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**HELP FOR THE HUNGRY:** Sandy Robley bottle-feeds a lamb at Sunset Farm on Sunset Drive.

**TRAVEL**

## Flight security clogs air time

Travellers need to check in earlier and be prepared for screening

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Extra security measures for passengers travelling by float plane between Salt Spring and Vancouver have been implemented smoothly, according to Salt Spring Air co-owner Saint Clair McColl.

The added security measures went into effect Jan. 29 with the opening of the Olympic Village in Vancouver.

A special security station bus parked near the Coast Guard base in Ganges allows passengers to complete the screening process on-island rather than travelling first to Nanaimo, as originally proposed by the Canadian Air Transportation Security Authority. Now, proper ID and an earlier check-in time are saving passengers the extra trip.

"It's going very well — it's pretty much seamless," McColl said of the procedure, adding, "It's very convenient to have on Salt Spring."

In order to pass the security requirements, passengers must book ahead of time and supply their citizenship, current place of residence and date of birth. The airline sends that information to the Integrated Security Unit (ISU), a special RCMP detachment formed for the Olympic Games.

On the day of their flight,

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**ISLANDS TRUST**

# Housing plan paints 'dire' picture

Legalizing suites and cottages part of solution

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's affordable housing crisis was confirmed in black and white last week with release of a new local housing report.

"It clearly shows that our population is struggling with affordability," said Janis Gauthier, co-author of the Islands Trust Housing Needs Assessment. "We're losing families and we risk changing the fabric of our community and it's already happening."

Among the report's most startling discoveries is that the lack of affordable housing impacts virtually every segment of the island, from homeless persons to young working families and seniors.

"The report shows that, in every category, we are in a crisis or dire situation and that is one of the key findings and the most disturbing findings of this," said George Ehring, a Salt Spring Local Trust Committee member.

In spite of a modest 2009 decline in housing prices, the report states, "a significant gap still exists between housing prices and income levels."

Housing costs on the island are at least double what a household earning a median income can afford, according to the report.

The median value of homes available for sale on the island in 2009 was \$749,000, a figure that is "effectively unattainable for most of Salt

Spring's population."

The grim situation faced by prospective property owners is only slightly better than the wretched circumstances experienced by renters. Many live in "inhumane" conditions in illegal and uninspected suites and cottages.

"There are some very serious health and safety concerns for people who don't have any other alternatives," Gauthier said.

It was reported that many tenants do not complain due to fears they will be unable to find a suitable alternative. Twenty per cent of available rental housing examined for the study was advertised for winter-only accommodation.

The needs assessment combined an analysis of housing stock, demographics and market fig-

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NEWSBEAT

# Affordable housing tops priorities

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ures with community consultations with 25 individuals who have knowledge of island residents and their housing needs. Fourteen essential service agencies were consulted.

An influx of wealthy retirees is, according to the report, partly responsible for the island's ongoing "gentrification" and upward pressure on housing prices.

BC Assessment reports that non-resident ownership accounts for approximately 22 per cent of residential properties. That segment of homeowners increased by 21 per cent between 2005 and 2009.

Given the wide-ranging need for housing options, the report states that it's no longer practical to conduct further studies and research to determine where resources should be focused.

"Since it is very clear that we need affordable housing in every category identified

and for most household types and sizes, goals can be modest and across a number of priorities," reads the report.

The report recommends that the Islands Trust take on a leadership role and encourage other stakeholders to promote development.

An affordable housing strategy, developed in communication with island residents and community groups, is essential if there is any hope of easing the pressure on people affected by the crisis, states the report.

Among the document's specific recommendations to the Trust are the legalization of suites and cottages, creation of more subdivisions and greater building height

**"There are some very serious health and safety concerns for people who don't have any other alternatives."**

JANIS GAUTHIER  
Co-Author, Housing Needs Assessment

limits and the levying of surcharges on construction of larger residences.

Trustee Christine Torgrimson said the findings reveal how important it is to get

the community to support affordable housing initiatives.

"I see the Trust as a catalyst in the process, but the responsibility ultimately rests with the community," she said.

"I think the time is ripe right now for us to be having this discussion," she added. "We really need to move ahead with building a stronger partnership with the [Capital Regional District] to find solutions."

The complete Housing Needs Assessment can be downloaded from the Islands Trust's website ([www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca)) or picked up at the Salt Spring Trust office.

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Salt Spring Air passengers are now required to check in 45 minutes ahead of time, up from 20 minutes during regular times. Passengers on Harbour Air have seen their check-in time move from 20 minutes to one hour. The company also has a temporary 24-hour cancellation policy instead of the usual 10 minutes required.

Once all the passengers have arrived and their identity is verified with government-issued photo ID, the airline submits the manifest via email to ISU. An airline staff member then walks the passengers from the office over to the security bus. McColl estimates the total screening time takes only two minutes per passenger.

"There is an extra 25 minutes we require them to be there, but

we do offer coffee and croissants. We have a nice warm waiting room where passengers are entertained by our staff," McColl said.

If everyone arrives on time, there is even a good chance the screening will be done early and the flight can leave ahead of schedule on flights leaving Salt Spring.

"The screening officials are very professional and have done this many times. Every aspect is looked at in terms of guaranteeing [passengers'] security and safety," said McColl.

Randy Wright, senior vice president for Harbour Air, said the procedure required a bit of a learning curve for the first few days, but it seems to be going more smoothly now.

"It's slowed everything down, but basically it's the same thing as before," Wright said.

He advised that the pro-

cess is exactly the same as at any Canadian airport so passengers should be aware that their luggage and bodies will be screened.

A further requirement to be aware of is that flights will be operating a "carry-on policy" where all baggage must meet carry-on security standards. Items that could be used as weapons, including nail scissors and pen knives, will not be allowed.

Liquids and gels are being permitted.

Eleanor Harper, a reservations agent for Harbour Air, said that it's the passengers who travel most frequently who are finding the new regulations irritating.

Mostly, however, they are "taking it with a grain of salt and just waiting for March 24," the day the extra security precautions end.



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# Newsbeat

## Heads up!

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### CLIMATE CHANGE

# Islanders ponder GHG reduction strategies

Meeting Trust targets requires island-wide participation

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

More than 100 people met at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Saturday afternoon to suggest strategies the Islands Trust could use to meet looming greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets.

"Though we are legislated to do this, we are doing this because it's the right thing to do," said George Ehring, a member of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee.

"If you've come here to debate the science of this, you are in the wrong room. We are looking for solutions, looking for creativity and looking for ideas."

Communities across British Columbia are working to incorporate GHG-reduction targets into official community plans in response to provincial legislation passed in 2008.

Salt Spring's LTC proposes a 15 per cent reduction in 2007 GHG-emission levels by 2015, 40 per cent by 2020 and 85 per cent by 2050. The island's goals are slightly higher than provincial targets set out in Bill 27.

Based on information from the Islands Trust, climate change may have considerable impacts on the islands' freshwater resources, marine and aquatic ecosystems, forests, biodiversity, human health and agriculture.

Salt-water intrusion, landslides, red-tide advisories, increased soil erosion, reduced summer air quality and species loss are some of the anticipated consequences within the Trust's jurisdiction.

Participants spent most of Saturday's four-hour gathering in focus groups that addressed topic areas such as food and agriculture, conservation and habitat, transportation, energy supply and building design.

"It's a good sign that people didn't want to stop talking," said Maggie Ziegler, one of the event's facilitators.

Among the dozens of solutions were the need to invest in community farmland, increase the number of protected areas, promote pedestrian and cyclist safety, support locally operated green power projects, encourage more eco-friendly building and strengthen neighbourhood links through the island's emergency POD system.

"I'm trembling with the intensity of what was discussed," said trustee Christine Torgrimson.

"I believe [island residents] have the intelligence to meet



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Elizabeth White speaks at last weekend's Climate Action Community Workshop held at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

this challenge," she said. "We are dedicated to finding a solution to a problem that crosses many divides and should cross all the political divides on this island."

Islands Trust staff will compile participants' ideas and make them available online. Trustees anticipate incorporating the targets into the island's OCP by May 31, 2010.

Ehring used the meeting to cite inspiring examples of how residents in small communities across the country have worked together to develop effective strategies to ward off

and respond to the possible impacts of climate change.

"Little communities can do something," Ehring said "We are one of those and we want to do that here."

Saturday's Climate Action Community Workshop was sponsored by the Islands Trust, the Capital Regional District, the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, the Institute for Sustainability Education and Action, the Salt Spring Transportation Commission, the Earth Festival Society, Plan to Farm and Transition Salt Spring.

## News briefs

### Vigilance advised with door-to-door surveys and sellers

Salt Spring Island RCMP officers have some advice for people concerned about recent door-to-door visits from individuals selling magazines and collecting survey information.

Police advise residents to ask questions about why any information is being collected, how it will be used and who is collecting it.

"The representative should be able to provide you with identification,

indicating their association with the company and should be able to clearly articulate the purpose for the visit.

"They should be able to provide you with the name and contact number of their supervisor, whom you may wish to contact before responding."

A spokesperson for Statistics Canada said data collectors have been working on Salt Spring in recent weeks. He said Statistics Canada employees can show official identification if they are asked.

The RCMP recommend that personal details, bank information and information pertaining to any other persons within your household not be provided under any circumstances.

### NORAD jets patrol local skies

Island residents who may have heard unusually loud air traffic recently have likely witnessed CF-18 fighter jets, says a representative from the North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD).

Naval Lieutenant Desmond James said NORAD fighter jets were deployed by NAV Canada to patrol the areas surrounding Vancouver and Whistler Village where airspace restrictions are in effect and will do so until March 24.

James said in an email: "This type of operation is not unusual for NORAD. We

have assisted security operations by protecting airspace restrictions for a number of events, including space shuttle launches, the U.S. Presidential Inauguration and the NFL's Super Bowl game this past Sunday."

