7:30	7:40	7:43	7:47	7:54	8:00
9:00	9:06	9:13	9:17	9:20	9:40	9:43	9:47	9:54	10:00
11:10	11:16	11:23	11:27	11:30	11:40	11:43	11:47	11:54	12:00
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3 Vesuvius

Monday to Saturday					
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4 Long Harbour

Monday to Friday			
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1:15	1:25	1:25	1:35
2:50	3:00	3:00	3:10

Saturday

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

5 Fernwood

Monday to Saturday			
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Lx. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Ar. Fernwood Dock	Lx. Fernwood Dock	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges
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2:05	2:18	2:18	2:35
6:00	6:29	6:29	6:44

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ISLANDS TRUST

Groups look to resolve B&B unrest

Action plan seeks clarity and compromise

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Islands Trust hopes to ease the hubbub surrounding the recent effort to crackdown on unlawful Salt Spring bed and breakfast operations by implementing a four-step action plan.

The Trust's priority will be publication of an information bulletin designed to "clearly define how operations may occur within seasonal cottages, to better communicate the current regulations and to identify if changes are needed."

Trustees at Thursday's local Trust committee meeting did not specify when the document would be made available, but signalled that staff are prepared

to treat it as one of their top priorities.

The action plan is a result of an October meeting between Islands Trust staff, representatives from the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce and members of the Accommodations Group of Salt Spring Island.

"I appreciate the willingness of the various parties to work together," said trustee Christine Torgrimson during the monthly LTC meeting.

The plan's second phase entails hosting a training course, developed by AGSSI and the Chamber of Commerce, to give B&B operators a sense of zoning regulations and marketing opportunities.

Representatives from each group will work to determine the next steps for B&B owners who received enforcement letters and who are now fully com-

pliant with island bylaws. The Trust will further investigate how definitions within its bylaws can be clarified.

A staff report presented at Thursday's meeting notes that it is "considered inadvisable to advance bylaw changes in the current LUB update process, which is scheduled for public consultation in November."

Given that this does not provide sufficient time to "assess the merits of new definitions and regulations," the report continues, conflicts in the regulations "may be advanced for further consideration in the next round of LUB amendments."

The Islands Trust raised concerns among several B&B owners and operators in early September when it sent out 60 warning letters to individuals suspected of operating illegal B&B facilities in seasonal cottages.

TRANSPORTATION

Pathways set to blaze new trails near Ganges

Upgrades for paths as well

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A group devoted to the development of a better pedestrian infrastructure throughout

the Ganges area plans to extend the community's pathway network.

"If everything goes really well, we're hoping to add three new bits to the pathway," said Jean Gelwicks, of Island Pathways.

The new paths will stretch between the Rainbow Road Pool and the intersection of Atkins and Rainbow roads, along Upper Ganges Road between the Salt Spring Marina and Churchill Road, and along the south side of Lower Ganges Road between Wildwood Crescent and Booth Canal Road.

The project is yet another part of Partners Creating Pathways' latest effort to create an interlinked network of trails.

"That's always been this vision," Gelwicks said. "We're just picking away at all the little bits."

The group expects the province's Ministry of Transportation to issue permits before the end of the year and funding for the project has already begun rolling in.

"We are pleased to

"We're just picking away at all the little bits."

JEAN GELWICKS
Island Pathways

announce that the Salt Spring Island Foundation has provided funding for the first phase of construction," Gelwicks said.

Partners Creating Pathways comprises several government and non-governmental organizations working together to promote pedestrian safety and encourage walking and cycling on the island.

Gelwicks said the group is prepared to begin a series of upgrades that should improve the surfaces of pathways already in place along Lower Ganges Road.

"We wanted it to have happened by this point. We have a contractor selected and now it's been kind of hung up," she said.

Should November conditions prove too

wet to begin work, the project will be postponed until the spring, Gelwicks said.

"We built them for cyclists, but many users are not very confident cyclists," she said. "Because most people are so used to the roads, they want to go fast."

Going fast proves a challenge on the loose gravel paths that meander along the roadside.

Gelwicks said approximately 95 per cent of the pathway users are walkers.

Many of these people are newbies who weren't in the habit of walking to town on an errand before the paths were constructed.

"We've created a lot of new walkers," she said.

Gelwicks said the group is always on the look-out for new volunteers to help with infrastructure planning, grant proposals, work parties and other projects.

More information is available online at www.islandpathways.ca or by calling Gelwicks at 250-537-4859.



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NEWSBEAT

HOUSING

Croftonbrook makeover complete

Residents rejoice over upgraded digs

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Croftonbrook residents gathered in their common room on Nov. 3 to celebrate the culmination of a three-month project that's seen more than \$500,000 spent on building upgrades.

"I'm on cloud nine. It's my Christmas," said Mona Warren, one of the complex's 24 residents, during an informal party over freshly baked pie, miniature brownies and a pot of hot coffee. "All the work was worth it."

Even the sage green-coloured window trim that was selected by a majority of residents is a hit.

"I wanted brown, but that's alright," Warren added. "The sage looks alright."

A fresh coat of paint on the 20-unit complex's windows is only a fraction of work undertaken by the small army of workers who've been on the site since July.

"It's been a busy place. I have no complaints, though," she said. "The boys are really well behaved. They're tidy and there's been no cursing."

Croftonbrook board member Carol Dodd said work to improve drainage and install more energy efficient windows in each of the units were among the major initiatives covered by a \$557,202 grant provided by the federal and provincial governments in 2009.

"I'm sure all this work will pay



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE
Izadoura Godchild and Grace Garceau show off upgrades to a unit at the Croftonbrook housing complex in Ganges. The \$500,000 improvement project at the 20-unit complex wrapped up last week.

many dividends," Dodd told the crowd. "You're all going to have the warmest and driest winter you've had in a long time."

Warren, who has lived in the complex for 13 years, said drainage problems have resulted in plenty of wet ground throughout the facility over the years.

"Everything was flooded," she said.

Marge Mollin, a two-year resident, said she looks forward to finally being able to open her windows for some fresh air.

The 25-year-old Crofton-

brook facility is overseen by the Salt Spring Society for Seniors' Accommodation, a group made up of Rotary and Lions Club members along with participants from Branch 92 of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Funding for the subsidized seniors' housing project is provided almost exclusively by BC Housing, Dodd said.

Dodd said some of the leftover funds will be spent over the next several months on general maintenance and specific projects chosen by residents.

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NEWSBEAT

ISLANDS TRUST

Islanders weigh in on suites, cottages

Proposed pilot areas made public

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Residents unable to attend a Nov. 2 open house can still offer views on a matter many islanders believe may offer some respite from the island's ongoing affordable housing woes.

"This is part of the process to investigate ways in which the stock of affordable housing in the community can be increased," said Sue Palmer, a planner with the Islands Trust who organized Tuesday's

five-hour event about a proposal to legalize the renting of suites and cottages in some measure.

"What we were presenting were some preliminary ideas about how secondary suites and residential cottages could be made available on the island and also to find out if people actually want them on the island as an option."

Palmer said approximately 50 people turned out to hear about possible courses of action suggested by members of the land-use bylaw working group.

Palmer said those who came to the Lions Hall event offered a wide range of opinions and advice on how the legalization of suites and cottages could be implemented.

Written comments ranged from a suggestion that legalized cottages be equipped with composting toilets to minimize any impact on local sewer systems to ensuring that the open market be left to dictate affordability.

"We received a range of opinions about how to and whether or not to ensure affordability," Palmer said. "Some people feel like there should be [few controls] so as to encourage more suites and residential cottages to be provided."

Preliminary suggestions offered by the group include limiting the size of cottages to 40 per cent of the principle dwelling's total floor area to a maximum of 969 square feet.

Residential cottages on properties between 2.9 and 4.9 acres would have a maximum floor space of 603 square feet, while units on properties more than 4.9 acres in size would be limited to 969 square feet.

Participants got their first chance to see proposed pilot areas where suites and cottages could be located. They are along major transportation routes and away from sensitive watershed areas.

Some of the proposed pilot

area locations are along Maliview Drive, in and immediately south of the Ganges core, Vesuvius Bay, near the north shore of Booth Canal, properties near the end of Beddis Road and along Beaver Point Road near Ruckle Park.

A complete map of the proposed pilot areas, along with information presented at the open house, is available on the Islands Trust's Salt Spring website.

Palmer encourages everyone with an interest in the proposed legalization of suites and cottages to download and fill out a comment form. She recommends people hand in their completed forms to the Islands Trust office as soon as possible.

She said public comments will be compiled and presented to the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee at an upcoming business meeting.

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Trust Council meeting dates and plan set

Salt Spring climate action among presentations

Islands Trust Council holds its next quarterly business meeting from Dec. 7 to 9 at the Harbour Towers Hotel in Victoria and the public is welcome to attend.

Sessions in focus include the Regional Conservation Plan

of the Islands Trust Fund, Salt Spring climate action activities and a preview of the 2011-12 budget plan.

Public participation is welcomed at the town hall/delegations part of the meeting between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

To register as a delegation, people must forward requests to the Islands Trust Victoria office

to the attention of Marie Smith (msmith@islandstrust.bc.ca; fax: 250-405-5155) including the subject and the speaker's name and address, by Monday, Nov. 22.

A copy of the agenda package for the December council meeting will be available for viewing at the Victoria, Salt Spring and Gabriola Trust offices after Wednesday, Dec. 1.

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ISLANDS TRUST

Tennis proposal suffers delay

New public hearing set for Dec. 2

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A semantic technicality means proponents of an indoor tennis facility proposed for the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club will have to wait at least one more month before the island's local Trust committee can serve up a decision.

A staff report presented at Thursday's LTC meeting called on trustees to schedule a second public hearing because of new language inserted into draft Bylaw No. 445 after the initial public hearing on Oct. 27 and 28.

The change in question, needed to comply with requirements set forth by the province's Agricultural Land Commission, requires changing the additional use from "indoor recreation facility" to "a single court indoor tennis or other similar sports facility."

Bob Rush, who represents applicant Salt Spring Recreational Holdings Ltd., said he doesn't expect the one-month delay to pose any problems with the project's overall timeline.

"We are long past the opportunity to finish [the indoor tennis facility] this winter," he said. "This will cross all the t's and dot all the i's."

Because all public comments

and written submissions presented at and before the Oct. 27 and 28 public hearing will be carried over to the next hearing, Rush said he doesn't anticipate the next session to be anything more than a technicality.

The new public hearing takes place before the LTC's next business meeting, scheduled for ArtSpring on Dec. 2.

Members of the public who were not able to speak at the first hearing can submit written or oral submissions to the local Trust committee before the close of the Dec. 2 hearing.

Nearly 50 letters in favour and one letter against the draft bylaw have been submitted to the Islands Trust so far during the public comment period.

ISLANDS TRUST

Action sought on harbour's '3rd world' facade

Seashore mired in jurisdictional muddle

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A speaker at the town hall session of Thursday's local Trust committee meeting likens parts of the Ganges Harbour shoreline to the third world and wants local government officials to find a solution to the eyesore.

"It's the aesthetics and the dangers that are of concern," said Tom Varzeliotis, a retired engineer who lives along Booth Canal Road. "I strongly recommend something be done about it."

Varzeliotis' specific concern relates to the segment of waterfront next to The Local pub near the heart of downtown Ganges.

"The eye-displeasing sight of concrete chunks, asphalt pies, rocks and boulders, all strewn on the beach, laced with flotsam as they are, at the feet of a bank eroded bare by wave action, is unbecoming the waterfront promenade of Salt Spring's capital village," Varzeliotis wrote in his submission to trustees.

"I presume this sad state of affairs came to be and persists only because it has escaped that Islands Trust eye."

Varzeliotis encourages LTC members to raise the matter with whoever oversees land use along the shoreline zone. He'd like to see construction of a seawall as a way to minimize any further erosion of the bank.

Salt Spring LTC chair Sheila Malcolmson said the best way

to engage authorities in such a matter is to file a bylaw complaint.

Malcolmson suggested Varzeliotis take it upon himself to determine who controls the property and file a bylaw complaint with the appropriate government organization.

"I agree that a next step could involve a bylaw enforcement inquiry," said trustee Christine Torgrimson.

"Having done a considerable amount of work on [the harbour management plan], I realize there are many overlapping jurisdictions and it is not easily sorted out."

Varzeliotis raised the issue after he noticed a Victoria newspaper story that outlined a similar shoreline debate playing out at Cox Bay Beach near Tofino.

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EDITORIAL

Contrast in aid

When the impoverished Caribbean nation of Haiti was devastated by a 7.0 magnitude earthquake in January of this year, Salt Spring Islanders were among those worldwide who responded with a flood of donated funds and goods.

Some local people — like Salt Spring nurse Renee Sanden — are among those still working to ease suffering in Haiti. She's been collecting specifically needed items for Haitian orphans and will continue to do so until Monday, Nov. 15. Those items are bar soap, deodorant, hair combs and brushes, hair barrettes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, Band-aids, antiseptic soap and children's Tylenol. Drop boxes are in place at the Driftwood office, RBC Dominion

THE ISSUE:
Haiti relief

WE SAY:
Federal government spending plans shameful

Securities at Merchant Mews, the ArtSpring ticket centre, BMO in Ganges and the Pemberton Holmes real estate office. Last week she happily reported that enough clothing had already been contributed by islanders from her first appeal.

Also last week, the national media reported on the Canadian government's activity in Haiti. But the story wasn't related to its own efforts to help the thousands of still-homeless Haitians now coping with the rainy season or the estimated 7,000 currently sickened by cholera.

Instead it detailed how the Department of Foreign Affairs was in the process of buying land in Port-au-Prince on which to build a new embassy and houses for its 24 embassy staff. Cost of the proposed purchase? \$5.6 million — and that's just for the land. Some \$1.4 million has already been spent on repairs to the existing embassy.

Those two figures added together are more than 10 per cent of the \$65 million the Canadian International Development Agency has provided to earthquake relief in Haiti to date.

The two stories provide a sorry contrast between government priorities and individual motivation to help. In one corner a Salt Spring woman is gathering toiletries and basic medical supplies for orphans in a country now being enveloped in a cholera epidemic, and in the other the federal government is prepared to spend \$224,000 per person on bare land for its employees in that same country.

One makes us proud to be an islander; the other not proud to be a Canadian.



Best route to affordable housing

BY MAXINE LEICHTER

I am happy to respond to the Viewpoint in last week's Driftwood which advocated for unregulated legalization of suites and cottages. Let's welcome a community debate on how best to increase affordable housing on Salt Spring.

First, let's clarify the goal and possible solutions. If the goal was merely to increase rental housing, then legalizing suites and cottages would be a good bet to achieve that. But the goal is really more specific, how to provide housing for people who cannot afford what is available now. The Housing Needs Assessment identified three of the groups most in need: single parent families, local employees of moderate income and low-income seniors.

So, what are the possible solutions? The "no regulation" approach would mean in certain neighbourhoods all parcels would be rezoned from single family residences to a new zone that allows owners living on site to rent out one or two units (depending on the circumstances). Limitations are suggested. A suite cannot occupy more than 40 per cent of the floor area of a home or exceed 969 square feet (the size of a small house). Cottages are only allowed on larger parcels and are limited to 603 square feet. Raising this number is being suggested. On-site parking would be required.

I contend that this approach, although appealing to some, cannot be depended upon to provide affordable housing because the rents may be too high, as many illegal units are now, and new low-cost units may not go to those who need them the most. Even Victoria does not expect legalizing suites to provide affordable housing, only additional rental units.

