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WINTER WEATHER

Islands get taste of winter

Salt Spring at centre of cruel November storm

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

If the weekend's snowfall, icy roadways and widespread power outages weren't enough of a challenge for islanders over the weekend, Mother Nature decided to finish off the job with some of the coldest weather the island has experienced in 25 years.

Environment Canada predicted daytime highs in the southern Gulf Islands weren't likely to exceed - 2 C today (Wednesday), well below the average high of 8 C. Tuesday night's low threatened to match a record of - 6 C set in 1985.

While the weather woes that have beset southwestern B.C. may hardly be the stuff of headlines for more than 99 per cent of the country, the nearly 20 centimetres of snow and frigid temperatures have left an impression on island residents.

"The phone's been ringing off the hook," said Rick Traer, an island plumber who's been run off his feet since the snow began to fly on Friday evening.

"If things get much colder, it's going to get

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PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

UP AND DOWN: Patrick Little screams as he hits some air while sliding down the high school hill following the weekend's snowfall.

EMERGENCY PLANNING

Hospital ordeal has family reconsider options

Island isolation keenly felt

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A family new to Salt Spring is questioning its decision to move here after a weekend accident resulted in an emergency trip to Victoria.

David and Ana Blair moved to Salt Spring with their twin daughters Erin and Aislin to be close to family in July of this year. Coming from Winnipeg, they thought about the community's

isolation from the perspective of conveniences like shopping, but they didn't feel that was a drawback.

They never imagined the potential ramifications of an emergency situation, however, until four-year-old Erin cut herself badly on a broken water glass — on the morning of the season's first snowfall.

David Blair describes the situation in detail on his blog, writing how the family had to wait for an ambulance to arrive because they couldn't

get their car out of the driveway. They couldn't reach their family on island and couldn't leave their house while they watched their daughter's hand gush with blood.

Eventually the paramedics, who were responding to emergency situations caused by the storm all over the island, arrived and took Ana and Erin to Lady Minto. Blair and Aislin were able to meet them later when Ana's sister lent them her van.

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GOVERNANCE

Bowen officials talk politics on SSI

ISG plans more town hall events

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A gathering of nearly 150 people braved Thursday evening's stormy weather to attend Islanders for Self-Government's inaugural town hall session featuring two municipal councillors from Bowen Island.

"I'm very happy with the turnout today," said Cliff Jones, vice-president of ISG. "There were some good questions and interested people, and I think these people will go out and spread what they've heard and that starts a little bit of a swell."

"It's important that people know what is going on out there."

What's going on, according to Jones and many other ISG members, is that the various government commissions, boards and committees that run services on Salt Spring have lost sight of the bigger picture.

"All these different groups are reaching into our pocket and it would be nice to put some kind of a handle on it," Jones said. "The only way I can see that would happen that is to have self-government."

In the words of guest speaker Alison Morse, a municipal councillor from Bowen Island who also sits on Islands Trust Council, incorporation is kind of like taking all those different pockets and sewing them onto the same shirt.

There are still costs to the taxpayer, of course, but Morse notes, incorporation means all

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Islands shaken by cold winter weather

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absolutely crazy," he said on Monday afternoon.

Frozen pipes were the last things on the minds of more than 2,000 BC Hydro customers on the island who spent up to three days without power as heavy snow and windy conditions sent tree branches crashing onto power lines.

"This has been extremely frustrating," conceded Ted Olynyk, a spokesperson for BC Hydro. "As soon as we get power up and running in one area, another area goes dark."

As of Tuesday afternoon, hydro crews had restored power to all but a few remote corners of Salt Spring. More than 800 customers on Galiano, South Pender and Saturna islands, however, were still without power.

Olynyk said he expects power would be restored throughout the region by Tuesday evening.

He noted things were especially bad this time around given that Salt Spring was right at the centre of the storm's path.

"It all depends on how things blow," he said from his office in Nanaimo.

Snow-covered roads and access troubles added to complications faced by the more than 50 BC Hydro employees who worked on Gulf Islands over the weekend.

"It's Mother Nature who runs the show over there," Olynyk added.

Things were especially bad



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

A snow plow works its way through Ganges on Saturday morning.

"As soon as we get power up and running in one area, another area goes dark."

TED OLYNYK
B.C. Hydro

on Sunset Drive, Channel Ridge, areas near Fernwood Road, Long Harbour, Booth Canal, Collins Road, Beddis Road, Cusheon Lake Road and points south towards Ruckle Park and Isabella Point Road.

He said a phenomenon

known as cold-load pickup placed additional stress on hydro systems as parts of the grid were reconnected.

Residents can avoid subsequent power outages resulting from cold-load pickup by switching lights and appliances off during power outages. He suggests people wait at least 15 minutes after power is restored to restart all but the most essential electronic devices.

"We will never eliminate outages," he said. "By living out on the West Coast, that's part of the package."

"What we hope to do is lessen the impact."

Road crews had managed

to clear many of the island's main roadways by early Saturday morning, though some of the island's side roads weren't reached until Sunday.

Volunteers and staff at the Salt Spring Fire-Rescue Department had a busy weekend too as crews sought to help wherever they could be of assistance.

"We were definitely kept busy for 48 hours," said chief Tom Bremner on Tuesday morning. "Our personnel did an excellent job keeping people safe. At the highest point we responded to 14 or 15 different calls for assistance."

Temperatures are forecast to return to seasonal levels by the end of the week.

Newcomers recommend emergency preparedness

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The cut turned out to be much worse than could be dealt with locally, as the glass had severed a tendon in Erin's thumb. The family was told to head out to Victoria for emergency surgery.

After waiting in the emergency department at Victoria General Hospital, Erin's surgery was scheduled for 8 a.m. the following morning. The need to stay overnight in a hotel, pay for meals and the ferry home was a hard blow for the family, with the parents struggling to find long-term employment.

The cost alone has the Blairs reconsidering their move from Winnipeg, where medical services are covered and there would be no need to travel between hospitals.

"It is concerning as a parent, but at the same time she did get the help she needed and there were no complications from having to wait," Ana Blair said.

Of more concern is realizing just how important it is to be prepared for emergencies when living in an isolated community.

"It's a good idea to have an emergency

plan in place. Have someone you can call for transportation and assistance," she said.

David Blair advised, "Make sure your first aid kit is stocked — you don't want to have to find out you're out of something when you need it."

Erin is now recovering and will wear her bright pink cast for four weeks. She will require physiotherapy to exercise the tendon. Read more about the ordeal at <http://saltspringislandbc.blogspot.com/2010/11/tendon-to-snow.html>.

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IMPAIRED DRIVING

Margin of error prompts screening device recall

Province anticipates appeals from penalized drivers

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A decision to recall 2,200 approved screening devices used by police officers across the province won't have a major impact on holiday Counterattack campaigns, according to a spokesperson for the RCMP's E-Division traffic services division.

"The Counterattack is still on," said Corp. Jamie Chung on Tuesday. "Even as we are speaking, police officers are still handing out 24-hour driving prohibitions.

"We are trying to minimize the impact by having these recalls done as quickly as possible."

Police forces across the province announced Friday afternoon that they are calling back devices based on findings that show a margin of error significant enough to result in invalid roadside suspensions.

Devices will be recalibrated to identify blood-alcohol levels of .06 and higher to avoid any further complications.

Chung said he anticipates all the ASDs will be back in service by Dec. 1.

British Columbia's new impaired driving laws came into effect on Sept. 20.

In the 20-day period immediately preceding the new rules,

Administrative Consequences	"Warn Range" (0.05-0.08)			"Fail Range" (Over 0.08)
	1st Time	2nd Time (within 5 years)	3rd and Subsequent (within 5 years)	
Immediate Roadside Licence Suspension	3-day suspension	7-day suspension	30-day suspension	Immediate 90-day Administrative Driving Prohibition
Vehicle Impoundment	3-day ¹	7-day ¹	30-day	30-day
Estimated minimum towing, storage costs	\$150	\$210	\$700	\$700
Administrative Penalty	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500
Driver's Licence Reinstatement Fee	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
RDP ² Requirement?	n/a	n/a	Yes	Yes
RDP cost	n/a	n/a	\$880	\$880
Ignition Interlock Requirement?	n/a	n/a	1-year	1-year ³
Ignition Interlock cost per year	n/a	n/a	\$1,730	\$1,730
Estimated Total Cost	\$600	\$760	\$3,960	\$4,060 ⁴
Criminal Charges	n/a	n/a	n/a	Possible

¹ Optional Vehicle Impoundment, at police officer's discretion.

² RDP: Responsible Driver Program.

³ 2- and 3-year Ignition Interlock requirements for subsequent offences.

⁴ Plus any legal costs, court-ordered fines, penalties, etc.

police issued more than 1,400 drivers with penalties for impaired driving.

Police across the province issued 515 three-day driving prohibitions for drivers determined by police to be within the .05 to .08 warning range. Statistics for Salt Spring and the Gulf Islands weren't available, but 101 of the province-wide

cases total cases occurred in the Vancouver Island region.

New regulations give police discretion to issue driving prohibitions of between three and 30 days, in addition to fines ranging from \$600 to \$4,060 (see accompanying chart).

The new penalties will no longer be applied until such a time

as the ASDs are calibrated, said Jamie Graham, chair of the B.C. Association of Police Chiefs, in a statement released on Nov. 19.

Police officers who have reasonable grounds to believe a driver is impaired can still issue a 24-hour suspension. No one from the Salt Spring Island RCMP detachment was available to comment on the recall's local implications.

In an interview about the new impaired driving laws last week, RCMP Corp. Martin Beardsmore said new regulations have given police officers more tools to crack down on drivers who exceed the maximum allowable levels.

He said much of the controversy about the new rules is the result of misinformation about the consequences.

B.C.'s Minister of Public Safety, Rich Coleman, emphasized Beardsmore's point in an announcement earlier this month.

"People need to know that they are able to legally drive their vehicles if they drink small amounts of alcohol over time," he said. "Most people can still enjoy a glass of wine with dinner or a beer after work."

Beardsmore suggested people still need to give sober consideration to their ability to drive after having a drink. He suggested that many of the online calculators and personal blood-alcohol readers are prone to errors in the event they aren't calibrated properly.

He noted that the time when a

sample is taken can have a significant effect on a person's reading.

Coleman said the new legislation's sweeping "success" has resulted in a "far higher than anticipated" number of tows.

"I've discussed with law enforcement leaders the need to reinforce the 'discretion' message with officers, and committed to strengthening police training about the new rules," Coleman said.

"We know the public supports our efforts to keep dangerous drivers from killing and injuring people on B.C.'s roads. What we're committing to now is further education, consultation with the public, the hospitality industry, police and others, and a willingness to revisit the legislation next spring, if necessary."

Given what's transpired over the past week, however, Coleman and the province's immediate priority may soon shift to resolving the legal fallout from those 1,400 drivers who've already been penalized for driving within the warning zone based on readings obtained from error-prone devices.

Any driver who provided a reading of between .05 and .06 could potentially mount a successful appeal if it weren't for a seven-day appeal window for roadside suspensions.

Corp. Chung advises drivers who feel they may have been wrongly penalized to contact the province's Superintendent of Motor Vehicles to request a retroactive appeal.

News briefs

World AIDS Day march

Islanders are welcome to join the Global Awareness Group from Gulf Islands Secondary School when the youth hold an AIDS march on Wednesday, Dec. 1.

The event, which is meant to raise awareness on World AIDS Day, will start at 12:45 p.m. on the lower high school field.

Community members are welcome to join at any time during the march through town.

Feed the hummers

Islanders are reminded

to keep feeding the hummingbirds, as the freezing cold temperatures are devastating to the little birds.

The liquid will obviously need to be prevented from freezing. One Driftwood reader suggests wrapping Christmas lights around feeders. Others are bringing the feeders indoors overnight.

Anna's hummingbirds overwinter in the Gulf Islands.

Grey Cup at the Legion

It's Grey Cup weekend across Canada, and the local Royal Canadian Legion is hosting a special party.

Members and guests of Branch 92 can drop in on Sunday, watch the game between the Montreal Alouettes and the Saskatchewan Roughriders being held in Edmonton, enjoy food, refreshments and door prizes.

The bar opens at 1 p.m., with the kick-off on the big-screen TV at 3:30 p.m.

For information, call the Legion branch 250-537-5822.

Soft plastics crew to return

It appears there's no limit to the amount of soft plastics and Styrofoam coming into islanders' homes given the success

of Pacific Mobile Depot's recycling programs held over the past year.

The Victoria-based company has just announced two new pick-up dates for Wednesday, Dec. 1 and Jan. 26. Events will be held at the Farmers' Institute from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

"The company is adding an extra depot during the Christmas season so Salt Spring Island residents can clear out their clutter before Christmas and then get rid of it promptly afterwards," said Marnie Slinn, an island resident who led a campaign to have the company include Salt Spring on its mobile-depot circuit.

"The extra depot will

ensure that everyone has a chance throughout the package-crazy holiday season to recycle what has accumulated."

Slinn said a depot held in September collected and transported 2.5 large truck loads of soft plastics and Styrofoam off the island.

Plastics and Styrofoam collected by the company are distributed to recycling facilities and reprocessed to produce a variety of products such as patio furniture and kayaks.

More information about the company, a list of accepted materials and pricing is available at www.pacificmobiledepots.com.

FOR THE RECORD

A story in the Driftwood's Nov. 17 edition ("Fire district axes training ground site") incorrectly noted that the fire district board's 2011 budget request included approximately \$300,000 to construct a training ground next to the Fulford Fire Hall. Those funds have already been obtained by the district over the past five years and do not form part of the district's proposed budget. For more on the training ground issue, see story on page A6.

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Bowen councillors at ISG town hall

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decisions ultimately go through a single political entity.

"I guess the good thing is that all the decisions are made under one roof so the planner can walk down the hall and talk to the building inspector and the building inspector can walk down the hall and talk to the planner," she said.

The island has operated under a municipal structure since 2000, following a December 1999 referendum where incorporation was chosen by a 60 per cent margin. A previous referendum in 1991 had failed.

Peter Frinton, who represented Bowen Island as an Islands Trust trustee for three terms and is now its representative on the Metro Vancouver board, dismissed any hope incorporation would quell Salt Spring's political rancour.

"If you asked people [on Bowen] now, people would probably say [incorporating] was the worst thing that ever happened to Bowen because people's collective memories are gone and they've learned to distrust

us and not like us in the same way that they didn't like the previous local government," Frinton said.

"It's working quite well for us even though it's not working that well," Frinton told the audience with a smile.

Government angst aside, Frinton said, the incorporation experience has been relatively well received since voters decided to pursue the option in a referendum.

The Islands Trust, he said, continues to play a strong role in community life.

"The Trust is not front and centre; it has kind of receded, but it does not really change the relationship," Frinton said. "We are still accountable to the Trust.

"The other thing is that you do not get elected on Bowen to the Islands Trust unless you swear allegiance to the Trust. The electorate generally support what the Trust was set up to do.

"The real complaint that emerges is . . . at the petty level, at the level of 'we want to do this here and we're being told we can't do it because [of whatever reason]' or it takes too long to get a rezoning or something of that sort.

"Now all those issues come before council and the real difference is that you can come to council once a week and there are seven people to hear those grievances instead of two or three people once a month," he said. "There is much more accessibility."

Bowen is home to about 3,500 full-time residents. The island is only a 15-minute ferry ride from Horseshoe Bay. It is significantly smaller than Salt Spring and has considerably fewer public services and amenities than Salt Spring.

Frinton suggested that the Islands Trust is hesitant to advocate any move toward incorporation on Salt Spring due to the possibility of losing considerable tax revenue.

"One way or another, if Salt Spring were to incorporate, there is no doubt that it would have quite an impact on the overall Trust budget and I would suspect that that is why there is considerable resistance to that idea."

A video recap of Thursday night's event can be viewed at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com. Islanders for Self-Government has posted a complete video at http://www.islandgov.org/town_hall_videos.html.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

CRD proposal could weaken commission

Commissioners ask for justification

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Emergency Management Committee's chair seeks the reason why the island's Capital Regional District director wants to transfer the group's decision-making power to Victoria.

The EMC, which comprises a wide network of island first responder agencies, the Gulf Islands School District, North Salt Spring Waterworks District, BC Ferries and citizen volunteers, has operated on the island since January. The young and relatively low-key group has been responsible for island initiatives related to emergency planning and response.

According to EMC chair Steve Leichter, the group succeeded in bringing together emergency service providers and initiated training and infrastructure programs.

"We thought we were being particularly effective and I never really got a good reason why [CRD director Garth Hendren] was cancelling the commission," Leichter said.

Based on a proposed bylaw change up for discussion at the commission's Nov. 29 meeting, the committee's decision-making power will be transferred to a CRD staff person in Victoria.

"The proposed changes take away all local control for planning for, acting on and recovery from an emergency," said committee member Patricia Donnelly.

In response, Hendren noted that "all of the commissions on Salt Spring are being re-established as advisory commissions."

Commission members will still meet regularly to "discuss how their resources are to be expended and draft and recommend that policies be established with respect to the business that they conduct."

He said groups like PARC, the transportation commission and some water districts operate in a similar manner.

"This change has not impeded the work of any of the commissions that operate on Salt Spring," Hendren said.

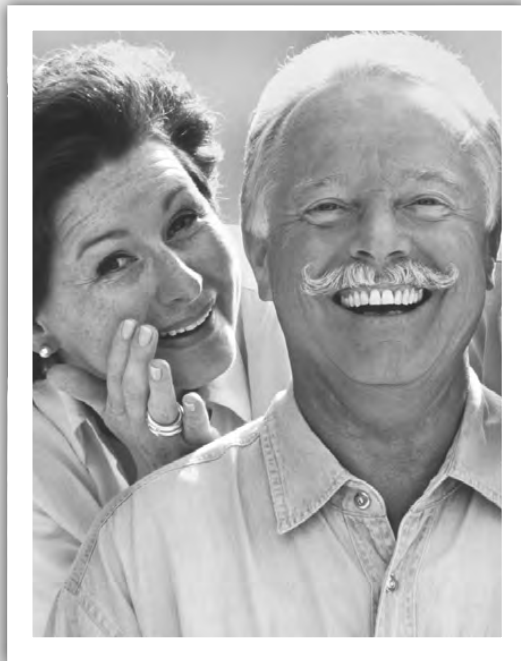
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Fire-Rescue aims to 'fill the bank'

Food bank drive to benefit Christmas hampers

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Fire-Rescue Department is expanding its community service mandate into new territory this winter with a campaign to gather 10,000 items for the food bank in just one week.

If the project sounds impossibly ambitious, firefighters and department staff will have you look to Terrace, B.C., where a model campaign in October saw the community of 12,500 bring in 17,000 items during a seven-day period.

"We realize that it's a lofty goal, but we decided if we collect one item it's worth it," said Iris Beck, the local department's administrative assistant and one of the co-organizers of the Fill the Bank campaign.

The department's hope is to collect one food bank item from every person living on the island between Nov. 28 and Dec. 5 — and broken down that way, the plan's success



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Santa dropped by the Ganges Fire Hall to help kick off the Fill the Bank campaign for the Salt Spring Food Bank.

seems possible, if not easy, to achieve.

Beck said community support has already been strong, with island businesses happy to put up posters and donate services, and schools jumping on board to spread awareness for the campaign.

"It's been so inspiring because everyone I've asked has been more than willing to help out. It's just been awesome," Beck said.

Christmas is one of the most visible times

for food bank programs, but as Beck pointed out, the need is only growing.

According to Salt Spring Community Services food bank coordinator Gloria McEachern, national statistics show a nine per cent rise in food bank use since last year, and 30 per cent of those users are children.

Donations received during the campaign will go, in part, toward filling Christmas hampers for those in need.

Salt Spring Fire Chief Tom Bremner said, "It's a wonderful initiative. We feel that with the Christmas season being a festive season, and we [being] an organization that has a lot of heart and spirit, it would be a good idea to put together a cause that speaks to that."

"We feel we have a real responsibility to respond to calls for assistance, and to assist when we're not being called," he added. "We

encourage and support the idea of making someone else's holiday a little brighter."

Drop-off bins for food will be located at the main fire hall and at Country Grocer.

Beck said people should tune into CFSI to hear daily updates on the item count.

"We encourage people to donate — it doesn't have to be just one item," Beck said. "And it doesn't have to be just this week. There's a real need all year round."