### B&E and roll-over

Two visitors reported several electronic items stolen from their rented room late Friday evening after they discovered it had been broken into.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Salt Spring RCMP at 250-537-5555 or Crimestoppers.

Police also attended Badger's Beach on Monday evening after receiving a report

of a vehicle rolling over into the stream. No serious injuries were suffered by either the driver or passenger.

The driver said as he was turning his vehicle around, the tire went into the soft shoulder, causing a slow roll-over. The vehicle was towed.

### Potable water project proceeds

The Salt Spring Water Council will receive \$3,000 for a project to analyze and increase awareness of drinking water on Salt Spring Island.

The project's first phase will include research, a draft report and a workshop design.

"The researcher would rely on existing water studies and on water experts in the community, summarizing the results and providing conclusions and questions for further considerations," according to a draft proposal prepared by trustee Torgrimson.

The report will be completed by March 15 and presented to the Water Council at its March 26 meeting.

The project's second phase, estimated to cost an additional \$5,000, will take place between April and July. Phase two will consist of workshops, revisions and presentation of the final report.

Funding will come out of the trustees' 2009-10 expense budget.



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# NEWSBEAT

## ROAD LINES

# SSI hopes to make the road-paint cut

Island on high priority, but no promises made

BY AMY GEDDES  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

### SECOND OF TWO PARTS

It has become a core island conundrum: where have the centre lines gone? In last week's article, a transportation ministry manager says he has "a hunch" that Mainroad South Island Contracting's switch from rubber to steel snow-plough blades have worn down the pavement markings on Salt Spring roads. Mechanical difficulties, however, do not explain why Salt Spring lines were left unpainted throughout the following summer and why by the winter of 2009, painting crews still had not arrived to repair the damage.

### What has held up the painting crew?

In a Dec. 22, 2009 letter to the Driftwood, Salt Spring resident Wendy Hilliard writes, "Dear Ministry of Transportation, what has to happen before you take notice and bring out the paint?"

The reason for the delay, according to Bob Webb, the Saanich-area operations manager for the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure,

is that the ministry's \$1.3 million annual pavement markings budget for all roads in the Vancouver Island service area (that includes the southern Gulf Islands) is tight and does not allow for repainting simply whenever the need arises.

"It's all about money. We're not arguing the need," he said.

The regional funding pot has already been exceeded for the 2009-10 year and will not be replenished again until the budget is allocated in March for the 2010-11 fiscal year.

In emergency circumstances the ministry can apply for extra funding, but Barbara Thomas, district manager for the Vancouver Island district of MOTI, said fading road lines is not considered an "emergency."

Every road with painted lines on Salt Spring is considered a Category 3. Salt Spring competes with every other Category 3 road area in the region for about 300 lane-kilometres of line repainting allocated per year. With over 2,400 such lane-kilometres in the area, only 15 per cent are funded.

Last year Salt Spring did not make the cut. Highways 14 and 18 on southern Vancouver Island were prioritized

and used up 100 per cent of Category 3 funds.

Priority is based on annual road assessments that rate the state of road lines as "poor," "fair" or "good." Because most roads in the region now sit in the "poor" category, Webb says "the game is on" for who gets the new paint.

"Every year this is a problem and it's not just a problem for Salt Spring," he says, bracing himself for virtually all roads to be rated "poor" in the service area in the 2010-11 year.

But the rating scale does not take into account the uniqueness of an island environment that is virtually devoid of street lights and white side lines. The southern Gulf Islands are lumped in with all other Vancouver Island locales — a concern for local drivers like Mel Sumner, who worries that "because we are not a municipality we don't really get the proper attention. Nobody off the island realizes the narrowness of our twists and turns."

Another challenge faced by the southern Gulf Islands is the inconvenience of island geography. For the painting crew based on Vancouver Island to make their journey to the islands financially feasible and

worth possible overnight accommodation for workers, the ministry has to guarantee them at least 20 km of work at one time.

Beyond that, quantifying the local danger of driving on unmarked roads is virtually impossible and even if precise data existed, the ministry only bases project priority on its poor, fair, good rating scale for pavement markings.

According to police data collected by ICBC, there were 290 single vehicle crashes on Salt Spring between 2004-08. Roadway surface defects were considered to be a factor in three per cent of these crashes. Attributing these incidents to drivers being confused about lane location is difficult, says ICBC spokesperson Tamara McLean, since they may never be reported at all, nor are they always incorporated into the data gathered by RCMP who attend the scene.

### What can be done

"I've been to Salt Spring and I agree with you there are a lot of worn-out lines," says Thomas.

Webb says he has put Salt Spring on "high priority" for the program this year and his requests will be reviewed by the south coast program manager in March. Webb is "80 to 90 per cent confident that Salt Spring will get its lines repainted one way or another this season," even if it means seeking alternate funding. A last resort would be appealing to local entities like the Salt Spring Transportation Commission or even individuals who may contribute financially.

Webb asks that concerned residents "wait and see how this shakes out." He will advise the Driftwood in March if Salt Spring makes the final cut.

The earliest Salt Spring drivers could see their centre lines refreshed is June, but August is more likely, weather permitting, as first priority is given to numbered and high-capacity routes on Vancouver Island — roads which have contractual deadlines.

Until the island sees the paint trucks return, identifying "dangerous driving zones" will likely continue to be a hobby of local letters to the editor writers concerned with road safety. Previously pinpointed areas include the bottom of Ganges Hill where the line delineating the left turning lane is completely worn away, the Ganges curve where the centre line across from the fire hall has disappeared and the Fulford-Ganges Road curve just past the Fulford Inn.

It costs the ministry approximately \$600 to paint one lane kilometre of centre line paint on Category 3 roads. Salt Spring Islanders paid \$1.65 million for road maintenance and line painting in 2009.

*The Driftwood is compiling a list of the most dangerous, unmarked areas on Salt Spring Island. Send descriptions and photos of your "dangerous driving zones" to [ageddes@gulfislands.net](mailto:ageddes@gulfislands.net) or post them on the Driftwood's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/gulfislandsdriftwood](http://www.facebook.com/gulfislandsdriftwood).*




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**LEARNING TO SAVE LIVES:** Local firefighters make the "rescue" and crawl across the floor of the fire hall during a mock fire at a weekend training session for recruits.

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## RELIGION

# Minister seeks dialogue on closures

Growth in Anglican numbers warrants second look

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The recent publication of a report calling for the closure of Anglican churches across Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands has not considered local particulars, says Salt Spring's Reverend Richard Stetson.

The internal report published by the Diocese Transformation Team recommends that 32 out of 54 churches in the island region be closed and their congregations amalgamated. The plan meant to concentrate resources in order to keep the church viable has received the support of Bishop James Cowan and will be debated at the upcoming meeting of the synod scheduled for March 5-7.

Stetson said he is disappointed by the report's findings because to his knowledge the authors did not conduct local consultation. If they had, they would be aware of the recent growth in the Salt Spring parish and renewed community support for all three Anglican churches here.

"I want to enter into dialogue with the diocese — I really don't understand the proposed changes. I think they'd better look at the statistics," Stetson said.

Stetson moved to Salt Spring from the parish of New Westminster in August 2009. In his opinion, the report "creates turmoil where no turmoil existed" and doesn't take into account the difference between Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. For the report's purposes, a "vital" parish in the CRD region must have at least 150 members. That doesn't take into account the smaller islands' real character, Stetson said.

"We are a vital and self-supporting parish," Stetson explained. "We haven't really run into the same types of problems as some of the places on Vancouver Island."

An Anglican minister for 34 years, Stetson said he felt there were "good possibilities" for the Salt Spring parish before he decided to take the post.

"I wouldn't have come here if I didn't, and I think they're proving themselves in a lot of ways."

In a series of "town hall" meetings that took place last October and November, island parishioners expressed their sup-

port for the three locations, including the formerly quiet St. Mary's church in the Fulford Valley. In the past that building offered services only a few times a year. Now community interest has warranted service by Rev. Stetson once a month, at which time the congregation of St. Mark's receives service from a lay person.

Stetson said the congregation of St. Mary's has also come up with a plan for church repairs for which the overall parish has promised funding.

St. Mark's and All Saints churches have continued to host strong congregations whose numbers have also increased during the past year.

The upcoming annual meeting of the parish, scheduled for Feb. 21, will provide the opportunity for feedback within Salt Spring's Anglican community before the matter is debated in synod. In the meantime, Stetson is writing a letter to the diocesan council to add his concerns to the upcoming agenda.

The minister also expressed hope that an upcoming visit by the bishop to Salt Spring in April will provide more understanding of the parish for the church's leadership.

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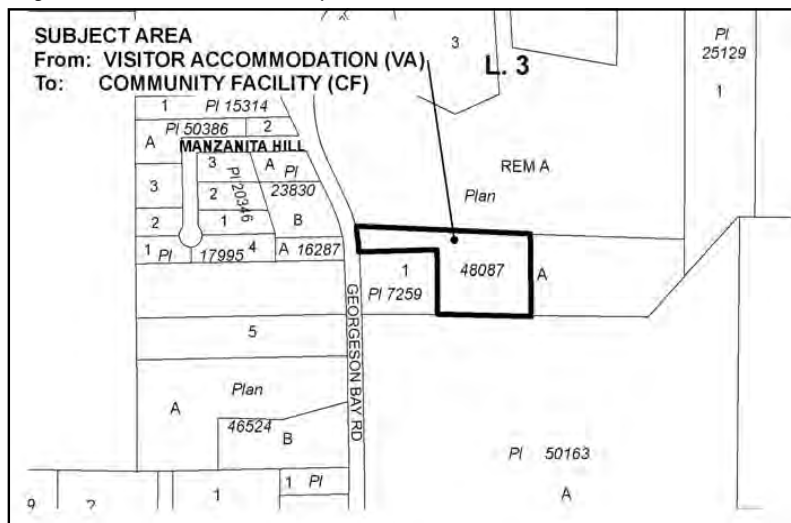
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for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws at **1:00 p.m. Friday, February 26, 2010 at the Lions Park Society, 912 Burrill Road, Galiano Island.**

At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws.