Some say the need is so great we should try this anyway. I disagree. Like any change in government policy, there are risks and disadvantages. A property that can rent units has the potential to produce income. This will make it more valuable,

VIEWPOINT

which could result in an increased tax assessment, whether or not units are actually rented out. Higher taxes could actually make homes in rezoned areas less affordable.

We also risk repeating what happened in Vancouver where legalization of one suite per house led to the illegal renting of two and three suites per house. Another risk is non-resident owners renting out units, thus creating a purely multi-family use. This approach isn't free because there will certainly be expensive enforcement needs.

So how can we provide more affordable housing?

One model is to have a housing authority (probably under the CRD) that sets a range of rents that can be charged and certifies that renters meet income and residency requirements. Each unit is certified individually to meet building code standards.

There is no "by right" rezoning to trigger tax increases. There will be a cost to administer the program, but enforcement costs will be reduced as it will be easier to determine if an owner is part of the program and in compliance.

Another approach is to direct scarce community resources to support the model that is already working here. Non-profit organizations, with assistance from government, foundations and volunteers, have built several affordable housing projects on Salt Spring with affordability guaranteed. Eleven additional projects have been proposed.

Sponsors have said they could be much more effective with better support from local government. I think the greatest chance for creating more affordable housing with the least problems is for local government and the community to give more cooperation and public resources towards this proven approach.

The writer has been a volunteer for various Salt Spring organizations, including the Water Preservation Society.

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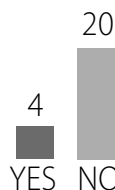
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SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What do you think of Campbell resigning as B.C. premier?

**ALAN ROUGHLEY**

I think a lot of people are glad to see him go. The HST seemed to upset people. He seemed to feel himself it was time to go so it's hard to argue with that.

**DREW CLARKE**

For the good of the province and the party — it was time for him to go.

**TALLI GADON**

It's not the leader [that's the problem] it's the party. We definitely need a new party.

**SUZANNE HELE**

Seriously? It makes me want to do the dance of joy [she dances].

**JO LUNDSTROM-SMITH**

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Fishing gear magic

To my posse, hounds and voodoo master: Take a break, you all can go back to snoozing on the "Rock."

Like magic after my Driftwood rant last week, the fishing rod and tackle box re-appeared on my dock. I guess I should say "thanks" — so thanks, and if you feel any pain or guilt, it's OK. Takes awhile for bad conduct to wear off.

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CAROLE EYLES,
MORNINGSIDE ROAD

Local abattoir needed

I read Peter Vincent's Nov. 3 column ("Abattoir fundraiser: a worthy cause to get behind") as I was on my way to the slaughterhouse with 50 Cornish-cross chickens in the back of the pick-up.

I very much appreciated his insightfulness and call for support for a Salt Spring abattoir. I arrived at the Duncan facility and lined up behind a 4,000-bird commercial drop-off. The staff there is very friendly and accommodating to us small producers. Our birds are not

of uniform sizes, they have bigger and stronger bones and firm meat, therefore the (factory) machinery set-up is often overtaxed and it means more work for staff. As a result we end up with an average of 30 per cent utility grading (usually a wing or leg end up missing), which is very high given that we send in perfectly whole and healthy birds.

Raising livestock takes hard work and dedication. You want to see your animals grow healthy without the need of meds and hormones with lots of natural space and good nutrition. It's sad that we cannot carry

this philosophy to the "bitter" end because we cannot offer short distance travel (very important for larger four-legged animals) and proper slaughter facilities.

There is no doubt a growing awareness about the food we eat and a demand for more locally farmed meat. A Salt Spring Island abattoir would encourage more small-scale farming in our community.

We do have a tiny window to realize this opportunity, but we need help.

VERA ROBINSON,
HOPE HILL FARM

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Time to pour cold water over Tea Party promoters

This week's column was going to be about memory loss. I was going to wax poetic on how our memories are slowly slipping into oblivion and how difficult it has become to remember the names of the people with whom we interact on a daily basis. That was going to be my column until my wife pointed out that I had already dealt with this topic a few months ago.

As a result, this week's topic is the recent American midterm election. Just in case you missed it, the voting public of our neighbour to the south sent a direct and unambiguous message to President Barack Obama and his Democratic Party. By snatching away majority representation from the Democrats in Congress, and coming within a handful of seats from recapturing the Senate, their message answered Obama's campaign slogan of "yes we can" with "oh no you don't!"

At the centre of this storm of dissatisfaction stands the Tea Party. Although not yet an officially recognized political party, this loose collection of nuts and bolts from the American right seems to be gathering strength and capturing the imagination of the nation. Subsequently, politicians from both the Democrat and Republican parties have been bending over backwards (a difficult manoeuvre for you and me but a piece of cake for a politician) to stay clear of the Tea Party's firing line.

The speed of how quickly this movement has grown is absolutely mind boggling. It was just over a year and a half ago, on Feb. 19, 2009, that the Tea Party (an acronym for Taxed Enough Already) breathed its first breath of protest. This occurred when Rick Santelli, a reporter for the cable business network CNBC, went on a live tirade from the floor of Chicago's Mercantile Exchange against the Obama administration's offer to refinance the mortgages of homeowners faced with foreclosure.

The broadcast was posted on YouTube and immediately went viral across the country. Using as an inspiration the direct action of the legendary Boston Tea Party of 1773, when American colonists dumped a shipload of tea into Boston Harbour to protest against King George III's unfair tea tax, the movement spread quickly as opposition grew against the \$750-billion economic stimulus bailout (aka "The Porkulus Protest"). Only a couple of months later, on "tax day" April 15, demonstrations were organized in dozens of American cities with hundreds of thousands of discontented citizens participating.

As already mentioned, the Tea Party is definitely not a smoothly coordinated, well-oiled political machine. Although hardly homogeneous in policy, surveys of its wide spectrum of diverse (some call it "ragtag") elements show a general political will to return America to its age-old traditions and honourable roots. According to Tea Party pundits, this can be achieved by supporting candidates from all parties who oppose big government, unrestrained spending and high taxes.

In their rush to support the principles of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" as outlined in the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by the American Constitution, supporters of the Tea Party tend to overlook some other trusted American traditions. Lost in their fervour are a few minor technicalities such as slavery (many of the founding fathers who signed the Declaration of Independence were proud slave owners), and the fact that the Native American population was decimated, possibly intentionally, by such generous European customs as the use of smallpox-infested blankets as trading tender.

**Shilo Zylbergold**

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

It is therefore not surprising to find that, along with balancing the budget and simplifying the tax system, the Tea Party endorses disengaging relations with Muslim countries, restricting immigration (as Arizona has done), denying gays and lesbians the right to marry, renewing exploration in the U.S. to find new sources of energy (i.e. offshore drilling) and removing "cap and trade" incentives for lowering carbon dioxide emissions. As a matter of fact, it claims that global warming is a complete hoax foisted on America to weaken its international economic position.

There is no truth, however, to the rumours that Tea Party followers also support the Flat Earth theory, the belief that the sun actually revolves around our planet, and that the best medical care can still be provided by the use of leeches. With their steadfast opposition to Obama's universal medicare package, they have shown that if indeed the Tea Party intends to revive the heart of America, then it must serve itself up as iced tea.

Nobody asked me, but I have a little personal experience with the American overzealous Zeitgeist. Back in the late '60s, I was hired as a counsellor at a summer camp in Eagle River, Wisconsin. As the only Canadian, I was looked on as something as a novelty by the rest of the staff. They asked me to say words like "roof" and "about" and then laughed uproariously at my Canuck pronunciation. The whole camp went into a fit of conniption at my "weird" alien display of sprinkling a layer of vinegar on my French fries.

Nevertheless, I got along well with my coworkers until a fateful morning on July 1. Like every other morning, the entire camp gathered at the camp flagpole to raise Old

Glory and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. To the surprise and chagrin of everybody but me, there hanging from the top of the pole was the Canadian maple leaf. Unbeknownst to everyone else, I had snuck out of my cabin during the middle of the previous night and hoisted the "Maple Leaf Forever" (I had packed the flag with me before leaving home not really knowing why) to the top of the pole. I secured the flag in place with a combination lock so that it could not be lowered again. At the time, I stupidly thought this would make a good Canada Day prank.

Never could I have foreseen the reaction my little practical joke would have. The threats and verbal abuse that ensued (this in a "liberal-minded" group) made me quickly realize that if I didn't act quickly, it would soon be me swinging to and fro from the top of the flagpole.

I opened the padlock, lowered the flag and threw it over my shoulder. Before turning to head back to my cabin I said, "It's a symbol, just a piece of cloth. I would burn a thousand of these if it meant I could save just one life."

I don't know if anybody got it. I was later given a few stern words by the camp director, but I wasn't fired. On the other hand, I was not offered the job the next year.

Whatever element of the national psyche I had scratched that day has made itself evident again this last midterm election. Will the growth of the Tea Party lead to more responsible government or to a cold-fisted approach to policy both foreign and domestic? One can only hold one's breath and hope.

This brings this week's subject, the American political situation, to a close. Next time, the column will deal with the topic of memory loss.

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Too much influence

It seems reasonable for elected officials to get more of their advice from people who share their ideas than from those who don't.

I sometimes wonder, though, where the line is between "more" and "too much." Recent revelations about secretive Trust committees made me want to stop wondering and actually find out.

Before the last elections, the candidates ran ads in the Driftwood with a list of about 300 supporters. According to Elections BC there are 7,458 registered voters on Salt Spring Island. Doing the math, those people

who actively demonstrated their support equals roughly four per cent of the registered voters.

According to minutes of our LTC, it seems the trustees have appointed (or reappointed) 23 people to various advisory committees this calendar year. Of these, 15 appear on the list of supporters. Put another way, 15 of the 23 come from four per cent of the registered voters, while only eight were drawn from the remaining 96 per cent.

Since the Trust has also just allowed the community to view the list of people chosen to participate on their "working groups," we can do the math against that membership. There are 20 members of the OCP "working group," of which 13 come from the four per cent and the rest are from the 96 per cent of the registered voters who didn't come right out and say they supported these candidates.

When I look at these numbers, the line between "more" and "too much" has been seriously crossed. Does OCP mean "official community plan," or the "official candidacy plan" supporting current trustees?

TED BARTRIM,
DEEP SOUTH OF SALT SPRING

Support library

Today I mailed my cheque to our library's annual giving campaign, a campaign that will cover the cost of obviously desirable activities the current budget can't entirely fund. That act of contributing triggered for me, as it might well for you, thoughts of my past library experiences. These were the experiences that caused me as a library board member to campaign so actively for a new library and I assume the similar experiences of many others was the reason why the community so overwhelmingly voted "yes."

For me the stacks in the Dalhousie University Library where I had been granted "stack privileges" first come to mind. A decade later at Memorial University I collaborated with the acquisitions librarian to build the psychology collection. Could we justify investing in those unscientific psychoanalytic or parapsychology tomes?

More recently in Vancouver I walked over to attend a writer's talk about his new book. In neighbouring rooms there were discussion groups and small meetings, displays of art, people coming and going. Here on Salt Spring Island, any

library member can have much the same experiences and more, if on a smaller scale, and we can expect to see them more fully realized when the new library is completed.

Libraries reflect the community in which they are located. On Salt Spring we have a library founded and still operated by volunteers under the guidance of two part-time professional librarians. The modest size of our community notwithstanding, the meeting room in our new library will soon be the location for such activities as the historical society's presentations on Salt Spring history. Our many resident authors as well as noted authors from elsewhere will be invited to speak about their works. Our library can also be the venue for a variety of visiting speakers and debates on current issues. In short, the new library will be nothing less than the community's centre for informed discussion, a feeding place for those with hungry minds.

Yes, we can look forward to all of that, but not until 2012. The library must next year continue to serve the community as well as it can. And to do that, it needs your help. The 2010 Annual Giving Campaign will provide summer and Saturday assistance for our volunteers. It will also, among other things, fund summer activities and "better reading" initiatives for children and help pay for an expansion of the adult audio book collection. If you agree with me that these are important things for a library to do, then please help us do them by making your contribution, be it large or small, to your library's 2010 Annual Giving Campaign.

DAVID HART,
LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER

Balance in nature

Willy-nilly, members of the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club keep the kind of place geese love: grass kept short by mowing and kept green by watering.

It's a simplified ecosystem — grass, geese, goose poop and golfers — but durable as long as golfers will pay. Golfers grumble about the geese, but a friend of mine, a birdie lover in fierce pursuit of lower handicaps, is amused by these waddling waterfowl.

He mentioned that five geese, clannish and marginalized by the scores of sleek Canada geese that descend daily onto the course, looked a bit different. His description made me think of white-fronted geese. Recently I found them at the putting green. Sure

enough, that's what they are. Apparently they've hung around since spring.

It's unusual to see white-fronts on the island, although hundreds pass over Trincomali Channel on the way between Oregon/California wintering areas and Alaska's Yukon delta.

Every few winters someone here will spot one amidst a flock of Canadas, but I don't know of any summer sightings. This group could be a family. There are two with bright white foreheads, probably adults; the other three would be youngsters from their 2009 brood in Alaska. It is a puzzle why they stopped and stayed while the flock flew another 3500 km northwest.

White-fronts have had their ups and downs. The first estimate of their numbers on the Yukon/Kuskokwim deltas, in 1950, was about 200,000.

By the early 1980s their numbers were cut in half. Biologists wondered about egg-stealing Arctic foxes, but were pretty sure that hunting by sport hunters in California and forays for eggs and flightless, molting geese by Yupik people up north were involved, too. Neither set of hunters wanted to cut back. With uncharacteristic imagination, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service hatched a plan to bring north and south together. In August 1983 a bunch of California hunt-club big-wigs and agency folks shivered in the frigid Bering Sea wind at a tiny schoolhouse in Alaska, thinking, no doubt, "I feel sorry for people who have to live here."

The next August a bunch of First-Nations Yupik people sweltered in the cement warrens of Sacramento and tasted the smoke of burning rice fields, thinking, no doubt, "I feel sorry for people who have to live here." Negotiations began. Each gave up a little. The geese rebounded. Now there are about 600,000 white-fronts in the Pacific population.

But watch out for the next episode in the ever teeter-tottering "balance" of nature.

Fur prices change the fortunes of Arctic foxes, and the ups and downs of fox paws change the world of risk that fuzzy olive goslings hatch into. Likewise, details of rice and other agriculture in the Klamath Basin and Sacramento River Valley constantly re-write the rules for wintering geese.

For now, white-fronts and the people who hunt them enjoy good times. As for Salt Spring golfers, well . . .

BOB WEEDEN,
WHIMS ROAD

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FINANCIAL PLANNING PAYS OFF

FIXED-INCOME FIXATION

Conservative investors typically gravitate toward 'safe' investments, usually fixed-income investments. But with interest rates still hovering at historic lows, conservative investors may be concerned about whether their fixed-income investments will keep up with rising inflation levels or unexpected life events and adequately fund their retirement years.

Those are valid concerns. Let's look into and beyond fixed-income investments to see what can be done to alleviate them.

- Conservative investors like fixed-income securities such as bonds, GICs, and savings accounts because they have a reputation for reliability, stability, and security — and they do have an important place in a well-diversified portfolio. The suitability of fixed-income investments really depends on each investor's objectives. If you're looking to generate a steady income over many years, long-term bonds and GICs can make sense. If you are seeking capital preservation and liquidity, money market investments may be for you. If you need growth in a rising interest/inflation rate environment, short-term bonds may be the answer. As well, equity investments can be a good way to further diversify the portfolio while potentially improving the return, even for a conservative investor.

- The key is to always have a well-balanced portfolio tailored precisely to your

expectations for growth, tolerance for risk, and life/retirement objectives. But well balanced today doesn't necessarily mean well-balanced tomorrow.