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WEATHER

Snow storm causes ferry service delays

New cancellations arise with wind

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Passengers hoping to travel to and from the Gulf Islands earlier this week faced two separate days of service interruptions caused by extreme weather conditions.

Saturday's heavy snowfall brought trees down onto power lines across the region and created dangerous roads for vehicle traffic. The first morning sailings from both Fulford and Vesuvius were cancelled because crews could not make it to the ferries.

At Long Harbour, the morning sailing scheduled for 6:30 a.m. departed around 25 minutes late because power was out at the terminal. Ship-to-shore power

was used to operate the gates and ramps, BC Ferries spokesperson Deborah Marshall said.

Several other sailings throughout Saturday were delayed due to power outages at Fulford Harbour and Vesuvius Bay on Salt Spring, Village Bay on Mayne Island and Crofton and Swartz Bay on Vancouver Island.

Ferry passengers enjoyed a respite on Sunday but faced further difficulties travelling Monday, when high winds resulted in a number of cancelled sailings. The Howe Sound Queen missed its last three round trips of the day after being docked in Vesuvius at 6:20 p.m.

Earlier that morning, heavy weather caused minor damage to the docking berth at Sturdies Bay on Galiano Island and to the Queen of Burnaby. Marshall said the ship was coming into the berth

just before 10 a.m. when the storm brought it into contact with the starboard wing wall. The marine structure's anti-friction pad came off, exposing the bolts underneath, and the Queen of Burnaby's rubbing streak was damaged.

The Queen of Burnaby's evening trip into Sturdies Bay was cancelled on Monday. Passengers attempting to leave Galiano were able to travel to Mayne Island on the Bowen Queen, although one sailing was cancelled because of high winds.

Maintenance crews at Tsawwassen performed temporary repairs to the Queen of Burnaby Monday afternoon and were scheduled to arrive at Sturdies Bay Tuesday afternoon to work on the marine structure. A service notice posted at 12:25 p.m. Tuesday noted the vessel was running 30 minutes late.

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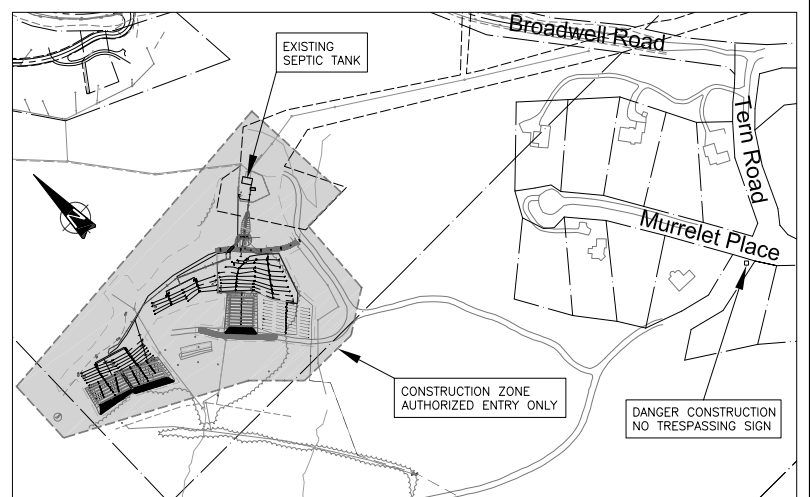
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NEWSBEAT

FIRE DISTRICT

Training ground hopes kept alive

Set-aside funds to stay at the ready

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Fire district chair Michael Schubart stands by his board's decision to preserve \$300,000 in funds already allocated for a fire training ground in spite of a proposed nine per cent budget increase.

"We haven't abandoned

the idea, we've just put it to the side," Schubart said.

"As a board, we're determined to train our people."

Reallocating those funds to other areas, Schubart said, would place the district in a problematic position should an opportunity to proceed with construction of a training facility arise soon.

Though plans for a training facility in Fulford have reached an impasse, Schu-

bart said he and his fellow trustees haven't completely given up on the site. The board has also confirmed that it's looking at several as-yet-unspecified sites for a training facility.

It's important that the district have the money to act if the opportunity to move forward arises, Schubart added.

The district has amassed approximately \$300,000 to begin work on a training

ground facility next to the Fulford Fire Hall since 2006. Schubart confirmed that no training ground funds have been included in the district's \$2.4-million budget request for 2011.

The budget must be approved by the provincial government before it can be officially adopted by trustees on Salt Spring.

The proposed 2011 budget is up from 2010's \$2.2-million figure.

RCMP

Investigation into fatal collision continues

Witnesses needed in Nov. 14 crash

Police are still looking for the public's help to further the investigation into what caused a fatal Nov. 14 single-vehicle collision on Fulford-Ganges Road.

As of Tuesday, Nov. 23,

police had received only one statement from potential witnesses.

According to police, the motorists noted they had observed "a car passing other vehicles near Lee's Hill around the time of the incident."

Island RCMP officers urge anyone who was driving on Fulford-Ganges Road between

Fulford and Lee's Hill on Nov. 14 between 9 and 9:30 a.m. or who recalls being passed by a newer model silver car to contact the Salt Spring detachment at 250-537-5555.

Reid Parent, a 25-year-old Yukon native who had lived on Salt Spring for the past few years, died at the scene of the crash after the northbound

vehicle he was travelling in veered off the road and collided with a large tree stump just before 9:30 a.m.

Police have yet to release the name of a Victoria woman who was behind the wheel at the time of the crash. The 25-year-old woman was flown to a Victoria hospital and treated for her injuries.

HISTORY

Archives shift to temporary location at SS Elementary

New library construction prompts series of changes

With the Islands Trust giving the nod to the new library, the Salt Spring Archives is on the move.

It will be temporarily housed in the basement of Salt Spring Elementary School until the new library is finished and will be sharing a space with the Continuing Education office.

"Many of our documents will be out of circulation for the next few months as we pack and move to our temporary home," said archives manager Barb Aust.

"However, online materials can be viewed at any time."

She said the picture files, family files and cadastral files with information on property lines and such will not be available from now until January 2011.

At that time, access will be limited to the picture, family and cadastral files.

After this date, boxes will be unpacked as they become available.

"We are sealing all of our collection and freezing it box by box, so that we don't take any of the current library's unwelcome visitors — silverfish — with us," said Aust. "This is going to be a huge undertaking and we ask for your patience."

The archives have been housed in the Windfall Room in the basement of the library since 1989.

"We are absolutely thrilled that we will be housed in the upper story of the new library," said Aust.

"New stacks, more room, a work space — it seems too good to be true."

The purpose of the archives is to encourage historical research and stimulate public interest in the history of Salt Spring Island.

It promotes and encourages the preservation and identification of historical sites, relics, natural features and other objects and places of historical interest on the island.

The archives has grown to many thousands of pictures, documents and maps showing the development of the island.

The collection can be seen on the website at <http://saltspringarchives.com> thanks to the work and expertise of Frank Neumann.

Watch the website for a map of how to find the archives in the basement of Salt Spring Elementary in January of 2011.

The group is grateful to Salt Spring Elementary and Fernwood Elementary for sharing space with them and to the school district for their support.

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NEWSBEAT

SHELTER

Bad weather brings homeless to 'In From the Cold' shelter

Record numbers attend nightly meals

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

While people across Salt Spring celebrate the return to normal life after a day or two without power, another group has no end in sight to days without electricity or hot water.

Homeless people on the island live in a perpetual state of being off the grid, as Donna Dunnigan, an outreach worker with Salt Spring Community Services, points out.

Instead of being inconvenienced by a couple of days without television, they are trying to work out the driest and safest places to sleep.

The weekend storms and current cold snap have at least provided an answer for some of those people with the Community Services program In From the Cold.

Funding from BC Housing allows the 16-bed shelter to open on nights when the temperature falls to 0 degrees or lower.

The program also provides a hot meal and shelter from 6 p.m. until 8 a.m. the following morning.

In From the Cold had around 10 men stay the night for its first opening of the season last Thursday.

By the end of the weekend it filled the 16-bed capacity, with as many as 20 people coming in for dinner.

"It was kind of a big start because we didn't know until the

last minute whether to open," Community Services' Trish Nobile said of Thursday night.

There was no question as the weekend progressed, however, and by Monday night the region was facing temperatures that felt like -15 degrees with the wind chill factored in.

Dunnigan said people using the shelter range from those who normally sleep in camps, abandoned shacks and vehicles to people who live on boats or in trailers without heating.

"Homelessness is not always so evident or in your face on Salt Spring, but it's here — you just have to look a little harder to see it," said Dunnigan, who worked for 12 years in the highly visible situation of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

The local shelter gives people and their pets a place to come in, have some food, watch a movie and then go to sleep.

Volunteers try to make sure the environment remains drug and alcohol free but are aware that in reality other scenarios tend to happen. Restrictions on staying are therefore behaviour-based.

"Most of them are tired and exhausted," Dunnigan said. "This weather is really stressful."

Community Services is currently applying for more funding to increase the number of beds the shelter holds, but a greater issue is providing enough food since the number of people showing up for the meal this year has been a surprise.

The early snowstorm indicates

"Homelessness is not always so evident or in your face [here] — you just have to look a little harder to see it."

DONNA DUNNIGAN
Outreach worker

that more help will be needed.

"One of thing that's awesome about the program is the commitment of our volunteers that help us," Nobile said. "[But] if we have a really long winter, we might need some more help if people want to support the program."

"We have a really good team set up, but what we need is some dinners we can freeze," Dunnigan added.

The outreach worker is hoping to remind the community of the need out there and hopes this winter will mark a change in how Salt Spring's marginalized people are viewed.

"We can build those bridges with people. We're not that different — we're just not."

Anyone who would like to donate dinners to the shelter can contact Dunnigan at 250-538-8942, or call volunteer food organizer Pam Miskey at 250-537-2186.

CONTEST

Annual Light-Up contest runs Friday

People's Choice Award added to decorating competition

Salt Spring businesses are encouraged to light-up the Christmas season this Friday, pulling out all creativity stops for a chance to win prizes in four different categories.

Judges of this year's Driftwood-sponsored Christmas Light-Up contest will make the rounds just after 5 p.m. on Nov. 26.

Businesses should be registered for the contest no later than noon on Friday, by filling out the entry form (found in this issue on page B7) and faxing it to 250-537-2613.

Businesses may also enter by emailing their names, contact information, phone numbers and addresses to contest@gulfislands.net.

This year's contest has a new component — the Peoples' Choice Award.

Islanders are encouraged to do the rounds this weekend, checking out contestant displays and voting for their favourites.

A list of participating businesses will be posted Friday afternoon on the Driftwood website, gulfislandsdriftwood.com, as well as its Facebook site at www.facebook.com/gulfislandsdriftwood.

People can vote by either dropping off the award form (again, found on page B7) at

Thrifty Foods or Country Grocer; faxing it to the Driftwood (250-537-2613) or emailing their choice to contest@gulfislands.net.

Submissions must be made before noon, Monday, Nov. 29.

First and second-place prizes will also be awarded to businesses winning "best all round," "most creative" and "best use of lights" categories.

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Islands Trust

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The location of the properties subject to the proposed permit is shown on the following sketch:

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will consider the proposed permit at a meeting starting at 10:30 AM on December 2, 2010, at ArtSpring, 100 Jackson Avenue, Ganges. Please refer to the posted agenda available on the Islands Trust Website at the beginning of that week for an indication of where this application is to be placed on the agenda. A copy of the proposed Permit and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee can be inspected at the Salt Spring Island office of the Islands Trust between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing 8:30 AM, Tuesday, November 23, 2010 and continuing up to and including 4:30 PM on Wednesday, December 1, 2010. Enquiries or written submissions concerning the proposed Permits may be directed to the Islands Trust at:

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EDITORIAL

Positive change

A visit to Salt Spring by two veterans of politics on Bowen Island last week was enlightening.

Rather than framing the incorporation discussion as being either for or against the Islands Trust, or a panacea for all of our governance ills, municipal councillors Peter Frinton and Alison Morse simply shared their extensive experience with the crowd at the Harbour House Hotel. They described the history leading up to the incorporation vote in 1999, the services the municipality gradually acquired, some of the successes and the challenges it continues to face. And they did so without the push of angry emotion or spin that characterizes so much of Salt Spring's political dialogue.

Half of our island's population can't seem to touch on the topic of political change without denigrating the Islands Trust (and the current

trustees) and regarding it and them as the cause of all problems here. Many of those people have had personal wrangles with the Trust, so they're naturally not happy.

THE ISSUE:

Salt Spring politics

WE SAY:

Time to bring the sides together

The other half can't seem to do anything except build an ever-higher wall against new ideas or people, and of course toss out their

own rotten tomatoes over the top. Ensuring their luxurious rural lifestyles are kept intact seems to be their top priority.

What we need to create are ways to bridge the gap between the sides, and to melt the distrust that currently exists.

Because we don't have the town council type of forum at our disposal, it's more difficult to work through issues as a broader community, with disparate views represented and connections made between various service areas. It puts an inordinate amount of focus on the Islands Trust, with its well-publicized monthly meetings, even though the Trust only deals with one part of all our government services. For an ordinary citizen to attend all meetings of government bodies would require a ridiculous amount of time, so few people have a chance to understand how the system works or to even identify its components.

It's no wonder so many islanders feel frustrated and disenfranchised.

But nothing will change for the better without positive forces at work; not from those with personal axes to grind — something our public-serving visitors from Bowen made abundantly clear last week.



Whole walkway tax story needed

BY MAXINE LEICHTER

Where are the tax control advocates now that we really need them?

Last week's Driftwood (page A10) carried a notice that the CRD is seeking to triple that portion of our property tax assessment that goes for transportation services. You may be surprised to learn what was left out of the notice.

If you read the notice, and I needed a magnifying glass to do so, you may have gotten the impression that a mere increase of \$26.56 a year to the average property tax bill would pay for sidewalks and other good things.

Being suspicious, I found the relevant CRD Board staff report on the CRD website and was amazed to see that a \$3.8-million project is envisioned to build walkways, bicycle lanes and a round-about that will be paid for partly by an additional tax increase in 2013 to raise \$556,000 a year, several times more what is being proposed at this time.

When the project is completed in 2015, will taxes be reduced? No. The report shows over half a million dollars a year going into a "reserve account."

I'm not against building better walkways. Several years ago, the tragic death of a senior citizen along Lower Ganges Road brought attention to the need for safer walkways between the Country Grocer area and Ganges village. In response, the Salt Spring Transportation Commission, a CRD entity, was formed to start a bus service, build walkways and bicycle lanes.

Back then, we were told the walkways and bicycle lanes could be built with the \$330,000 a year allocated to Salt Spring from federal gas tax funds matched to a like amount of provincial or other grant funds.

If \$660,000 a year over several years is not enough to build a \$3.8-million project without a property tax increase, we ought

VIEWPOINT

to be told why.

Not only are we not being told the total cost of the project and about further planned tax increases, but the general public is not aware of the scope of the project.

Did you know the plan is to spend \$750,000 on a round-about and to build big city-sized sidewalks 2.4 metres or almost eight feet wide?

Open house meetings were held, but no costs were given.

Giving the cost is an essential part of providing public information. We all want stuff. It is the price that determines how much we can buy.

To top it off, the tax increase is being made through the undemocratic "alternate approval" process whereby 10 per cent of voters must go to the CRD office to sign a form saying they are opposed to defeat the proposal.

I am offended by how this tax increase is being imposed, through an undemocratic process, using an advertisement that few will read, without telling the community the scope or cost of the whole project or how it will be funded.

If you agree, next time you are downtown or are mailing your holiday gifts at the Ganges Post Office, go upstairs to the CRD building inspection office on a weekday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and fill out the electoral response form.

If enough people do this by Jan. 4, 2011, there will be no tax increase without a vote by the community. Maybe then we will get the whole story.

Maxine Leichter is a retired local government policy analyst, has a master's degree in environmental policy and is a lifelong advocate for good government.

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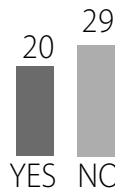
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Are the new drinking-driving laws too harsh?



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"It's Mother Nature who runs the show over there."

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WEATHER WOES

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What do you think about the petition to save the Fulford-Ganges shops slated for demolition?

**KELLY WATERS**

We want the character of our small town left intact.

**BROOK HOLDACK**

It's never too late to give up on what seems like a hopeless cause. People change their minds about really big things.

**ALEX LUSSENBURG**

I would prefer Mark's to not take it over, mainly because I like the small-town, cottage-industry feel of the smaller shops.

**LUCIE BALDWIN**

It's too bad all the small businesses have to go for something we already have enough of.

**CLAYTON UPEX**

That's the character of Salt Spring right there [points to small shops]. How many hiking boots do we need?

Letters to the editor

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

Electorate attitude

When I read Peter Vincent's Nov. 10 column about his dissatisfaction with the current trustees and their apparent cronyism ("Trust club reinforces political polarization"), I couldn't help but wonder, if the Trust was composed of people Peter approved of, would he propose the same solutions?

Should we have term limits because it's fair, reasonable, effective and enhances democracy, or should we have term limits just so we can prevent our present trustees (and those like them) from ruling us forever? Personally, I find the

most effective way to limit elected officials' terms is to not vote for them in the next election.

His other recommendation is one of those "quantity over quality" arguments. Let's have more trustees to balance off the ones we don't like — the ones we just elected. Of course, if the two additional trustees can't bring balance and the "proper perspective" to the Trust — or heaven help us join the oligarchy — then we'll just elect more trustees. There must be some magical number; four just may not be it.

Or maybe it's the electorate that needs to change its attitude rather than implementing contrived rules.

One, I think we should stop treating our fellow islanders who have chosen to run for office or those who volunteer their time on committees as Colosseum fodder. Two, I think we need to become more engaged in our local government and not just when they piss us off. Three, we should remember that once you're sitting in the chair, the decision-making process becomes more complicated than when you're sitting in the peanut gallery.

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A hearty thanks to Bowen Island municipal councillors Alison Morse and Peter

Frinton and to Islanders for Self Government for organizing the town hall information meeting on Nov. 18.

Many of our primary concerns such as whether the Islands Trust "preserve and protect" mandate would continue to be upheld if we became incorporated were easily satisfied in learning that as an "island government" we would continue to be part of the Islands Trust.

Two of the six councillors and mayor would be the island's trustees and the community plan of our "island government" would have to be approved by the Islands Trust.

One of the most significant pieces of information

we would like to elaborate on concerns the tax rate or mil rate.

Our tax rate for provincial government services, which is set at the rural B.C. rate with no input from us, even though our Salt Spring homes are on average worth far more than rural B.C. homes, results in us paying a disproportionately high amount of tax.

As a municipality we can set our own mil [tax] rate according to our budget. In Bowen Island's case the mil rate was reduced significantly over time as property values have increased and their budget remained lean.

All of the points presented by councillors Morse and

Frinton, their experiences and opinions over the past 10 years of Bowen Island being a municipality were enlightening, and as far as we're concerned debunked all of the points the "fear mongers" have used to try to squash Salt Spring's efforts to become a municipality.

Having a council of seven people meeting on island with all the different departments under one roof and expenditures coming out of one budget makes nothing but "cents."

BETSY JOHNSTON,
DEREK HILL,
CHU-AN DRIVE

MORE LETTERS continued on A10

Surviving the medical battle zone of LMH

Once again, as a general public service to the community, this column will attempt to guide you, the reader, on proper behaviour and etiquette when paying a visit to our Lady Minto Hospital. So, without further ado, let us begin our virtual tour.

There it sits at the end of Crofton Road, LMH, Lady Minto Hospital, a *raison d'être* for many people who choose to live here. As you make your way down from the slanted parking lot to the main entrance you will pass a wooden bench standing next to a red "no smoking" sign. If you look carefully, you will find a rusted coffee can three-quarters full of cigarette butts just beneath the sign. On the other side of the lot you will catch a glimpse of the occasional more considerate puffer, dressed in hospital gown and bathrobe, seated in a wheelchair or leaning against a walker. Smile and wave hello. After all, in no way is this as daunting as the gauntlet of habitual smokers you have to run through when you try make it into the Royal Jubé or Victoria General.

Even before you pass through the automatic sliding doors, you are made aware that you are entering a medical battle zone. Check your own personal security and make sure that your papers are in order. For instance, a large decal on the outer glass door reminds you to leave any traces of your "scented products, pollen, perfume, and hairspray" at home because we all "share the air."