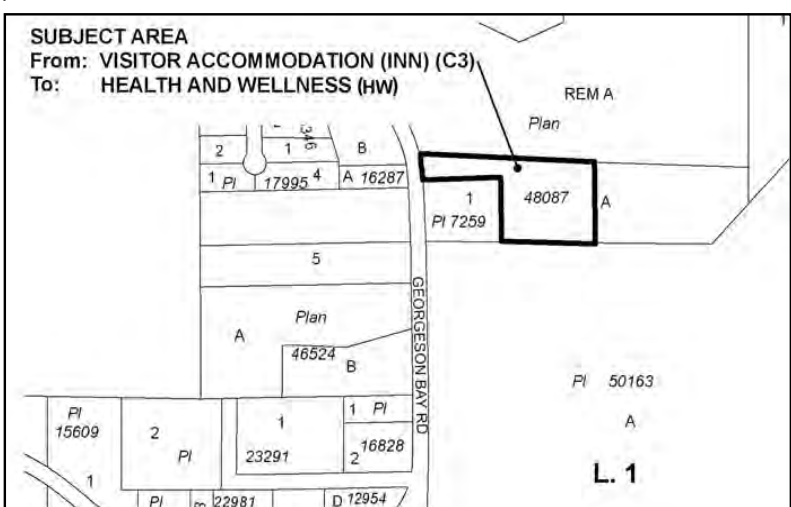
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In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 204 is to amend the Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No.108, 1995 by inserting policies and objectives to allow Health and Wellness Facilities for the treatment of eating disorders, to be considered on a site by site basis, within the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee area. Also the amendment proposes to change the designation of a portion of a lot legally described as Lot A, Plan 48087, District Lot 3, Galiano Island, Cowichan District from the Visitor Accommodation (VA) land use designation to the Community Facility (CF) land use designation as shown on the map below:



**Bylaw No. 205 – cited as “Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw 127, 1999, Amendment No.1, 2009”**

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 205 is to amend the Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw, 127, 1999 by creating a new zone titled “Health and Wellness Zone - HW”. The proposed new HW zone permits residential treatment facilities for the treatment of eating disorders. The zone also permits a residence for an owner, employee or operator. For buildings and structures the zone restricts lot coverage, floor space, height and setbacks. Also the amendment proposes to change a portion of a lot legally described as Lot A, Plan 48087, District Lot 3, Galiano Island, Cowichan District from the Visitor Accommodation (Inn) - (C3) zone to the Health and Wellness (HW) zone, as shown on the map below:



A copy of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing February 10, 2010 and up to and February 25, 2010.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) (e) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Galiano Island, B.C., commencing February 12, 2010 and can also be viewed on the World Wide Web at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca> and selecting <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/lc/gl/bylaws.cfm>

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After 4:30 p.m., February 25, 2010 to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at 1:00 p.m., Friday, February 26, 2010.

The public is encouraged to send any electronic response by using the on-line public hearing submission form. The Islands Trust does not guarantee that any email submission will be received by the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email submissions, if they are opened and received, to the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee for consideration, but the public should not rely on email as a means of providing a written submission.

Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Gary Richardson, Planner, at (250) 405-5157 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

**NO REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE GALIANO ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

Kathy Jones  
Deputy Secretary

## NEWSBEAT

FULFORD

# All of Fulford's a staging area

Multi-agency meeting seeks solution to end traffic drama

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A three-hour discussion about how to deal with traffic congestion in Fulford Village came down to five simple words.

“Need traffic plan that works.”

But many more words are needed to convey the not-so-simple process of putting such a plan in action.

Improved signage, crosswalks, sidewalks, traffic circles, multi-storey parking facilities and traffic signals were among the suggestions offered at a meeting between representatives from BC Ferries, local and provincial government bodies, island emergency services personnel and neighbourhood groups on the afternoon of Feb. 2.

The meeting was held thanks to the Fulford Study Group's effort to deal with the hodgepodge of motorists, cyclists and pedestrians that clog the village's core during ferry loading and unloading times.

“It would seem the problem is the tolerance of something that is fundamentally wrong, the complicit acceptance of the situation as it is because nobody wants to take responsibility,” said Martyn Day, an FSG member.

Rather than wait until BC Ferries gets around to a ferry terminal redesign at Fulford, Day hopes for implementation of a short-term fix to ease traffic flow through the town's core during peak periods.

Providing an onboard information bulletin about the town's rural nature, lowering speed limits, enforcement of no-parking zones, better use of

flag persons and the installation of speed bumps were among the “short-term” solutions offered to BC Ferries representatives.

For some in attendance, fixing the traffic problem for the long term remained paramount.

“Is the elephant in the room the fact that the terminal needs to be redesigned?” asked Salt Spring trustee George Ehring.

Participants heard that the Fulford terminal was designed to serve a 65-car vessel. When the 100-car Skeena Queen entered service, the ferry's staging area began to back up through the town and up Fulford-Ganges Road.

Tuesday's meeting is a precursor to BC Ferries' master plan process for Salt Spring Island, expected to get underway within the year. The plan will examine the strengths and weaknesses of BC Ferries' logistical operations on the island.

Participants were advised, however, not to hold their breath in anticipation that a master plan would offer a solution anytime soon, if at all.

“To sit here and think the BC Ferries' master plan will solve the problem is, I suggest, misguided,” said Steve Matterson, BC Ferries' corporate risk program manager.

As for what happens next, Matterson said he will compile people's comments and suggestions and recirculate them among participants to determine top priorities and the best solutions.

“Everything in this is so interconnected that I don't know how we can separate one thing from another,” he said.

“Where we are headed is getting the solutions down and prioritizing them.”

## COMMUNITY ACTIVISM

## Roland Road logs stalled by Lasseter Road permit denial

Area group also seeks beach-access improvements

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) has denied a south-end property owner's request to build a logging road to her land along a public walking trail near Roland Road.

A MOTI representative contacted on Monday morning said she saw no grounds on which to issue the permit given logging equipment used on the 17-acre property had accessed the site from Isabella Point Road.

“They used the access on Isabella Point Road, so we see no reason to open the [Lasseter Road] right-of-way for logging trucks,” said Debbie O'Brien, a senior district development technician with MOTI.

The Lasseter Road path is a less than one kilometre-long right of way that runs across Roland Road to the ocean.

Opponents like Roland Road's Wendy Judith Cutler said she was relieved to hear the ministry's decision.

“If we can show other people that a small group can do something, that's great,” she said on Monday.

Cutler and several other islanders began speaking out about plans to log a privately owned property between Isabella Point and Roland roads in November.

Though some logging proceeded,

Cutler said, she and others who use the Lasseter Road public right of way redoubled their efforts when a road permit application was submitted to MOTI.

Cutler and two other Roland Road property owners spoke at last Thursday's Salt Spring Local Trust Committee town hall session in an effort to get Islands Trust's support to protect the Lasseter Road trail.

Trustees directed staff to write a letter indicating that the Trust has received concerns about the road permit application.

“We were very pleased and appreciative that the Trust supported our concerns,” she said.

But the MOTI's decision came through on Thursday afternoon, before any Trust letters could have been penned.

Cutler said many Salt Spring Island activists who have successfully lobbied private landowners and governments to protect some of the island's sensitive areas encouraged her and her fellow group members to take a stand.

“We had a lot of support from other islanders' experiences,” she said. “We never felt alone.”

The group will now turn its focus to the Parks and Recreation Commission in an effort to have the Lasseter Road beach access properly maintained.

“We know that we have to remain vigilant,” she said.

“This is definitely part of a larger issue. People need to realize that we should have access to the oceans and the forest.”

# NEWSBEAT

## INTERNATIONAL AID

# Islander generosity ensures goals met

Fifteen ShelterBoxes, a mountain of goods and thousands of dollars among Haiti fundraising results

The donations of compassion just keep flowing.

Salt Spring Islanders have proven themselves generous, as usual, when it comes to helping victims of the Jan. 12 earthquake in Haiti.

On Friday night at ArtSpring, Grace Jordan's Shirley Valentine show brought in the \$5,000 she hoped for, which will be matched by the federal government for a total \$10,000 contribution.

The next night, Beaver Point Hall was rocking for the Shake it for the Quake Haiti relief dance. A fundraising total was not available by presstime, but it was reportedly a great event.

As of Tuesday, funds for 15 ShelterBoxes — or \$15,000 — had been raised through the Rotary Club program, with two of those already provided by Salt Spring Rotarians and the rest through community fundraising in the past few weeks.

"Fifteen ShelterBoxes from Salt Spring Island are aiding a minimum of 150 people in Haiti, with more money pledged and still more fundraisers planned within the community," said program coordinator Dawn Evans.

A class of Fernwood school kids were thrilled to meet their goal of raising \$1,000 for one ShelterBox after setting up a donation tent at Country Grocer on Saturday.

Salt Spring's Rotary Club is hosting a special guest today when Per Dahlstrom



PHOTO BY TANIA AGUILA

A group of Fernwood Elementary School students set up a detailed ShelterBox display and collected donations to meet their goal of \$1,000, the cost of one ShelterBox distributed through a Rotary Club program.

from Duncan Rotary visits the group's luncheon. Dahlstrom was a member of a Shelter Response Team deployed to Sumatra after the 7.6 magnitude earthquake devastated western Sumatra around the city of Padang last October.

ShelterBox fundraising will continue through to next week.

This Friday, Feb. 12 is the last day for the summer clothing drive with a collection box at Country Grocer.

"We probably have about 100 garbage

bags of clothing, shoes and linen already," said project co-organizer Jackie Rieder.

A "small mountain" is piled up at the Gulf Islands Families Together Society building, where storage and sorting is taking place.