- Interest and inflation rates go up and down
- Markets and the economy go up and down
- Your life changes — maybe you are now taking care of an adult child or have additional health care costs
- You revise your retirement dreams — adding more travel or deciding to downsize earlier rather than later
- That's why reassessing your financial life and plans are critical to ensuring a well-funded retirement. Your initial plan provided guidance on your goals at that time and how to invest to achieve them. But, as time goes by, the actual returns on your investments may be different than anticipated, or your retirement objectives may have changed — so you need to re-evaluate . . . and the best way to do that is through an annual review of your current portfolio and retirement plans to ensure your investment plan and retirement income measure up to your expectations.

By consistently evaluating your investments based on the potential for changes in the economy and your personal life, you can help ensure you are prepared to cope with the challenges while continuing to financially prepare to achieve your retirement dreams. Your professional advisor can work with you to determine the right diversification based on both personal and external factors.

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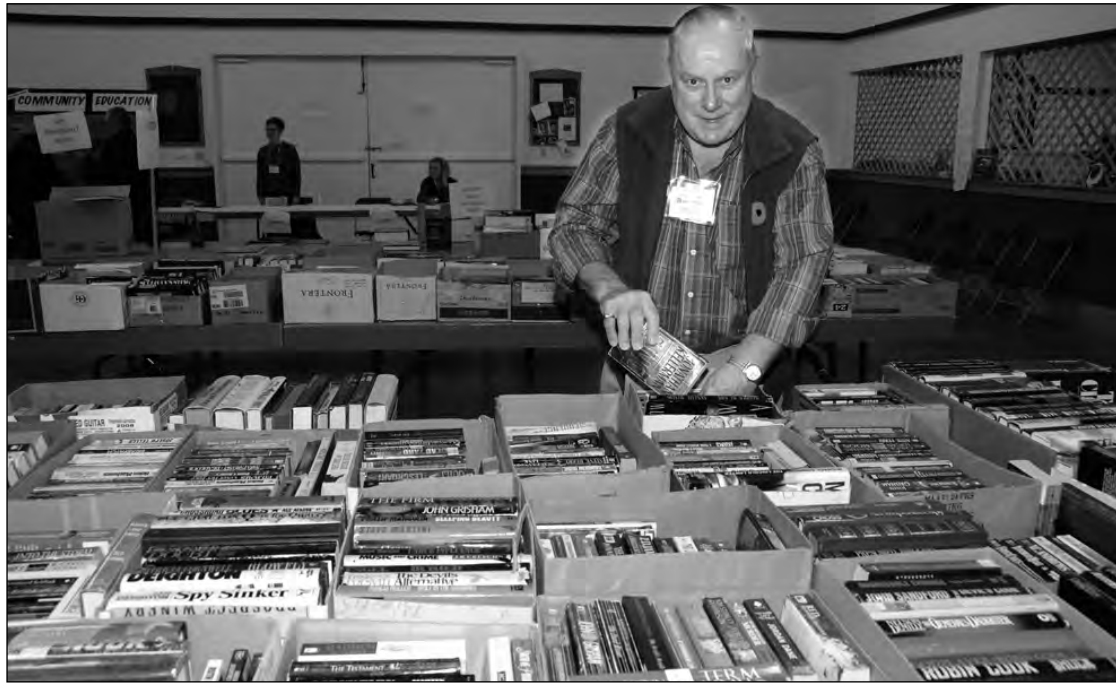


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RANTS and Roses

Rants

To the driver of the small pickup truck who consistently drives back and forth on North End Road with his unsecured and loudly barking dog. The dog is obviously distressed and so is everyone else that has to endure listening to him as you drive by. Enough of the "Bark Mobile!" S. Cunningham

A dozen dead roses to the folks who left the garbage in front of the Lady Minto Hospital Thrift Shop on Saturday morning. Do you think we can sell toothpaste boxes, slimy soap dishes and filthy frying pans? We now have to pay for its removal. Do you know we have a security camera? Shame on you! M. Monro

Roses

Little Red roses to Wynne, Kyle and Mick of B Cubed Construction for the custom cabinets for our preschool! Our immense appreciation for your generous, functional and beautiful contribution. From all of the children, families and staff at the Little Red School House, today and for many years to come!

A bouquet of theatrical roses to the 120-plus people who came out to see Tuesdays With Morrie last Friday (Nov. 5) night to support Salt Spring Hospice and see a beautifully written play superbly acted. Hospice volunteers, husbands and friends then stacked chairs and bundled up the last of their delicious home-baked cookies before leaving the hall. This fundraising event wouldn't have succeeded without the generosity of Gary and Linda of Pharmasave, our dependable ticket sellers at Salt Spring Books and those in the local theatre community whose sage advice guided us novices through the twists and turns of theatrical production at venerable Mahon Hall. With humble thanks from Saltspring Hospice, roses of gratitude to you all.

Phoenix Elementary would like to send a garden full of roses to all those who helped us get our garden on its way. Ken Marr, Windsor Plywood for his support, discounts and gifts; Starbarks for the children's gloves; Kent Houston, Vancouver Landscape Gardener, who donated a long day of labour drilling post holes, mixing cement and placing posts; Christi Salyn, Heartfelt Landscaping and Fencing, who helped with the supply list and fence plan; Myles Ferryman of Ferryman Farm, for the discount on the fencing wire; Michael Ableman and Jeanne-Marie Herman of Foxglove Farm and The Centre for Arts, Ecology & Agriculture for ploughing ahead with our garden dream, tilling, auger rental and drilling post holes, hanging fence wire, and the garden plan and fundraising; Karen Love for help with community organizing, the garden plan and chairing meetings.

A rose to Pearl, who, for the want of a drink of water lost her life. How very sad that is. From an old horse lover

Copper roses to all those who donate their refund money at Return-It to Copper Kettle Community Partnership. It all adds up to helping folks on Salt Spring. Thank you.

And more copper roses to the folks who put their grocery receipts in Copper Kettle's new box #31 in the Save-a-Tape program at Country Grocer. You make a difference all year round. Thank you.

Roses to BC Ferries for sending me home from Crofton when I was broke. Yahoo! (I paid them back.) Ellen

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Harvest time: vineyards busy



PHOTOS BY DERRICK LUNDY Above, Wendy Baker and Sue Coates harvest grapes at Mistaken Identity Vineyard; while at right, Garry Oaks Winery's Sam Larone unloads grapes into a separator and Elaine Kozak works the grape press. All three of the island's vineyards — including Salt Spring Vineyards — are busy this time of year.



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Water shortage is valid constraint to unrestricted rental housing on islands

BY MIKE LARMOUR

Re: the Nov. 3 Driftwood Viewpoint by Ross King titled "Keep government out of housing."

In his article Mr. King says that water shortage is being used as a pretext for controlling the extent of legalized suites and cottages on the island. He offers the rather simplistic view that rain falls on our roofs and therefore we have lots of spare water and can accommodate much more rental housing.

King says we should just collect rainfall from our roofs and use it. For those on public water systems, this constitutes a cross connection, which could introduce contaminated water to the house and possibly to the water system. It is illegal.

Rainwater can be collected from the roof and be used for garden watering, as many people do, provided that it is kept completely separate from the house supply. However, the use of rainwater catchment is limited because of the cost of providing a large volume of storage. Vegetables need a lot of water.

The main concern for the community with legalizing suites and cottages is the demand that it will place on our potable water supplies, either groundwater or surface water. The potential demand could be large. Just 100 units with two residents per unit and a very modest in-house use of 30 gallons per day per resident amounts to just over two million gallons per year. This assumes that the Trust passes and enforces bylaws to control the residency in cottages, something it has not done in the past. As well, water utilities may find it difficult to control demand if rental of cottages proves lucrative.

King says Salt Spring is not short of water. The facts speak otherwise. Of course, the availability of water varies with the location of the consumer and the water source.

For those using groundwater, our fractured bedrock aquifers are generally low producing and can be unreliable in dry years, particularly those on the north end of the island. Last year, 600,000 gallons of water was trucked

to the north end of the island, in most cases to supplement the water supply of people with failed wells.

As much as 50 per cent of wells show evidence of being under the influence of surface water — in other words, vulnerable to surface pollution.

The steady growth in demand has also put a strain on some of our surface water supplies, particularly the lakes serving the North Salt Spring Waterworks District.

By September 1987, a very dry year, there was only one foot of water over the water supply intake at Maxwell Lake. To get more water necessitated clearing land all around the perimeter of the lake, building a dam at the outlet (including a spillway), building a new access road, moving a house and acquiring land that would be flooded, and diverting two creeks. This underscores the economic and environmental costs of obtaining more water.

At St. Mary Lake, water supply is constrained by hydrology. The lake has a relatively small watershed, so there is very little inflow in dry years, but the lake loses over 200 million gallons annually from evaporation from the lake's surface.

Last year, St. Mary Lake was down to within a few centimetres of the minimum lake level permitted by the district's licence and its obligations to the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans to maintain flows in Duck Creek.

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District may be able to obtain more water from St. Mary Lake, under licence, but it also has a sizeable obligation to serve additional development.

With the uncertainties regarding climate change and our questionable ability to control future water demand, we should be very cautious about creating the expectation of more development from suites and particularly cottages on what are euphemistically called single-family-dwelling-zoned properties.

The writer is the former manager of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District.



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LETTERS

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With the generous support of our community, the Greenwoods Eldercare Societies' second annual Christmas Craft Sale on Saturday raised over \$3,900 for Greenwoods residents' recreation programs.

The mood was lively, the residents excited and many smiles shared

throughout the day! We would love to take this chance to thank everyone who so kindly baked, bought, created and gave of their time to make this day the success it was! Our residents, their families, staff, volunteers and friends have made an outstanding contribution. We are looking forward to hosting this event again next year and already have many new creative projects up our sleeves!

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from Dr. Richard Hayden

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I had a young high school girl in job shadowing last week. At the end of the day I asked her if she had seen everything that she had wanted to see. She told me she had been very surprised at everything that we did in a day. She thought she was going to see a bunch of check ups and cleanings (which of course is all she ever had done at the dentist). She saw a lady get fitted for an implant retained prostheses. She saw a woman have her braces removed. She saw preparation and impressions for crown and bridge work. She also saw the diagnosis and immediate care of people with acute problems. I felt very proud of my team and of where I have evolved as a dentist. Regular exams and cleanings are very important but we really do so much more. Be sure to ask your dentist what is possible. If you don't have a dentist I will be happy to meet you.

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What to do when the sun won't shine on your house

Solar-heating options and the next best thing



Judi Stevenson

MY YEAR OF CHANGING CLIMATICALLY

This month, as the winter rains began to set in, I've been thinking about the sheer miracle of the sun, source of life on earth.

At its core, the sun is a cauldron of exploding gases, where the temperature is an unimaginable 15 million degrees Celsius.

If we could capture just a teeny bit of the energy that the sun beams to earth every day — one hundredth of a millionth of one per cent, if memory serves — we could meet all the world's energy needs today, and for the next five billion years or so.

Too bad we couldn't just plug in directly, eh? Actually, we started doing that a while back. We're using energy straight from the sun to run not just little things like our calculators but huge things like the International Space Station.

Also, I learned, to feed serious power plants. In fact, the world's second biggest photovoltaic solar power plant is in Sarnia, Ontario. (Who knew?)

And there are lots of successful uses at the home and business level.

I looked into solar panels as the energy source for my house when I was building it almost 20 years ago.

Going off-grid was very appealing. But it didn't make sense where I live, and it still wouldn't. Bottom line, I'm just too much of a forest-dweller to get enough rays.

So this month, my challenge was to delve into something less than a full off-the-grid solar system.

How about just for hot water? Keeping that tank in the basement heated up around the clock can account for as much as 15-20 per cent of annual household energy consumption. That's one good reason to consider solar hot water.

Besides, SolarBC recently put Salt Spring on its list for a \$2,000 solar hot water subsidy. Not for long mind you. The deadline for completed installations is Dec. 31, so I had to check it out fast.

The SolarBC website gave me a list of factors which determine the suitability of any building for a solar installation (<http://www.solarrating.ca/>) The starting

point is general location. Obviously, the American Sunbelt is going to be better than the west coast of Canada, but let's not be negative. I know solar panels can work here if other factors are favourable. So I considered another key factor, orientation. The best direction for solar panels to face is south, south-east or south-west. Hmm. Lots of trees in all directions here. Next came the slope of the roof. At our latitude, the best angle is roughly 49-50 degrees.

We're using energy straight from the sun to run not just little things like our calculators but huge things like the International Space Station.

Darn, mine is flatter. Final fact: the amount of shading from trees, hills, other buildings, preferably as little as possible. Not good either: those trees are taller and thicker than 20 years ago, and there is a large rocky outcrop adding to the shade.

Sadly, I had to conclude that I am not a good candidate for solar hot water.

Not to be deterred, I looked for other ways for me to stop that hot water tank from fring away down there in the cold crawl space. And yes, of course there are options.

The first thing is simply to use less hot water. Every time I drain some out, let's say by running

water in the sink to rinse dishes or showering my troubles away, the tank has to heat replacement water. Note to self . . .

Now let's see. I've got a low-flow shower head, I mostly use cold water to wash clothes and I'm scrupulous about not running the dishwasher unless it is packed full. So check marks there.

Another step I took was to see if the experts online really did recommend insulating hot water pipes and the tank itself.

I'd heard this described as ineffective, but the consensus online was definitely in favour.

Some of my pipes are already insulated, but I've got to identify all those that carry hot water and make sure they all are. And I've got a hot water blanket ready to wrap around my tank — just \$30 from the hardware store.

The last step I've still got to try is turning down the thermostat on the tank.

My neighbours told me that making this change has made a big difference in their energy use.

As a rule of thumb, according to the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, each reduction of 10 degrees in water temperature (they are talking Fahrenheit) saves about three to five per cent on heating costs. Not bad!

Word of warning though: the temperature in the tank and at the tap MUST be hot enough to prevent the growth of bacteria, including Legionnaire's Disease, a form of pneumonia that has been found in residential hot water tanks, especially electric ones.

Recommendations vary, but a setting of 55-60 degrees Centigrade seems to be the consensus. If anyone in your house is vulnerable (the elderly, the immune-compromised, those with chronic lung problems), you should opt for the higher temperature.

None of this has quite the beauty of that direct-to-sun relationship I was hoping for, but never mind.

The more energy I can save, the fewer new energy plants the province is going to try and build, whether by damming more of our wild rivers or by building plants that use the B.C. oil, gas and coal it is currently shipping out to be burned somewhere else.

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OPINION



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NOVEMBER SWIM? These youths at Vesuvius dock were spotted from the Howe Sound Queen on a warm and sunny November day last week.

Islands Trust should act now

BY JIM STANDEN

I wrote this letter in the spring of 2009, but I did not submit it because I had second thoughts. I convinced myself that action prompting a letter would likely not be required as action would be forthcoming. I was wrong. Peter Vincent's excellent column in the Oct. 20 Driftwood ("Legalizing suites would put end to sad stories") prompted me to revive it.

I read with interest the Spring 2009 issue of The Islander (Salt Spring trustees' newsletter). It's a very nice summary of current Islands Trust happenings. Professional, great fonts and well polished. But I was not impressed with the commentary, in particular the topic of the majority of the supplement, housing.

I participated in the focus group process for the new OCP. Not as a member of the focus groups, but as an observer, feedback provider, meeting participant and occasional submitter to the Driftwood. What I heard, above all else, is the pressing need for affordable housing. From what I understand, considerable action has been taken to date, but that tangible, actionable results are non-existent. A potential available secondary suite and cottage (SSC) is as far away from being available today as it was when the issue was identified.