If you have made it this far, you will now find yourself in the main waiting room. Before you can report to Admitting, you are alerted by another sign which reads, "STOP! Take a number." You are expected to remove a paper tag from a metal stand, take a seat

and wait patiently until your number comes up on a red neon light sign on the far wall. As it turns out, this sign is not connected to anything and has been stuck on "61" since 2003, so it is better to keep your ears pricked until your number is called out by one of the staff.

(If you look around while you are sitting there waiting, you may notice someone with very stiff posture and a greyish pallor seated just to the left of the pay phone. This person unfortunately had taken number "62" and, being hard of hearing, has been sitting there since 2003 as well.)

As you wait for your number to be called, you will notice dozens of white plastic Microsan dispensers affixed to just about every surface in the room. If you press the red button in the centre, you will receive a palmful of white hand-sanitizing foam. This stuff really works and will almost certainly kill any harmful bacteria that have found their way to the surface of your hands. It will also turn your palms into dried-out sandpaper. Unfortunately, most bacteria these days have figured out that they better high-tail it away from your hands to other parts of your body the moment you walk through those sliding glass doors. Still, the Microsan smells good and will disguise the fact that you're not wearing any pollen, perfume or hairspray.

Finally, you will hear your number called. At this point you will proceed to one of the admission windows to process your requisition form. You will notice another sign informing you that "violence, foul language and abusive behaviour are not acceptable."

**Shilo Zylbergold**

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

You may think that this is directed at the public but it is actually aimed at the staff working in admissions to remind them that they are expected to tolerate stupid behaviour and asinine questions without showing too much irritation. The fact that they are now completely

behind glass partitions with only a couple of slots for speaking and passing forms back and forth is more for your protection than for theirs.

Once you pass your requisition form through the glass slot, it takes only a few moments before the paperwork is completed. You may be asked a few questions to verify that you are indeed who you are and that the medical tests have been requested by your doctor. When asked the date of your birth, it is to your advantage to give the correct answer on the first or second attempt or you will arouse suspicion and may find your processing delayed. In the event that all goes well, you will have your processed requisition form returned to you and be asked to deposit this form in a yellow plastic container located against the far wall. Or you can just hold it in your hand — same diff. You will then take a seat again and wait for one of the technicians to collect the forms and call you when your turn comes up.

At most other hospital waiting rooms, this is the point at which you slip into your "cone of silence," disassociate, and stare blankly at the clock on the wall, or bury your face in a mindless celebrity magazine. Forget about any chance of this happening at Lady Minto. Invariably, someone you know,

barely know, or probably wish you didn't know will sidle up and take a seat beside you. This person will ask you how you are doing and why you are here at the hospital. The moment you begin to answer, you will be cut off and spend the next excruciatingly long few minutes hearing, in minute detail no less, all about this person's medications, high cost of prescriptions, long waiting period to see a specialist, disgust at lack of parking, frequent urination, bleeding haemorrhoids, and bowel movements.

Mercifully, just when you think you will have to resort to violence, foul language and abusive behaviour yourself, a technician in a clean white lab coat will enter the waiting room and call your name. This is your chance to make your escape. Quickly follow the technician past the Biohazard Drop Off Box (for urine samples, stool specimens, and anything else people put in a brown paper bag before getting out of their vehicles) through the door into an adjoining room where you will have your x-ray, ultrasound, or your blood drawn.

Nobody asked me, but what follows, no matter how harrowing, will seem like a cake walk compared to the tribulations you will have had to endure to this point. Eventually the procedure will be completed and you will be free to leave. As you make your exit to the parking lot, you will notice that the aforementioned busybody who so irritated you has now moved next to the ashen figure to the left of the pay phone. As he repeats his monologue, he doesn't seem to realize that he is invoking even less reaction and sympathy than he received from you.

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Enough already

I have long suspected that there are two kinds of Driftwood readers — those who can read Peter Vincent's columns without ill effects, and the rest of us who find ourselves urgently reaching for a bucket.

It takes some wit and imagination to come up with interesting ideas every two weeks, and the fact that Peter is constantly harping on the same constipated theme — the Trust — demonstrates that he has neither.

Government, at any level, is all about balance, since all communities have diverse

interests. Anyone who has had any dealings with the current trustees will have noticed the extreme pains they take in considering the interests of all segments of our community when making their decisions. Some of these are excruciatingly complex and it's easy for someone like Peter to oversimplify and distort the issues (his appalling misunderstanding of the Keats Island seawall case a few months ago is an example).

Our locally elected trustees do an excellent job of dispassionately upholding our bylaws and our OCP, and I thank them, even though I don't always agree with them.

Peter seems to be constantly angry with most of the people who live here — calling us "Birkenstockers" — and our reluctance to agree with him that our island should become like the American cities he so much admires. Perhaps he would be happier living south of the border, and maybe even happier not having to write columns for your paper so often?

MICHAEL WALL,
 SALT SPRING

Labour market

The headline ("Grant aids study of youth

employment") and a few paragraphs in the labour market story in last week's Driftwood were misleading.

The mandate of our project ("Salt Spring Workforce Collaboration") is to build an accurate profile of the Salt Spring job and labour markets. But more importantly, we will go on to develop strategies for increasing successful employment for all the parts of our community.

Our project, funded under the Canada-British Columbia Labour Market Development Agreement, has been accidentally conflated with an initiative from GISS called "ConnectingGenerations," which is specifically aimed at youth employment. Of course we will be eager to hear their results and also to share anything that we find that is of specific relevance to youth employment. But, please, employers and youth alike, our survey is different!

We will be hitting the streets looking for volunteers to complete our questionnaires in the next week. And we're covering the block: unemployed and underemployed, employers, employees, self employed and as much of that hugely important "informal economy" as we can

peek into. We need your help! And if you're brave, please consider pitching in. The hard work of innovating strategies to ease us out of our present employment predicament lies ahead for the project steering committee.

Call either Salt Spring Literacy, 250-537-9717, or Gordon Handford, 250-653-0038 for our next meeting. We will be winding up, final report and all, on March 31, 2011.

GORDON HANDFORD,
 PROJECT CONSULTANT

Senate clout abused

I was angered to learn of our Senate's decision to defeat the Climate Change Accountability Act — an act proposed by a New Democrat Member of Parliament that received full debate and approval from a majority of MPs elected to represent Canadians in the House of Commons.

Stephen Harper obviously didn't like the legislation — the first in the world to establish post-Kyoto greenhouse gas reduction targets. Rather than use channels available in the democratically elected House of Commons to change the legislation, the Conservatives used their clout in the unelected Senate

stacked by Harper to kill the bill. This was one of the most undemocratic acts we have ever seen in the Parliament of Canada. In fact, the last time the Senate rejected a bill was in 1939.

An unelected Senate, loaded with government appointees, means the voice of the people isn't being heard. I believe the real work of Parliament needs to be conducted by the Members of Parliament, elected to represent their constituents.

EDITH LORING-KAHUNGA,
 FEDERAL NDP CANDIDATE FOR
 SAANICH-GULF ISLANDS,
 VICTORIA

Dogs too

Regarding the Nov. 17 "Leave dogs at home" letter, it is great to see families coming to the annual Remembrance Day service, babies, dogs and all, paying their respects to those who have fought for our freedom.

Some dogs will howl at the siren and the bagpipes as those are hard on their sensitive ears, but it should be remembered that dogs have been saving lives in wartime for years and still do.

They, and horses too, should also be remembered.

J. MORGAN,
 SALT SPRING

Remembrance Day *Thank You*

The Salt Spring Island Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 92, would like to thank the following individuals, groups and businesses for making this year's ceremony possible:

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- Salt Spring Pipes and Drums, Branch 92
- Pat Beattie ~ for providing the canopy
- Ladies Auxiliary Branch 92 R.C.L.
- Janet Butler and all her volunteers
- Aarryn Funk
- Chaplin Richard Stetson

And to all the volunteers!

Thank-you!

—Past President, Bill McKenzie



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OPINION



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GOOD AIM: Timon Burgermeister, right, hits his target of Clemens Brandis during a snowball fight near Centennial Park.

No need to expand

When I heard about the proposal for Mark's Work Wearhouse to expand its downtown location, I was surprised and disappointed.

I do actually shop at Mark's, especially for work gear such as boots and raincoats. However, the idea of one large store in that location on this island is simply inappropriate.

One reason tourists come here and many Salt Springers live here is to get away from the increasingly homogenized commercial nature of our communities, to enjoy the diversity, unique atmosphere and local products not available elsewhere.

The four shops being evicted are those kinds of shops we are proud of and which warm our hearts on rainy days.

I cannot see the benefit for Mark's to expand the store beyond its current location. Perhaps instead of expanding, it could focus on the best of what it has to offer instead of more of the same. Keep it small, diverse and redesign the current store to fit the community. I've even seen McDonald's do this in strict development districts.

Do reconsider the goals of this project and the goodwill you wish to gain on this island. I and many others will definitely feel disheartened and sour if this project goes ahead as planned.

ERIN HARPER,
SALT SPRING

Somersets not moving

For the past year or so there has been an ongoing false rumour that we are moving and I am retiring from my work.

Therefore we are stating to the community once and for all that we are not moving and I (Steve) am gainfully employed.

If you speak with someone who believes we are moving, please correct this error.

STEVE AND DORI SOMERSET,
SALT SPRING

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SNOW FUN: A dumping of snow on Salt Spring over the weekend brought people of all ages out for a bit of fun. Seen here, from left, are crash-landing tobogganers Carmen Morris and Maia Beauvais; a zooming Aubrey Dooben; and snowball-making Peter Wild and John Miller.

MORE LETTERS

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Internet access

Raising funds to replace the computers used to provide free internet access is one of the objectives of the Salt Spring library's 2010 annual giving campaign.

And make no mistake, those computers are meeting a real need. During the last week of October, 550 people

used the free Internet access service the library provides.

Some of these library computer users were islanders without a computer of their own; others were visitors to the island. A few were even locals with desktop computers at home who had to check their email or send out a message while in Ganges. But whatever the users' reasons, the library's computers were available, free of charge.

Given such heavy usage by so many differ-

ent people, the library's "free internet access" computers must regularly be replaced. That's why new computers are one of our 2010 fundraising objectives.

If you agree that all of our annual giving objectives are good things for your library to be doing, help us do them. Whatever gift you can afford to make, large or small, will be appreciated. It all adds up. Just walk your donation over to the library or mail it to Salt Spring Library, 129 McPhillips

Ave., Salt Spring Island, V8K2T6.

STAN SHAPIRO,
FOR THE SSI LIBRARY
BOARD

Betrayed

I am very upset that the Senate failed to pass the climate change bill (Bill C-311). Climate change is a bigger threat to all of us than war or terrorists or anything else, and has more profound, unpredictable and long-lasting consequences than anything that we have ever had to

deal with.

This government seems more inclined to serve the greedy and wasteful U.S. economy instead of serving the people of Canada. We as a country could and should be leaders in planning for a sustainable economy and sustainable environment with clean energy.

I feel that we are being ruled by greed and stupidity and the lust for power.

Those of us with children and grandchildren

owe it to them to act now to curb the causes of climate change. We owe it to the whole of the world, whose poorer populations are already suffering. We owe it to the whole of nature.

Is there any way to reverse the Senate's bad decision?

Scientists throughout the world are warning, and have been warning us for years, that our whole way of life, even life itself, is threatened by the warming of the Earth's atmosphere. Already species are becoming extinct at an alarming rate. We are seeing the effects in devastating floods, storms, droughts, even earthquakes and volcanoes.

As ice melts the weight of it is decreased where it was, and the earth's crust rises and becomes unstable and leads to the earthquakes and volcanoes.

Since Prime Minister Harper has loaded the Senate with 18 people who are there just to do what he wants, Canada has become like a dictatorship. Our elected parliament is overruled by their majority. Our democracy is not working. It is being destroyed! I feel betrayed by my government!

NANCY WIGEN,
FERNWOOD

Re-open surgery

The new operating room at Lady Minto Hospital was opened in January of 2005 and was closed by the Vancouver Island Health Authority on June 30, 2008.

Approximately \$3 million of taxpayer money and donations (by way of the LMH Foundation board) was spent to construct this new facility which was only in use for two and a half years. Closing it doesn't make sense. Islanders must now go off-island for their surgical needs, which means they leave their support group and are subjected to various unnecessary costs.

This is particularly hard on our elder citizens. The Transportation Assistance Program is not paid by VIHA but by the Med-

ical Services Plan, so sending islanders off-island for these services does not affect the VIHA budget.

Islanders for Self-Government is hesitant to take a position on any local issues that do not deal with local governance and the process included therein. However, the ISG board is convinced that the vast majority of islanders want our surgery services restored.

Islanders are becoming increasingly concerned over recent rumours that VIHA is planning further funding cuts that would perhaps threaten the existence of Lady Minto as we have, for many years, known this facility. It is a vital institution for residents of Salt Spring and the Gulf Islands.

Any level of reduced services for our aging population would be disastrous.

In the absence of a local government body to represent the residents, Islanders for Self-Government appeals to the provincial government and VIHA to reconsider their decisions and assure residents that we will continue to receive care at our hospital as always.

KEN MARR,
ISG PRESIDENT

Supporting vendors

On behalf of all the vendors at the Tuesday farmers market, we would like to sincerely thank all of you who have supported and continue to support us by shopping there and visiting us regularly.

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Truck on Park Drive

At 12:30 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 20, I was making my way on foot along Park Drive, returning home heavily laden with two big bags full of Christmas purchases from the Anglican Church bazaar.

Park Drive hadn't been plowed and I was picking my way carefully through the slush, trying not to slip and slide too much. My eyes were on the path I was making, so I heard him first. I looked up quickly to see a pick-up truck barreling up the street toward me faster than the limit allows and far faster than conditions permitted. He seemed youngish. A young woman and a small child were in the passenger seat.

I guess he didn't see me because he didn't slow down. Instead, he sprayed me head to toe with slush, leaving me soaking wet. Slush even got into my bags of goodies.

I didn't have a chance to see his licence plate, but I think his truck was black. Perhaps he was in a hurry to deal with some crying need someplace else, but I wonder if he realized that he might have caused a dreadful accident right there on Park Drive.

HELEN HINCHLIFE,
DESMOND CRESCENT

More on rainwater

In response to Ross King's Nov. 17 letter on rainwater collection ("Treating the rainwater is key"), the writer is quite right — collecting rainwater is a prime water supply opportunity.

In my opinion, the best time to plan for this is before new construction begins, by incorporating storage within foundation perimeter walls below grade.

Potable rainwater collection is not cheap with its necessary storage and mandatory safe treatment requirements. In existing rental suites and cottages this is an upfront cost which users, particularly illegal ones, may wish to avoid by hooking into their existing piped water supply. This now poses an increased demand on surface water or groundwater supply.

King is too quick to dismiss Mike Larmour's concerns, expressed the previous week. He should not denigrate another for disagreeing with his point of view — referring tongue in cheek to him as a "water expert" . . . wearing his former North Salt Spring Waterworks manager hat. Mr. Larmour is a soft-spoken, modest and knowledgeable man regarding water. Having lived and farmed on Salt Spring all his life, being curious, very well self-taught and having worked 33 years for the North Salt Spring Water District in various capacities does give him a unique experience. I don't know anyone with more historical, practical and technical experience with Salt Spring water than this, do you?

Fact: Surface water supplies are limited and quickly approaching their natural capacities to meet constantly increasing demand.

Fact: Groundwater supplies are unregulated, unmeasured, unknown and unmonitored.

By trial and error we discover through failed wells where groundwater supply has not been able to meet demand.

Fact: Existing users are discovering the myth of cheap water. Replacement of water treatment and distribution systems through attrition and increased demand translates into huge capital replacement costs.

Fact: The user will pay the cost no matter the source of the water, and this will not be cheap. Limits of supply, economic and environmental cost will dictate the extent of demand or development possible on an enduring basis.

Fact: Rainwater collection, while not cheap initially, may be cheaper in the long run.

RON HAWKINS,
SALT SPRING
RECONSIDER SURGERY CLOSURE



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HIRE WIRE ACT: Repairmen representing power, cable, internet and phone were seen working on wires all over Salt Spring earlier this week, as the island climbed out from under its first winter snow storm of the season. Here, a telephone repairman works on North End Road wires.

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1:00 - 3:00: FREE PHOTOS for the kids with Santa in Mahon Hall, there will also be Arts & Crafts activities, Cookie Decorating, big screen Holiday Videos, (courtesy of Island Star Video), Hot Cocoa & Goodies!

1:00 - 3:00 FREE PHOTOS with Santa in Mahon Hall. Mahon Hall will be decorated by volunteers in the morning and really look the part for Santa who will take his place of honour in the Santa Throne. Children of all ages are welcome, there will be festive goodies for all children and parents coming for a visit with Santa.

And what would the Season be without an opportunity to give? If you have the opportunity to share ... **please bring a non perishable food item or a donation for the Food Bank!**

Mandarin oranges, candy canes, elfish Holiday cookies, and hot chocolate for everyone. Arts and Crafts for young and old at four craft stations. Make some special ornament or gift to take home with you while you wait for your name to be called to visit with Santa!

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Roses

Fernwood Elementary School would like to send a book bin full of roses to the Salt Spring Island IODE ladies for their generous donation of books to our school library. We have many grateful readers here at our school!

Armloads of grateful roses to Frances Eide for the hugely generous array of baked goods, quiches, dried flower arrangements, bottled preserves and silent auction items that she has donated to our WinterFaire to be held this Saturday at the United Church. Salt Spring United Church WinterFaire Committee

Special fragrant yellow roses to my incredible wife, Debbie, for doing such a great job to get Apple Luscious Organic Orchard looking so great for the apple festival again this year. Wow. What a great success.

Roses to Kurt Irwin for publicly saying what so many of us have been saying privately — the fire department budgets are getting too far out of hand. The trustees need to consider the taxpayers' and business owners' ability to pay rather than their kingdom and wish list. The increased taxes on us are not sustainable.

To all in the community who attended the Remembrance Day breakfast at Meaden Hall, a bouquet of roses, we appreciate your support. To our crew that puts on the breakfast, even more roses. Without you it would not happen. Fiona Foster, Tanya Van Ginkel, Mac MacDonald, Erin Foster, Ian Bestwick, Bronwyn Weekley, thank you! Also, thank you to Dick Illingworth for the donation for the eggs, Colleen Stewart and Barry Dunster. For Branch 92, Janet Butler

Thanks and beautiful roses to all who helped make the acoustic folk club concert last Monday at Fulford Hall, featuring Lunch at Allen's, such a spectacular success. It was a rare treat to hear such great acoustic music. Thanks to all who so willingly volunteered to do the extra work to make it happen. Noof (Rick Neufeld), your opening act at Fulford Hall for the folk club was magical. Thanks for finally getting back on stage. An armload of pink roses in your arms would look great.

The Salt Spring Apple Festival sends armloads of roses to all the great apple growers on Salt Spring who grew the 295 varieties of apples for the apple display at Fulford Hall. The sight and the fragrance of all that apple diversity is so powerful, it inspires all who enter the hall.

A huge bouquet of cheerful, sweet-scented thornless roses to Lisa, the Islands Trust secretary, for going beyond the call of duty on behalf of our great blue herons! Nina

A scented rose to everyone who worked to create another successful Fabulous Flea Market. The Marketplace, Driftwood and Thrifty Foods for advertising in the newspapers. To those who provided advertising at the hall and set up the tables. To the crew of the "653 Cafe," who also provided delicious homemade food. To everyone who rented a table and brought their wares. To those who came to buy, to eat and socialize, and the "take-down" team. Together we raised over \$1,000 in support of this grand old hall. Jan

A wheelbarrow of roses to my wonderful neighbours, Kathryn, Stan, Scout and Tom, who tried to help me find my Archie (cat), and to the kind stranger who took the medical cone off and cared for him on the Nov. 13-14 weekend. Please phone Joan, 250-537-8969.