"Salt Spring Islanders have always been generous, but this outpouring far exceeds our expectations," said Rieder.

The goods are being shipped to Haiti through the Compassionate Resource Warehouse group in Victoria.

## CLIMATE CHANGE

# Salt Spring gets 'Transition Town' status

Global movement takes on peak oil

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring is the latest addition to a list of nearly 300 communities around the world that are taking a pro-active response to peak oil and climate change.

"The idea is to reduce dependency on oil and make the island more resilient to outside shock," said Peter Lamb, one of the 12 people who helped initiate the Transition Town process.

"It's really exciting to find a way of spreading the message that we have to do something about climate change."

Transition Towns began in the United Kingdom in 2005 as a way for residents of villages, towns and cities to reduce fossil-fuel use and promote environmentally sustainable lifestyles.

Salt Spring Island is the 278th town in the world and the 13th community in Canada to join the network.

Member communities are encouraged to share

experiences with one another, learn from mistakes and celebrate successes.

Part of the Salt Spring chapter's mission is to create a more self-sufficient island through self-reliance in areas such as food, energy, transportation, jobs and local economy.

Transition Salt Spring has already begun an electric vehicles group, nut tree project and community supported agriculture initiative to promote the growing of grain on the island.

For more information about the global Transition Towns network, check out [www.transition-towns.org](http://www.transition-towns.org).

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EDITORIAL

## Fulfordian knot

Anybody who's ever tried to run the gauntlet of cyclists, pedestrians, delivery trucks and parked cars at the Fulford ferry terminal knows exactly what residents are on about when it comes to needing a "traffic plan that works."

That the area transforms from bucolic village to frenetic transportation hub every time the ferry comes into town is nothing new. The prospect that something may be done after years of complaints is, however, worthy of some comment.

At a meeting hosted by BC Ferries last week, company representatives heard an array of options, hopes and concerns from emergency service providers and area residents.

There was talk of a bypass route, multi-storey parkade, road-widening projects, terminal expansion, roundabouts and traffic lights. All were dutifully recorded and filed for future reference as the ferry company embarks on its "master plan" for the island.

**THE ISSUE:**

Fulford traffic

**WE SAY:**

Be careful what you wish for

Even if, by some miracle of accounting wizardry, money was found to implement infrastructure upgrades, we must consider how such changes could alter the Fulford we all know, love and, depending on how late we are for the ferry, hate. Sure it's chaotic, but a friendly nod is still more prevalent than a middle-finger salute on most days.

The vast multi-berth terminal on Mayne Island is more than adequate to accommodate all the ferry traffic residents of that island could ever want. Unfortunately, the Mayne terminal looks like something more suited to the tarmac at YVR. Hardly a place visitors flock to for rural charm and a laid-back vibe.

The Fulford terminal was adequate for a 65-vehicle vessel. That's well below the 14-year-old Skeena Queen's 100-car capacity and the main reason for congestion along Fulford-Ganges Road.

Considering the potential expense of re-engineering Fulford's waterfront (and islanders' mindsets), a worthy alternative is replacement of the Skeena Queen with two smaller vessels.

Given vessel and staffing costs, it may be a long-shot, but it's a proposal with more of a hope than trying to put a traffic signal outside the Fulford Parkade.



## Let's put tutored students first

BY SHILO ZYLBERGOLD

For the last 25 years I have been a private tutor on Salt Spring. During this period I have always felt welcome in the schools. I have been able to share information with teachers and administrators with the objective of helping students overcome their learning problems. If needed, room was set aside for me to work with students right in the schools.

Within the last two years, all this has changed, especially at the high school. First, I was asked to stay away from tutoring inside the school except during tutorial blocks. Then, I was restricted to two tutorials a week. Finally, a grievance was filed by the teachers union that barred me and all other tutors from working within the schools at any time during the instruction day.

This is strange considering that over the years I had volunteered several times to coach basketball teams at both Fulford Elementary and GISS (when there were no teachers who were willing to step forward at the time). I had also been a guest lecturer on the topics of poetry and satiric writing. I did not accept the honorariums offered because I felt this was a way of giving back to the community in which I lived.

John Nicholson of the teachers union claims they are protecting public education from "monetary discrimination." This is now and has always been a smoke screen and red herring. I guarantee that if I was to offer my services for free (as I did a few years ago with the Homework Club at the Core Inn), I would still be unwelcome. The union is not so much interested in protecting free universal education for all as it is in protecting its power and jurisdiction within the schools.

It's time to put the students first. Allowing tutoring during school hours makes sense. It is convenient for parents and students alike. Considerations such as transportation and safety are eliminated as students don't have to leave the school grounds and can still catch their buses home. In addition, it gives teach-

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ers a few less students in their tutorials so they can concentrate on helping the others.

I challenge all you parents in the school district to exercise the power you have. It is your tax money that funds the whole school system. You pay for the buildings, the maintenance, the administration and the teaching staff. They should be serving your needs and especially those of your children. Don't let your concerns be deflated by phrases like "there's nothing we can do" or "our hands are tied in this matter." Demand action and don't settle for anything less. In the end, your political will is going to be heard.

I also challenge the teachers in the school district to speak up on the issue. For 25 years, so many of you have entrusted me to help get your own children past the difficulties they were encountering in their education. Privately, many of you have told me how you support what I'm doing and find the position taken by the administration and union nothing short of "stupid." Are there any among you who are willing to let your voices be heard publicly?

We are fortunate to have such a multitude of excellent teachers in our district. They demonstrate devotion to their students and dedication to their positions. The best ones show unbridled enthusiasm in the learning process and inspire all those around them. At the same time, there are a small minority who do just the opposite. These, I feel, are the ones whose interests are being protected by the policy on tutors.

I know that I'm supposed to be the one who tells funny stories in the Driftwood. When it comes to the matter of how the school district and Gulf Island Teachers' Association have dealt with the issue of tutors working within the schools, however, they are the ones who make me laugh.

*The writer is a private tutor and long-time Salt Spring resident.*

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Are you excited about the Olympic Games?**

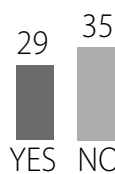
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**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Is full-day kindergarten a good idea?**



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# IslandVoices

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**

**"Always in times of hardship, people look to things they value and food is central in life."**

CHRIS SCHMAH, FOXGLOVE FARM & GARDEN SUPPLY

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked: How can Salt Spring reduce its dependence on fossil fuels?**



**IRINA FLOERCKE**

*Make local food on the island cheaper and we will support them more by not going off island.*



**SCOTT ANDREWS**

*Get more density around the town centre where the services we depend on are located.*



**MIKE LIUTKUS**

*How about closing down the Long Harbour ferry terminal?*



**LYNDA LAUSHWAY**

*Build bike paths and wind turbines.*



**NINA SAUNDERS**

*Do your best to walk as much as you can.*

## Letters to the editor

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

### Write letters for road lines

It is too late to expect any painting of lines on our roadways this season ("Disappearing road lines not a fading concern," Feb. 3 Driftwood).

If we are to get any action this coming summer we must act now. A Ministry of Transportation employee said in December "don't expect any line painting in 2010." I question this statement as their budget allotments normally take effect April 1.

If you are unhappy driving on our perilous roads with fading lines, I would urgently suggest a deluge letter campaign to the following:

Barbara Thomas, MOT Vancouver Island District Manager, 2100 Labieux Rd., Nanaimo, B.C. V9T 6E9. Or, if you have email facilities, send to [barbara.thomas@gov.bc.ca](mailto:barbara.thomas@gov.bc.ca) with a copy to [murraycoell.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:murraycoell.mla@leg.bc.ca)

It is extremely important that we do this now if we are

to ensure any results this summer.

I would suggest that Ms. Thomas be requested to send a reply to the Gulf Islands Driftwood for publication.

**MEL SUMNER,**  
CUDMORE HEIGHTS

### Applying our own energy

We're delighted that well over a hundred islanders gave up a beautiful Saturday afternoon on Feb. 6 to contribute their ideas and enthusiasm to our community's need to address climate change. In their own ways, towns and cities around the world are implementing creative solutions, saving money and energy, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia — a town of only 600 people — benefits from the first tidal power plant in North America, generating enough power for 4,500 homes. They also have the continent's first solar-aquatic sewage treatment facility.

In Okotoks, Alberta, a new 52-home subdivision will meet 90 per cent of its space and water heating needs with solar energy, reducing greenhouse gas emissions by five tonnes/year/home. The energy is stored in underground boreholes during warmer months for use in winter — the first time the technology has been used in North America.

Closer to home, Ladysmith was the first community in the province to implement curbside pickup of organic waste, and by composting rather than sending their "garbage" to the landfill, they have greatly reduced methane emissions.

At the meeting on Saturday, people shared lots of ideas that deserve serious consideration on Salt Spring. Community groups are already at work on some of the ideas that we heard.

The Agricultural Alliance is working to link property owners who aren't working their land with people who are looking for land where

they can grow food. And they're looking into community facilities — like composting and food processing — that would increase our food security and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The new Farmland Trust is now in a position to own agricultural land and bring it into production. The transportation commission is working on cycle paths, pedestrian walkways and an expanded bus system. The Institute for Sustainability Education and Action (ISEA) is working on informing people and businesses about ways they can save energy. The new Transitions Salt Spring group is engaging many community members in solutions to climate challenges. And those are only a few examples.

Salt Spring has an active and engaged community, and no shortage of human energy. We can put that energy to work on positive community solutions to address climate change issues — and move from ideas to action. Saturday's meeting about cli-

mate change wasn't hot air. It was about applying our own energy.

Once again, we appreciate the ideas and enthusiasm. Now it's up to all of us to turn those ideas into actions.

**GEORGE EHRLING,**  
**CHRISTINE TORGRIMSON,**  
LOCAL TRUSTEES

### Less than honest

We are writing in response to the ad on Page 16 of the Perfect Balance insert in the Gulf Islands Driftwood of Jan. 27. In it the Saanich Peninsula Hospital Foundation asks for donations from the community for equipment for that hospital's newly renovated operating room.