I have a perspective on great leaders. Those that make good decisions and firm decisions, but most importantly timely decisions, are those leaders that earn my respect. Even decisions I am not in favour with earn my respect, as a decision allows the world to move forward, not waffle in the unknown territory of "trust us, we are working on it" and "sometime it will happen" territory.

INDEPTH

This leadership quality was exemplified by two local island champions, Richard and Rose Murakami, who made a decision to sponsor and create a local affordable housing complex. And through the red tape they did not waver in their commitment. They made it happen. One has to admire both them and the end result.

Back to the Trust. What is preventing a decision on the legalization of SSC "today?" The needs are "today" and as winter takes its grip on us, crucial. Studies, committees and decisions on whether to have inspectors, registration and fees take time and perfected, well-thought-out solutions are very time-consuming (evidence the progress to date).

These are difficult times. High unemployment is aligned with local, regional and global financial challenges that in my opinion are not going away anytime soon. This is an excellent time for a dynamic and forward-thinking local government to take immediate action to reach out to help the citizens of Salt Spring Island.

If I ran the Trust, I would allow SSC to become legal "today." My rationale would be that the benefits far outweigh any of the negative consequences. No trust agreements, no registration fees, no legislation and no red tape.

And then I would continue to work on the local rules and guidelines.

Would that work? Sure, witness public smoking bans as they progressed from nowhere, to specific designated locations, to almost everywhere. Legislation is a fluid thing. Simply monitor the use of the SSC by using

the existing building codes and the provincial Residential Tenancy Act, the core legislation for any other forms of rental housing. This action would:

- add rental units to the market in the shortest possible time;
- allow tenants in "iffy" accommodation to move to "un-iffy" accommodations. Perhaps the "iffy" accommodation may be improved if they cannot readily find tenants;
- provide greater choice, which would become available prior to the upcoming summer season. From my understanding, this is when tenants from existing legal suites are displaced for higher rents for the higher demand summer season. Let us see if we can avoid some displacement activity.

Potentially flooding the market with new choices would reduce the overall cost of housing (yes, I am firmly in the supply/demand camp) and provide a nice stream income for homeowners who choose to open their doors.

These actions should provide both short and long-term benefits and would be helpful aids in these fiscally challenging times.

I would hope that by the Spring 2011 issue of The Islander the Trust can report to us that due to current economic conditions they have "fast tracked" the legalization of cottages and suites, with either no, or minimal, rules and regulations, and that refinements to the program will be announced as decisions are finalized by, the various processes evolve to their logical conclusion.

The writer is a retired project manager from the University of Calgary and has a strong interest in personal finance. He has no secondary suite or cottage.

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CREEK SIDE: Salt Spring Elementary children gather at Ganges creek, where a salmon was spotted this week. Students have been releasing salmon into the stream for 20 years.

VACATION RENTALS

Supreme Court upholds STVR injunction

Sprawling N. Pender Island facility to stay closed

The B.C. Court of Appeal has upheld a court decision favouring the Islands Trust against a North Pender Island property that was used as a short-term vacation rental.

The property in question comprises "five homes, meeting and wedding facilities, recreation facilities and a dock," according to a Nov. 5 press release distributed by the Islands Trust.

"The goal of this action was to stop commercial tourist activity in a residential zone and to uphold the North Pender Island community's bylaw," said Sheila

Malcolmson, chair of the Islands Trust Council. "This is an important decision for the entire Islands Trust area.

"We know many other communities that are struggling with the illegal proliferation of short-term vacation rentals will also be pleased with this judgement. It confirms once again that residential dwellings cannot be used for tourist accommodation."

The Islands Trust initiated legal proceedings against property owner Robert Conconi in 2003.

A rezoning application initiated by the applicant and lengthy pre-trial deliberations delayed the court case until March 2009, when the Supreme Court issued an injunction against the commercial use of the property.

The Court of Appeal upheld that decision on Sept. 23.

Malcolmson said that community members encourage many legal forms of tourist accommodation so long as facilities are in appropriately zoned areas.

"However, the illegal use of residential homes for vacation rentals has been a growing concern for several reasons," she notes.

"Not only do community members raise concerns about unwanted noise in neighbourhoods and impacts on water wells, they also feel that the unregulated growth of short-term vacation rentals can lead to higher real estate prices and eventually to changes in the socioeconomic diversity of our small island communities."

MEDIA

Analog TV signals to fade in August 2011

Changes coming for the rabbit-ear crowd

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The era of free over-the-air TV in rural Canada could be coming to an end, according to a representative from a national non-profit organization that promotes community television.

On Aug. 31, 2011, analog television transmitters will be shut down and replaced with digital signals in Canada's 32 largest towns and cities. Television viewers in those centres will need digital television sets or digital-to-analog converters if they want to continue to watch television without subscribing to a cable or satellite service.

People who live outside of those digitally serviced areas will no longer have access to free "over-the-air" television as analog towers are decommissioned.

"The transition to digital TV poses a threat to rural and low-income Canadians," said Catherine Edwards, a spokesperson for the Canadian Association for Community Television Users and Stations.

"Digital broadcasting has huge potential, but communities have to know the changes are coming and the clock is ticking."

Roughly 10 per cent of Canadians rely on rabbit-ears or some other form of antenna to receive free television signals, Edwards said.

Statistics for Salt Spring are not available, but it's believed the number is even lower, according to Shaw Communications president Peter Bissonette.

Though it's still uncertain how Salt Spring's television viewers will fare once the new digital towers are put in place, Bissonette said it's unlikely many islanders will notice the changes.

"Surely the point of 'going digital' is to open up new possibilities, not shut them down."

LETTER TO STEPHEN HARPER

But Edwards isn't upset about the shift to digital television so much as the transition process as a whole.

Even if Salt Springers with cable and satellite services will receive the new digital signal, those who still use rabbit ears will need to buy a digital TV or a converter to get anything other than static on their screens.

That's a pretty big step for a medium that hasn't seen much change in decades.

In an effort to incite more discussion, CACTUS and 18 other broadcasting, cultural and civic organizations across the country sent an open letter to the office of Prime Minister Stephen Harper in September.

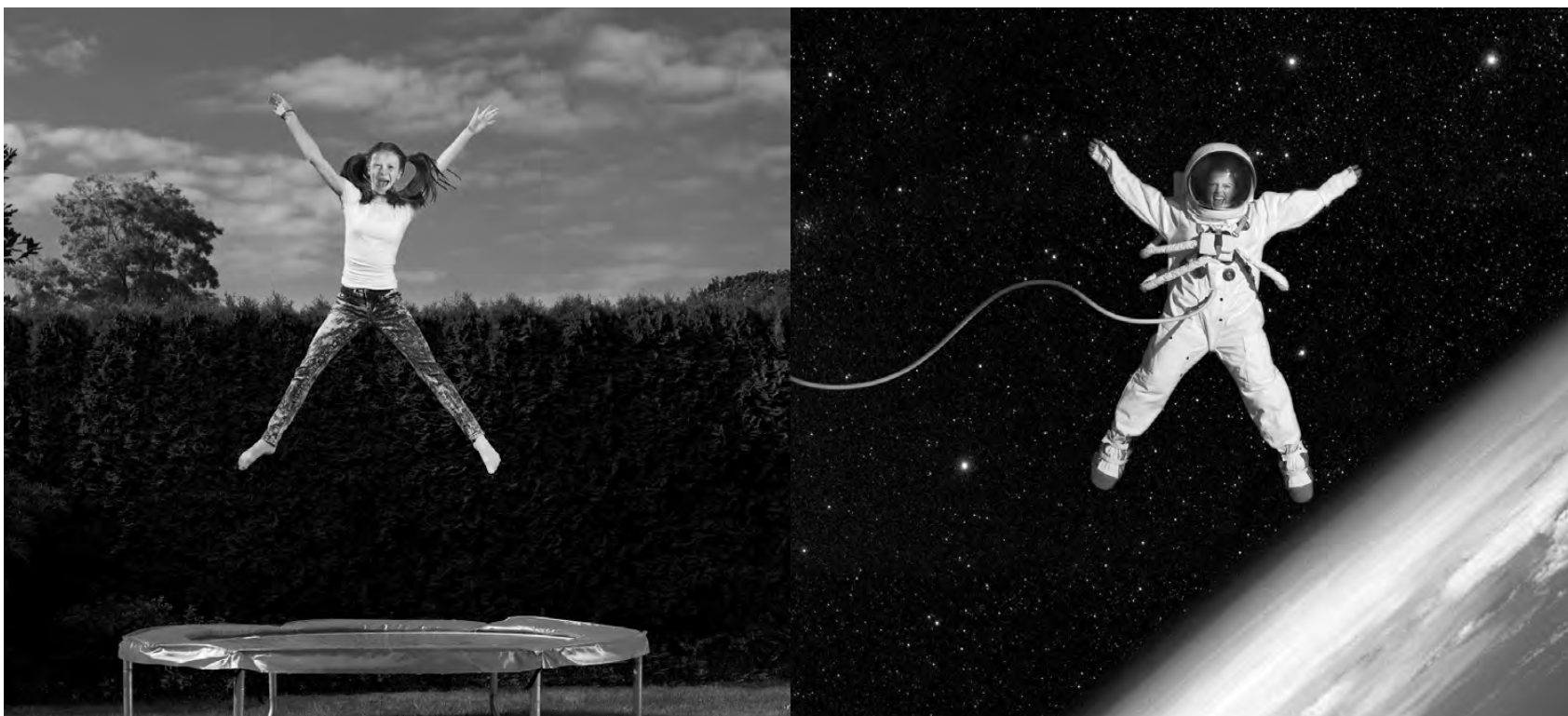
In addition to calling for a national public education campaign, the letter asks that potential options be discussed and evaluated.

Edwards said there exist a wide-range of cost-effective alternatives that communities can implement to maintain access to free television.

These include community rebroadcasting or remote services, free-to-air community channels, local emergency info, weather and news over wireless phone services and free wireless internet.

"Surely the point of 'going digital' is to open up new possibilities, not shut them down," reads the letter.

More information about the transition to digital TV is available online at <http://cactus.independentmedia.ca>.



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Kevan Brown goes in for the ball as GISS senior boys Scorpions beat Shawnigan 5-0 at the North Island Championships held last week on Salt Spring.

GISS SOCCER

Scorpions creep into island finals

Silver medal keeps provincial hopes alive

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Players on the Gulf Islands Secondary School's senior boys soccer team suffered a bitter end to a sweet showing at last week's North Island championships.

But the team's 2-0 loss in the final to Campbell River's Timberline Secondary doesn't mean players can't celebrate their second-place finish and, what is more important, qualification for this week's island championships in Qualicum Beach.

"We're pretty happy," said coach Doug Pearson in an interview immediately after Thursday's final. "The kids are a little choked because they thought they could win it all in front of their fans, but that's just the way it is and we have one more chance at the islands, so we'll cross our fingers

and see how it goes."

The Scorpions made it into the final after dominating all three of its round-robin matches on Nov. 3 and 4. The victories gave hometown fans plenty to cheer about as GISS hosted seven teams competing for a spot in the island finals.

Coach Pearson credited Timberline with a formidable aerial assault that left the Scorpions trying to dig themselves out of a two-goal deficit for the rest of the game.

"We were a little unfortunate in that we maybe should have played a little bit more aggressively in the beginning of the game," he said.

An aggressive and full-game effort, he added, will be key if the team is to have any chance of guaranteeing itself a spot in the provincial finals, scheduled for later this month.

A video of coach Pearson speaking after Thursday's match is available online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com.

GISS VOLLEYBALL

North Island championships hit GISS courts this weekend

Senior boys host volleyball comp

The GISS Scorpions senior boys volleyball team begins defence of their 2009 North Island championship title this weekend at the GISS gym.

The tournament will run from 12 noon to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 12 and from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Participating teams are Highlands and Mark Isfeld from the Comox Valley, Timberline and Carihi High from Campbell River, Woodlands, Cedar and Qualikum.

"This should be a weekend of high-calibre volleyball with eight teams vying for a top-six finish to qualify for the Vancouver Island championships hosted at GISS November 19-20," said Scorpions coach Kellie Booth.

"Our team is young, but determined and will give their all in every match with the veteran leadership of Marc Spiess, Aaron Kyle and Charlie Holmes."



PHOTO CARIN PERRINS

Aaron Kyle is set to serve in recent GISS volleyball action.

Booth said first-year senior players Ben Hunter and Peter van Roessel have dramatically improved their skills and have been welcome additions to the roster.

The rapid development of junior players Jackson Sweetnam, Matt Stubbs, Carson McCormick, Kyle Matheson, Michael Elsser, Christopher Perrins, Ben Richardson and Lucas Wenzel may prove to be the team's greatest advantage over the competition, she added.

"The team has evolved into a very cohesive unit playing great ball and having lots of fun this season. We are looking forward to a hard fought, fun weekend of play."

Game times for the hometown Scorpions are as follows. Friday, Nov. 12: 12 noon vs. Cedar; 3:30 p.m. vs. Timberline; and 4:40 p.m. vs. Mark Isfeld.

Saturday, November 13: 9:40 a.m. vs. Woodlands; 10:50 a.m. vs. Highlands; 2:20 p.m. vs. Carihi High; and 3:30 p.m. vs. Qualikum.



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MEN'S SOCCER

Losses all the way around for Salt Spring soccer men

Island teams struggle to find scoring touch

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It was tough times on the turf as all three of Salt Spring's Vancouver Island Soccer League squads suffered losses in weekend play.

Richard Steel, a player on Salt Spring's Old Boys, said the team's fourth straight loss did, however, have its brighter moments.

"The team avoided its fourth-consecutive 3-0 loss," Steel said.

The Old Boys fell behind fewer

than two minutes into the game after an unlucky bounce gave Cordova Bay forwards an unobstructed path to the goal.

Early jitters proved short-lived as the Old Boys kept Cordova Bay on its toes for the next 88 minutes.

"Mike McCormick came within an inch of scoring and other chances went frustratingly high, wide or too close to the keeper," Steel said.

Sean Goddard came close to scoring the equalizer in the game's dying minutes but couldn't find the back of the net. Henry Braak

played his first game of the season in goal and, Steel said, didn't put a foot in the wrong spot.

"We're disappointed to have lost, and not to have scored. Our next four games will be against much tougher opposition, so we'll be lucky to get anything out of them," Steel wrote in his post-game report. "Today we showed great effort and there was great team spirit."

The Old Boys are in last spot in the Masters B division. The team will try to earn its first win of the season when it travels to Victoria to play the Fernwood Dragons

(6-2-0) on Sunday morning.

Players on Salt Spring FC failed to win their second in a row by losing a tightly fought 1-0 match to cross-water rivals in Cowichan on Sunday afternoon.

The loss gives Salt Spring FC a 3-3-3 record and a sixth-place standing in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's second division.

The team needs a win this weekend against FC Sagres (1-4-4) to keep pace with the division's top clubs.

FC Sagres travels to Salt Spring on Saturday, Nov. 13. Kickoff is

scheduled for 2:15 p.m.

Jesse Fisher's third and fourth goals of the season weren't enough to defeat a high-flying Nanaimo United squad at Pioneer Park on Sunday afternoon.

The win gives Nanaimo (4-3-1) a six-point lead over sixth-place FC Alumni (2-5-1).

FC Alumni, which is winless in its past three starts, looks to regain its winning ways when the team plays top-ranked Vantreights (7-2-0) on Saturday, Nov. 13.

FC Alumni's next home game is on Nov. 21 when it hosts the winless Castaways Juniors (0-7-1).

GISS VOLLEYBALL

Junior volleyball Scorpions hitting their marks in season play

Slow starts deceiving to opposition in three wins

BY KAREN HUDSON
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The GISS Girls Junior B Volleyball team has won its last three games, taking on two independent schools from Vancouver Island.