To Paul Large of Country Grocer for the endless gracious kindnesses he does for the people of this community. We are lucky to have him here! PM

Many bouquets of red roses to all those who took the time to come to the textile art exhibition called Turning the Tide held recently at ArtSpring. With your generous support it was a tremendous success! Many thanks to all who helped in bringing this awesome, thought-provoking display to Salt Spring Island. Bach on the Rock, thanks for the use of your sandwich boards, and to the Potters Guild, we appreciated the loan of your plinths. SSI Grandmothers to Grandmothers

Radish roses to chef Al, chef Bruce, chef Rosemary, chef Steven and wine expert Milly who prepared an amazing feast from 95 per cent local ingredients for the full tables of joyful diners at the Growing up Organic fundraiser organized by Pat Reichert. Also to the farmers, gardeners, vintners, cheesemakers, poultry raisers and food producers who contributed their best to create this feast. You give our island its wonderful flavour.

A woodshop full of roses to all the local contractors, parents, the Royal Canadian Legion and School District 64, who contributed to the purchase of the stop saw which will ensure our safety while creating projects. A

huge thanks to you all. The staff and students of the GISS woodshop

Thank you Brian Anderson and Randy Severn for plowing our road and driveways. From the grateful folks on Blackburn

A beautiful bouquet of peace roses to Viva Voce! choir for the wonderful performance of We are One. Congratulations. The choice of music was so uplifting, the set was beautiful and the choir was amazing. Thank you. IC

Dozens of long stemmed red roses to Christine Godlonton for opening up her vegetarian chili pot and sharing it with her neighbours who had no hydro. Hot food was welcome. Thank you for your kindness.

Viva Voce! community choir flings roses to our audience and Richard and Marv at ArtSpring: thank you for braving the weekend weather!

A perfect red rose to Tanya Van S. for all her amazing and selfless work helping to make my days better and better. Ken

All these dedicated individuals make our schools wonderful places to learn. Congratulations from the Board of Education!

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SWIMMING

GISS makes splash at provincials

Marc Spiess named "fastest man in the province"

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Gulf Islands Secondary School's swim team capped its most successful season ever at the provincial finals in Nanaimo on Friday and Saturday.
 Grade 12 student Marc

Spiess was dubbed the fastest man in the province after he captured a gold medal in the 100-metre freestyle event with a time of 56:35.

Arthur Irwin-Campbell, who also qualified for the final, placed seventh.

Spiess followed up with a bronze medal in the 50-m freestyle event. Irwin-Campbell placed seventh.

"It was awesome," Spiess said of the entire team's performance in an interview on Monday afternoon.

"Our team did really well and was really competitive."

"I think it was part coaching and part mental."

Spiess said the Scorpions, competing in their first provincial tournament, handled many obstacles during its season.

"We had to overcome the fact that we were such a small team from such a small place," he said. "We're also a new team and we just got our pool."

The boys 200-m free relay team, made up of Spiess, Irwin-Campbell, Jason Funk and Yefim Pastrana Ramirez, finished in third place but was disqualified after judges determined the team missed a crucial toe touch.

The girls relay squad, comprising Stephanie Kos, Tilly Morgan, Gabrielle Spiess and Cassidy Fraser, earned an impressive fourth-place finish in the 200-m medley relay.

Kos qualified in the 100-m freestyle and placed 24th in the prov-

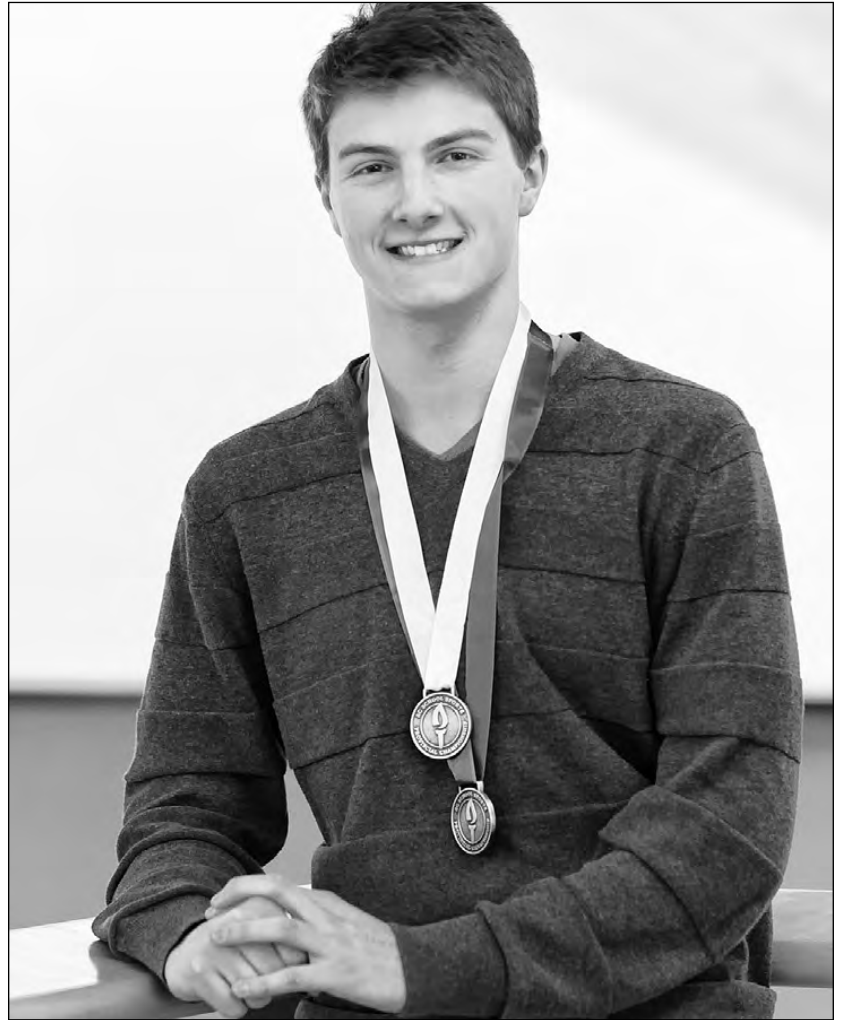


PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Swim champ Marc Spiess with gold and bronze medals.

ince. Fraser, the Scorpions' young Grade 9 phenom, turned in a time of 32:38 and placed seventh in the 50-m butterfly thanks to "a heart-thundering swim."

Fraser placed 22nd in the 50-m freestyle while Spiess finished with a personal-best time of 35:35 in the 50-m butterfly to finish in 23rd spot.

Back on the boys' side, Funk swam the 100-m backstroke and is now ranked 22nd in the province. He placed 19th in the 50-m breast-

stroke.

The relatively small eight-member GISS team ranked 26th out of the 76 schools at the two-day event at the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre on Nov. 19 and 20. More than 500 students from across the province participated in the meet.

"The successful short season would not have been achieved without the use of the Rainbow Road Pool facility and utilizing the talents of Walter Gossett as swim coach," said GISS

teacher Dean Crouse.

The team thanks everyone who played a role in supporting the 2010 squad, including parents sponsors and pool manager Jim Rad-dysh.


"This has been a very special season with many ups and downs," coach Gossett said. "With all sports, you reveal the character of the participants. I am proud to have had the opportunity to get to know this fine group of young men and women."

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SPORTS & RECREATION

VOLLEYBALL

Scorpions finish season with seventh place at island final

Excellent base to work from in 2011

Mother Nature provided a challenge on Saturday for teams vying for three berths to the boys AA volleyball championship in Kelowna next week.

The competition proceeded in spite of the snow, thanks to the dedication and resourcefulness of the officials and participating teams, said Scorpions coach Kellie Booth.

The Scorpions were in third place in their pool at the conclusion of play Friday.

On Saturday morning the home town team was faced with a must-win match against their 2010 season rivals Kwalikum Kondors to keep their provincial aspirations alive.

Once again the match-up was a very close affair, said Booth. Kwalikum took the first game 25-21, GISS took the second 25-21, and the third game went to Kwalikum with a 15-13 score.

The loss relegated the Scorpions to a match with Cedar to determine fifth and seventh places.

The team played a strong second game against Cedar, but lost in the third game 7-15, finishing the tournament in seventh place.

Junior libero Matt Stubbs was an all-star "honourable mention" when individual player performances

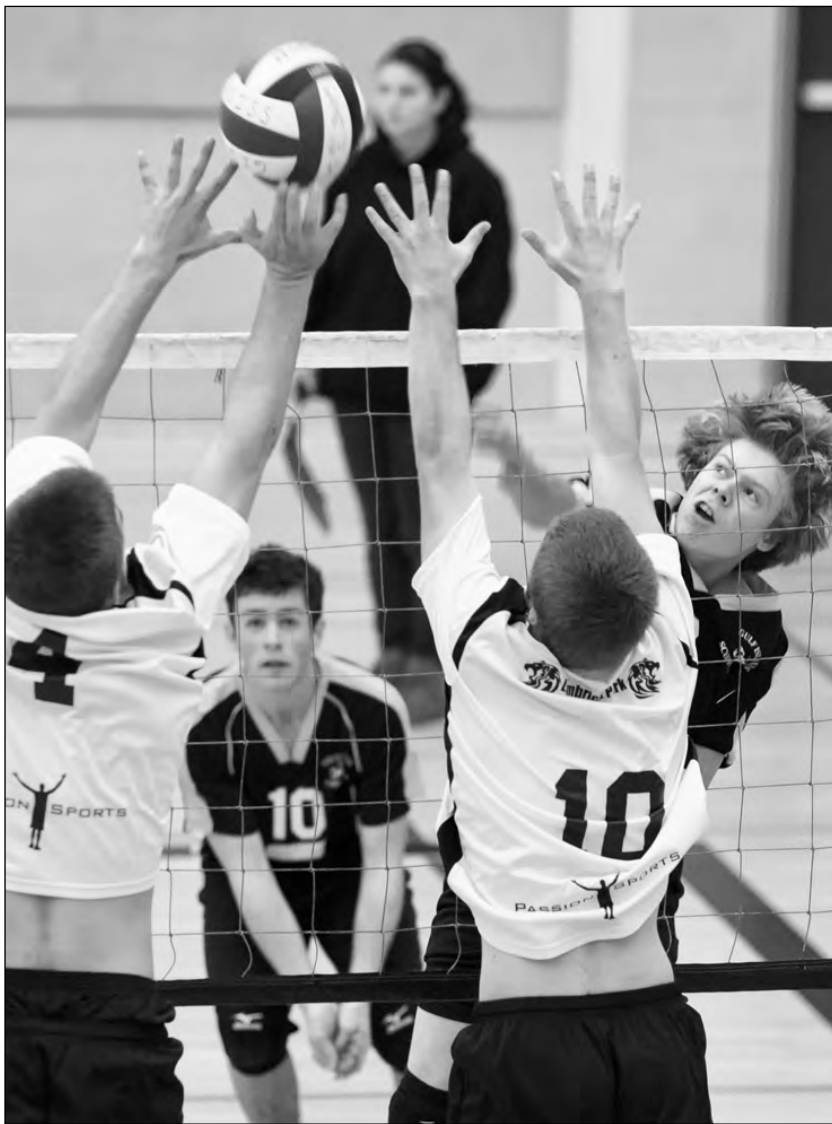


PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Kyle Matheson drives the ball to the Lambrick court during volleyball action at the high school last weekend.

were recognized at the conclusion of the tournament.

"I was very pleased with the play of my team," said Booth.

"The junior players really stepped up and almost pulled it off."

She said the team missed the steady play of senior Marc Spiess, who was swimming at the provincial aquatic championships in

Nanaimo.

"We had lots of fun this season and overcame a number of obstacles," she added.

"I look forward to continuing with the junior players over the next few years and expect we will field a strong team with so many returning players."

Final results saw

Highland Secondary from Comox in first place, followed by Pacific Christian and Lambrick Park. Angus Ireland from Highland was selected the zone MVP.

The Scorpions thanked parents, community members, students and alumni for their help and support over the past two weekends.

ROCK CLIMBING

Climbing 'Walunteers' wanted as no-fee November nears end

Climbing wall swings into new season

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Climbers have one week left to check out the island's indoor climbing facility for free, but the facility's coordinator hopes interest in the sport will reach new heights for the coming season.

"We try to do a no-fee event every year and we try to do it in the fall because that's the beginning of another climbing season," said Jamie Alexander, a youth outreach worker for Salt Spring Community Services who oversees operations at the island's climbing wall.

The idea behind no-fee climbing in November, he said, is to raise the profile of the island's climbing facility and attract between six and 10

"walunteers" to help run the community facility.

Alexander said the wall requires climbers to oversee the wall's regular climbing session on Thursday and Sunday evenings beginning at 6:30. Special sessions involving youth groups or birthday parties are also part of the mix.

The role of volunteers at the community services-run facility is simple: the more volunteers there are to support the wall, the longer it can stay open and offer climbing time to people in the community.

"I would say, at this point and as always, the wall has capacity for more use," Alexander said.

Volunteers who devote their time to at last one session per month not only get to hang out with like-minded islanders, they get a month's free admission to the wall.

The wall features four 24-foot

climbing surfaces, nine belay set-ups and a variety of features such as chimneys and overhangs.

The wall's volunteers have just completed the addition of new crash pads hoped to ease the impact on climbers who train on the bouldering course.

Acquisition of the pads was made possible thanks to a grant-in-aid from the island's Parks and Recreation Commission.

Salt Spring's climbing wall is open on Thursday and Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The wall is behind the community services building at 268 Fulford-Ganges Road.

For more information about volunteer opportunities, contact Jamie Alexander at 250-537-9971 or jalexander@ssics.ca. Admission to the wall is \$6 and equipment can be rented for \$2.50. Annual memberships are available for \$60.



Islands Trust

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Opportunities for Home-Based Businesses and Industrial Land Uses

Enhancing the economic self-sufficiency of Salt Spring Island consistent with the objectives of the Official Community Plan is a key priority of the Local Trust Committee.

You are invited to attend a family-friendly Community Open House to gather input and share ideas, regarding potential changes to the Land Use Bylaw (LUB) in order to consider:

- Adding **new industrial lands**
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- Allowing **agricultural-industrial activities** on industrial lands
- Improving the viability of **home-based businesses**.

We encourage you to ride-share or take the bus. In order to support transit riders, free tickets will be provided to anyone who arrives and/or leaves using the bus. Please confirm the transit schedule as service ends prior to 7:00 pm.

Who should come: Property owners, industrial business owners, owners of home-based businesses, and anyone else interested in improving opportunities for development and land use activities consistent with the objectives of the Official Community Plan.

Where: Hart Bradley Hall (Lions Club) 103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island

When: 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Keep Smiling...

Thoughts & News



Many people who *from Dr. Richard Hayden* suffer from recurring headaches are finding relief at their dentist.

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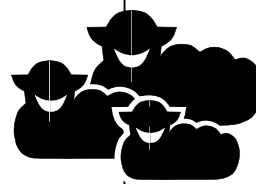
- headache
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Roderick Edward Kitchen

June 16th, 1935 - November 15th, 2010

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Roderick Edward Kitchen Nov 15th, 2010 at Cowichan Valley District Hospital. He was surrounded by his family. Rod is survived by his 6 sons: Rick, Karl, Roger, Brian, Phil and Mike (Dionne). 11 grandchildren Rodney (Janina), Cheryl (Andy), Katrina, Troy, Christine, Derek, Graham, Kevin, Kara, Cori-Lee and Jordon. Rod also had 6 great grandchildren. He is also survived by 9 siblings Doreen, Alf (Laverne), Marie, Rita, Eric, Alick, Wilf, Beverly (Ron) and Dorothy (Tom). Rod is predeceased by his parents Wilfred and



Lillian Kitchen, brothers Bill and Bert. Rod loved to hunt and fish. He was logger up until 1991 when he had suffered from a stroke that limited his abilities. Rod's sons would like to send a special thanks to Auntie Marie, Auntie Rita, Auntie Dorothy, Uncle Tom and Rod's special friends Vic and Linda Nelson for their love and support in our time of need. A special thanks to the nurses and doctors at CVD Hospital.

Celebration of Life will be November 27th, 2010 12:00pm-4:00pm at The Lions Club Hall 103 Bonnet Ave. (off Drake Rd) Salt Spring Isld.



Delmonico: William Edwin (Ted) passed away peacefully in his sleep at the age of 81 years. Ted will be lovingly missed and remembered forever by his wife Betty, children Dal (Carren), Connie and Cindy (Mike), grandchildren Douglas and Curtis. Siblings Marguerite, Ron, and Peter, as well as many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his mother and father, siblings Norman, Herb, Chester and Jackie (Tough). Ted was born, raised and lived most of his life near Locarno Beach in Vancouver. Ted worked at many jobs, including numerous years as a lifeguard for the city of Vancouver. Ted also worked at Molsons and the University of BC. Ted will be dearly missed by the many friends and co-workers whose lives were touched by him. There will be a memorial service at ST Helen's Anglican Church 4405 West 8 Ave Vancouver BC. On Friday November 26 at 11am. With interment to follow at Ocean View Burial Park, Burnaby. Flowers graciously declined, should you wish a donation may be made in Ted's name to your favorite charity.

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The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to consider various matters of general business, such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes.

DATE: December 2, 2010
TIME: 10:30 am
PLACE: ArtSpring, 100 Jackson Ave

Starting at noon, up to 45 minutes will be available for the public to discuss local land use matters with the Local Trust Committee. Those who wish to present a more formal petition, or make a delegation to the Committee as an Agenda item, must make a request to Islands Trust staff at least 14 days in advance of the meeting. For information about the Agenda, please call the Islands Trust at 250.537.9144.

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There is a Local Trust Committee for each island or group of islands designated as a local trust area under the Island Trust Act. Comprised of locally elected trustees and one Executive Committee member, a LTC is responsible for land-use planning and regulation for its area of jurisdiction. As such, its responsibilities include preparation and adoption of an Official Community Plan, comprehensive land use bylaws, regulation of soil removal and deposit, and authorization of certain Local Government Act permits.

Reporting directly to the Regional Planning Manager for the Salt Spring Planning Team, based on Salt Spring Island, you will be responsible for a broad range of land use planning functions inherent in a small island community operating under the Islands Trust Act. You will provide support to Local Trust Committees and community committees within an assigned regional area of the Islands Trust. Acting under moderate supervision by a Regional Planning Manager (RPM), the Planner 2 is responsible for addressing a number of planning related duties including, public enquiries, site visits, policy development, research, processing moderately difficult development applications including development permits, development variance permits, Official Community Plan amendments, and amendments to an LTC Land Use Bylaw.

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Christmas Lunch

All members are invited to the Christmas luncheon at All Saints Anglican Church on Thursday, Dec 14. Come and enjoy a meal prepared by chef Bruce Kelly. Lunch starts at 12:15 (doors open at 11:30). Tickets (\$25) can be purchased at Soapworks or from your coordinator.

Hikers

Dec 7: Janice Dickie leads a moderate hike on a variety of Mount Erskine trails, beginning at the Toynbee Road trailhead. Meet

at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m., or on Toynbee Road by the trailhead at 9:55 a.m.

Dec 14: Terry Ison and Zeke Blazecka will lead a short hike on the best trails around Ganges. We will return to the cars by 11:30 a.m. in time to change before the SSTNC Christmas lunch. The hike starts at the parking lot of the Anglican church at 9:45 a.m.

Walkers

Dec 7: Bryan Adderley will lead a walk in the Burgoyne Valley area. Some hilly parts. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or at the Triangle (Lee Road) at 10:15 a.m. Don't forget to bring a lunch.

Dec 14: Hone your appetite as Nancy Braithwaite takes you on a walk from the Anglican Church (Park Drive) to Mouat Park prior to our Christmas luncheon. Meet in the parking lot of the Anglican church at 10 a.m.

Ramblers

Dec 7: Ramble around Scott

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Dec 14: Meet at All Saints By-the-Sea parking lot at 10 a.m. for a Ganges ramble prior to the Christmas lunch.

New Members

Interested in joining us? Contact Barry Spence (membership) at 250-537-2332 or Kees Visser (president) at 250-537-5443, or come on Tuesdays to the meeting point for the activity you are interested in.

Membership Fees

The annual fee for the 2010-2011 season is \$25 per person. Please complete and sign the membership and waiver form and leave it with your cheque in the Cobbler's Box or given to an executive member at any club activity. Forms are available for download from the website at www.saltspringtnc.ca, where you will also find more details on our activities.



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

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing concerning **Proposed Bylaw No. 445**, for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained therein. At the public hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions. The Public Hearing will be held within a regular Local Trust Committee Meeting that begins at 10:30 AM.