Seven years ago the residents of Salt Spring responded to a similar request when there was a fundraising drive that saw hundreds of thousands of dollars contributed to renovating and equipping the operating room of our Lady

Minto Hospital. Since then our surgery has been closed and newly purchased items — including the operating table and sterilizing equipment — have been relocated to off-island facilities.

Our community feels that VIHA has been less than honest in its dealings with us. Firstly, furnishings for such major institutions as hospitals should be paid for with money from our provincial taxes and not by community donations. And secondly, when large sums of money are raised for specific community-based projects, we feel those purchases should forever remain in that community.

We would like to forewarn the inhabitants of the Saanich Peninsula and all other Gulf Islands, and urge them to think about what they are being asked to do and to proceed with caution.

**JILL WILLMOTT,**  
FOR THE SALT SPRING ISLAND RAGING GRANNIES

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## Toyota frenzy: if you can't beat 'em, cheat 'em

Sifting through the fallout from the recent Toyota meltdowns, it has become apparent that the Japanese business model exemplified by Toyota somewhat differs from the west. Toyota relies on ancient Japanese codes of conduct, such as "kaizen" (continuous improvement) and "monozukuri," (perfection of craftsmanship). Here on the other side of the Pacific, we tend to lean to the late 20th century industrialist mantra of "if you can't beat 'em, cheat 'em."

Toyota is not entirely without blame for their current predicament, but reading through the news bytes from this ongoing story, it looks like the fix is in. For those of you without satellite or internet, some background is in order.

Toyota is huge. It is by far the largest Japanese company, garnering worldwide sales of \$230 billion last fiscal year. The city where the company was founded in Japan officially changed its name to Toyota City. The "Toyota Way" has become synonymous with "just in time" production, where a chain of suppliers is constantly at the ready with the necessary components to produce a vehicle. And therein lies the current meltdown.

Late last year, a problem surfaced with the accelerator pedal in a number of Toyota models. At first, Toyota thought it was an issue with the floor mats curling up, jam-

ming the gas pedal, but it became clear it was something more. It didn't happen often, but it happened. The problem for Toyota came down to an accelerator pedal produced by a company called CTS, out of Elkhart, Indiana, an American company. Even better, CTS farmed out production of these accelerators to a factory in Canada, according to the New York Times. Imagine that.

But I digress. The costs of this financial tsunami are mounting day by day. There are 30 lawsuits now registered against Toyota in the U.S. and Canada. Toyota is recalling some 4.2 million vehicles at a cost of \$2 billion. Toyota's market value has dropped a breathtaking \$23 billion. To put that in perspective, that's the entire 2008 output of Panama. All these numbers are mind boggling, even for a company that in 2008, became the largest auto manufacturer on the planet, surpassing General Motors.

Here is where it gets really interesting. The U.S. government has bailed out General Motors to the tune of \$16.3 billion, making that government the majority stakeholder in the company, at about 56 per cent, and has provided for four seats at the board

of directors table. Wouldn't it behoove the government to do everything possible to increase the bottom line of GM? Of course.

Let the games begin. On February 3, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood declared that all owners of recalled Toyota vehicles should just park their cars, a statement that he was later forced to rephrase. The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration is now contemplating "fining" Toyota over \$16 million per recall. Everyone is jostling for a spot at the trough.

Individual states are joining this feeding frenzy. Smarting from the ongoing recession, Toyota made the decision to close one of its California plants until the economy improved. The facility employed 5,440 Americans. Shortly after, California state assemblyman Ted Lieu, an hitherto obsequious Toyota supporter, declared that "Toyota was not truthful to Americans" and, in a buy-American flag-waving fervour, has decided that many American auto companies are now manufacturing hybrids, so "there is no reason to buy Toyotas." American companies like GM, 56 per cent U.S. government owned.

Never mind that the Toyota cars in ques-

tion are made in America by Americans. Never mind that GM is quietly sending out letters to 99,000 Pontiac Vibe owners to take their car to the dealers to fix sticking accelerator pedals, according to the Detroit Free Press. Never mind that Ford is recalling up to 17,600 Fusions after an engineer from Consumer Reports sailed through a stop sign in his Ford Fusion with the warning lights on the dash lit up like a Christmas tree. The air is getting pretty thick, isn't it?

If you are Toyota, what can you do? Not much. The owners issued abject apologies, promising to fix the problems and to restore consumer faith. Oh. They also pulled all television advertising off ABC in the Southeast Region of the U.S., having had quite enough of that company's exuberance in biting the hand that feeds them.

All this is great news for me. I've been jonesing for a Toyota Prius for a few years now, and all this bad publicity is beating down the prices of new and used models. I can only hope and pray that the U.S. forces them to recall the 2010s, forcing Toyota to offer them at discounted prices and rock bottom financing. I'll dump this Hyundai in a New York minute. After all, if you can't beat 'em, cheat 'em.

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**Peter Vincent**

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**OPINION**

**Reducing chicken and red meat consumption part of Jack's plan**

BY JACK HALLAM

I admire Judi Stevenson's plan to take action that will reduce carbon emissions (My Year of Changing Climatically column, Jan. 27 Driftwood) and I have tried to do my bit to help. I recently moved to a much smaller house, closer to town (less gas), and bought a slightly newer and smaller vehicle.

Climate change due to global warming is real, carbon emissions are increasing and if we don't change our ways the planet will be in terrible shape by the time today's grandchildren are seniors.

Judi's example has inspired me to make a gradual change in my life, a change which is just as valuable as retrofitting one's house, is definitely related to global warming but is not obvious to most people. I resolve each month to eat less chicken and red meat.

I'm too old to become a vegetarian but I will never eat veal, I won't eat lamb in my own house or restaurant (kind friends recently invited me to a barbecue which turned out to be lamb) and I will try to eat less chicken and pigs (euphemistically called pork) since most of these are raised and slaughtered under difficult-to-imagine cruel conditions.

**IN RESPONSE**

Judi's climate change column has just reinforced my aim stemming from reading Erika Ritter's latest book called *The Dog by the Cradle, the Serpent Beneath, subtitled Some Paradoxes of Human — Animal Relationships*. It is not an animal rights polemic, but she had access to an amazing number of influential people in Canada, the States and England who are working in a variety of ways to reduce cruelty and consumption, use and abuse of non-human animals. This especially relates to cattle, the hundreds of millions of which through feeding on vegetation produced on millions of hectares of denuded forests and in their production of not insignificant amount of methane contribute huge volumes of carbon to the atmosphere.

In Ritter's book there are passages that are difficult to not react to, but there are personal anecdotes, some amusing. One of the first persons she interviewed was Temple Grandin, an autistic woman professor in Colorado who has devoted her life to devising ways of killing cows, pigs, lambs, etc. in more humane ways.

Erika's visit to the Fauna Farm

and Foundation, the chimpanzee sanctuary in Quebec, had a sad aspect. She learned that the chimps there would not have a normal life span as they had been injected with a variety of chemicals in medical experiments.

In another chapter she wrote that the so-called free-range or free-run eggs in some supermarkets are questionable. Recently I decided to buy ordinary eggs, but on my way home I stopped at the truck of Lakehouse Farm (on Langs Road). It was parked opposite B.C. Hydro. I bought a dozen of the free-run or free-range eggs at a competitive price. They were fresher and definitely tasted better. I gave the supermarket dozen to a friend. There are a number of farms on our island that produce genuine free-range or free-run eggs.

I will never give up eating eggs, fish, shrimp and prawns, but I would welcome any help in reducing my consumption of fowl and red meat. So in addition to reducing greenhouse gases by the usual methods, eating less, especially red meat (I'm not advocating abstaining), will help to keep our planet healthier. I will not be making monthly reports on my project, maybe one next fall.

*The writer is a retired biology teacher.*

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**Give government input on pesticide use**

Thank you for your article in the Jan. 27 Driftwood headlined "B.C. government seeks public input on pesticide use." I hope everyone will read it and respond.

We need strong legislation, as Quebec and five other provinces have, to ban or control the use, sale or distribution of cosmetic pesticides and herbicides in B.C.

Today I wrote to the B.C. Environment Minister, Hon. Barry Penner to say this, but needed a different email address than the one you listed. My letter was received at this address: env.minister@gov.bc.ca. I got that address by phoning the B.C. government agent at 250-537-5414. For those without a computer you could probably get a mailing address or phone number for the environment minister by calling that number.

It is very important for us to speak out now. The minister needs to hear from the public in order to act on our behalf.

The lobby for the chemical companies that make these products is very strong, and resists any controls, just as the tobacco lobby did successfully for so long. They deny the connection between these poisons and the increase in cancers in both pets and people, including children. They don't care about the impact on wildlife — birds, frogs, fish, butterflies and bees, though the loss of bees for pollinating our crops threatens our food supply. There is a serious and disturbing loss of bees all across North America. Most of what we eat depends on these beneficial insects.

It's not enough to just personally not use any chemicals on our lawns, gardens and fruit trees.

What others use also affects us, our health and our environment, our food and our future. Please take the time to let our government know we need this legislation on pesticide use now. Thank you.

**NANCY WIGEN,**  
FERNWOOD

**Unsafe boats and barges**

For the past three years, our association has been calling for the proper regulation of live aboard and derelict boats and barges anchored in the bays and harbours of South Salt Spring Island. The recent tragic death of Fulford Harbour live aboard resident, David Barnard, during a heavy storm, gives our concerns a new urgency.

We have taken part in discussions with MP Gary Lunn, the Islands Trust, the CRD, the federal ministries of transport, fisheries and oceans, and the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Lands. However, because so many agencies are involved, the issue continues to remain in an unacceptable bureaucratic limbo.