When GISS hosted Queen Margaret's School on Oct. 28, the game began 2-2 until Zorah Wiltzen served

six quick points to take the 8-2 lead. QMS got in one, then Mathilde Bouquin aced three serves, and after Linda Herbert and Tiffany Fischer's spikes, the girls led 16-5.

Fischer then landed six serves and the team worked well in their positions to lead 22-5. Sarah Kyle tipped one over and then served for the 25-8 win.

In game two, Hari Brooks served the first point, and then the girls got down 6-1 due to strong serves

by a QMS player. Jasmine Cooper and Christine Anderson claimed a point each on their serves, and Megan Brooke popped one over the net for a score of GISS 7 - QMS 12. Cassidy Fraser stepped up to serve next and skilfully gained five points to tie the game 12-12. Cooper smacked one over and Brooke popped another to take the lead 14-13. Brooke served up four points, Brooks served three, and Cooper and Rowyn George each

added one to win the game and match 25-16.

The girls' next game was at Queen of Angels on Nov. 3. It was a slow start for GISS, and they were down 7-2, when Brooke served five to tie the game 7-7. Queen of Angels scored a few points and Kyle kept it in to regain possession. Wiltzen served one and Fischer tipped another over to trail by two points 16-14.

Bouquin, an exchange student,

made her last serve before heading back to France, and Herbert spiked to get within one. Brooke flawlessly served 10 points to tie and win the game 25-18.

In game two, Wiltzen, Kyle, Anderson and George all contributed serves, but it was Herbert's domination of the net with blocks and three spikes that kept the lead. At 19-16, Brooke served up six points to win the game 25-16, with a spike by Anderson for the last point.

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Simple steps for assisting aging parents

By JOHN KURVINK

First of two parts

Conventional wisdom tells us that the elderly do best when they can stay in their own home. However, many factors go into making that decision, and it is important to consider the myriad of options available and assess the financial, emotional, and physical needs of individuals on a case by case basis.

When assessing if an elderly parent, relative, or friend is able to remain in their home, and age in place, the first step is identifying the support network that will assist them in maintaining their independence. It is crucial that there is a willingness among family and friends to accept the obligations that come with acting as a caregiver to an elderly individual.

It is then crucial to identify potential barriers to a successful living arrangement. The home and property should be assessed for hazards, especially those that can increase the risk of falling. When assessing the property for safety, take into consideration such things as: whether or not stairs have sturdy handrails;

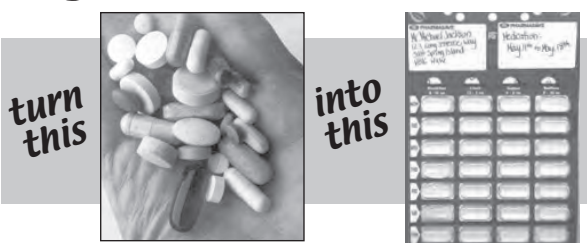
sidewalks and the driveway should be even, with no surfaces to trip over; the bathtub and toilet should be easily accessible; flooring should be slip proof, and flooring transitions should be smooth; automatic shutoffs for appliances, such as the stove, should be installed; and an alarm system and/or emergency response system should be installed.

In addition to safety considerations, the home should also be made "elder friendly" by ensuring that doors are easy to open and close; displays and buttons on home appliances and telephones should be large and easy to read and use; shelves should be easily accessible; if the homeowner is unable to maintain the yard, arrange for landscaping; flower beds and planters should be raised; and medication reminders should be in place, so that all prescriptions are taken at the right time and in the right amount.

To be concluded next month

The writer is a chartered accountant and has a masters degree in health administration.

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The Island Arts Centre Society (ArtSpring) will hold its AGM on
Sunday
November 28, 2010
at 1:00 p.m.
ArtSpring Gallery.

The Board will present a proposal to amend two sections of the constitution - the purposes, and the number of board members.

Details are available on the ArtSpring website
www.artspring.ca
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Tuesday, Nov. 16
7:30 pm at GISS
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AGM
7:00 pm
Thurs., Nov. 25
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Jon De West 1938 - 2011

Jon died on November 3, 2010 leaving his best friend and wife Maureen, his son Gavin, daughter Kierstin and grandchildren Felix and Roman to keep the memories alive and well. Predeceased by his brother Derek (Donna), Jon is survived by his brother Van (Lorna), special sister-in-law Donna (John), nieces and nephews. Jon felt fortunate that his leukemia prognosis allowed him ample opportunity to spend quality time with friends and close family. Heartfelt thanks go out to those both in Mexico and Canada who have been such an important part of Jon's life and so supportive in these past months. Memorial service on Thursday November 11, 2010 at 3 pm, at All-Saints Anglican Church, 110 Park Drive, Ganges, Salt Spring Island, 250 537 2171. No flowers; donations to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada, BC/Yukon Division (www.leukemia-lymphoma.org) and/or to the Friends For Life Society (<http://www.friendsforlife.ca/>). A memorial 'open house' will take place in Vancouver on Friday, November 12th, 3pm-5pm at the home of close family friend Joan Russell, at 237 West 11th (coach house), Vancouver.



Mrs. Barbara

Maguire



Barbara Maguire, a long-time resident of Vesuvius Bay on Salt Spring Island, died of complications of pneumonia at 4:14am on November 4th, 2010. She was 93 and had been in declining health for the past 18 months.

Mrs. Maguire, the wife of the late Edward H. Maguire, was born Aug. 20, 1917 in Edmonton, Alberta, the second of four daughters of Dr. Harold and Irene Brown. The family moved to Vancouver while Barbara was in her teens. She later earned a degree from the University of Toronto in physical therapy.

She met her future husband during World War II and the couple moved to Halifax, Nova Scotia where Mr Maguire underwent naval training that led him to spend more than two years at sea. Capt. Maguire skippered a mine sweeper during the Allied invasion of Normandy where his ship swept Omaha Beach the night before the American landing.

After the war, Mr. Maguire joined the Canadian diplomatic service as an officer in Buenos Aires, Argentina, followed by postings in Santiago, Chile, Madrid, Spain, Washington, D.C., Singapore, Hamburg, Germany and Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. Maguire always said she loved the diplomatic life and thrived in organizing events and parties in behalf of Canada. She said she strongly believed that diplomacy was a team game and she and her husband did that well together.

The Maguires had two children, Maureen, born in Halifax and Dennis, born in Buenos Aires. Both were at her side when she passed away.

During a home leave in 1962, the Maguires acquired a house on the beach of Vesuvius Bay. They retired there in 1973 and over the years developed many friends and were both enthusiastic golfers.

"Where has this been all my life," said Mr. Maguire shortly after he began his full-time Salt Spring residency. Mr. Maguire died in November of 1982. In spite of her loss, Mrs. Maguire remained active in Salt Spring events and worked hard to improve her golf game. Most importantly, she stayed deeply involved with family affairs and the local community, which included regularly playing the piano at Greenwoods, knitting for the Hospital Guild, and volunteering at the Chamber of Commerce.

Her daughter, Maureen, is a teacher and was Barbara's closest and most important companion throughout her mother's life. Maureen met and married Don C. Becker, a correspondent for United Press International in Singapore. Although the Beckers subsequently moved many times, the two families always got together for Christmas, whether it was in the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Quebec, Miami, New York or San Francisco. Of course, the most popular reunion venue was Salt Spring.

Mrs. Maguire's son, Dennis Maguire, is an architect who has practiced in Vancouver and Whistler, and plans to spend more of his time on Salt Spring. Like his sister, he has two children, Morgan, a Vancouver lawyer, and Aileen, also a UBC graduate currently on a world study tour. The Beckers have two children, James, who heads up the Canadian operations of a large real estate firm and father of four, and Brian, a photographer and naturalist who lives in Bend, Oregon.

"I've been lucky to have two loving children, four delightful grand children and four wonderful great grandchildren," Mrs. Maguire said on her 90th birthday party celebration at Vesuvius. Looking from her waterfront garden across the bay to the mountains of Vancouver Island, she said "I guess you have to say it has been a pretty good life."

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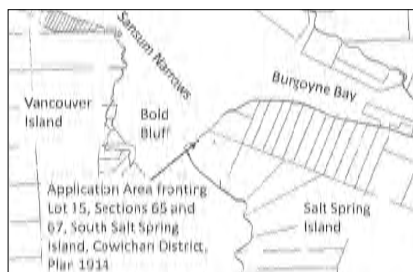
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HOMES FOR RENT

RENTALS

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Contact Information
Steven Marleau, General Manager
805 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2V9
fax: 250.537.2126, email: golf@saltspring.com

HELP WANTED

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Salt Spring Island Parks & Recreation Commission is seeking an experienced consulting firm to prepare an overall PARK SYSTEM MASTER PLAN, including a specific Master Plan for Rainbow Road Park.

Details regarding this RFP request can be obtained from:
Kees Ruurs, Parks & Recreation Manager
SSI PARC Administration Office
145 Vesuvius Bay Road
Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1K3
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FIRE DAY: Young fire-chiefs-for-the-day, from left, Niko Bauer (Salt Spring Centre School), Nick Koby and Alexis Hunter (both of Salt Spring Elementary School) spent Tuesday eating lunch with local firefighters and touring the Ganges firehall.

HUMAN RIGHTS

UBC students hold public workshop on human rights

Islanders have unique opportunity to hear fresh research and perspectives

Is there a human right to water? Can international law protect First Nations from oil and gas development? Could one decriminalize sex work and still protect the human rights of child prostitutes?

These and other questions will be the focus of a human rights workshop at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Nov. 21 and 22. Seventeen graduate students from the University of British Columbia will present their term papers, which are being supervised by Salt Spring resident Michael Byers.

"The students come from seven different countries," Byers explains. "They have a passion for social justice and human rights. They bring fresh perspectives and cutting-edge research skills to some of the most difficult issues of our time."

For Byers, who holds the Canada Research Chair in Global Politics and International Law at UBC, bringing the students to Salt Spring has an important educational purpose.

"Most of the students lack real world experience," he says. "By bringing them to the island, I can introduce them to the most intellectually dynamic, socially progressive community in Canada. The purpose of the workshop is to enable them to engage with — and learn from — some of the incredible people here."

Each session will begin with a student presenting their research, then move to an open discussion of their work. It will be an opportunity to pose questions, make comments and share perspectives.

"Questions around what constitutes a right, and how rights are enforced, affect us all," said Byers. "And every perspective is legitimate."

The workshop runs from 2:30 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20 and 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 21, in the multipurpose room at GISS. Islanders are encouraged to participate in all sessions, or attend a few of special interest to them. Admission is free and open to all.

The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, Nov. 20:
2:30 to 2:45 p.m.: Introduction and Welcomes

2:45 to 3:45 p.m.: Matt Robinson (USA) & Tyler Harbottle (Canada): From Statelessness to Global Citizenship

3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Calyn Shaw (Canada): Gay Rights are Human Rights: Canada's Role in the Struggle for International LGBT Rights; and Frank Halderman (Canada): Virtuous Circles? Sexual Orientation and Human Rights

5 to 6 p.m.: Hannah van Voortuysen (New Zealand), Sex Worker Rights: International Comparisons of Sex Worker Initiatives and the Proposed B.C. Co-op; and Ji-Eun Kim (South Korea): Child Prostitution and International Law

6 to 7 p.m.: Chantelle Belle (Canada): Drug Policy: Is there an International Consensus?; Sam Eifling (USA): When Rights Conflict: Do Safe-Injection Sites Raise Competing Human Rights Concerns?

Sunday, Nov. 21:

9 to 10:30 a.m.: Marc Levesque (Canada), Is There an International Human Right to a Clean Environment?; Forrest Barnum (USA): Indigenous Rights and Environment Protection: Can International Law Save the Beaver Lake Cree?; Scott Goosenberg (Canada), Drawing a Line in the Sand: A Comparative Case Study

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Salt Spring resident

of Resource Extraction vis-à-vis Indigenous Group Rights.

10:45 to 12:15 p.m. Joshua Freedman (Canada): Is Water a Human Rights Issue?; Shannon Dooling (USA): The Human Right to Water: International Law and the Millennium Development Goals; Gihan Indraguptha (Sri Lanka): Water as a Human Right — International Dimensions of Trans-Boundary Water.

1 to 2:30 p.m.: Pablo Antezana Quiroga (Bolivia): Water, Development, and the Public-Private Debate: Alternatives for a Pro-Poor Policy; David Morgan (Canada): Recognizing the Human Right to Water — A Canadian Concern?; Mo Al Mehairbi (United Arab Emirates): The Right to Survive: Water Access in the Vancouver Downtown Eastside.

This Week's Horoscope

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Tip of the Week:

Last week's New Moon in Scorpio is waxing to half this week and we will get a real feel of the dynamic embedded in that celestial seed. Some cycles are more straightforward while some are more complex, like this one. (Read all about it in my New Moon Newsletter. Want to register, send me an email, its free.) An urge to advance and gain valuable ground is present, yet deciphering just which way to go may be a question on many people's minds. The changing social and economic climate is pushing us to innovate and adapt. On the streets, it is new modes of communication that we need and are challenged to invent. In the bigger picture, tuning-in to higher levels of consciousness feels important. At worst, this is creating confusion and perhaps some fear and defence. At best, people are beginning to awaken to a new dream and possibility. This could be frightening, especially to those who feel they control the status quo. Yet, the spirit is willing and dynamic and sometimes takes surprising and sudden turns, waiting for no one and favouring none over any other. This is the way of Scorpio where change and transformation are everyday realities.

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

A good deal of zest and zeal is evident in your approach these days. You are interested in others and perhaps especially what they can offer. Your sense of responsibility is on the rise and you want all the help you can get. While a deeper spiritual seed is germinating within, it is not time to reveal its influence. Yet a new truth and reality is growing within. To whom and what you feel committed is a central question.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

Passionate exchanges continue to characterize this cycle. Sharing and exchanging knowledge and ideas of all kinds is likely. Yet, you are serious about your focus as well. More interested in hard facts than theories, you are cautious about how much credence you give to any one perspective. There is power in numbers though and you may be happy with certain consensus convictions for now.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

Purge the past and replace it with the new is a central theme these days. A regenerative and rejuvenating urge is guiding your focus. Whether it is your body, home, perception and/or lifestyle in general, you are in the mood to improve. You also want to exchange ideas and visions about the future. Strong convictions about the importance of individuality are on your radar. Spiritual truths are featured in your focus.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

What is the gift you are seeking to claim? On the other side of some very real fears that have come to the fore is a gift of power. At its root is a theme of integrity, balance, justice and equality. With your creative passions running strong now, this is a good time to get a lot done. Some cycles are more productive than others and this is one of them. Be ready to take note as many ideas and insights are pouring in.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

A fire fuelled with deep passions is roaring in your hearth. You are in a sporting mood yet you also are eager to get to the point in all communications. You feel attracted to engage yet repelled by soliloquies, so lead by example and share the stage. You are in the mood to learn these days and want to sharpen your wits and clarify your facts. Sometimes the details are more important, like now.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

Stimulating old networks and making new connections as well is keeping you busy. You are determined to cover a lot of base. This includes some key changes and improvements close to home. The season may be late but you want to get as much done as you can before the weather cycle prevents you. Secure long term foundations and tend to an array of activities for balance now.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Knowing when enough is enough and when it is time to move on is ever wise and is on your mind now. Assessing all your resources and options is part of the plot. You are ready to climb a new mountain, but which one? Fortunately, your energy and enthusiasm levels are running high and you are in an adventurous mood. You may not know exactly what you believe in these days but you can appreciate the law of change.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

The Sun in our own Sign tends to activate a pioneering intention. Yet, you may feel that you are on slippery ground, or even stuck somehow. Sometimes it is simply a question of timing. Your ambitions are on the rise and you are willing to concentrate to get things done, yet old foundations are dissolving. The good news is that it is not what you did or did not do; it is simply the way of waning cycles.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Working both behind the scenes and taking new leads is keeping you busy. Balancing assertion and passivity is the trick. How to get a lot done without much effort is a classic interest. Part of the answer is to engage the energy and talents of others. You may not feel like you are standing on solid ground these days, yet you feel strangely confident. Imagine you are riding big waves and are hidden in the curl.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Who has the power, the resources, the means and/or the courage? You are on the search and anyone who seems to possess them all will gain your undivided attention. What has worked and what has not is on your mind. You want new tools. Balancing an empathetic approach, when dealing with others, and a good deal of personal initiative, will score big points. Review your options carefully before making commitments.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

Some cycles are more conservative than others while some are crazy with unexpected change. Both are active themes for you now. As powers you once were sure you possessed are steadily dissolving, you are challenged to re-invent yourself. Something very special is being established in you — a realization of spiritual authority. You are in a complex of cycles; patience with your process is extra important.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

You are in the mood to share and exchange ideas, insights, feelings and truths. Yet, you may not be sure just what you believe anymore. Old convictions hold less sway. You may feel more sceptical about various philosophies and movements. Since good scepticism implies keeping an open mind and avoiding conclusions that is your challenge. Exchanges of deep passions and truths could prove transformational.