DATE: Thursday, December 2, 2010
LOCATION: ArtSpring, 100 Jackson Avenue, Ganges
TIME: 10:45 AM - Public Hearing

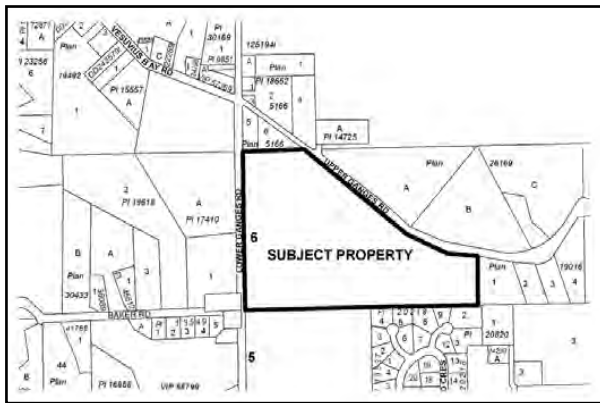
1. Proposed Bylaw No. 445, cited as "Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 2, 2010".

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

1. By adding a new Parks & Reserves 3 Zone Variation (a) - PR3(a) that will permit a "single court indoor tennis or other similar sports facility" as an additional use.

By changing the zoning classification of Section 6, Range 2 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Except the Easterly 6.75 Chains Thereof; Except Parcel B (DD 770361), and Except Part in Plan 14185 from Parks & Reserves 3 (PR3) to Parks & Reserves 3 Zone Variation (a) - PR3(a), as shown on the following plan:

Subject Property - Proposed Bylaw No. 445



Copies of the proposed bylaw, and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee, may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Wednesday, November 17, 2010 and up to and including Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at 4:30 PM. Proposed Bylaw No. 445 may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website at: www.islandstrust.bc.ca

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

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

To the **Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing.**

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

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

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CONCERT PREVIEW

Concert band promises colourful night

In-demand young performer is centrepiece of show

Salt Spring Concert Band will play hot and cool in Spectrum, an exciting and innovative concert set for ArtSpring on Saturday, Nov. 27.

"The concert band explores the musical possibilities contained within the colours of the spectrum, from hot red and orange to the soothing and cool qualities of blue, indigo and violet," explains press material.

"The result is an exciting and original presentation illustrating the full range of the spectrum in mood and colour from the opening explosion of fiery, sun-stoked heat to the calming blues at the end of the rainbow."

The Salt Spring Concert Band, directed by Dawn Hage, performs at 8 p.m.

The crowning centrepiece of Spectrum will feature one of the hottest young talents on Salt Spring, 15-year-old pianist Matthew Stubbs.

Stubbs and the SSCB will close the evening with a tour de force performance of the ultimate in cool, George Gershwin's immortal Rhapsody in Blue.

This is the second appearance for Stubbs with the Salt Spring



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Gary Dunn and his euphonium will be part of the concert band show on Saturday night at ArtSpring.

Concert Band. In 2008, he was the winner of the SSCB Solo Competition, performing Igor Stravinsky's Concerto for Piano and Winds to a sold-out house.

Stubbs has been in demand ever since, performing with the Salt Spring Chamber Music Festival, Bach on the Rock, the Salt Spring Jazz Band with Hugh Fraser and Monik Nordine, the Poulenc Concerto for Piano and Orchestra with the Cowichan Consort and the prestigious Chamber Music Conference of the East at Benning-

ton College.

He will also perform with the Salt Spring Chamber Players on Jan. 27, 2011 at ArtSpring.

In addition to a smoking hot performance of Rhapsody in Blue, audiences can experience the volcanic wonders of Hawaii through Steven Reineke's magnificent Goddess of Fire, take a Caribbean holiday with the Latin-inspired rhythms of Louis Gottschalk's Night in the Tropics and feel the heat with Sun Dance by Frank Ticheli. Andrew

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Four-band powerhouse event aids Rouleau

This Saturday at Falconshead Grill

An opportunity to “rant and roll” may just be the hottest ticket on Salt Spring this Saturday night as four island bands set the backdrop for a fundraising bash at Falconshead Grill.

The all-ages Rant and Roll Fundraiser for Ken Rouleau kicks off Nov. 27 with doors opening at 6 p.m.

Fiddle-funk teen band Walabee Indeed kicks off the six-hour event that includes a something-for-everyone silent auction, food, bar and lots of opportunity to kick up your heels on the dance floor.

Salt Spring’s well-loved Mancubs take the stage next,

followed by the popular roots band Lane 31 and finally the upbeat sound of John Lefebvre and the Stonehouse Ravens.

All the money raised will be given directly to Rouleau, who was recently diagnosed with ALS and is undergoing expensive alternative therapies.

“This is a guy who was playing tennis seven months ago and now needs help putting on his coat,” noted Peter McFarlane, one of the event’s organizers.

“He is not able to work and we are trying to raise money to help his cause.”

Matt Steffich, who is hosting the event along with Tara Hollingsworth, said he hasn’t known Rouleau personally for long, but has always “been

keenly aware of him: by reputation and by his opinions. And Ken is a fellow CFSI host . . . I think if we live on this island we’re all strongly interconnected.”

Another organizer, Tanya Van Schetsen, lists an expansive collection of donated items and services for the silent auction, including (to name just a few) artwork by Chris Darst, Nick Bantock, Simon Camping, Laura Hughes McGrath, Heather Martin-McNab, Gloria Valencia and Lynda Jensen, as well as services by Key Pawn Trucking and Hawthorne Hill, Country Grocer, Choices, Paint Plus, Bowen Therapy Technique, Christen Boyd, Liz Forrest and Gina McMahan.

And other items keep roll-

ing in, like the recent donations of Every Goodbye Ain’t Gone by Evelyn White and — remarkably — a Hammond organ.

“To me [this event] is the epitome of Salt Spring,” says Steffich.

“This is why people love living here so much. Just living here is like having a second insurance policy . . . [whatever bad things happen] the community just continues to rally relentlessly.

“People just step right up to the plate; nobody hesitates. It’s one of the icings on the cake of living here.”

Cost of the event is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students with student i.d.

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CONCERT REVIEW

Powered-out, stripped-down acoustic performances make a folk club night to remember

Lunch at Allen's and Rick Neufeld at Fulford Hall in the dark

BY MEGHAN HOWCROFT
 DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Islanders attending last Monday's folk club show were treated to a surprise acoustic performance when a windstorm shut down the power at Fulford Hall.

Left quite literally in the dark, the Lunch at Allen's performers — Cindy Church, Murray McLauchlan, Marc Jordan and Ian Thomas — were left to entertain the packed house sans microphones, lights and electronics of any kind. The result? A magical evening of music and laughter that may go down in history as one of the best folk club shows to date.

Show opener Rick Neufeld (of Moody Manitoba Morning fame) performed his set before the lights went out, warming up the standing-room-only crowd with song, story and a lot of laughter.

Explaining that many of his songs are somewhat politically incorrect because they were written over 30 years ago, Neufeld had the crowd in hysterics with his witty lyrics and down-to-earth charm. You couldn't find a more honest folk sound and all of Neufeld's songs came straight from the heart.

Moments before the Lunch at Allen's gang hit the stage, a south-end transformer blew, plunging the hall into darkness. Despite the fact that this was a big concert with nationally renowned musicians and the hall was as full as it could get, the power outage hardly fazed the island audience.

Attendees continued mingling, chatting, eating and drinking as if it was just a regular night on the town. Only on Salt Spring . . .

Forced to abandon any form of amplification, the quartet good-naturedly took the stage, offering up their classic, well-loved tunes with only voice,

... this show felt even more like a “living room concert,” with the musicians drawing the crowd in with beautiful songs, flawless harmonies, extraordinary songwriting and downright hilarious jokes.”

acoustic guitar and mandolin, harmonica and some light percussion. After touring together for the past eight years, Church, McLauchlan, Jordan and Thomas are a well-oiled machine. Having to “modify on the fly” due to the loss of power affected them as little as it did the crowd.

Although folk club shows are always friendly and intimate affairs, this show felt even more like a “living room concert,” with the musicians drawing the crowd in with beautiful songs, flawless harmonies, extraordinary songwriting and downright hilarious jokes.

Before launching into a love song, for example, Thomas warned, “For any of you who've recently broken up . . . you might want to take your meds.”

At times it felt like a comedy night with some music thrown in, featuring the kind of humour you'd find when hanging out with good friends over a couple of beers. A few times I laughed so hard I almost fell off my husband's lap where I was sitting due to lack of chairs.

Because none of the four were real powerhouse vocalists, the sound (from where I was perched) was very quiet. Despite this shortcoming, the perfor-

mance was still enchanting as the musicians took turns singing songs they'd each penned, accompanying one another to perfection.

Thomas was the biggest comedian, though he also captured our attention with beautiful numbers like Life Goes On, his resonant voice reaching out to the darkened hall. McLauchlan provided the social commentary, as well as some fine storytelling, and brought the house down with his well-known and much-loved Farmer's Song.

Church added some sugar to the musical revue. When she performed You Can, which was intensely intimate and sweet, you could have heard a pin drop.

Although all four are exceptional songwriters, for me it was Jordan who stole the show.

His song Rockets was the highlight of the night and I marvelled over his eloquent and emotional lyrics.

The group served up tunes from their fourth album More Lunch at Allen's — a title that became the butt of many jokes — and we were treated to a number of classics like Try Walkin' Away, Down by the Henry Moore and Painted Ladies.

Hearing the songs stripped down with no amplification was a special treat . . . there's something so lovely and pure about hearing a song as it was originally written.

“In a lot of other places people would have stormed out,” McLauchlan said, as the evening wound to a close, “but you obviously have a wonderful sense of community here. And we want to thank you for letting us be a part of it.”

In the end the power outage created some wonderful, albeit unintentional, ambiance. With the soft acoustic music, the flicker of candles and the faint red lights of the hydro trucks making paths along the walls of the hall, it was truly, as the musicians said, “a night to remember.”

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The Kids Are All Right

Now here is a film to settle the debate on gay marriage. Lisa Cholodenko's *The Kids Are All Right* manages to celebrate the concept of family values while insisting that it doesn't matter what “kind” of people make up said family.

Annette Bening and Julianne Moore play Nic and Jules, married Los Angelenos living with their teenage children Joni (Mia Wasikowska) and Laser (Josh Hutcherson). When Joni turns 18, she and Laser look up Paul (Mark Ruffalo), a hip eco-friendly restaurateur who fathered them by way of a sperm donation back in the early 1990s.

Eventually the “moms” get wind of the meeting and things become complicated. Everyone except Nic falls for Paul's relaxing charm, causing jealousy and frustration to burst forth and complicate what was once a comfortable family. This is not your typical suburban affair, at least, not the way we've been accustomed to seeing it on screen.

The *Kids Are All Right* isn't easy to get into, mostly due to how surprisingly strange it is watching Bening and Moore as a lesbian couple. But after a short while it all feels quite natural and the film hits a sweet groove of awkward family comedy mixed with a subtle assault on our society's insistence on making every situation a black or white affair.

The point of Cholodenko's film — by my reading — is that family is not something that is “given” to you. It is earned, and through work that lasts a lifetime. Your gender, sexual orientation, age, social status . . . these aren't nearly as important as putting in the time with the ones you love.

In a way this is a thoroughly conservative message: family is vitally important, but the best families come about because of individual effort. That Nic and Jules can stay together despite all the problems thrown their way (not just usual marriage stuff, but living in a long-term marriage in a society that distrusts homosexuals) is a wonderful thing to be celebrated, not feared.

Perhaps I'm going too far and *The Kids Are All Right* isn't all that political. After all, on its own it is simply an entertaining film about a family facing a crisis, and Cholodenko herself seems pretty aloof to its political possibilities. Either way, this is a film worth watching, and worth celebrating. To see it not nominated for multiple Oscars (especially Bening herself) would be criminal.

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LIVE THEATRE

Summer of My Amazing Luck returns for quick stop on SSI

Professional play back by audience demand

"You can never step in the same river twice," old Thucydides said, but in the arts the gods are sometimes tempted.

In presenting a second showing of Summer of My Amazing Luck on Sunday, Nov. 28, ArtSpring is about to do just that.

The play, produced by Vancouver's Shameless Hussy Productions, played here in August to an enthusiastic but somewhat diminished summer audience.

"Those who saw it loved the play so much," said executive director George Sipos, "that we knew we had to give more Salt Springers a chance to see it."

Adapted from a novel of the same name by Miriam Toews, the play is about several single mothers living on welfare in a housing development in Winnipeg.

Their lives are burdened with both poverty and the expected afflictions of uncaring bureaucrats, but enlivened by resourcefulness, a wicked sense of humour and intense loyalty to each other.

"As a premise, that may sound a bit heavy-going, but what the play delivers is charm, energy and an exhilaratingly unsentimental story of the human potential to wrest collective salvation from adversity," said Sipos.

"That's a long-winded way of saying the play has the most wonderful and believable happy ending."

Shameless Hussy is a small Vancouver theatre company that specializes in tackling big themes with minimal resources.

In this case, three actors play dozens of characters and create



Actor Renee Iaci in Summer of my Amazing Luck, which plays this Sunday night at ArtSpring.

brilliant vignettes with a simple set and a scattering of hand props. But it all works to deliver a theatre experience to rival the most lavish productions. The quality of the acting and the passion for the story create an unforgettable world.

To encourage as many people as possible to see the play, tickets have been priced at \$23 with a special \$10 ticket for anyone

who already saw it in August and now wants to bring a friend. Youth, as for all ArtSpring presentations, can get in for just \$5.

The performance, which arrives here after a week-long run in Nanaimo, starts at 8 p.m. and moves back to Vancouver immediately afterwards.

Tickets are available from the ArtSpring Ticket Centre at 250-537-2102.

Seasonal cheer at island's arts centre

Concerts, drama and literary events

WHAT'S ON AT ARTSPRING

The following December ArtSpring calendar could see a few more activities added, but here's some advance notice of already-booked events.

In the Galleries:

- Winter's Light: Rasma Bertz & Friends CD Launch — Sunday, Dec. 5, 3 p.m. Come and celebrate the successful release of Rasma's debut album, inspired by her annual Music & Munch recital.

The CD is based on the framework of light and the festivals in December, and features Medieval/Renaissance winter music, from high church and synagogue to apple orchard and street corner.

CDs will be for sale, and there will be music and munchies to enjoy in a convivial pre-Christmas atmosphere.

- A Chip Off the Old

Black: An Evening with Arthur Black — Friday, Dec. 3, 7 p.m.

Salt Spring Books invites you to come out for a load of laughs as Arthur Black regales us with hilarious stories about our universal human quirks. "A Chip Off the Old Black" is a great collection of both touching and scolding tales of what humans are all about. Free laughs.

In the Theatre:

- Chris Kodaly & Theodora Primes — Saturday, Dec. 4, 8 p.m. Garry Oaks Winery tasting, 7 p.m. Well-known Salt Spring pianist Chris Kodaly is joined by fellow pianist Theodora Primes, who has homes both on Salt Spring and in California, for a recital including solo performances, music for one piano/ four hands (Debussy's

Petite Suite), and music for two pianos (Saint Saens' Carnival of the Animals and Milhaud's Scaramouche). Listen locally. Hear globally. See double.

- Ash Girl: GISS 2nd Story Theatre — Tuesday, Dec. 7 and Wednesday, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m.

GISS students tackle playwright Timberlake Wertenbaker's comedy/drama.

- Salt Spring Singers: Wrapped in Song — Wrap yourself in seasonal music Saturday, Dec. 11, 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 12, 2 p.m. when Salt Spring Singers offer their Christmas concert called Wrapped Up in Song. From Sleigh Ride to Shout Glory, Morten Lauridsen to Vince Guaraldi there is something for every taste. As part of this eclectic and exciting performance the Singers will also be offering Ariel Ramirez' Navidad Nuestra, a folk drama of the nativity based on the rhythms and traditions of Hispanic

America. Anchoring the concert are perennial favourites Charles Ives' A Christmas Carol and an audience sing along. Come and listen, come and sing, come and celebrate the season.

- The Academy Presents...Celebrate the Season — Saturday, Dec. 18, 8 p.m. Academy students and teachers team up with guests from the community to celebrate the holiday season. Robbyn Scott, Oria Atkinson, the Gumbo Dancers and tango/swing dancers Isabelle and Morley are some of the guests joining the academy for a celebration of dance this holiday season.

- ArtSpringChristmas Singalong — Tuesday, Dec. 21, 7 p.m. Come join us for ArtSpring's annual Christmas singalong, featuring performances by Viva Voce, Arthur Black and the Lost Chords, among others.

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CREATIVITY

Island woman spreads love teaching and performing

Storytelling workshop set for Nov. 27

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A burst of creativity being released into the community this fall is the gift of Ahava Shira, a poet and newly qualified Ph.D. with extra love to share.

The name Ahava, which means "love" in Hebrew, was given to her at birth by a rabbi. Shira means "poetry" in the same language and was adopted by choice in the early '90s. Both names are lived up to in Shira's daily life, and informed her recent doctoral thesis in which she developed a creative process she calls Loving Inquiry.

With her period of study now behind her, Shira is ready to share



AHAVA SHIRA

her technique with "women in transition who want to bring more passion, joy and creativity into their work and lives." She has already begun teaching an online course and is preparing to offer workshops and retreats on Salt Spring at the new Centre for Loving Inquiry, which is based at her home studio on Butterstone Farm.

Shira said the farm helped inspire her own creative process and its physical attributes to form the technique, which has participants use stories, poems, photographs and personal artifacts to express past experiences and guide new explorations.

"Because there are so many gates on the farm, each with its own idiosyncratic opening, in order to move through them I need to pause, become present and pay attention to my immediate experience," Shira said.

"This experience led me to recognize how both the creative and spiritual process similarly benefits from slowing down and listening closely to

the present moment." With the Loving Inquiry process, metaphoric gates, identified with spiritual qualities, are passed through and include those for reflection, compassion and acceptance.

"The gates invite us to slow down and pay attention to what is important and meaningful in our lives," Shira explained.

"They encourage us to enter into a space of not-knowing and to explore what emerges when our minds and bodies are supported to relax and engage with all of our senses."

Shira will be sharing another innovative process from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 27 with the Story Sisters workshop for women at Stowel Lake Farm.

Shira and co-presenters Rowan Percy and Chris Smart (both of whom are fellow poets and Buddhist practitioners) have been engaging in the practice, described as an improvisational form of storytelling, for the past two years.

The three women have found that tell-

ing stories together builds community and interpersonal connections, as well as allowing the storytellers to revisit life experiences and ideas a number of times and ways.

"It's such a joyful experience we wanted to invite others to join," Shira said.

Another upcoming event is the launch of Shira's first spoken-word poetry CD *Love Is Like This* on Dec. 4 at Rock Salt Cafe. Smart and Percy will also share their poetry, and there will be an open mic to start the evening off at 8 p.m. and music to follow. Shira hopes the event will be just the first in an ongoing series of salon-type evenings held at the Rock Salt.

Apparently not content to leave any source untapped, Shira will be spreading her love further with help from the radio waves. Her new CFSI program *Love in the Afternoon* will be on the air Mondays from 1 to 2 p.m. and will include poetry, music and thoughts on building healthy relationships.

"Morning is regimented time — we're doing what we're supposed to be doing. Afternoon is the time to rethink things," Shira said, adding for relationships it can be the time to reframe and mature.

More information on Shira's Loving Inquiry courses can be found at www.ahavashira.com. To register for the Story Sisters workshop, call Percy at 250-537-2831 or Shira at 250-537-8767, or email ahava@gmail.com. The cost is \$50.

JAZZ

A 'potent bunch of musicians' hits jazz scene with Departure

House concert on Nov. 25

A jazz group with a few Salt Spring roots and a distinctive post-bop and fusion-jazz sound is playing a house concert on Thursday night.

The Departure Jazz Quartet — consisting of Monik Nordine on saxophones, Phill Albert on bass, Brent Jarvis on Fender Rhodes and Buff Allen on drums — will play at Hannah Brown's house (at 141 Pine Place) on Salt Spring beginning at 7 p.m.

They will be celebrating the launch of their group's debut and self-titled CD, which will be available for sale.

"This recording plays like a set on a live club date," notes Peter Taschuk in an album review on the quartet's website.