A few weeks ago a meeting of Greater Victoria Mayors and planners was held in Central Saanich to address concerns over the growing number of unsafe live aboard and derelict boats and barges being anchored in the bays and harbours of the Peninsula.

It was agreed that, without proper regulation, more loss of life and situations where hazards to navigation, fish stocks and the environment would result.

We urge our CRD and Islands Trust representatives to take actions that will result in the proper regulation of these vessels.

**KEN LEE,**  
PRESIDENT, SOUTH SALT SPRING ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

**Pleased with mental health events**

I was pleased to attend the seminar on Strategic Treatment of Anxiety Disorders at the Harbour House Hotel on Jan. 25.

The presenter and author, Dr. Reid Wilson, a specialist in anxiety treatment provided valuable information on the topic at an all-day event. The full house attendance included professionals and non-professionals in the field of mental health.

Cheryl Bell-Gadsby, director of adult services for Southern Gulf Islands and Salt Spring Community Services and organizer of the event, assured me that more educational events in the mental health field were in the offing.

It is good to see this activity in a field that is so often neglected.

**HELANI DAVISON,**  
SALT SPRING

**Pet website**

My name is Bronwyn Weekley. I am a Grade 5 student at the Salt Spring Centre School. I am starting a website to help you find your lost pet. This is part of my leadership project.

Lost pets are getting killed and hurt every day. I would like to help the SPCA deal with this. I think a lot of people care about this and if we work together we can save a lot of pets.

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**BRONWYN WEEKLEY,**  
SS CENTRE SCHOOL

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**RANTS** *and* **Roses**

A sporren full of heather-coloured roses to the Scottish Country Dance group and to the "chefs of the haggis" for another wonderful Robbie Burns dinner and dance. Can't wait for next year! The Gardner clan

A feather-light bunch of roses to Salt Spring Air for the special flight to Swartz Bay for those Sunday passengers who couldn't get through the fog to Vancouver.

A super deluxe bouquet of roses to all those who made the Haitian relief fundraiser of Shirley Valentine such an amazing success. We were able to raise just over \$5,000, which when matched by the government will be a \$10,000 donation to the Haitian people. Thank you to ArtSpring for donating the space, to the Driftwood for donating the ad space, for Imagine

That Graphics for the design and printing, to Apple Photo for printing, to Cafe Talia for an additional set piece. For the concession which took us over the \$5,000 mark I would like to thank the amazing Kaz Amaranth for baking for two days those yummy lemon squares and brownies; to Country Grocer and Thrifty's for drinks and other goodies; to Salt Spring Coffee Company for coffee and tea; to Barb's Buns for extra goodies; to Susanna, Amria and Allie for helping with concession; to Tim and Rowyn for helping backstage; to Lee-Anne, Ian, Rudy, Oscar and Daniel for helping with the tear-down. And of course to all of you here on the island for buying your ticket and sharing a truly inspirational night!

A bobsled full of roses to Gil Newall for helping me find a place to stay

in Whistler while working during the Olympic Games, and to Whistler's Bob Barnett for taking me in. Roses also to all of my patients and friends

who tried to help with my accommodation need. Dr. Ron Reznick

Roses and a bottle of maple syrup to Paul

Minvielle for all his volunteer work making the Third Annual Bigleaf Maple Festival in Duncan a success, and for helping us get our prize-

wining entry in on time! Thanks, Paul, from the Harbour House Hotel

An armload of delicate bud roses to Rich-

ard Murakami, who made it possible for workshop participants to view the Raffi DVD at Saturday's climate action event. LW

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**Musical memories**

In preparing for the concert to be held on Feb. 14, as a tribute to the late Barry Valentine, I have been sorting out numerous newspaper articles on behalf of Music Makers of the Anglican Parish, producers of the event. It has revived some wonderful memories of concerts, plays and special services held in All Saints church during the past 20 years.

The parish is indeed fortunate to have been so generously supported by the Driftwood, and particularly by its editor Gail Sjuberg, in the printing of reviews and press releases. It has made it possible for us to share our wealth of gifts and to have a record of the creative legacy of the parish and its friends. We are profoundly grateful.

We hope that the community will join us on St. Valentine's Day at 2:30 p.m. in All Saints church, where in music, song and dance we will aspire to express our loving gratitude to Barry for the enormous contribution to that creative legacy, which he made during his life on Salt Spring.

There will be an opportunity to enjoy reading some of the Driftwood coverage of many of our musical memories before and after the concert.

**LOTTIE DEVINDISCH,**  
ANGLICAN PARISH

**Living with nature**

Did you know that over 50 per cent of B.C.'s greenhouse gas emissions come from destroying or degrading forests and other natural areas?

Deforestation has such a huge impact because it releases carbon into the atmosphere, as well as killing off the only viable means we have for removing carbon from the atmosphere — through green plants.

To top it all off, when we protect nature, especially when we make sure that protected areas are not isolated islands, but are connected to each other, we strengthen nature's ability to adapt to the many stresses it is faced with: everything from climate change to toxic chemicals.

One theme that came across strongly at Saturday's Climate Action workshop was the need to move towards becoming stewards of the land, as opposed to seeing ourselves as "owners."

Indeed, the New Climate for Conservation report recommends that B.C. ensure that at least 50 per cent of its land base be protected under some legal form of stewardship. This would not mean preventing any human intrusion in those areas, but it would mean limiting the negative impacts of human interactions with the land.

To find out more about respectful relationships with land you own or interact with, the Salt Spring Island Conservancy has just published a beautiful Living With Nature booklet. And from the Islands Trust you can get a free copy of the Salt Spring Island Sustainability Checklist.

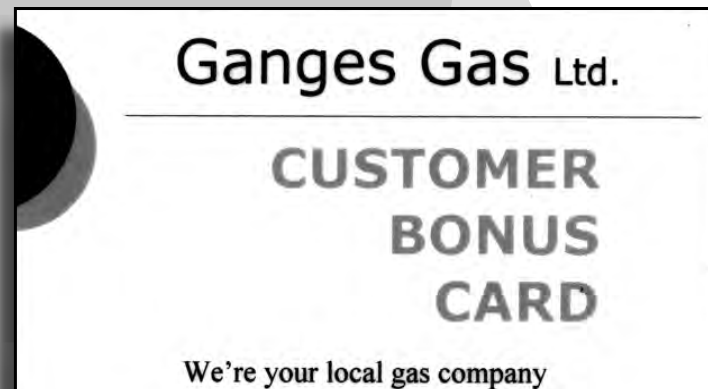
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## NEWSBEAT

### PARENTING

# Long-term strategies for a better society

Dr. Joan Durrant explores issue at Child Honouring talk

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The new Centre for Child Honouring opened its programming last Thursday with the first date in an ongoing speaker series.

Dr. Joan Durrant, an expert in child development and a violence prevention specialist, gave the centre's first free lecture with an outline of her Positive Discipline approach.

Durrant said she was excited and honoured to be the centre's first speaker, especially after learning how well her work relates to the overall vision set out by Child Honouring founder Raffi Cavoukian.

"It's a wonderful invitation that has real potential to make changes in the lives of children, and it's wonderful to be able to make a contribution to it," Durrant said of her appearance.

Providing a loving environment and taking a conscious approach to parenting with long-term goals firmly in mind are the keys to Durrant's thesis. While everyone knows how stressful parenting can be, she would like to teach people not to react in the moment, and especially to avoid belittling children or, even worse, hitting them.

"How we choose to react in moments of stress has long-term effects. If we respond with yelling, name-calling, hitting — what we're doing is not teaching them good conflict-resolution socially," Durrant said. The goal instead is to guide children and teach them how to work things through.

"How we respond to them as children sets the stage for our relationships with them as teenagers, which is the stage that scares everyone," said Durrant. "You have to show that you have good information, be honest and respect their ability to learn."

Although Durrant's program is

called Positive Discipline, in no way does she mean that to be permissive or indulgent parenting. Using clear communication and providing structure with suitable limits and boundaries helps children feel secure and helps them behave accordingly.

Durrant also said parents should be more aware of the stages of child development to understand where the child's actions are coming from and just what can be expected from them at different ages.

Durrant's techniques fit closely with Child Honouring objectives, which look at changing our practices and policies to put children at the centre of society. The idea is that any practice that has a negative impact on children will ultimately have a negative impact on the rest of the world. Conversely, policies that consider children first will ultimately build a healthy, strong society down the road.

An example of a country that already considers children's needs in its social policies is Sweden, where mothers and fathers are both entitled to parental leave in order to give new mothers desperately needed support and encourage family bonding.

As Durrant points out, Sweden is a productive nation with low rates of violence, gangs and youth suicide. She suggests that early family attachment is correlated.

"Children are put in the centre, not in a condescending way but in a really concrete way that takes into account how society is going to look in 30, 40 years," Durrant said.

Positive parenting in individual homes therefore takes on a whole new significance: "Raffi's vision is very big and very holistic — he's talking about restructuring society to make it a healthier place."

For more information on Positive Discipline techniques, visit <http://seap.savethechildren.se>. The Centre for Child Honouring's website is [www.childhonouring.org](http://www.childhonouring.org).

### ISLANDS TRUST

# Trust withdraws its support for St. Mary Lake weir project

Residents' concerns attract trustees' notice

The island's local Trust committee members voted to rescind their support for the North Salt Spring Waterworks District's proposed weir expansion near the outlet of St. Mary Lake.

Trustees George Ehring and Christine Torgrimson said they will await results of the water district's investigation into concerns from area residents and the weir's impacts on lakefront properties and beaches before taking a final position.

The water district wants to raise the level of the St. Mary Lake weir's crest elevation to 41 metres from 40.7 metres.

The work is needed to ensure water supply, protect sensitive fish habitat and improve water quality, according to the water district's general manager Trevor Hutton.

### Co-ownership arrangement gets first reading

After more than half a decade of discussions with Islands Trust staff and trustees, a young Salt Spring family is one step closer to com-

### TRUSTBRIEFS

pleting a one-of-a-kind housing arrangement.