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REMEMBRANCE DAY

Past, present service contributions remembered

100th anniversary of Canadian Navy observed

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As islanders gather this Thursday to remember the men and women who have offered their lives to military service, the 100th anniversary of Canada's navy will lend a special focus to the morning's events.

The annual Remembrance Day parade is coordinated by Branch 92 of the Royal Canadian Legion.

This year Dick Illingworth, the Legion's most senior member with naval service, will take the crowd's salute. He will be joined at the podium by a sailor from the HMCS Orca or Raven.

Illingworth performed his naval service as a coder on the corvette HMCS Rosthern, which was an escort duty ship in the Atlantic Ocean during WWII.

The Rosthern was launched from Port Arthur, Ontario on June 17, 1941 and ended service on July 19, 1945.

During its years in service it participated in a mass convoy of British, Norwegian, Panamanian, American and Dutch ships



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Scene from a past Remembrance Day ceremony on Salt Spring Island. Dick Illingworth, second from the right, will take the salute in Thursday's event at Centennial Park.

which travelled from Liverpool to New York in 1943. The Rosthern has been cited as one of three escort vessels that successfully held off the German "wolf pack" attack during the journey.

On several other occasions the ship's

crew rescued survivors from tankers and merchant vessels sunk by German submarines.

Canada's contemporary naval record will be represented at the parade with the participation of up to 40 sailors from the HMCS

Orca and the HMCS Raven, training vessels out of Esquimalt that frequently visit Salt Spring during their exercises.

The contingent is on the last week of a six-week exercise, training pre-commissioned cadets as naval

officers.

"Tom" Thomas, Sergeant at Arms at Branch 92, said it is important the community acknowledges Canadians' ongoing service, as well as the events of past wars.

"I still firmly believe we should honour our

soldiers overseas," he said.

"I think it's very important for everybody to keep in touch with the Legion because there's a lot of young people being wasted overseas in Afghanistan."

The Nov. 11 parade

starts at 10:45 a.m. and will comprise the colour party, followed by the Legion Pipes and Drums Band, the naval detachment, local RCMP, Salt Spring Fire-Rescue and members of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides organizations.



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REMEMBRANCE DAY

Mending the troops

Nursing sisters' wartime role merits remembrance

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

At 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11, folks of all ages will stand tall and silent alongside cenotaphs and in school gymnasiums across the country to remember the lives of soldiers who've died or been injured while serving their country.

There will be words for the nearly 3,000 troops stationed in Kandahar, where 152 Canadian Forces personnel have been killed since Canada's involvement in the war began in 2002.

There will be a moment for those who fought on the Korean Peninsula between 1950 and 1953, along with those who battled on land, sea and air during the first and second world wars.

Perhaps not so well remembered, however, are the roughly 4,500 women who staffed military hospitals and field camps in Newfoundland, England, Africa, Hong Kong, continental Europe, Sicily and Italy during the Second World War.

The nursing sisters, as they became known, were responsible for the treatment and rehabilitation of more than 60,000 wounded Canadian soldiers during that war alone.

At 26 years of age, Eleanor Lloyd was eager, though more than a tad apprehensive, about embarking on a nursing career in wartime England.

The challenges of treating battlefield casualties under wartime conditions in a foreign land may have



PHOTO FROM THE MILITARY NURSES OF CANADA, VOL. III
Eleanor Lloyd, left, and Grace Wallbridge.

understandably posed monumental challenges for even the most experienced modern medical teams, though Lloyd and many other fresh recruits (including 16 other women with Salt Spring connections at some point) took the job and its responsibilities with ease.

Incoming staffers were issued gas masks and steel helmets along with instructions on how to use them if ever there was an attack by Germany's Luftwaffe. The morning shift spent much of its time in the dark since the black-out curtains weren't normally lifted until 11 a.m.

The days were split into three eight-hour shifts and staff worked throughout the week.

In the medical world, Lloyd said, **NURSES** continued on B3

Remembering Jesse Bond and his service with fellow Canadians in WWI

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Lieut. Janet (McTavish) Newstead feeding pigeons in Trafalgar Square, 1942.

Nursing: ever-present reality

NURSES

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there's no such thing as a day off, since people can get sick or injured on any day of the week.

Despite the adverse working conditions, the task of healing the wounded and supporting the allied war effort, wherever the sisters were stationed, remained an ever-present reality until well beyond the war's final day.

The tradition, which dates back to the Crimean War, continues to this day.

In an interview over a warm pot of Earl Gray tea at her seaside home in Vesuvius, Lloyd took the time to reminisce over photos from the era taken by her husband John Lloyd, RCNVR, while he served in the Royal Navy.

Like many veterans, Lloyd isn't excessively eager to reminisce about

the day-to-day operation of her unit at Marston Green, a small village between Birmingham and Coventry that hosted the No. 1 Canadian General Hospital.

Her collection of small black-and-white snapshots, each with its own handwritten outline, captures many of the young couple's cycling adventures along the narrow rural roadways that crisscross the region, including frequent trips to nearby Doomsday Manor, a rather ominously named postcard-perfect English cottage where the couple and their friends would find reprieve from the hardships of war time.

"In that interlude," Lloyd wrote in volume three of *The Military Nurses of Canada*, "many bicycles were purchased by the nursing sisters, resulting in many scrapes and bruises.

"Once the art of cycling was mas-

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Capt. Jean Doerr, 1959 at Camp Petawawa, Ont.




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explore the countryside."

The photos recall John Lloyd's quest for a ring fit for his bride to be, a daunting task at a time when metals, be they common or precious, were scarce,

"What are you thinking? This is wartime," Lloyd recalls a local jeweler telling her husband.

Lloyd admits the modest gold wedding band may be a far cry from the extravagant nuptial ceremonies so common today, though, she added, the ring is, to this very day, more cherished than anything money can buy.

Then there are the pictures of the wedding itself. No satin wedding dresses and well-tailored suits for this crew in 1943. Military greens would have to suffice, until a more formal affair could be organized upon the couple's return to Canada.

Because of her marriage, Lloyd was never dispatched to serve on the continent. Later in the war, she was stationed at No. 9 Canadian General Hospital at Horsham, where, in early 1945, she herself was dispatched from the military as a "walking wounded."

Lloyd was pregnant with her first child.

She has lived on Salt Spring Island since 1973.

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Stuart McLennan was born on Salt Spring and lived here most of his life. He was a Petty Officer 1st Class in the Canadian Navy in World War II. He also worked on tugboats and as an engineer on BC Ferries for many years before retiring. He has a home on Salt Spring, but lives most of the time in Sidney now. (Submitted by Mary Davidson)

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October Browne.
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Open Stage.
Wednesdays with Stephanie Rhodes at Moby's. 8 p.m.
Lloyd English Trio.
Live jazz every Wednesday at the Harbour House.

ACTIVITIES

A History of the Navy League of Canada, 1895 to 1965.
A Salt Spring Historical Society presentation by Ken Mackenzie. Central Hall. 2 p.m.
Co-parenting Workshop.
Six-week workshop for parents who are co-parenting through separation and divorce begins today and runs once a week through Dec. 15. 5:30 to 7 p.m. Info/register: Maryanne, 250-537-9938.
Triple P Parenting

Thurs. November 11

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Lonesome 77.
Live band at the Legion after the Remembrance Day parade.
Open Mic.
At The Local pub. 6 to 10 p.m.
Greg Esposito & Bob Delion.
Live at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Remembrance Day Service.
10:45 a.m. at Centennial Park, followed by an open house at the Legion to meet veterans and members.
SSI Badminton Club.
At GISS gym every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m.

Fri. November 12

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Dining Room.
SS Community Theatre presentation of the A.R. Gurney play at Mahon Hall. 8 p.m.
Frogapalooza.
Fundraiser with The Mancubs, The Relatives and Matt Steffich, plus silent auction, cash bar and 50/50 draw for Tree Frog Daycare. Falconsheed Grill. Doors at 6:30 p.m.
Richard Cross.
Live at the Harbour House Hotel.
Julia Beattie.
Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.
Run For Cover.
Live rock band at Moby's.

ACTIVITIES

Turning the Tide - One Ripple at a Time.
See Exhibitions, below.
Rollerblading.
For all ages at Fulford Hall. 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Tango Practica.
Fridays at the Core Inn, third floor. 8 to 10 p.m. Info: Keith, 250-537-1544.

Sat. November 13

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Dining Room.
See Friday listing.
Met Opera: Don Pasquale.
Live Met Opera broadcast at ArtSpring. 10 a.m.
Peter Prince.
Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.
Run For Cover.
Live rock band at Moby's.
Randy and Karen.
Live music at Raven Street. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Tango Milonga.
All Saints By-the-Sea. 4 to 7 p.m. Info: Laura, 250-537-4077.
Relief Printmaking Workshops.
With Richard Tetrault. Can do one or two days. Info/register: Celia, info@saltspringwoodworks.com or 250-537-9606.
Fulford Flea Market.
At Fulford Hall. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Turning the Tide - One Ripple at a Time.
See Exhibitions, below.

Sun. November 14

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Musical Treats.
Ceremony of Carols and other choral works, in honour of Mitch Howard's 50th birthday. SS United Church. 2 p.m.
The Barley Bros.
Sundays at the Harbour House Hotel.

ACTIVITIES

Splash AGM.
Salt Spring Pool Association AGM at the SS Sailing Club. 2 to 4 p.m.
Nurturing Children's Health
Workshop on herbal remedies with Suci Spindler. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info/register: 250-653-0068.
SSI Badminton Club.
At GISS gym every Sunday from 7 to 9 p.m.
Turning the Tide - One Ripple at a Time.
See Exhibitions, below.

Mon. November 15

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Lunch at Allen's.
Murray McLaughlan, Cindy Church, Ian Thomas and Marc Jordan. Salt Spring Folk Club concert at Fulford Hall. 7 p.m. Doors open for season's pass holders at 6 p.m.

Tues. November 16

ACTIVITIES

No activities scheduled at this time.

Wed. November 17

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Simply Organic.
Organist Don Conley presents a pre-Advent program called Prepare the Way. All Saints. 10:10 a.m.
Lloyd English Trio.
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Open Stage.
Wednesdays with Stephanie Rhodes at Moby's. 8 p.m.

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EXHIBITIONS

- Turning the Tide - One Ripple at a Time** — a textile art exhibition with beautiful thought-provoking pieces made by local and Western Canadian artists. Presented by **SSI Grandmothers to Grandmothers** with all proceeds to benefit the Stephen Lewis Foundation. **ArtSpring** gallery, Friday, Nov. 12, 2 to 5 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 13-14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Salt Spring Potters Guild** holds **New Explorations**, an exhibit of collaborative works with other island artists, runs at **ArtSpring** until Thursday, Nov. 11, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Starfish Gallery & Studio** is currently exhibiting **Medicine Wheels**, a series of watercolours and calligraphy by **Briony Penn**. Plus original paintings by **Nicola Wheston, Tina Louise Spalding** and **Suzanne Lee**.
- Diana Dean**: Selected paintings, works on paper and bronzes at **Pegasus Gallery**, seaside at Moutat's, until Nov. 20.
- Patricia Brown** shows her paintings in the **ArtSpring** lobby through November.
- Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art Co-operative** is showing the work of its 14 members featuring acrylic, oil, pastel, and mixed media painting, photography, bead and gold and silver jewellery, pottery, stained glass, and sculpture.
- Sculptor Morley Myers** shows new work at his **Merchants' Mews** gallery.
- Mikaela Heydemann** has her work hanging at **Barb's Buns**.
- 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.
- Margaret Ann Argiro**, visual artist and photographer, has eight photos and one pastel painting hanging in **Bruce's Kitchen**. Images feature fruits, vegetables and the Northern Range as seen through the notch in Mt. Belcher.
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LIVE THEATRE

Feast of fun in Gurney's The Dining Room

A Community Theatre presentation

BY PATRICIA LOCKIE
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Question: When is a table not a table? In the case of A.R. Gurney's play *The Dining Room*, the answer is when the table — a fine antique dining room table — appears as an iconic representation of a very distinct culture, one grounded in upper middle-class New England values and social norms.

The table as seen on stage throughout the 18 short scenes that make up this play takes on a life of its own with a rich history embracing a tapestry of family, friends and strangers who gather in the dining room and around the table over half a century.

Hugely successful when first produced on Broadway in 1982, *The Dining Room* today is a popular choice among community theatre groups. Terry Oliver is directing Salt Spring Community Theatre's upcoming production of the play.

He says, "The reason this play works so well as a community theatre show is because it involves all ages and has a potential cast of 58 characters. We have chosen 13 actors from among all those who came out to audition. This has allowed us to try out lots of new talent. For beginners, there are plenty of small roles to cut their teeth on, while the more experienced actors have taken on the challenge of doing multiple characters of widely differing types."

Andrea Rankin and Scott Merrick are two of the veteran performers. Rankin, who completed theatre school in Vancouver in 1989 and has worked as both a stage and film actor, is returning to community theatre after almost a 10-year hiatus. She plays four roles and says she is taking Katharine Hepburn as her role model.

"I have tried to become more



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Connor Berkmann and Jacqueline Szoke portray some of the many characters in *The Dining Room*.

commanding than I am, plus I'm also imitating the accent, that nasal New England voice, in at least one of my roles."

Rankin says that her biggest challenge has been the busyness of the stage business.

"There are so many articles to handle, each at the right time and in just the right way."

Merrick, whom islanders saw playing Eddie and a Phantom in *The Rocky Horror Show* last summer, and more recently as Louis B. Mayer in *Cole & Linda: A Love Story*, says of *The Dining Room*, "I see my own family in every scene I am in."

Merrick will appear at various times as a brother, a father, a hippy son and a sleazy architect.

"The play is extremely challenging emotionally, physically, interactively, costume-wise, prop-wise, in every way. It's an amazing play to be a part of. It takes in everything that makes a family what it is."

A newcomer to the island, Jacqueline Szoke is no stranger to stage performance. She majored in theatre arts at Mount Royal University in

Calgary and has dabbled in community theatre ever since. Szoke takes on five characters in this production, including an Irish maid anxious to get out of domestic service and into a better paying job, a divorcee trying to catch the eye of a handiman and an unhappily married, bitter alcoholic sleeping with her husband's best friend, who gets caught in the act by her teenage son.