"It takes us on a journey through some pretty spectacular scenery and leaves us wanting to drive this road again. The recording quality is warm

and alive, the mixes are superb and the flow of the whole session is wonderful. It feels a lot like an old LP, which we listened to in its entirety, rather than to a succession of single unrelated tunes on an iPod set to shuffle. This is a potent bunch of musicians, and their distinctive individual styles have come together in a superbly unique blend."

Both Nordine and Albert have lived on Salt Spring in the past, and the band was initiated as a writing project between the two.

Jarvis is from Victoria, where Albert also currently lives, Nordine is now in Nanaimo, while Allen hails from Bowen Island.

To hear tracks from their most recent recording, visit www.myspace.com/moniknordine.

Tickets for the Nov. 25 concert are \$15 at the door. People are welcome to arrive as early as 6:30 p.m. Food and beverages will be available.

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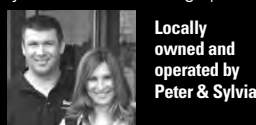
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GALLERIES

Best in Show pics celebrate man's best friend



One of Andrea Collins' photos in Best in Show.

Multi-artist Starfish Gallery exhibit opens Friday

BY ANDREA PALFRAMAN
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

When wolves and humans began hunting together 100,000 years ago we changed the evolutionary course of both species forever, forging a bond that still exists to this day. Indeed, new evidence suggests that to be fully human is to be partly wolf.

In the periodical *Discovery Archaeology*, biologist Wolfgang Schleidt notes that archaic humans may have developed into such a successful and dominant species because we had the oppor-

tunity to learn from, imitate and absorb into our cultures the traits and abilities of the wolves with whom we lived.

In celebration of that ancient connection, Starfish Gallery owner Andrea Collins has brought together a group of island artists who have literally used dogs as their muse. The group show, with the tongue-in-cheek name "Best in Show," opens Friday, Nov. 26.

Several pieces were commissioned directly for the exhibit, including works on paper by Briony Penn and ceramic sculptures by Deborah Gainer. Tina Louise Spalding's powerful astrological series features a wolf, rendered with her magic realist's touch. Spalding and Collins

are both offering custom dog portraits, the former in oils and acrylic and the latter as photography. They will be taking commissions throughout the duration of the show.

As owner of a pair of Jack Russell terriers, Collins has created a series of seasonal photographs of her own beloved animal companions for the show.

"I love to photograph my dogs outside in nature: in the forest, surrounded by large trees or in winter meadows filled with mist. They are so totally exuberant and in love with life, with exploration, with the rush of their own physicality. It enlivens me just to observe and accompany them," says Collins.

The show runs until Dec. 10,

with an opening reception at the Grace Point Square gallery on Friday the 26th from 6 to 8 p.m. Handcrafted chocolates from Morningside Organic Bakery Cafe and Bookstore will be served (to human patrons only). A portion of proceeds from the show will be donated to a cause close to Collins' heart.

"As a strong supporter of animal rights I wanted to help fundraise for one of the best animal rights organizations in the world — PeTA," she explains. "They are committed to putting an end to the horrors of large-scale industrial farming, animal abuse in circuses, animal testing, puppy mills and boycotting designers who use real fur in their clothing designs."

MUSIC & MUNCH

Highly anticipated Rasma Bertz concert at All Saints next week

New Winter's Light CD also available

People are invited to celebrate the precious light at this dark time of the year through joyous music and a new CD at All Saints By-the-Sea on Wednesday, Dec. 1.

"Winter's Light by Rasma Bertz is eagerly anticipated by Music Makers and all who know and love Rasma and her beautiful and eclectic music," states a press release from the Anglican parish group.

The celebration of winter festivals will end with an exuberant fanfare featuring trumpet, clarinet, bassoon, viola and vocal quartet

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sioned work by another composer from Victoria, Tobin Stokes.

Also on the program are works by three local female composers: Joi Freed-Garrod, Linda Quinn and Willo Stevenson.

Audience members will be taken on a musical journey of the festivals of December from Advent, Chanukah, Bodhi Day, Feast of Our Lady, through to winter solstice and finally Christmas.

The celebration of winter festivals will end with an exuberant fanfare featuring trumpet, clarinet, bassoon, viola and vocal quartet, arranged by Sarah MacDonald, formerly from Victoria and currently director of music at Selwyn College, Cambridge.

The concert begins at 12:10 and is free, with donations accepted with thanks.

A delicious lunch served after the concert costs \$5.50.

Bertz's CD will be on sale for \$20.

Bertz's concert last December at All Saints, featuring winter music from the "high church, synagogue, apple orchard and street corner," was greatly enjoyed by a sell-out audience and inspired her debut CD, which will be available following this year's concert.

This year Bertz will be joined on stage by many of her musical friends and colleagues who will entertain both vocally and instrumentally. Several pieces are newly composed and one by Victoria organist and composer Matthew Larkin was written for Bertz in 1988.

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Wed. November 24

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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

ACTIVITIES

SWOVA AGM. At the SWOVA office. 5 p.m.
Drawing/Painting the Figure. Two-session workshop with Dee Tessmann through the SS Painters Guild at ArtSpring on Nov. 24 and Dec. 1. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info/register: Ann Holt at annholt47@hotmail.com.

Thurs. November 25

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Pierre Schryer and Quinn Bachand. Fiddle & guitar. House concert at Long Harbour B&B. 7 p.m. RSVP to longharbourband@shaw.ca.
Departure Jazz Quartet. House concert at 141 Pine Place. 7 p.m. Doors at 6:30. \$15.
John Lefebvre & the Stonehouse Ravens. Live rock band at Moby's.
Stephanie Rhodes. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 5:30-8:30.
Open Mic. Thursdays at The Local pub. 6 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Prostate Cancer Support Group. Presentation on positive psychology by Trina Holt. Farmers' Institute. 1:30 p.m.
SSI Abbeyfield Housing Society AGM. In the OAP room of Fulford Hall. 7 p.m.
Lighthouse Presentation. Jon Healy shares pictures and stories at Trail & Nature Club event. Catholic Church. 7:30 p.m.

Fri. November 26

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Alan Miceli. Classical guitar at the Harbour House Hotel.
Owen Mathieson & Friends. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
John Lefebvre & the Stonehouse Ravens. Live rock band at Moby's.

ACTIVITIES

Bee Movie. Fundraiser for SS Co-op Preschool at The Fritz. 4 p.m.
White-tailed Ptarmigan Talk. Talk by Kathy Martin, professor in the Centre of Applied Conservation Biology and research scientist for Environment Canada. Community Gospel. 7 p.m. Admission by donation.
Rollerblading. For all ages at Fulford Hall. 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Tango Lessons. Half-hour lessons with Morley and Isabelle, followed by practica. Core Inn, 3rd floor. 8 to 10 p.m.

Sat. November 27

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Spectrum: Salt Spring Concert Band. Concert features a range of exciting music plus Matthew Stubbs performing Rhapsody in Blue. 8 p.m.
Santa Visit. Santa arrives at float plane dock at 12:45 p.m.; photos with Santa at Mahon Hall from 1 to 3 p.m., plus crafts and fun at the hall. Bring a food bank donation. Co-sponsored by the Driftwood and Salt Spring Arts Council.
Rant & Roll Fundraiser for Ken Rouleau. Mancubs, Wallabee Inbdeed, Lane 31 & John Lefebvre & the Stonehouse Ravens. Plus silent auction, food, bar. Falconshead Grill. Doors at 6 p.m.
Love is Like This CD Launch. Ahava Shira launches spoken-word poetry CD, with open mic & music at Rock Salt Cafe. 8 p.m.
Alan Moberg. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Planet Claire. '80s night at Moby's.

Sat. November 27

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Cycling Forum. Exhibits, Island Pathways AGM and slide show about cycling to Mexico (2 p.m.) Fulford Hall. 12 noon to 4 p.m.
Winterfaire. Booths, silent auction and a cafe for lunch and snack breaks. SS United Church. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Waldorf Winterfest. Crafts, musical performances, puppet shows, cafe, books and craft supplies for sale, door prizes and a Waldorf information table. Beaver Point Hall. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
CFUW Meeting. Green party leader Elizabeth May is guest speaker. Harbour House. 10 a.m.
Sounder Sleep Workshop. With Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio. 1 to 4 p.m. Info/register: 250-537-5681 or anna@bonesforever.com.
Story Sisters: The Wisdom of Improvisational Storytelling. A workshop for women with Ahava Shira, Chris Smart and Rowan Percy. At the Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. 1 to 5 p.m. Info/register: Rowan, 250-537-2831.

Sun. November 28

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Summer of my Amazing Luck. Production of the Miriam Toews play presented by Shameless Hussy Productions from Vancouver. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
The Barley Bros Sundays at the Harbour House Hotel.

ACTIVITIES

Morning Meditation. Zen practice at Ango Retreat. 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: Simon Rompre, 250-537-1721.
In-House Christmas Sale. At Lady Minto Hospital Thrift Store. 1 to 4 p.m.
Island Arts Centre Society AGM. ArtSpring gallery, 1 p.m.

Mon. November 29

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Voice of Women. General meeting, report on national conference and a short video at the SS Literacy office (126 Hereford). 2 p.m.
Toastmasters. Crofton Room in the Harbour House Hotel. 7 p.m.

Tues. November 30

ACTIVITIES

Festival of Light - Advent. Traditional ceremony at Salt Spring Centre. 6:45 to 8 p.m.
Industrial Lands & Home-Based Business Open House. Islands Trust event to gather input and share ideas about potential changes to the land use bylaw. Lions Hall. 3 to 7 p.m.

Wed. December 1

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Rasma Bertz & Friends. Music & Munch recital of winter music at All Saints. 12:10 p.m.
Open Stage. Stephanie Rhodes at Moby's. 8 p.m.
Lloyd English Trio. Live jazz at the Harbour House.

ACTIVITIES

World AIDS Day March. GISS Global Awareness Group event. Begins at 12:45 p.m. on the lower high school field and goes through town.

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EXHIBITIONS

- Dogs are the subject for **Best In Show**, a fundraiser for the animal rights organization PeTA. Opens Friday, Nov. 26, 6 to 8 p.m. and runs daily through Dec. 10.
- **Cherneff Christmas Show & Sale.** Pots, sculpture, paintings by Gary, glass jewellery by Lisa and Christmas decor by Beth. 520 Long Harbour Rd. Sat.-Sun., Nov. 27-28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Under the Rainbow - Over the Moon!** A Christmas Show & Sale of pottery by Pat Webber and Art You Wear by Ulriek Benner. 425 Stewart Rd. Sat.-Sun., Nov. 27-28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Pegasus Framing Gallery** presents work by the lino-cut master Richard Calver along with Bill Mayberry abstracts and hyper-realist oils by Christopher Walker.
- Photographer **Eric Klemm** shows two new images — Tower and Standing Babas — at **Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art** from Wed., Nov. 24 through Sat., Dec. 11.
- **Lyman Whitaker** brings his wind sculptures to Grace Point Square via **Steffich Fine Art**. Installation occurs outdoors from Wed., Nov. 24 to 28.
- **Patricia Brown** shows her paintings in the **ArtSpring** lobby through November.
- **Margaret Threlfall's** miniature original watercolours are now available in the **ArtSpring** lobby display case.
- **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.
- **Larry Melious** shows photographs on a dance theme at **Barb's Bakery & Bistro**.
- **Delaine Faulkner** shows work at **Island Savings** through October.
- **Kalvin Clark** has paintings at **Talia Cafe**.
- **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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SNOW SCULPTURE: Jasper Irwin puts a carrot nose on his snowman built in Centennial Park.

JEWELLERY

Beading group has first showcase at Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art

Event runs Dec. 2 to 4

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's traditional craft fair weekend kicks off early this year with a special show and sale of beaded jewellery at the Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art.

Opening Thursday, Dec. 2 from 4 to 7 p.m. and continuing Friday and Saturday, the sale is the first showcase of work by six women who have been working together for the past 18 months. Leslie DeAthe, Jennifer Quick, Carol Newmeyer, Marilyn Lea, Maryann Wiggan and Erica Ross are the members of the beading group. They will be joined by the gallery's fine jeweller Virginia Midgett.

The beading group has shared a membership at the cooperative gallery since last May, but this marks the first occasion that most of their jewellery designs will be available to the public. Each piece is a stand alone piece and unique because, as DeAthe explained, the group came together through a mutual interest and subsequent obsession with the art, rather than a desire to create items for sale.

"For us the more important thing is making really fun, attractive jewellery, rather than being in production mode," DeAthe said during a recent visit to the gallery.

The beading group started out as an organic gathering of friends who decided to meet every Wednesday morning to bead, talk and have coffee. None of the women had beaded before, so the meetings were (and continue to be) a place of cooperative learning and encouragement.

What started out as an enjoyable pastime soon grew more significant as the women explored with techniques, patterns and materials.

"We started making so much stuff we thought we'd better start sharing it because we can't wear it all," DeAthe said.

"We all freely admit we're addicted to beads."

As a group the beaders usually

work together on an exercise, which produces results as individual as the artists themselves. DeAthe said they often start with the same ingredient — a string of semi-precious stones, for example — and then see what each person comes up with. Or, they might work on a new technique but include different materials or colour choices.

"We like to set ourselves up a little group challenge — it provokes new bursts of creativity," DeAthe said.

The women have followed their passion to workshops on Whidbey Island and as far away as Milwaukee, home to the biggest bead show in the world (according to promotional material). On Whidbey they attended a six-day course taught by Beverly Ash Gilbert, beading from 8:30 in the morning until 6:30 at night, with breaks in between for home-cooked meals.

"We learned some wonderful free-form techniques [that are] spontaneous and creative," DeAthe said.

Gilbert's style involves using gems, crystals and pearls that can be connected to woven fibres, pieces of fabric or beads stitched onto a backing.

"We're constantly learning and stretching and seeing where we can take this art," DeAthe said.

"It's absolutely more than a hobby — it's a creative process we're all engaging in. It just happens that the form is beads."

With next weekend's showcase and sale, the beaders will have earrings, bracelets and necklaces priced for a full range for gift potential, from under \$50 to over \$200. Midgett's fine jewellery art in gold and silver with precious gems will also be part of the show.

Christmas gift wrapping is available — and so is consultation for any men who need help with shopping.

All the artists will be on hand for Thursday's opening reception. The show carries on from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. DeAthe suggests shoppers heading south to the Christmas craft fairs at Beaver Point stop in town for a look on their way.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Winterfaire runs this weekend

Hand-made flavour on tap Nov. 27

A popular annual Christmas bazaar returns this Saturday when WinterFaire sets up at the Salt Spring United Church.

Winterfaire runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 27, offering a variety of booths, a silent auction, and a cafe for lunch and snack breaks, with the aim of making preparing for Christmas both easy and fun.

The Christmas Decor booth

will feature items for children, tableware, knick knacks and one-of-kind cards, gift tags and wrapping paper.

At the From our Kitchens booth will be home baking, preserves and "recipes in a jar," those attractively packaged do-it-yourself goodies that will suit everyone on the Christmas list.

The From our Gardens booth will offer wreaths, winter bouquets, table centrepieces and swags, all handmade from fresh greenery, dried flowers, cones,

seed heads and pods.

At the From our Studios booth, craft items created in "worker bees" by members of the church's congregation will sit side-by-side with intriguing "grab bags."

This year's event will also feature a silent auction of fine items, including paintings, art objects and gift baskets. WinterFaire is an upstairs, downstairs event, with booths in the lower hall and a Christmas cafe in the upper hall for patrons to enjoy both lunch and snacks.

HOUSE CONCERT

Schryer, Bachand team up for intimate gig

At Long Harbour B&B Thursday

Fans of Canadian fiddle music won't want to miss a house concert by Pierre Schryer and Quinn Bachand on Salt Spring on Thursday night.

According to website material, Schryer is part of the vibrant Franco-Ontarian culture of Canada, who has earned some of the top

fiddle awards in North America.

"Pierre truly captivates audiences with his energy, genuine warmth and flawless ability in any style from Irish, Scottish and Québécois, to Canadian, American or swing."

Guitar player Quinn Bachand is part of an acclaimed young Victoria duo with his fiddling sister Kristina.

"Quinn adds a contemporary edge to traditional Celtic music;

his hard-driving strumming, inventive chord voicing and powerful rhythmic effects make even the most well-worn tunes seem new and exciting," states the Bachand website.

The Nov. 25 event is at the Long Harbour Bed and Breakfast at 121 Little Mountain Rd. beginning at 7 p.m.

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Lyman Whitaker, who specializes in creating wind-powered kinetic sculptures, will be installing his artwork in Grace Point Square, courtesy of Steffich Fine Arts beginning this Wednesday.



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ART INSTALLATION



Kinetic sculptures arrive at Grace Point Square

Steffich Fine Art sponsors ongoing public display

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An American sculptor whose work is found in public gardens and corporate plazas across North America will now include Salt Spring on his list of installation sites.

Lyman Whitaker specializes in creating kinetic sculptures that are powered by the wind, which he manufactures at his studio in Utah. Each wind sculpture is hand-crafted from copper, steel and stainless steel. The moving pieces pass by each other in lofty spiral and double helix designs, rotating around vertical rods that can reach anywhere from five to 27 feet in height.

The end pieces, shaped like leaves, fans and ribbons, are weathered with an applied patina for an earthy palette of rust, brown, tan and green. According to Whitaker's website, "the sculptures are intriguing when caught in one's peripheral vision for a second, but not a diversion; up close, the experience is mesmerizing and interactive."

Whitaker and his assistants will be installing 20 wind sculptures in Grace Point Square over the next four days through an arrangement with Steffich Fine Art. Gallery owner Matt Steffich said the sculptures will be grouped in three compositions or "wind gardens" and will remain in place indefinitely, part of his ongoing interest in bringing art to Salt Spring's open places.

"For a town that pitches itself as an arts community, there's a real lack of public art," Steffich said.

Although the centre is privately

owned commercial space, he noted it's also "a public square where everyone can look at it."

Salt Spring's reputation as an arts community in fact had a strong part in convincing Whitaker to bring his work north from Utah, where a friend of Steffich's first viewed the sculptures and passed on his recommendation.

After viewing Whitaker's art on his website, Steffich agreed with his friend that Whitaker had a special talent.

"I see a lot of stuff, so it takes more and more for me to look twice, but I picked up on this right away," Steffich said. "It's not very often you find an artist that has such wide appeal."

Partly because of the shipping and installation costs, Whitaker is quite fussy about where his sculptures go. In order to get his approval, Steffich first has to get past the artist's wife and business manager Stacy Christensen. Steffich said that after a 40-minute phone conversation discussing the gallery and the Salt Spring arts community, Christensen was booking her flight for a reconnaissance mission. Surprisingly, Whitaker elected to join her.

Both Christensen and Whitaker approved of their findings and decided Salt Spring would make a good fit with the wind sculptures.

"As far as we're concerned, it's a huge coup to have pulled this off, not just for the gallery but for Salt Spring. I was quite flattered that they picked us," Steffich said.

"People will come over here for this. It will be a huge draw."

More information and images of Whitaker's sculpture can be found at www.whitakerstudio.com/artwork.html.

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ART PHOTOGRAPHY

New Klemm images at local gallery

Tower and Standing Babas grab attention

Two major new photographs by Salt Spring Island photographer Eric Klemm will be exhibited for the first time at the Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art.

Opening on Wednesday, Nov. 24 and running until Dec. 11, the large tableaux images show a slightly different side of the artist.

"In Tower, the viewer is confronted by what seems like a multi-story housing unit, Salt Spring-style in its frugal use of alternative materials," states a press release from the gallery. "Nothing odd there until you see that it is plunked down in the middle of the mud flat of Fulford Harbour. There is something familiar about it, but it is firmly in the surreal."

The other photo shows a tower of another kind, in a moody and dramatic image of the recently completed stone sculpture installation by artist Ron Crawford titled Standing Babas, which presides on the property of art patron, musician and environmentalist John Lefebvre.

Far from being a literal representation, the photograph in its scale attempts to mirror the monumentality of the sculpture.

Well known for other more documentary works of art photography, including Silent Warriors and The Italian Journey — soon to be released in book form — these new pieces reinforce a side of Klemm that many people outside the photographic community may not be aware of.

These new works will be on exhibit, along with several other photos never seen before.

CONTEST

Kids' stories welcome

Dec. 9 is deadline

It's the season for writing Christmas stories, as the Driftwood once again hosts its annual contest for all children in the Gulf Islands.