Trustees gave first reading to a bylaw amendment that could allow for creation of a second home on a 6.3-hectare (15.6-acre) property on Mount Maxwell Road.

"[The family] wishes to create a sustainable lifestyle for their family as well as for other young working families in the Salt Spring community by creating the precedent of a co-ownership affordable housing situation that encourages land stewardship, organic farming and gardening, alternative energy production, and efficient and logical site and house design using permaculture concepts," reads an Islands Trust staff report dated Jan. 28.

Trustee Torgrimson said the project's unique yet promising nature partly explains why it has taken so long for the application to proceed.

A public hearing is required before trustees can give second and third readings to amended Bylaw 433.

# NEWSBEAT

ST. MARY LAKE

# Advocacy group wants action on watershed plan

Committee eyes lake's health

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD

A less than stellar turnout couldn't bog down St. Mary Lake Stewardship Group members from raising the profile of health and safety issues faced by the island's largest drinking-water source.

"Our wish is to try and make sure that the work that was done on the [St. Mary Lake

Watershed Plan] just doesn't sit on a shelf and gather dust," said Gus Mitchell, the group's acting chair. "We want to keep it alive."

The watershed plan, released in October 2009, was developed partly in response to a series of potentially toxic algal blooms in 2004 and 2005.

The primary cause of such blooms, the report states, is the high level of phosphorus entering St. Mary Lake. Runoff from nearby septic systems represents 29 per cent of the

phosphorus entering the lake.

When the plan was released, construction of a sewage system around the lake was suggested as the only way to contain phosphorus levels.

Members of the nine-member volunteer group must now determine which of the report's numerous recommendations to pursue.

Acting on the recommendations, Mitchell said, is up to government bodies like the Capital Regional District, the Islands Trust, the Ministry of Transportation and the North

Salt Spring Waterworks District.

The St. Mary Lake group's top priority is to ensure those agencies don't forget action is required.

"It's entirely up to them and, if they don't act, I think it's up to the stewardship group to make sure that they do," Mitchell said.

For more information about how to participate or learn more about the stewardship group, contact Gus Mitchell at 250-537-8730 or at creelguy@telus.net.

## ISLAND HISTORY

### Pioneering Lee family member dies at age 85

Elmer Lee resided in Victoria

The descendant of a Salt Spring pioneer family has died in Victoria. Elmer Lee, who was born on Salt Spring on Sept. 15, 1924, died peacefully on Jan. 30.

As reported by Mary Davidson, a descendant of the pioneering McLennan family, he was the son of William Hudson Lee and Maggie (McLennan) Lee.

"His grandparents, Edward Lee and Martha (Polard) Lee, settled in the Burgoyne Valley in 1886, along with Ed's brother Tom and their sister, Martha Polard, with her husband," said Davidson. "Ed and Tom settled on either side of the hill that is now known as Lee Hill. Ed Lee was one of the original founders and trustees of Burgoyne United Church, built in 1889."

She said Elmer Lee was a B.C. Electric and B.C. Hydro lineman for many years after he left Salt Spring and took up residence in Victoria. He was a Legion member, although too young to have been in World War II. His brother, Arthur Lee, lost his life in Italy during that war. Elmer suffered from severe kidney disease in later life. His final years were spent in Kensington House on Shelbourne Street. Predeceased by his wife Marjory and daughter Barbara, Elmer is survived by his son Norman (Rosemaerrie), daughter Janet Brunt and grandchildren Danika Lee, Jason Brunt and Melissa Brunt.



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NEWSBEAT

FUNDRAISER

**Bateman presentation, Auntie Pesto's cuisine to aid Ugandan university**

Tickets now on sale for special Feb. 28 evening

Auntie Pesto's Café is teaming up with some high-profile artists for a fundraiser for students at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda.

Proceeds from the Feb. 28 event "will fund research initiatives in the realm of conflict analysis, peace-building on national and international levels, and human security issues faced by refugees and internally displaced persons," explains a press release.

Arranged by the students of the Human Security and Peacebuilding Program at Royal Roads University, this evening is an opportunity to experience Auntie Pesto's African-influenced cuisine, a slide show and presentation by renowned wildlife

artist Robert Bateman and a chance to bid in a silent auction on a number of items, including a personalized Robert Bateman print, floor art by Stunning Dunning Designs, a framed gouache piece by LeRoy Jensen, two nights for two at Lost and Found Guest House and a photographic print by Steven Friedman.

Silent auction items will be on display at Auntie Pesto's the week before the event for viewing and bids.

Doors open at 5 p.m., the three-course dinner is at 6 p.m. and the presentation and slide show is at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are pre-sold at \$50 a seat and can be purchased at Auntie Pesto's or by calling Anna Squier at 250-537-6468.

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## COMMUNITY GROUPS



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Local participants in the Girl Guides of Canada are ready to celebrate with a Feb. 21 tea at Meaden Hall.

# Girl Guides celebrate a century

Anniversary tea set for Feb. 21

**BY GAIL TEMMEL**  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Girl Guides of Canada is turning 100! The Salt Spring Island community has been active with Guiding since the mid-1920s. Our Guiding sisters across the country will be celebrating our 100th birthday and here on the island, we will be holding a special anniversary tea.

Since 1910, Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada has been a trailblazing movement advocating for girls and women, while offering them opportunities to discover new interests and develop leadership skills.

Throughout its history, Guiding has prepared girls to meet the challenges they face. Today's girls can learn about global and cultural awareness, career exploration, science and technology and the arts. They work on environmental projects

and explore important issues such as cyber-bullying, self-esteem and body image, and develop the skills needed to speak out and take actions on issues that are important to them.

And we definitely still go camping! Guiding enables girls to be confident, courageous and resourceful, and to make a difference in the world around them.

Over the last century, hundreds of thousands of girls have

been touched by Guiding. They have had the chance to learn new skills, develop lasting friendships, build their confidence and leadership abilities, and learn about the world around them, all in a supporting, safe environment. Guiding gives girls fantastic opportunities to travel and in the past eight years, five girls from Salt Spring have travelled to England, Australia, Thailand and Ecuador on international Girl Guide trips.

We are very proud to be celebrating our 100th anniversary and on Sunday, Feb. 21, we would like to invite everyone who has ever been involved in Girls Guides — on Salt Spring, across the country or around the world as a girl member, leader, a helping parent or a badge tester, to join us for our birthday tea. It will take place at the Legion Meaden Hall and our program begins at 2 p.m. We have a great afternoon

lined up and look forward to seeing many old and new faces.

To help us with our preparations, if you can join us we ask you to reply to Gail Temmel at 250-653-4613 or gtemmel@shaw.ca by Feb. 15. If you are unable to attend but have something of interest to share with us about your time in Girl Guides, please call me with your information.

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## PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

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**FRANCAIS:** Iminah Amal-Hill, left, and Brenna McIntyre read tarot cards as part of Salt Spring Island Middle School's Grade 8 French Immersion program's annual Medieval Festival.



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# Bridge players take the glory but avoid Burns Night gore

Poetry also left behind on Jan. 25

BY JILL EVANS  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Tide and wind stayed no man's pleasure (or woman's) on Jan. 18 after gales and power outages, when six full tables played bridge that night.

The greatest pleasure went to winners Ian Thomas and Zelly Taylor, with Gisela Welsh and Blanche Poborsa breezing happily into second place.

Patricia Hewett and Bob Morrisette could enjoy landing in the third spot, and Isabelle Richardson and Jean Elder could exit smiling in fourth place.

## BRIDGETRICKS

The rest could cheer up and try again another time.

Having consumed their fill of haggis on Jan. 25 (Burns Night), five tables of players arrived at Seniors to the skirl of imaginary pipers and the words of Rabbie's "Bannockburn" not ringing in their heads as they should have been:

*Scots, wha hae wi' Wallace bled —  
Scots, wham Bruce has aften led —  
Welcome to your gory bed,  
Or to victorie!  
Now's the day, and now's the hour;  
See the front o' battle lower . . .*

It was victorie for Ian Thomas and Zelly Taylor again, with John Woodward and Linda Stafford battling to second. Slashing their way to third were Boodie Arnott and Jacquie Stevulak, backed up by Gisela Welsh and Blanche Poborsa. The rest went to beds of varied goriness, but as Burns wrote another time:

*A man may drink and no be drunk;  
A man may fight and no be slain;  
A man may kiss a bonnie lass,  
And aye be welcome back again.*

Feb. 1 welcomed five full tables again and this time Paul Retallack and George Laundry charged well ahead of the rest.

A very respectable second place was occupied by Isabelle Richardson and Flo Laundry, with Irene Hawksworth and Joanne Elizabeth coming third and Vic Parks and Griff Thompson close behind.

For information, contact George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or [pastorale@shaw.ca](mailto:pastorale@shaw.ca).

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## RECALL AND INITIATIVE ACT

This Notice is published pursuant to section 4 of the Recall and Initiative Act.

Approval in principle has been granted on an application for an initiative petition. The petition will be issued to proponent William Vander Zalm on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 and signature sheets must be submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer by July 5, 2010.

**The Title of the Initiative is:**

An initiative to end the harmonized sales tax (HST).

**Summary of Initiative:**

The purpose of the initiative draft Bill is to declare that the agreement between the federal government and the British Columbia government to establish a harmonized sales tax (HST) is not in effect. The draft Bill would reinstate the 7% provincial sales tax (PST) with the same exemptions as were in effect as of June 30, 2010 and establish the provincial sales tax as the only sales tax in British Columbia for the purposes of raising provincial revenue. The draft Bill proposes that it be effective retroactively to June 30, 2010. The Bill also proposes that the provincial share of HST revenues received between June 30, 2010 and the date of Royal Assent of the Bill that exceeds what would be collected under the PST rules as of June 30, 2010 would be reimbursed to British Columbians on a per capita basis.