"My emotions seem to be all over the map with my characters. They're a lot of fun to play," says Szoke.

The biggest appeal of *The Dining Room*, she says, is its "fly on the wall of the family dining room" aspect. "I think every dining room — and certainly every dining room table — have their stories to tell."

Oliver comments that in his opinion the play — although written more than a quarter of a century ago — continues to be relevant to today's audiences.

"It reflects on the changing social mores of the day and the passing of family values which seemed to be disappearing

throughout the 20th century. Nowadays, we are beginning to realize that much of what was regarded as important in our parents' and grandparents' lives is taking on new meaning. Community and family are becoming once more central to our lives, especially with the implications of climate change and the energy crisis looming over us.

"The play uses the changing eating customs and habits of the period from the 1930s to the 1980s to show us our society in microcosm. It's a funny, witty comment on our lives — just as pertinent today as when it was written — as the characters struggle to come to terms with a rapidly changing society. There's a lot to reflect on — a feast of ideas and emotions. I'm hoping people will come on out and share that feast with us."

The Dining Room runs at Mahon Hall on Nov. 12-13, 19 and 20 at 8 p.m. There will also be a matinee performance on Nov. 21 at 2 p.m.

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"I just had to bring her back again," said Gagne. "She is a true gift and I know Salt Spring will once again embrace her with open hearts."

Hagan will perform at All Saints By-the-Sea on Saturday, Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Born in Armagh, Northern Ireland during "the Troubles," Denise followed her inner

spirit's guidance through a life of much pain and eventually bone cancer.

"She weaves her extraordinary journey of healing into story and song, and has enthralled audiences in Europe, the U.K., Canada and the U.S. with the pure, sweet beauty of her soul's expression," states press material.

"She has toured with Neale Donald Walsch, author of *Conversations with God* and featured on *The Secret*."

In three beautiful albums of music that chart her life, Hagan sings about the power of listening to the inner voice.

"She is also a gifted guitar player and her powerful, pure voice penetrates deeply into

the hearts and souls of those who are blessed to hear her," said Gagne, who met Hagan in Vancouver last year, just after she moved there from Ireland.

"The music of Denise Hagan is straight from the heart . . . it touches the soul with a remembrance of who we are," wrote Lee Carroll in the *The Kryon Writings*.

BBC Radio U.K. said of her: "The healing just flows from her voice . . . truly angelic."

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

CONCERTS

Vive Voce celebrates peace and hope

Group performs third program next weekend

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Themes of peace and hope will brighten the dark days of November with Viva Voce's upcoming concert, We are One.

The third public performance by Salt Spring's newest community choir, We Are One will musically reflect the growing unity of the group, as well as the hope for greater world unity. Two performances are set at ArtSpring for Saturday, Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 21 at 2 p.m.

Viva Voce director Deb Toole is known for her skill as a voice coach and for her ability to put together interesting and unusual programs of music. She said now that the choir is into its second season, her philosophy and training are becoming more deeply entrenched in the singers.

"My personal objective is that after you've sung with me for any length of time I would hope you feel like you are a better singer as a result," Toole said.

Bringing singers together in a choir, she said, is "a good way of expanding community and individuality at the same time."

With this concert taking place earlier than the holiday season, Toole felt themes associated with November (such as war and remembrance) would be more appropriate than carols.

The centrepiece of the program is Alleluia by American composer Randall Thompson. Written in 1940, it is an introspective piece that reflects the sorrow of the war in Europe.

"It's the saddest Alleluia you've ever heard — it's a beautifully conceived piece of music," Toole said.

The director chose this piece because she strongly wanted the choir to experience its beauty. However, she didn't want to send the audience into a depression, and therefore



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Chris Kodaly plays the piano and Deb Toole directs as Viva Voce prepares for its upcoming concert.

built up the program with other pieces that expand on the theme to move into peace, freedom and even joy.

"I realized everything is about hope," Toole said of the end result. "I feel it is a fabulous concert."

Underlining the theme of unity, many of the pieces in the repertoire will be sung in languages other than English. Selections include those in Italian and Latin, Acadian French and Japanese. Soloist Karen Love will sing a Hebrew prayer of peace and oneness.

"It's a beautiful reflection of what can be accomplished in a choir," Love said. "We sing in many different languages, so it's very diverse."

"I grew up in Israel — Hebrew is my first language," she continued. "Spending my early years in Israel I felt the profound division within the Middle East — embracing

diverse cultures means a lot to me."

Other program highlights include "an amazing arrangement" of Where Have All the Flowers Gone, Chopin's Etude in E Major played by Chris Kodaly and Down by the Riverside with Ian Van Wyck playing string bass. Percussionist Laurent Boucher will also accompany on some pieces.

Love said she and the other choir members have been uplifted by Toole's choice of repertoire: "We're very energized," she reported. "Deb has the ability to draw out of us a natural musicianship and heartfelt song."

Toole added, "We're pumped and we're ready." She hopes a good audience will turn out to "listen, be moved and leave happy."

Tickets for both performances are available at the ArtSpring ticket centre. Call 250-537-2100 for information.

ISLAND TALENT

Salt Spring teen advances in Victoria Idol contest

Semi-final round on Nov. 13

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Seventeen-year-old Kaya Hunter is preparing to test her vocal skills this Saturday as one of 24 semi-finalists for Victoria Idol.

Though Hunter will be hoping to convince judges at the Isabelle Reader Centre to bring her up to the next level, she's not one to buckle under pressure. Her previous experience includes making it to first runner-up in the Salt Spring Idol contest held in January 2009 with only one singing lesson under her belt.

More recently Hunter was cast as Janet in the highly successful production of the Rocky Horror Show, which involved appearing on stage dressed only in a bustier, panties and garter belt. She proved herself more than up to the task, and later appeared in the same outfit in broad daylight during the Pride parade, where she led the crowd in singing The Time Warp.

When asked if her experience as Janet helped boost her confidence levels, Hunter laughed in acknowledgment.

"It's a lot easier to go on stage with clothes on," she said.



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Kaya Hunter

Hunter is in her final year as a home-schooled student, but has already completed enough credits to graduate, so is enjoying taking the year to pursue singing (along with her twin love, horses).

Music and performance have been constant interests. As a child her mother took her on the road working with bands until she was three, and one of her only rules was "no singing while eating." Hunter also plays violin and will begin singing jazz with Swing Shift next February.

"I haven't done any singing with my own music since Salt Spring Idol, so I just thought I'd give it a shot and it kind of went from there," she said of her cur-

rent adventure.

During the open auditions, Hunter didn't know what to expect or what the Idol judges were looking for, other than the fact she had just one verse and the chorus of one song to make her mark.

People waiting with her were performing everything from ACDC to country tunes. About two minutes before she went on, Hunter changed her song selection to No One by Alicia Keys.

The choice was a good one: she became one of 24 contestants to perform in the preliminary rounds. Singing There You Are by Martina McBride, Hunter impressed the judges with her stage presence and her ability to measure up to "the Céline Dion of country music."

For the upcoming semi-final round this Saturday, Hunter has been working with two friendly advisors on how to pick her song and how to present it: Kathleen Horsdal and Rocky castmate Eric Booth.

The decision of which song to perform (which had not been made at the time of our interview) promised to be a tough one for Hunter, who had at least 10 pieces she was considering.

"You only have two minutes

to impress the judges because they don't know you — they can't say, 'Oh, she could do better next time.' And you have to pick a song that suits your voice and inspires the crowd."

Hunter's strategy has been to choose songs that are uplifting and inspiring, but as she noted, "I think they just want it to be real, whatever it is."

If she survives the semi-final round, Hunter will be one of 12 finalists to perform onstage with a live band at The Royal Theatre on Jan. 13.

Judges will pick first, second and third-place winners at the finale. First prize is the recording of one original song written with the help of Wynn Gogol of I Ton Studio and the recording of one cover song, a photo shoot session and CD cover design, and mentoring for marketing, image and stage presence.

Regardless of the outcome, Hunter has already benefitted from the experience. She noted the supportive criticism of the judges (who do not go for the cruel entertainment of the TV programs) and the friends she's made in the process.

"When you're stuck back stage with people freaking out, you get to be really close with them, so that's been really cool," Hunter said.

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Jason Tudor

Winter's Bone stands out

Winter's Bone won the Grand Jury Prize at Sundance, and given that prestigious film festival's obsession with America's economic and social unfortunates, it's easy to see why. Our hero is Ree Dolly, a 17-year-old living with her nearly catatonic mother and two younger siblings in a log home in the Ozark mountains. The film opens as the local police inform her that her ex-con father has vanished and put the family home up for his bail bond, and unless he shows up the family will be kicked out. A resolute Ree ventures out into the community, knowing only that her father's disappearance is likely linked to the local production of meth. People aren't exactly willing to help, and some are more than willing to harm, but this is not your everyday "hangin' out at the mall" teen girl. Winter's Bone is marketed — by the DVD cover at least — as a sort of crime thriller, when it's actually more of a drama. This isn't one of those things where the audience is constantly looking for clues and going "ooh, what's going to happen?" You already know in your heart what's happened to Ree's father, but the real suspense is in the mind of this young yet resourceful girl. On the one hand, Winter's Bone seems like a dryly realistic slice of life. Director Debra Granik uses the RED digital camera, a supposed dramatic improvement over previous digicams, and (particularly on Blu-Ray) the resulting image is a wonder to behold. At times it feels like you are actually looking through a window and into the grungy — yet frequently beautiful — hillsides of southern Missouri. On the other hand, the visual realism is balanced out by a story that not only echoes with a grim Gothic tone but can't help but bring to mind a gentle metaphor for the struggle of the poor in America. Ree stands for America's underprivileged youth, faced with the prospect of "making it" in a depression while somehow avoiding the easy trappings of crime. That Granik manages to wrestle these two approaches together is impressive, and allows Winter's Bone to rise above a lot of its ilk. One hopes that she uses this talent well when she's inevitably sucked into the money-filled marsh that is Hollywood... many an indie director has drowned there and never been heard from since.

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CONCERTS

Choral singers unite for Mitch Howard's birthday

Ceremony of Carols Nov. 14

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Choir director Mitch Howard will be celebrated this Sunday, Nov. 14 when choral singers from across the island come to the United Church in honour of his 50th birthday.

The Musical Treats Concert will feature 25 participants of diverse past and present choral groups. Along with the celebrated Victoria-based harpist Josh Layne, they will perform Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols and other selections.

Concert organizer Anke Smeele said islanders have been keen to join the project since she first started putting it together last summer. In his 15 years on Salt Spring, Howard has inspired the community with his passion for choral music. He was much loved as a teacher at the middle school until a battle with cancer forced him to withdraw. He was a member of Tuned Air, created a youth honour choir and in recent years has taken the helm of another community choir with the Salt Spring Singers.

"Mitch had such a wonderful way with his youth honour choir, and he has stimulated a lot of people toward choral music with his enthusiasm," Smeele said. "Mitch just exudes his love of music — and he is so approachable."

Jonathan Yardley, who will perform in the Musical Treats Concert, said he first met Howard as a novice member of Tuned Air.

"He was so helpful with the notes and the coaching," Yardley said, noting they have remained friends since

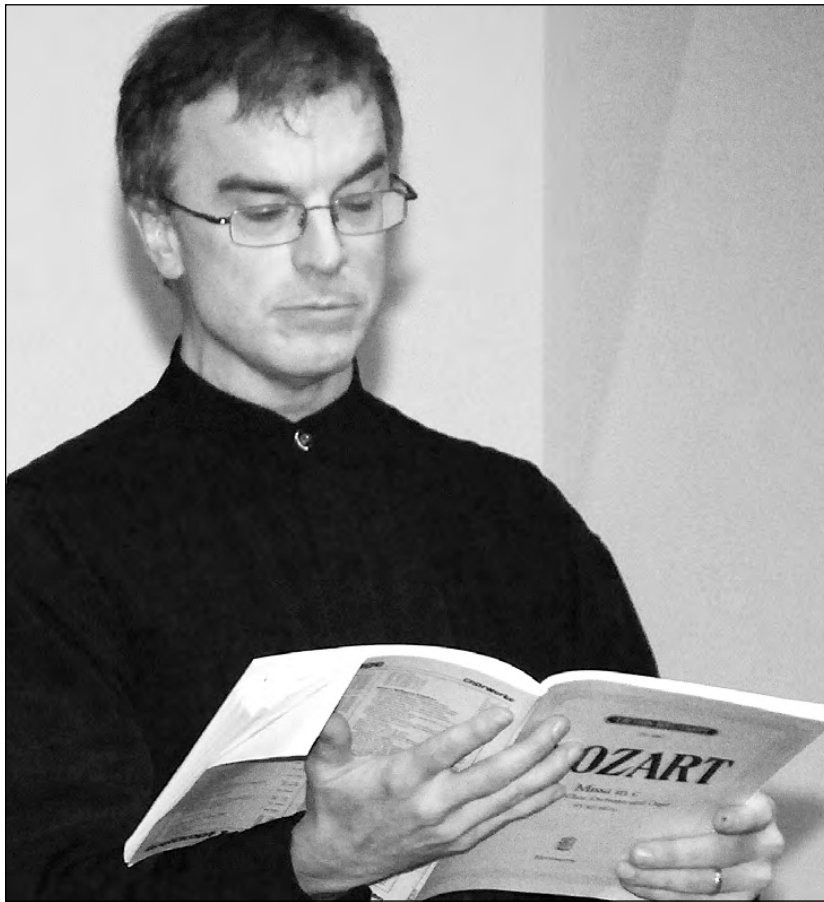


PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Birthday boy Mitch Howard at rehearsal.

that time.

The idea to perform Britten's Ceremony of Carols as a birthday celebration came in part from Howard's profound love for that music. He directed the Salt Spring Singers performance of the piece with Josh Layne last Christmas and his youth choir had previously performed it as well.

A happy accident of dates also contributed to the plan: Britten's birthday was on Nov. 22, which is also the feast day of St. Cecilia, patron saint of choral music.

"I always wanted to do something for St. Cecilia's day," Smeele said. "I thought here on Salt Spring we've never made any fuss of her."

Howard's birthday is Nov. 21. The concert was therefore originally scheduled to take place on Howard's actual birthday to celebrate

all three dates, but has since been moved up one week due to Layne's professional commitments.

Yardley noted there is a Canadian connection to the program. The Ceremony of Carols was specifically written for choir and harp, and uses text from The English Galaxy of Shorter Poems by Gerald Bullett. Britten picked up the book in Halifax, on his way home to England after self-imposed exile in the United States.

Musical treats will also include several other choral pieces such as O Come, O Come Emmanuel and other Advent-flavoured selections. Layne will perform additional solo selections for harp. Smeele said a special guest artist is also expected to make an appearance.

The participants are

staging the concert with donations from the community. Benefactors include Country Grocer, Imagine That Graphics, the United Church, the Anglican Parish and Jennifer Howard, who donated time for accompaniment and solo coaching.

Audience members are asked to make a donation at the door to help cover the remaining costs. Anything left over will go to a special scholarship for choral singers in Mitch Howard's name. However, Smeele said donations of any size are acceptable, since the main goal is to include everyone who wishes to attend.

"This is to be a birthday party and everyone is welcome," she said.

The concert starts at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 14 at the United Church.

FOLK CLUB

Powerhouse quartet set to rouse folk crowd

Big names in Canadian music on stage

Salt Spring Folk Club attendees are in for a lip-smacking treat on Monday night when Lunch At Allen's lays out its musical table at Fulford Hall.