Stories of up to 500 words in length on any kind of Christmas or seasonal theme are welcomed. Cash prizes of \$30 for first-place stories and \$20 for second place will be awarded in each age group.

The writer's full name, age, address and telephone number should be written on the back of stories before they are dropped off or mailed to the Driftwood office, 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring, V8K 2V3.

Deadline for receipt of entries is Thursday, Dec., 9.

Winning entries are published in the Dec. 22 paper.



Eric Klemm's image of The Standing Babas is one of two new pieces on display at Pegasus Gallery.

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TOURISM

Visitor centre volunteers feted at chamber party

Prizes, gifts and lunch all part of the fun at Oystercatcher

Ganges Visitor Information Centre volunteers were honoured last Thursday when the Chamber of Commerce held an appreciation luncheon at Oystercatcher Restaurant.

"These volunteers answer questions from over 40,000 visitors and locals about accommodation, restaurants, where to rent a vehicle or kayak, how to find a trail head, etc.," explains a chamber press release.

"They are the lifeblood of tourism on Salt Spring — and the chamber and local businesses know it, hence the party."

The 27 volunteers received a five-course meal, sponsored by individual chamber businesses and members, a ticket for door prize draws and a gift bag with coupons for local products ranging from \$5 to \$50 in value.

Prize winners were Audrey Denton (a two-night stay at Mom's B&B in Youbou), Trudy and Randy Sloan (a two-night stay at Victoria's English Inn) and John and



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Some of the volunteers honoured at last week's Chamber of Commerce luncheon were, from left, Zeke Blazecka, Audrey Denton, Barb Dumoulin, Laura Moore and Ann Taylor.

Roz Hobbs (a three-day, two-night storm B&B in Tofino).

season getaway at Chesterman Beach To facilitate these weekend getaways,

local accommodation providers stepped up and forged reciprocal agreements with each community's visitor centre, so thanks are owed to Harbour House Hotel, Salt Spring Inn and Alders Plantation Vacation Rental.

Thanks also to Tofino's Vacation Rental Agency, visitor centre and chamber, the chamber in Youbou and the English Inn's parent company, LFC Lampson Hospitality.

Sponsors of gift items for each volunteer included North End Fitness, Country Grocer, Salt Spring Inn, Salt Spring Dollars, Salt Spring Cheese, Raven Street Market Café, Island Escapades, Windsor Plywood, Mouat's Clothing, Hastings House, Accommodations Group of Salt Spring Island, Royal Le Page and Mouat's Home Hardware.

Speaking on behalf of the volunteers, John Hobbs thanked chamber manager Paul Neale and the directors for their efforts in putting together the luncheon and substantial prize offerings.

Hobbs noted that this year's cache of prizes with an estimated value exceeding \$7,600 easily set a new record.

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NATURAL WONDERS

Sea lions take winter snooze

Watch for spectacular sight in the Salish Sea

BY TAMAR GRIGGS
 DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

In the early afternoon of Nov. 17, during a break in the south-east storm that hit our cove, my Shepadoodle dog Daisy and I hiked the bluff.

It was cold as ice on the steep northern slope as we wound our way up the mossy rocks to the summit, which was bathed in warm sun. Here we surprised 12 snoozing sea lions far below, packed like sausages on the surface of the sea! Never have I seen such a congregation of sea lions at the bluff!

Naturally, they surprised me, and Daisy and I surprised them! In a flash, they all dove together, sending out a gigantic spray of foamy water. One of them must have been keeping an eye out for danger.

From the height of the bluff, I watched their ghostly bodies vanish into the deep, and then emerge all together, bursting through the surface of the sea and exhaling like whales. Poof!

The tight group swirled around, making delightful un-choreographed water ballet patterns, still nervous with our unexpected presence.

They kept diving together and surfacing as a single organism. Daisy quietly sat on her haunches, gazing far below at the wonderful sight.

Farther south along the bluff another group of five sea lions dove and fed with a flock of gulls fluttering over the jaws of these hungry mammals as they surfaced with a fish.

How the gulls avoid being snatched by these animals is a mystery to me. I'd think the dangling webbed feet of the birds would be



PHOTO BY TAMAR GRIGGS

Steller sea lions spotted off Bold Bluff on Nov. 17.

an easy catch, but obviously sea lions prefer fish and octopus to feathers.

"Daisy! Let's get the whaler and check the sea lions out!" I yelled enthusiastically.

She jumped up eager for action and led the way home over the squishy emerald green mossy bluff scattered with crimson arbutus berries, the shiny blue sea far below and white-winged gulls reeling like snowflakes in the sunlight.

I drove the boat slowly, hugging the cliffs, not wanting to frighten the marine mammals. There they were — the snoozing bunch — close to Salty's Cabin! More were diving and feeding at the point with clusters of gulls.

Several curious sea lions popped their heads up and stared at us. I turned the engine off and we drifted backwards in the swift current. Suddenly the air turned cold, the sky became ominously dark and cold rain pelted us.

As I turned the engine on to go home, two white mute swans

flew right over our heads, close to us! "Daisy, the swans are back! Hi swans! Welcome! Please visit us!" I called to them as they flew past beating ponderous wings and landing far away at Hope Point. (Last year there was a big empty space in my cove as our resident winter swans did not return).

Back at the dock, as I wrapped the ropes around the cleats, the sun came out. What a magnificent day at Bold Bluff!

Note: Steller sea lions are the largest of all sea lions, the males weighing a whopping 2,200+ pounds and the diminutive females weighing in at 650 pounds.

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ISLAND CLUBS

Bridge players should have checked the boards

Three-and-a-half tables difficult number to manage

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Once upon an evening dreary, while we pondered, weak and weary, Over yet another goof-up of the last week's bridge game score . . . While we gathered, gaily yapping, suddenly there came a tapping, As of people loudly rapping, rapping at our mental door. "There's some laxity," they uttered, "lack of vigilance of lore." Quoth the Mavens, "Nevermore."

BRIDGETRICKS

And so followed a stern reminder that each and every player must check the boards at each table, and make sure the right people are playing the right cards at the right time. (Apologies to Mr. Poe.) There had been three and a half tables on Oct. 18 with Patricia Hewett and Bob Morrisette emerging in first place, Jeff Bell and Prem Margolese in second, and a tie for third between the Judy Boel-George Penwarden and the Blanche Pobor-sa-Paul Retallack pairs, a happy placement for Judy and George, off

for the winter to Mexico. It was on Oct. 25 that the second wash-out occurred (the first was on Sept. 27) because of a wrong board being played at a wrong table, resulting in the above reminder the following week. There had been three and a half tables again — a difficult number to manage, it seems. Nov. 1 saw careful checking and this time the three and a half tables went smoothly, with George and Flo Laundry as the winners. Second place went to Zelly Taylor and Paul Retallack, and third to Isabelle Richardson and Jean Elder. It was a farewell for this year to Jeff Bell, too, who was returning to Ontario until next summer.

On Nov. 8 there were four full tables and this time George Laundry partnered with Ron Hall to come out on top. Prem Margolese and Paul Retallack were second, and again there was a tie for third place when Irene Hawksworth and Jill Evans managed the same score as Isabelle Richardson and Jean Elder. For info about these Monday evening duplicate games at Seniors, just contact George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastorale@shaw.ca. Please note that starting Monday, Nov. 29, the Gulf Islands Duplicate Bridge Club will switch time and place to the daylight hours, meeting at 12:45 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 135 Drake Road.



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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

LOCAL HISTORY

IODE poster resurfaces after decades lost

1916 document to become museum exhibit

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A historic document belonging to one of Salt Spring's earliest service clubs has been recovered with help from a contemporary member.

The hand-painted poster advertising an IODE bake sale was originally displayed at the Salt Spring Island Trading Company in 1916. The women's club was raising money to make socks and pajamas to send to soldiers fighting in World War I.

Seventy-five years after it was painted, the poster was donated back to the IODE by Garnet Young, whose mother had hung it on her wall directly after the sale. But after surviving three quarters of a century intact, sometime after the donation the poster quietly disappeared.

Lucile Adderley, IODE past president, became interested in the artifact when she came across a Driftwood story describing the poster published shortly after the donation in 1991. Adderley realized she'd never seen the item.



"I thought obviously it was the property of the chapter," Adderley said. "I wondered where it was and tried to find out where it could be from people who might know. Nobody seemed to know anything about this poster."

Putting on her detective hat, Adderley searched for Joyce Parsons, who according to the Driftwood received the poster after it was donated. Parsons no longer lived on Salt Spring, but Adderley eventually tracked her down through IODE's Cowichan Dogwoods chapter.

Adderley visited Parsons where she was living with her son in Duncan last February. She had to tell the son the entire story

because Parsons, by this time, was quite deaf. Parsons had a hard time understanding the request, but eventually thought she might have put the poster into storage at Mouat's Trading, where she worked before she left the island.

Adderley next called Mouat's former owner Tom Toynbee and current manager Kevin Bell to see whether they knew anything, with no luck. It was with considerable surprise, then, that she received a call from Bell just after Thanksgiving, saying he'd located the poster during a big clear-out of the storage area.

"So that was pretty exciting to realize it actually turned up," Adderley said.

Bell dropped the poster off at Adderley's home the very same day. The back clearly marks the poster as property of the IODE, H.M.S. Ganges chapter. She presented it to the club at its meeting on Nov. 12.

The poster is now destined for the Bit-tancourt House Museum. Curator John Fulker has said he'd like to give it a place of prominence directly over the fireplace. The new location is a welcome one, said Adderley, "rather than going to the archives, where it would probably just sit in a box."

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Notice of Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Commission

The Annual General Meeting of the Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Commission will be held on Saturday, November 27 at 1 p.m. at the Salt Spring Island Baptist Church, Lower Auditorium, 520 Lower Ganges Road. For information please call: 1.800.663.4425 or 250.360.3087 or email lsiemens@crd.bc.ca.

Capital Regional District



Notice to Electors Within Salt Spring Island Electoral Area of the Capital Regional District

Elector Approval Process for CRD Bylaw No. 3740 - Amending the Maximum Requisition Rate to \$0.044/\$1,000 (\$146,250 in 2010) for the Transportation Component of the Community Transit and Transportation Service on Salt Spring Island

Notice is Hereby Given that the Board of Directors of the Capital Regional District ("CRD") proposes to adopt Bylaw No. 3740, "Salt Spring Island Community Transit and Transportation Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2010" to increase the annual maximum requisition rate from \$0.014/\$1,000 to \$0.044/\$1,000 (or from \$46,250 to \$146,250) for the transportation service on Salt Spring Island. This service includes but is not limited to:

- transportation studies;
- construction, installation, maintenance and regulation of sidewalks and bicycle paths;
- construction, maintenance and regulation of parking spaces, areas and facilities;
- implementation and providing transportation demand management programs;
- construction and maintenance of pedestrian safety and traffic calming facilities.

In addition to planning for transportation projects, this service would potentially invest Federal Gas Tax Funds to implement the North Ganges Village Transportation Plan and partner with other groups to improve transportation infrastructure, systems and services.

The taxation impact for the transportation service, per average residential assessment of \$550,539 at the \$146,250 requisition level, is approximately \$26.56 per annum.

The Salt Spring Island Electoral Area is the participating area for this service.

Take Further Notice that the CRD may proceed with Bylaw No. 3740, unless at least 877 electors within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area of the CRD indicate by signing the elector response forms, that the Board must obtain the assent of the electors by way of referendum before proceeding to adopt Bylaw No. 3740. The CRD has estimated that the total number of electors within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area is 8,779 and that 10% of that number is 877.

The elector response form must be in the form as established by the CRD and forms are available from the CRD on request. The only persons entitled to sign elector response forms are electors of the area to which the alternative approval process opportunity applies. The alternative approval process opportunity applies within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area of the CRD.

The deadline for delivering the original signed elector response forms to the CRD, in relation to Bylaw No. 3740, is 4:30 pm on Tuesday, the 4th day of January, 2011. Forms must be received by the deadline to be counted.

For technical information regarding the service, contact Bob Fenske, CRD Manager, Transportation Operations, Salt Spring Island, tel. 250.537.6227, email bfenske@crd.bc.ca or Robert Lapham, General Manager, CRD Planning & Protective Services, PO Box 1000, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6, tel. 250.360.3285, during regular office hours Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) from the date of this notice until the 4th day of January, 2011.

Qualifications for Resident and Non-Resident Property Electors

• **Resident Elector:** You are entitled to submit an elector response form as a Resident Elector if you are 18 years or older on the date of submission of the elector response form, are a Canadian citizen, have resided in British Columbia for 6 months and in the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area of the CRD for at least 30 days prior to signing the elector response form.

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To obtain an elector response form, or for further information about the elector approval process, please contact Sheila Norton, CRD Administration, PO Box 1000, 625 Fisgard Street, 5th Floor, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6, or telephone (toll free) 1.800.663.4425 local 3129 from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays. A copy of the elector response form may be downloaded from www.crd.bc.ca/election/

Elector response forms may also be obtained at the CRD Salt Spring Island Building Inspection Office, #206-118 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2S4 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm).

A copy of Bylaw No. 3740 and a copy of this Notice may be inspected during regular office hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) from the date of this notice until the 4th day of January, 2011 at the following locations:

- public notice board in the lobby of CRD headquarters, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC
- Building Inspection Office, #206-118 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
- on the CRD website:

for Bylaw No. 3740: www.crd.bc.ca/bylaws/bylawsubjectrefer/
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Given under my hand at Victoria, B.C. this 10th day of November, 2010.

Sheila M. Norton
Acting Corporate Officer
Capital Regional District

ZEN

Beginner's mind celebrated at next Zen sitting

Ideal opportunity for newcomers to practice on Nov. 28

BY ROWAN PERCY
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Many people have become familiar with the phrase "beginner's mind," but 51 years ago it was news.

In 1959, an unknown Japanese man arrived on the shores of North America and began to teach Zen meditation in San Francisco.

This small, sparkly eyed man, agile in mind and body, known as Suzuki Roshi, was loved by his students and, though he died of cancer in 1971, he is affectionately remembered by many Zen practitioners.

His teachings continue to inspire millions. "Beginner's mind" was one of Suzuki Roshi's key teachings and through Zen practice it has become a way of being.

Peter Levitt is a Zen teacher in the lineage of Suzuki Roshi and serves as the teacher for Salt Spring Zen Circle.

He says, "Beginner's mind brings fresh attention to every detail of our daily lives. It is curious and open to what is next, no matter how routine the activity may appear. There is no such thing as 'been there, done that.' Beginner's mind means to realize each moment as one that has never been lived before."

Geoff Fishleigh, a student of Zen on Salt Spring, whose sense of adventure fuels his life, says, "sitting in meditation can be very difficult, but it sure makes life easier."

Salt Spring Zen Circle will hold a free morning meditation practice at Ango Retreat, 340 LePage Road, on Sunday, Nov. 28, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Beginners are especially welcome and are requested to arrive 15 minutes early for instruction, says coordinator Simon Rompre. (For information, please call him at 250-537-1721.)

This mini meditation retreat will include some periods of sitting meditation, a talk by Peter Levitt and a brief period of work, so people should bring appropriate clothes to change into.

In keeping with Zen tradition, the teacher receives no remuneration for this morning's practice, but donations for his teachings are gratefully accepted.

Anyone with physical limitations is welcome to attend, whether or not they are able to engage in work practice. Comfortable, warm, loose-fitting clothing is best for meditation. Chairs are available.

Salt Spring Zen Circle also sits weekly on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at 210 Cedar Lane and is always open to beginners, newcomers and experienced meditators.

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

EDUCATION

Holistic learning at Waldorf festival

Winter festival participation sought

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Families hoping to establish a Waldorf elementary school on Salt Spring are inviting the community to celebrate the winter season at an upcoming festival at Beaver Point Hall.

Salt Spring Friends of Waldorf Education Society is hosting the event this Saturday, Nov. 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Do-it-together crafts, puppet shows, interactive music and Waldorf-related traditions are all part of the festivities marking the passage into winter. Entry is free and activities can be entered with \$2 tokens.

Festivals and traditional events are an integral part of the Waldorf system, which was developed in the early 20th century by Austrian philosopher Rudolph Steiner. Other aspects are aimed at respecting children's developmental stages, fostering creativity through art, drama and music, and developing a relationship with nature and the seasons.

Many of these aspects have attracted island parents seeking a well-rounded education for their children. Waldorf educators like Kim Hunter and Charlotte Mutch have run kindergarten programs for many years, while a broader-based elementary school existed for a time on Stark's Road. A recent addition is a south-end kindergarten program temporarily located at Seven Ravens Tree Nursery.

Parents with children currently enrolled in the vari-



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

From left, Cleo Nickels, Saraphina Ogis and Quinn Nickels are future and current Waldorf kindergarten students.

ous kindergarten programs are hoping to continue that educational path with a future school, starting with grades 1 to 3 and building from there. But before they ask the community to support such a project, they are inviting people to see what Waldorf has to offer.

"I think it's going to be a very magical introduction to a Waldorf festival for anybody that's not been to one," said Rachel Ogis, whose daughter Saraphina attends the south-end kindergarten.

"It sets the stage for children and families to be together in a creative and supportive environment," added Heidi Cowan, mother of kindergarten student Quinn Nickels.

Ogis and Cowan are among

a group of parents and Waldorf teachers who have been preparing for the festival event. Among other tasks, they have created tiny handmade presents for children to take home and have sewn a quilt together for a door prize.

Using natural materials and making things by hand is another part of Steiner's philosophy. Children — even at the kindergarten and pre-school age — are given useful jobs to do with their hands that include chopping vegetables for soup and making bread they'll share for lunch, or sawing wood for handmade toys.

Cowan explained that her family chose Waldorf because of a concern about the spread of "the global world."

"How busy we are, how much technology we rely on — if we involve children in that too soon they lose their childhoods."

Giving children tasks that are meaningful, Cowan said, gives them a feeling of accomplishment and helps them develop as willing community members from a young age.

The artistic component of education is also valued. As Ogis observed: "I think one of the things we've learned with the Waldorf tradition is making things with beauty and doing things with beauty. You're exploring creative and artistic talent in everything you do, not just in crafts."

People interested in learning more about the benefits of Waldorf education can take a look during the festival at lesson books completed by Rachel Hughes, a local fabric artist who did all her schooling through the Waldorf program in Toronto.

The education society has been sponsoring a series of lectures explaining Steiner's philosophy, including one last weekend on the approach to literacy that begins teaching reading and writing skills at age seven.

Salt Spring Friends of Waldorf Education Society also hold monthly planning meetings to which anyone is welcome to attend, usually held the second Monday of the month. The next meeting is set for Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Salt Spring Centre yurt, located just before the school parking lot.

For more information, call Cowan at 250-653-9560 or Ogis at 250-537-8852.

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Hartland Landfill 2011 Changes



Pending CRD Board approval, as of January 2, 2011 Hartland Landfill will increase its tipping fees to:

- **\$107 per tonne of general refuse**
- **\$117 per tonne of waste sludge**
- **All other waste will be increased by \$2 per tonne**

In addition to an increase in tipping fees, Product Stewardship Materials will be banned from disposal as refuse at Hartland landfill. Pending CRD Board approval, the new disposal ban will take effect January 2, 2011. Most of these materials are accepted at the Hartland Recycling Facility and other recycling locations throughout the region. For a complete list of where to recycle these products visit www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/recycling.

For more information visit www.crd.bc.ca/hartland or call 250.360.3030.

CYCLING

Route to Mexico highlighted in images

Couple brings slide show to Fulford Hall

A slide show about cycling to Mexico is part of the show at an afternoon bicycle forum and Island Pathways AGM at Fulford Hall on Saturday, Nov. 27.

Island Pathways will hold its AGM at 2 p.m., with a summary of the year's undertakings to improve non-motorized transportation on Salt Spring, followed by a slide show presented by Torill Gillespie and Brydone Dewar.

According to Island Pathways, in April of 2009 Gillespie e-mailed her fellow from her

boring job, saying, "Hang it. Let's cycle to Mexico." Dewar wrote back pronto: "Sure. When?"

Gillespie's parents live on Salt Spring. She visits often, has stayed for longer stretches, and has worked at Rock Salt.

Dewar is an exceptional photographer, who carried his full-size camera on the trip to capture many great views and close-ups.

"They left Salt Spring on a sunny fall morning, heading for the Anacortes ferry," explains press material.

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"Finally, they took a ship from La Paz to Mazatlan, cycled to Puerto Vallarta, then flew home."

Island Pathways' AGM and speakers are part of a cycling forum funded by the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission.

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Capital Regional District **CRD**

Notice of Adoption of Bylaw 3736, Amendment to Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw

The Board of the Capital Regional District (CRD) gives notice that it intends to adopt Bylaw 3736, Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw No. 5, 2003, Amendment Bylaw No. 9, 2010, at its meeting of Wednesday, December 8, 2010, in the Board Room at 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC.

The purpose of the bylaw is:

- to increase the tipping fee for general refuse by \$5 to \$105 per tonne at the Hartland landfill, effective January 2, 2011
- to increase the tipping fee for waste sludge to \$115 per tonne
- to add definitions for animal feces and surface coating waste to be established as controlled wastes at a fee of \$150 per tonne
- to add a tipping fee surcharge of \$2 per tonne to all wastes received at Hartland for the remediation of Millstream Meadows
- to restrict from landfilling current and future product stewardship program materials regulated under the BC Recycling Regulation.

A copy of the bylaw may be inspected between the hours of 8:30am - 4:30pm, Monday - Friday inclusive, from the date of this Notice until December 8, 2010 at the CRD locations listed below:

- Public Notice Posting Place, Main Floor Foyer, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria
- Hartland Landfill Administration Offices, Hartland Avenue, Victoria
- on the CRD website www.crd.bc.ca/bylaws/solidwastehartlandla/_index.htm Select Bylaw 3736 from the list of bylaws.

Questions regarding the bylaw may be directed to John Craveiro, Environmental Sustainability, Tel: 250.360.3164 or 1.800.663.4425 (local 3164).

Dated November 22, 2010

Sheila Norton | Acting Corporate Officer

CHARITY

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The Salt Spring Raging Granies' latest project has been a sun-blessed success and donations are invited to keep it cooking.

The Lesotho Solar Cooker Project has seen 118 solar-cooking stoves provided to families in the small, land-locked, mountainous country completely surrounded by South Africa, and more are always needed.

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Lesotho grandmothers who have received solar cookers.

by AIDS," said Raging Granies member Jill Willmott. "The grandmothers' job is hard and the emotional strain considerable, but this is eased somewhat by the use of sun-stoves which heat water, cook food and elimi-

nate the arduous task of collecting scarce firewood."

The estimated cost for each stove is \$115, and includes its purchase and transportation from South Africa to Lesotho, the purchase of the necessary

pots and demonstration food stuffs, and payment for a local translator.

In addition to the money, notes and pictures of the donors and their environment, and tiny granny-hat brooches are also provided and are much appreciated, said Willmott.

"When one reads of the enormous salaries and perks of the CEOs of the major registered charities it seems to us that this small grassroots project, in which all monies donated go to help these tireless and amazing grandmothers, is a much better way to enhance the lives of those less fortunate than we are."

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IDEAS

Writer shares illuminating thoughts

Spiritual and scientific concepts of light

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Light is a central human metaphor that stretches across cultures and eras, but the description of spiritual

awakening as enlightenment may be more than just symbolic, suggests writer Geoff Olson.

A Vancouver-based journalist and political cartoonist whose work has appeared in diverse publications ranging from MacLean's magazine to Common Ground, Olson has recently focused on tackling some of the "big ideas."

He will present his findings on one of the biggest of these at an upcoming lecture titled Light-Time: A Natural History of Illumination, scheduled for 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4 at GISS.

While Olson has written on a broad variety of topics, one of his main areas has been the realm of politics. His exploration of light and other concepts comes from his desire to "engage people on a deeper level."

"One source of trouble and dissension in the world comes from our ideas of who we are," Olson said during a phone interview from Vancouver.

Olson noticed that whether the paradigm is

a conservatively religious one, or an economic-based one that characterizes humans as agents of self-interest pursuing selfish aims, those ideas just don't resonate with us anymore.

"What people hunger for is a desire to find what's best in both spiritual and scientific traditions and somehow bring those together," he explained.

"The nature of light is the missing factor in uniting science and spirituality, along with technology and nature."

Realizing that concepts of light are found in science, philosophy and history, Olson rediscovered an ancient tradition with relevance to a modern understanding: the Eleusinian Mysteries of ancient Greece. These ceremonies, which took place annually for an astonishing 2,000 years, appear to have centred on participants' revelation of an inner light that was embodied, not metaphorical.

Olson takes this practice as a method of approaching more contemporary examples of

people who experience a world of inner light, and further explores scientific theories of light's physical and material qualities.

Historical figures that Olson references to illustrate his talk include Jacques Lusseyran, a leader of the French Resistance who was blind but attested to experiencing an inner radiance that actually produced insight into the external world.

Olson also discusses Richard Bucke, a Canadian doctor whose 1902 book Cosmic Consciousness was based on his own experience of illumination. Olson says such examples of a seemingly bizarre phenomenon are in fact archetypal and deeply engraved into the human psyche.

"It's something so powerfully and compellingly realized that the person experiencing it is transformed. This experience of light can come about spontaneously, and it does so to the modern day."

Perhaps the most interesting character

in Olson's research is Arthur M. Young, a scientist whose name holds little recognition for the average person today, but whose genius can be compared to Albert Einstein.

Young is best remembered for having invented the helicopter in 1947, but as Olson explains, "He saw this just as a training or proving ground to develop his ideas about the universe and the nature of the human spirit." In Young's theory of the "reflexive universe," Olson said, "He found a way to bridge the world of spiritual tradition and science in a believable way."

Although the topic seems weighty, Olson promised his approach is humorous and light-hearted and includes some of his cartoons. A previous engagement at the Vancouver Public Library sold out with standing room only.

More detailed information on Olson's research can be found on his website, www.geoffolson.com. Tickets to the event are \$15 at the door.



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Anna Haltrecht is once again teaching her popular Sounder Sleep System Workshop on Saturday, Nov. 27 at her Cats Pajamas Studio.

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In the workshop, which runs from 1 to 4 p.m., participants will learn "gentle, remarkably effective movement techniques called Mini-Moves™ that are synchronized with their breath."

Haltrecht says that if people wake up during the night, the Mini-Moves get them back to sleep.

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for enhanced relaxation, inner peace and surer, sounder sleep.

After the last workshop taught by Haltrecht, the following appeared in the Rants & Roses column in the Driftwood: "To Anna Haltrecht of Cats Pajamas Studio: eight sweetly scented, somnolent roses: one for each nightly hour of sound sleep I've experienced since taking her Sounder Sleep Workshop."

Haltrecht trained with the founder of the Sounder Sleep System, Michael Krugman. She is a Feldenkrais® practitioner and Bones for Life® trainer.

Pre-register by calling Anna at 250-537-5681 or email anna@bonesforever.com.

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY



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CHURCH SALE: The Queen of Angels fundraising table was among the booths at last weekend's Catholic Church Christmas sale. Luckily for event organizers, the sale took place the weekend before the snow storm that obliterated most planned activities set for this past weekend.



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NON-PROFITS

Salt Spring Foundation joins Facebook to boost its profile

Group aims to highlight local work

The Salt Spring Island Foundation has launched a Facebook page and all islanders are encouraged to join.

Since its inception in 1984, island donors have contributed about \$3 million in endowment to the foundation.

That \$3 million allows the foundation to distribute about \$100,000 of much-needed funding to island charities each year.

"Sadly, every year we have many more requests for funding than we have available. Future donations will help to grow the endowment so we can make an even greater difference," said Judy Norget, chair of the foundation's donor relations and communications committee.

"We hope the Facebook page will help people better understand who we are, what we do and facilitate input from the public about how to best fund projects that strengthen local community vitality."

The foundation's Facebook page is just one more way of communicating openly where that money is going and how the lives of islanders are improved as a result.

Photos and stories of grants at work in the community, foundation news updates and discussions about island needs comprise some of the Facebook content that will be posted regularly.

For years, direct correspondence between the foundation, its donors and the general public has largely been via print mediums such as letters, annual reports and newspaper articles.

To engage with a broader audience, the foundation has willingly harnessed the power of social media.

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Join them online by searching Facebook for "Salt Spring Island Foundation" or click the Facebook icon on the foundation's website at <http://saltspringislandfoundation.org>.

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WEDDING RECEPTIONS

When it comes to catering, best to leave it to the experts

Don't let reception anxiety crash your special day

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Statistics compiled earlier this year determined that the average Canadian wedding bill in 2010 exceeded \$20,000.

While that figure may come as a bit of a jolt to many people, what may not be as shocking is that nearly 35 per cent of that cost is spent on all the elements that go into the wedding reception.

Great care may go into the selection of invitations, photographers, transportation arrangements, wedding dresses and bridal bouquets, but all the attention on the big day usually lands upon the celebration held to kick off the happily married couple's new life.

The reception is where things tend to veer from the script and the weeks or months of planning that went into making sure everything is perfectly timed and under control suddenly gives way to total hullabaloo.

It can be one of the more stressful components of the entire wedding experience.

That's where experience comes in handy and, for an island that's earned a reputation as an ideal destination wedding location, Salt Spring's got an abundance of knowledgeable people to help you get things done right.

"It just makes things easier on your wedding day," said Lorna Walde, co-owner of Fresh Coast Catering. "This is easier than stressing about all those details on your wedding day."

Unlike most brides and grooms out there, wedding caterers have a good idea of what to expect on the big day.

In her company's first official wedding season this past summer, Walde was hired to cater six

island weddings.

One of those required transporting food by ship for a reception on Galiano Island.

"You want to make sure you haven't left anything behind because finding stuff on a place like Galiano can be a challenge."

Other catering specialists, like the Hastings House's new general manager Kelly McAree, was accustomed to upwards of 50 weddings a year at his previous job in the Okanagan.

McAree and his staff at the Hastings House work with couples on a personal level to make sure every aspect of the event is thoroughly tailored to their guests' specific tastes and expectations.

"It's apples and oranges between Hastings House and my previous employer," McAree said. "Whereas they had a set menu and price, here it's a lot more intimate. We customize to taste."

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Covered verandah with set-up tables at the Hastings House.

people are from, according to Penny Jones. Making sure that portions and flavours are appropriate for a given time and location go hand in hand with years of experience.

“That’s their dream. It’s not just another day, this is the most important day.”

ILONA DERI
*Harbour House Hotel
catering and event manager*

That’s why taking time to know your caterer can really pay off, she added.

As the assistant manager at Country Grocer’s deli department, Jones has the experience to know that an older couple’s wedding might require less food than an event for a couple in their 20s. Similarly, she added, something held on

a hot summer afternoon might require less food than an evening function.

Most caterers ask that couples who plan to have a smaller wedding contact them several days in advance. Once numbers begin to surpass 20 guests, several weeks notice is recommended. For weddings timed to coincide with busy summer weekends, notice of up to several months is advised.

Ilona Deri, the Harbour House Hotel’s catering and event manager, said she already has people inquiring about plans for the summer of 2011. The couples she talks with have plenty of questions and want to make sure everything is perfect.

“That’s their dream,” she said. “It’s not just another day, this is the most important day.”

Thrifty Foods’ Leah Byron has amassed more than 15 years of experience in the wedding reception and event planning business.

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in larger communities — isn't practical for an island environment.

"It doesn't work well with the ferries, and you can't just drive out to fix something [coming from off-island]," Kent explained.

Subsequently, the business has grown to include everything from tableware and linens to more specialized requests, such as all-weather dance floors in black or oak finish.

"For such a small base we have an incredible selection. If you went to any other town of 10,000, you're not going to find that," Kent said.

Items at The Party Stop have been sourced from the same supplier as several large companies in Vancouver and Victoria, and priced to be in line with what people would expect to find elsewhere. Kent has opted to carry all items from tents and chairs to dishes in bright white, which makes it easy for people to decorate with personalized colour schemes.

Salt Spring's relatively small population base doesn't mean a slow trade for the shop since the island has become a popular wedding destination. Kent estimates half of the nuptial events he serves each year are for off-island visitors, including one wedding last summer where everyone travelled from Ireland.

"For all of us who work at the store, we find it incredible the amount of people that don't live here who want to come here to celebrate something that special," Kent remarked.

Brides and grooms from Salt Spring and elsewhere are treated to a high standard when it comes to rental stock and service. Kent

said the business works closely with island caterers and can often fix any problems that arise between them without the couple ever knowing there was an issue. Personalized service includes the willingness to drive out to an event at the last min-

"For such a small base we have an incredible selection. If you went to any other town of 10,000, you're not going to find that."

DAN KENT
The Party Stop

ute on a Saturday — an attention one would be hard-pressed to find in the city.

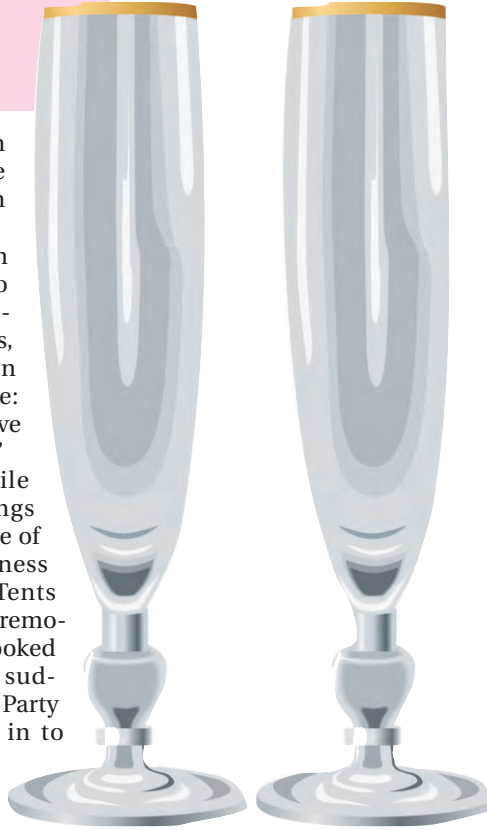
Kent has actually been called on in the past to rescue off-island weddings with rental glitches, but says he's never seen a serious problem here: "All of our weddings have gone off like clockwork."

A recent high-profile wedding at the Hastings House is a good example of the company's willingness to go the extra mile. Tents were erected for the ceremony when the weather looked inclement, but after a sudden break in the clouds, Party Stop staff were called in to take them down at the last minute, making the bride very happy.

People with a future wedding in the works should be aware that high demand necessitates some advance planning: Kent said larger weddings should make bookings by late fall before a summer event. Those who wait until two or three months beforehand likely won't be accommodated — although with advance notice, the business can supply several fair-sized weddings a week.

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MARRIAGE

After the wedding is over . . . that's when the real work begins

One Salt Spring bride shares what she learned in year one

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You've spoken the vows, boogied to Kool & The Gang's Celebration, opened the gifts and sent out the thank-you cards. So, now that the wedding is over . . . what comes next?

I'll tell you what. Another set of challenges, trials and tribulations. Another set of surprises, excitements and joys. What comes next, to put it simply, is marriage.

I've been lounging in the marriage club for just over one year. And although this does not a marriage guru make, I've learned at least a little about what it takes to make this "what comes next" time in your life as sweet as a butter-cream wedding cake.

Getting through a wedding without losing your mind takes dedication and commitment. But getting through a marriage without losing yourself or your partner requires a whole lot more.

Folks are right when they tell newlyweds that marriage takes work. Like a cat that needs feeding or a litter box that needs cleaning, a marriage won't just take care of itself. But the way I see it, if you approach your

marriage with the same energy and enthusiasm that you put into your wedding, you'll keep things sweet and maybe even learn a few things along the way.

The first year of my marriage has been ripe with opportunities to learn. Take the "ring incident" for example. My husband and I hardly expected our first marriage bump to be the loss of our wedding ring at the bottom of the ocean. We were, in a word, devastated. It didn't bode well that after only a few shorts months of marriage, we'd already lost the very

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symbol of our love and commitment — not to mention one of the most valuable items we'd ever owned.

It took some time, but we finally came to the realization that a ring is just a ring, and what was truly of value was our relationship — something we could never lose, not even to the deep, dark Pacific. Right when we'd learned to let go, with the knowledge

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that jewellery has nothing to do with marriage, the ring was miraculously found!

Marriage lesson learned: never forget what is truly important in life — things are replaceable . . . relationships and people aren't.

The next marriage lesson came when we decided to buy a house — a stressful and terrifying experience to be sure. There was the frustrating task of finding the right house, figuring out how we were going to pay for it, navigating the gauntlet of inspections, mortgage applications, insurance documents and more. The stress piled up higher than the stack of empties at our wedding reception until we both felt like fleeing the nest.

I'm proud to say, however, that we remained a united front through it all. Whenever one of us seemed poised to panic, the other stepped in to bear the heavy stress load. Back and forth we went, holding one another up until our marriage muscles were that much stronger.

Marriage lesson learned: don't be afraid to lean on each other and rest assured that if and when you fall apart, there will always be someone there to put you back together.

Moving into and setting up our new house became another marriage challenge where teamwork and humour became as essential as screwdriver and nail. After all, no one but your spouse will help strap a bookcase to your car's roof in the pitch dark and the pouring rain. No one but your spouse will make 37 trips between old house and new, all in your tiny vehicle because you're too cheap to rent a moving van. And no one but your spouse will feel as proud of seemingly insignificant victories like tiling a fireplace hearth, or putting up a clothesline.

Marriage lesson learned: every new experience together is one to be cherished, no matter how seemingly insignificant. Laugh when you need to and cry when you need to — just make sure you're

doing it together.

Of course marriage isn't all work, filled only with lessons to learn and dirty litter boxes to clean. It can also be a rompin' good time — like a party for two where the conversation is never dull, you can wear your old jogging pants and all the jokes are extra funny because you're the only ones who get them. The first year of marriage for me has been the best one of my life!

I don't believe there's a secret to marriage success. All that this one-year-and-still-going-strong-marriage-guru would recommend is that you keep learning, keep laughing and keep going on dates.

After the "I do's" it's a different path for everyone, whether you're buying a house, having a baby, or figuring out your finances. But as for "what comes next" . . . it's the rest of your life as husband and wife. So grab hands (with your work gloves on) and get your sweet tooth ready, because marriage truly is the icing on the cake.



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ask and plan, Byron said.

So take it from the experts and ask for help from those in the know to ensure that your pre-wedding jitters don't persist into the wee hours of your wedding's reception.

Who knows? You might get a chance to sit back and even enjoy your special moment, even if you're not totally sure what secrets from the past may be revealed in your best friend's wedding speech.

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TRADITIONS

Something old, something new

Superstitions about the fate of one's marriage based on the wedding's day of the week or month have been the subject of some traditional tacky poetry.

For what they're worth, this is what bards have predicted about marriages that take place on certain days and months, along with an explanation of the following oft-quoted Victorian poem.

"Something old, something new/Something borrowed, something blue/ And a silver sixpence in your shoe."

Something old should be an item that relates to the bride's previous life with her family and friends, while something new obviously connects to her new life with her husband. If the wedding gown is new, that usually does the trick.

A borrowed item has traditionally come from a happy married woman — with hopes her good luck will rub off — although it can also come from a family member. Just remember that it must be returned to the borrowee or the lucky effect is lost.

Something blue is derived from a Jewish tradition that saw the bride wear blue as a token of her fidelity and purity. It's often the garter these days.

The coin in the shoe is meant to kickstart the couple's financial health, of course. In current times a penny has usurped the silver sixpence. The tradition is slightly different in Sweden, where a piece of

silver is placed in the bride's left shoe by her father, and a piece of gold in her right shoe.

Months of the Year

Married when the **year is new**, he'll be loving, kind and true.

When **February** birds do mate, you wed nor dread your fate.

If you wed when **March** winds blow, joy and sorrow both you'll know.

Marry in **April** when you can, joy for maiden and for man.

Marry in the month of **May**, and you'll surely rue the day.

Marry when **June** roses grow, over land and sea you'll go.

Those who in **July** do wed, must labour for their daily bread.

Whoever wed in **August** be, many a change is sure to see

Marry in **September's** shrine, your living will be rich and fine.

If in **October** you do marry, love will come but riches tarry.

If you wed in bleak **November**, only joys will come, remember.

When **December** snows fall fast, marry and true love will last.

Days of the Week

- Monday for wealth
- Tuesday for health
- Wednesday the best day of all
- Thursday for losses
- Friday for crosses
- Saturday for no luck at all
(Sunday is not included in the rhyme.)

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