A collaboration of internationally renowned artists Murray McLauchlan, Cindy Church, Marc Jordan and Ian Thomas, the band's stage show is described as "an intimate and humorous performance by some of Canada's finest individual performers."

The group started simmering as a regular get-together at Allen's Pub and restaurant on The Dan-

forth in Toronto with Canadian music icon McLauchlan and old friends Thomas and Jordan.

"After adding the voice of Cindy Church, a 'lunch at Allen's' turned into an outstanding band performing some of Canada's (and the world's) most enjoyed songs from each of these songwriters' impressive catalogues," explains the band's website.

Jordan and Thomas' songs have been recorded by everyone from Rod Stewart to Bette Midler, and Diana Ross to Santana. McLauchlan's hits have covered Canadian airwaves from coast to coast.

Church's voice and songs are well known on the folk festival circuit through her solo work

and as a member of Quartette with Sylvia Tyson. Opening act for the evening is Rick Neufeld, a Salt Spring Islander who recorded three albums in the 1970s. As a songwriter his composition Moody Manitoba Morning became a hit by The Bells in 1969.

The Nov. 15 show begins at 7 p.m., with doors open at 6 p.m. for season's ticket holders and 6:15 for others.

Delicious dinners, soups, desserts and refreshments from Fiddlehead Catering are available for purchase.

Tickets for the music are \$20 and available at Stuff 'n' Nonsense, Acoustic Planet and Salt Spring Books.

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BEYOND AVERAGE:

Jade Snow-Rosen was at last Saturday's Not Your Average Craft Fair, selling clothing designs created by him and his brother Jasper.

ARTSPRING EXHIBITS

Symmetry, cycles at Brown show

Potter Guild also on through Thursday

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Paintings by Patricia Brown celebrating nature's cycles, the inter-connection of life forms and the Earth are featured in the ArtSpring lobby this November.

Symmetry and mathematical precision, key aspects of Brown's tool box, also inform her kaleidoscopic watercolour images. But while geometry is the form, organic matter is the content of works that celebrate the wonder of cycles: in big concepts like the seasons and life and death, and in the simple pleasure of purely visual patterns.

Brown's circular matting encloses complex designs of fine detail. Earth Metamorphosis 2 is a pattern of brown moths in ever-tightening circles. The background is the night sky — midnight blue and dotted with stars, the centre seems to glow with the light of an obscured moon. Number 4 in the same series is a spiral pattern of salmon, some silver and some red and green, swimming into an infinitely small centre against a background of jade green sea.

Brown's Reclaiming series is a lovely and accomplished exploration of nature's treatment of a steer skull over four seasons. Here she shows her expertise both in concept and execution, with details so perfect she achieves near photo-realism in watercolour.

In Summer the skull is weathered but largely intact, resting on pale dry grasses and green berry vines, some of which are deepening into wine-coloured edges. In Autumn, the skull has cracked in two. It is surrounded by maple leaves in various colours, species and amount of decay: big leaf maples in green and yellow, tiny curled burgundy-coloured Japanese leaves and dead brown ones curled in on themselves.

Winter is ephemerally beautiful.

ALL SAINTS MUSIC

Pre-Advent theme invites singers to Simply Organic

Hymns on agenda of Music Makers event

The monthly organ recital series known as Simply Organic will be held this month on Nov. 17 with a program titled Prepare the Way.

With music for the season of Advent, which begins at the end of November and prepares us for



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Claire MacDonald with a Pat Webber piece at ArtSpring.

ful. The skull is obscured by soft snowdrifts, which also drape lightly over the old leaves. Forms are only hinted at. And finally in Spring, the skull has broken into several more fragments. Bulb plants send green shoots up through the skull's pieces and through the floor of dead brown leaves, new life emerging through decay.

Brown's Yellow Point series is suitably framed in lightly treated cedar. Painted with egg tempura, the colours are muted and earthy. In many of these paintings Brown focuses on warm sandstone. She contrasts the solid yet transitional rock with the landscape's more fleeting elements, such as leaves and broken shells caught up in the cracks.

Numbers 1 and 4 are close views of rock laced with rippled depressions, with deep fissures filled up with old maple and oak leaves. Brown effectively captures the contrast between textures and density, and particularly in Number 4, shows skilled composition that allows the viewer to feel the heavy gravity of the rock base.

Brown delivers the relentless energy of life in Verdant Zucchini. Her framing again takes a close

view, with a star-burst of vines, blossoms and leaves. As she says in her artist's statement, "It's all about loving Gaia."

Visitors to ArtSpring have just one more day to check out the Potters Guild show, New Explorations.

Highlights include Judy Weeden's line of functional vessels in a gorgeous midnight blue glaze. Lightening to starry white in designated areas to emphasize design features, the line includes a variety of items and styles. A large teapot shaped like a flying saucer is around 12 inches across and has an ornately arched handle. Though so beautiful the owner might want to just look at it, this is a piece that you can imagine using to serve a large group of friends.

Who's Turning My Crank is a sculptural piece by Weeden. A vase shaped like an A-line skirt is topped with a handle, on top of which sits a glossy raven or crow. A globe sits within the mouth of the well, in matte glaze several shades deeper than a robin's egg. There is a crank at the side to turn the spindle running through the globe.

Also delightful are Pat Webber's two sculptures, Blue Dog Ferry and Hare Boat Transport: Taking the Pots to Market. The frogs that Webber sometimes uses to decorate teapot lids and other functional ware are the central players, travelling by boat in mysterious journeys of the imagination.


Melissa Searcy's series Where Did You Say You Were Going? combines textures and surfaces in earthenware and mixed media decorative works. All of the pieces — some wall displays, some free standing sculptures — feature the silhouettes of figures, caught in a landscape of turmoil. Tilted angles, carved patterns and shades of pale yellow and moss green contribute to the atmosphere of a confused subconscious.

New Explorations runs through Thursday, Nov. 11.

good voice because there will be ample opportunity to sing, since every organ piece that Conley will be playing is based on a hymn.

The recital is held in the acoustically beautiful All Saints church, which has the only pipe organ on Salt Spring Island.

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ARTSPRING

Final 10 days of November busy at arts centre

Upcoming events at ArtSpring for the rest of November are:

• Viva Voce! We are One — Saturday, Nov. 20, 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 21, 2 p.m.

We are One is a concert expressing the need for peace, joy and freedom in our world.

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• Salt Spring Concert Band: Spectrum — Saturday, Nov. 27, 8 p.m. Salt Spring Concert Band, directed by Dawn Hage, plays hot and cool in Spectrum, an

WHAT'S ON AT ARTSPRING

exciting and innovative concert.

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opening explosion of fiery, sun-stoked heat to the cool blues at the end of the rainbow.

Featuring Matthew Stubbs performing Rhapsody in Blue.

• Deep Voices: The Wisdom of Whales and Dolphin Tales Book Launch — Saturday, Nov. 27, 1 p.m. in the gallery. Multimedia Presentation and Book Launch for Deep Voices: The Wisdom of Whales and Dolphin Tales by local author Jason Cressey, Ph.D.

Along the shores of every inhabited continent — and sometimes even in the landlocked deserts — people of every culture have befriended, admired and sometimes even worshipped dolphins and

whales for generations.

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Deep Voices offers an in-depth look at these ancient beliefs, and how these ideas are still relevant in the 21st century.

• Island Arts Centre Society AGM — Sunday, Nov. 28, 1 p.m. You are invited to attend the AGM of the Island Arts Centre Society (ArtSpring) on Nov. 28 at 1 p.m. in the gallery.

Along with information about the activities and finances of the past year, the board will present a proposal to amend the two sections of the constitution —

the purposes, and the number of board members.

Details are available on the ArtSpring website.

• Summer of My Amazing Luck — Sunday, Nov. 28, 8 p.m.

The play Summer of My Amazing Luck by Vancouver's Shameless Hussy theatre was here for one performance only in mid-August and our audience loved it so much that we couldn't resist bringing it back.

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- The freedom to ask for what one wants, instead of always waiting for permission.
- The freedom to take risks in one's own life, instead of choosing to be only 'secure' and not rocking the boat.

Anonymous

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DANCE

Bodies fly past the boundaries on dance stage

GISPA dancers also shine

BY MEGHAN HOWCROFT
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

ArtSpring scored one for the dance community with last Wednesday's production of Audible and Hero & Heroine, ArtSpring's first dance performance of the year.

With probably one of the largest crowds the island has seen for contemporary dance, islanders young and old feasted their eyes on two energetic Vancouver-based dance companies — 605 Collective and the response.

Salt Spring's GISPA dancers started things off on the right foot with the curtain opener, choreographed by teacher Sonia Langer and dancers Aisha Balint, Lani Bascom, Madison Greggains, Vera Gzil, Rebecca Johnstone, Jolen Maclean and Paige Penny. The routine was both strong and fluid, featuring breath-like movements that kept the audience mesmerized.

The unobtrusive soundtrack allowed the choreography to take centre stage and the young dancers created striking formations throughout the piece. I reckon it was the tightest, most well-rehearsed high school dance number that I've seen on the ArtSpring stage.

Next up, Amber Funk Barton and Josh Martin stepped into the limelight for the highly anticipated Hero & Heroine. Choreographed by Funk Barton, Hero & Heroine — an intimate duet where a couple falls in and out of sleep — definitely worked to push the physical and emotional boundaries of dance.

Martin and Funk Barton are both extremely physical dancers and Hero



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts dancers prepare for their role as curtain opener for the Nov. 3 ArtSpring show by Vancouver-based companies 605 Collective and the response.

& Heroine was an almost cinematic experience, whereby their bodies created images and shapes that lasted in our minds long after the piece had ended. Funk Barton obviously likes to incorporate narrative into her work, although not necessarily in the linear sense, this piece being a collage of abstract moments.

Having two characters who were constantly transforming made the piece engaging — just when you thought you had a fix on who they were and what they were “saying,” everything morphed and suddenly you weren't so certain. And yet I also

felt that I was kept at a distance. To be honest, I wasn't quite sure what to make of it, although I loved every single second.

The piece, which featured strong technique, started slow but quickly became fast-paced, almost manic. Some of the mesmerizing movements were so quick — spinning, twirling, whirling — that there were almost visible tracers left on the stage.

Martin and Funk Barton pay attention to every single part of the body when they dance and what they manage to communicate with their

movement is incredible.

After a short intermission, the 605 Collective threw themselves on stage (literally) for the highly entertaining urban/contemporary piece Audible, danced by Martin, Scott Augustine, Lisa Gelley, Shay Kuebler and Maiko Miyauchi. Program notes described it well: “Five rambunctious performers jump, dive and collide, transforming today's hyper communication into contact sport.” Audible seemed to be a piece about how we connect (or not) in a world saturated by social media.

Extremely acrobatic and athletic,

Audible definitely held the eye. The piece featured such a fusion of dance styles and genres that the movements became unrecognizable, although always remained interesting.

At times the dancers were engaged with and attached to their social-media “devices” and once they even held an awkward, nonsensical conversation where nobody was really communicating with anybody else. These vocalizations added an extra element to the piece — making it seem more like performance art or dance theatre.

A favourite section was when the dancers imitated Martin behind his back, putting the crowd into hysterics. At first we assumed these “followers” had no minds of their own, but then they slipped in to step ahead of Martin and suddenly he became the follower, struggling to keep up.

It was all an interesting commentary on social media and our lack of personal connection. However, it is interesting to note how much social and popular media have actually benefited dance (especially contemporary dance), allowing many of us to become more connected to this fascinating art form.

Audible did come across as somewhat non-technical at times, but I'm not naïve enough to believe it was. The wrestling section was one example, where all five dancers sported red wrestling “earmuffs” and flung each other across the stage using every square inch of space they could get their feet on.

Both Hero & Heroine and Audible received immediate standing ovations and islanders were left marveling over the innovative movement of these two young dance companies.

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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

EDUCATION

Workshop and winterfest part of Waldorf activity

Local society also formed and open to public participation

Waldorf education is thriving on Salt Spring Island, with creation of a society aiming to establish an elementary school, and two special events this month.

On Saturday, Nov. 20, a workshop called Why Waldorf Works: Literacy in Waldorf Education will be presented from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United Church.

Kathy Brunetta, Waldorf teacher, mentor and pedagogical administrator at the Calgary Waldorf School, will lead this first session in a series. It will follow the child's acquisition of literacy from the earliest years through the elementary and high school years.

"The goal of the Waldorf approach to the language arts is to inspire in every child a love for the power of language," explains press material. "[Waldorf founder Rudolf] Steiner believed that the teaching of reading was only one integral part of doing that. This love for language and narrative is cultivated in the earliest stages of child



PHOTO BY KIM HUNTER

Children at A Child's Garden Waldorf pre-school, which is led by teacher Kim Hunter.

development through finger games and nursery rhymes. As the child grows, the eventual introduction of reading develops out of the child's own experience of living language."

Cost is \$15.

Contact Annie Gross at anniegross@gmail.com or Liz Young at 250-653-4032 for information and reservations.

Then on Saturday, Nov. 27, the group will present Waldorf

Winterfest from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Beaver Point Hall.

The event is geared toward children and features apple rolling, craft and activity centres, musical performances, puppet shows, a present house, a pocket lady, a luncheon café, books and craft supplies for sale, door prizes and a Waldorf information table.

Admission is free.

Salt Spring is currently

home to two thriving Waldorf preschools.

Parents of children in these schools have started working together to learn about Waldorf education and formed the Salt Spring Friends of Waldorf Education Society.

All members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings. Contact society secretary Liz Young at 250-653-4032 or at elizabethyo@gmail.com.



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FOOD

Restaurant chefs team up with students to make Late Harvest Celebration Dinner

Tickets expected to go fast

Four of Salt Spring's best restaurant chefs are volunteering their time and talents to prepare a fundraising local food dinner for the community.

Island Natural Growers is hosting the event that will be held at the high school on Friday, Nov. 19.

The quartet of chefs are Bruce Wood from Bruce's Kitchen; Steven Overholt from Market Place Café; Rosemary Harbrecht from Hastings House and Bruce's Kitchen; and Shawn Walton from Auntie Pesto's Café. They will be assisted by a team of cooking students led by high school chef Al Irving. Milly Sinclair,

from the high school and Hastings House, will work with the students on developing their table service techniques.

The chefs will use their professional skills to produce a three-course traditional harvest dinner with a flair, using the finest and freshest Salt Spring farm produce. Among the featured dishes will be the unique Canadian heritage Chantecler chickens raised this year by farmers in the Salt Spring poultry group.

The Chantecler is the first and only chicken that is uniquely Canadian. It was bred in Quebec at the beginning of the last century and is under threat of extinction. The Chantecler chicken is one of an elite collection of farm products that have been

placed on the Slow Food Canadian Ark. Poultry breeders on Salt Spring are part of an effort in the country to save this and other heritage breeds.

Food isn't all that's on the menu at this event. There is going to be a fun-filled auction of special Salt Spring items with the hosts of the CFSI radio program Grow Your Own making their auctioneering debut. Dennis Lucarelli and Belinda Schroeder are graciously volunteering their talents to help with this evening of celebration of Salt Spring agriculture.

Island Natural Growers will use proceeds from the dinner and the auction to support Growing Up Organic. Growing Up Organic coordinates the distribution and delivery of

farm produce to commercial buyers on the island. This service makes it possible for restaurants, grocers and institutions such as the high school to purchase local farm food on a weekly basis throughout the year.

That means more local farm food is available in the community and real marketing support is provided to farmers. It's all part of building a stronger and better local food system to replace the imported food that currently dominates our food supply.

Tickets for the Late Harvest Celebration Dinner are on sale now for \$45 at ArtSpring. Seating is limited so people should not delay their purchase. For more information, call Patricia Reichert at 250-537-4282.

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