**Opponent Registration:**

Individuals or organizations who intend to incur expenses as opponents must apply for registration with the Chief Electoral Officer by Monday, March 8, 2010. Registration applications for opponents are available from Elections BC.

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**Who May Sign the Petition:**

Registered voters as of Tuesday, April 6, 2010 may sign the initiative petition. Individuals may only sign the petition once, and must sign the petition sheet for the electoral district in which they are registered at the time of signing. Signed petitions are available for public inspection.

**For More Information:**

The initiative application and draft Bill are available for public inspection on the Elections BC website and at the Elections BC office at the address below.

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# PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

## OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

# Sharing the Olympic experience

Participants discuss their roles at the Winter Games

BY SUSAN LUNDY  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

From performing on stage to driving in Whistler, an army of Salt Spring Islanders is taking part in the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

Over the next four weeks, the Driftwood will "tag along" with some of these participants, documenting their Olympic experiences.

This week, we tracked down the following people, determining what they will be doing and what they are anticipating most:

• **Emma Rimmer**, 20, is a UBC student, born and raised on Salt Spring. She applied online last fall and, after attending a training session and interview in January, received a volunteer position as an "event services host" in the Vancouver Athletes Village. She will be checking the accreditation of everyone (including athletes) entering and exiting the village.

She also applied online and was accepted as part of the cast in the opening and closing ceremonies.

"Right now," she says, "I'd have to say I'm most excited for the opening ceremonies because they're coming up so fast! It's going to be an awesome show and I can't wait. Work in the village is still pretty slow, but I'm sure I'll be more excited for that once the Games get going. I've also got Feb. 28 in the back of my mind because at that point, I'll finally be able to get some rest!"

• **Wendy Herbert**, 60, is a former Gulf Islands School District superintendent, who moved to Salt Spring in 2002. Through an online application process, she obtained the a position as "team leader driver" with the transportation team stationed in Whistler.

"For each of my 10-hour shifts, I am



Dressed in their Olympic garb are Marnie Keith-Murray, left, and Susan Russell — two of many Salt Spring people volunteering at the Olympics.

responsible for a team of drivers," she says. "I will be their contact when they are out on the roads and between the Whistler venues. I have also undergone the driver training and will be called upon to drive if needed."

She expects the job will involve a "fair amount of problem-solving in between dispatch confirmation" and is "overjoyed to be working with people from all over Canada and the world."

On Feb. 6, she recalls, she was at Mt. Washington's nordic area when it hosted a practice biathlon race.

"Men and women from the Canada, France, Germany and the Czech Republic Olympic teams were there. It was absolutely thrilling — even as the rain came down! Excitement was pervasive; honour and respect for the athletes was palpable.

"I'm expecting this [same] excitement will be huge throughout the Olympic weeks. I am thrilled to be in the midst of this once-in-a-lifetime experience helping out in some little way. It is something I could not pass up and I cannot believe my extremely good fortune at being selected."

• **Wesley Hardisty**, 16, is a young musician who moved to Salt Spring last summer (see related story, Page B11).

During the Olympics, Hardisty will be based in Vancouver, playing the fiddle with a delegation of performers from the Northwest Territories, as well as a B.C. youth fiddle group. Both performances take place at B.C. Place Stadium in front of audiences in excess of 25,000 people. He is also participating in workshops and playing the fiddle at the Four Host First Nations Pavilion, Grouse Mountain and Canada Northern House.

He says: "I'm excited about playing with so many great musicians, including two great fiddlers — Richard Lafferty and Lee Mandeville — having fun with new friends, and [taking] my first sea plane ride to Vancouver."

"Also while in Vancouver, I plan to go see some great performances, including Buffy St. Marie. I'm excited about performing every day because I love playing music."

• **April Wright**, 59, has lived on Salt Spring for four years after visiting here for the last three decades. She has a background in sports — policy development, management and protocol at national and international levels — and has been a national-level sports official. She has also worked in public relations and marketing.

At the Olympics, Wright will be part of

the Corporate Strategy Partner Relations Group of VANOC, working specifically with the "domestic dignitary program." (Domestic dignitaries, she says, include the prime minister, governor general, sports minister(s), premiers, senators, members of parliament and mayors.)

"These dignitaries will also have 'special guests,' and we will be doing everything possible within a framework of activities to ensure their event enjoyment and meetings proceed smoothly," she says.

Wright's accreditation clears her for every sports venue, the media and broadcast centres and other dignitary areas, "so the experience should be interesting," she says.

• **Marnie Keith-Murray**, 72, has been visiting Salt Spring since

1972. She moved here permanently after closing down her Toronto-based business in 2001, but as a sailor, spends several months each year travelling in "warm waters."

As a host in the events services venue, Keith-Murray is stationed at the Olympic Family Hotel, which refers to three downtown hotels housing IOC delegates, national Olympic heads, and presidents and secretary generals of world sports federations.

"I am mainly at the Bayshore Hotel where the IOC executive meetings are being held," she says, noting her job takes place both inside and outside, and involves checking delegates, staff and media for entrance accreditation to the hotel.

"It is infinitely more fascinating to be inside to see well-known faces and their activities," she says. "Yesterday, I was right at the meeting place and saw and heard President Rogge of the IOC as we managed to keep the media organized."

She adds: "I am most excited about just being here. I missed the Olympics in Montreal and Calgary and was determined to enjoy the Olympic spirit and energy this time around."

"It is truly fun to see the army of volunteers behind the scenes to pull off these games. Even being in Vancouver with all the events, music, art and theatre that is part of the scene is exciting. A lovely complement to living on Salt Spring!"

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# PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

## CHINESE NEW YEAR

# Two holidays' date sharing propitious in 2010

Give extra care to world's cats in Year of the Tiger

BY LING WESTON  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Chinese New Year begins on Feb. 14, 2010 and hails in the Year of the Tiger.

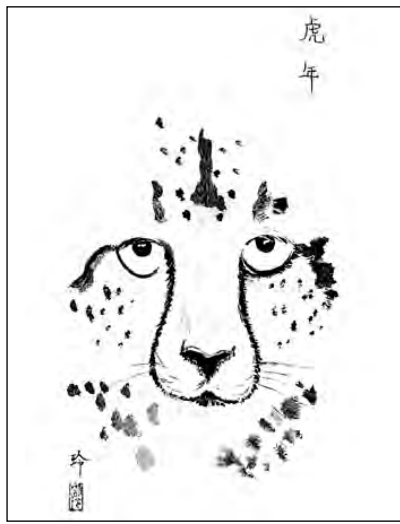
I have frequently been asked why the Chinese New Year always falls on a different date each year.

This often caused a lot of confusion, including for me, even though I was brought up in the tradition of celebrating Chinese New Year.

My trusty 10,000 year-span conversion Almanac had run out twice during my life time already, until my good friend gave me a newer version that will last until 2019! So I'm saved until then.

To make a long story short, the Chinese calendar is a lunar calendar. It was devised by astrologers, over 5,000 years ago, based on the orbit of the moon around our planet Earth.

There are 12 lunar months in a lunar year. And, sure as clockwork, on every 15th day of a lunar month, the moon is full! You can count on it! It is not only the Chinese that follow the lunar calendar. I found out, to my surprise, that Hebrew and Islamic calendars are also lunar calendars.



On the other hand, the Gregorian calendar that we all follow is based on the movement of our planet Earth around the sun.

East is East, West is West. These two calendars are not compatible. Time-wise, the Westerners celebrate their New Year on Jan. 1 while countries in the East celebrate Chinese New Year. This year, the Year of the Tiger, begins on Feb. 14, 2010 and the cycle ends on Feb. 2, 2011.

I, for one, and lots of others keep both traditions. In China, the king of the jungle

is the tiger and not the lion! This is backed by the fact that tigers are the biggest and the strongest of all cats in the world, although they all belong to the family "felidae." That's where the word "feline" comes from.

Babies born in the Year of the Tiger under their lucky stars are endowed with the following positive traits: they are born to be leaders!

They are also courageous, intelligent, deep thinking, self-confident and determined.

They have endless energy and enjoy adventurous lives.

However, they do have some shortcomings: they can be short-tempered, unpredictable and at times selfish.

When Tigers are in control, they can be very charming, loving, generous and considerate of others, and true blue with their friends. They are also very quick to protect their honour and their family.

Those who have Tigers in their families or circles of friends should watch out for a Tiger who is calm on the outside. Tigers are on the alert at all times and ready to pounce at any time. They can overcome any obstacle in their way and always end up on their paws or feet. Because of this, Tigers should learn to relax more. They should learn to be more

patient and listen to wise counsel of others.

By nature, Tigers will only settle down in retirement and find peace and contentment.

So, with all these heavenly endowments, boys will grow up to be good leaders like politicians and girls make excellent educators, doctors and lawyers.

For all the 12 Zodiac signs, 2010 will be a family-oriented propitious year. Everyone will have to work hard for their due reward in wealth and generosity.

And, did you notice that the first of the Chinese New Year falls on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14? This makes a Tiger/Tigress born on this day a Valentine's baby. A doubly auspicious day.

The last time Chinese New Year fell on St. Valentine's Day was 57 years ago, in 1953, the Year of the Snake. Also, don't forget to be a Valentine to all Tigers in the world (including cats), as they are endangered animals. Heard of the plight of the Siberian and Bengal tigers?

Kung Hey Fat Choy and Happy Valentine's Day!

Ling Weston provides a Chinese New Year article and drawing to the Driftwood each year.

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# FOCUS ON SENIORS

## Physical activity DVD helps older adults move for life

A new DVD that includes educational resources will teach older British Columbians how they can be more physically active in their communities and encourage healthy lifestyles for the province's aging population, announced Ida Chong, Minister of Healthy Living and Sport.

Launched today at Recreation Oak Bay, the ActNow BC Move For Life DVD represents a partnership between the Province and the BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA).

"Regular physical activity is an important part of a healthy lifestyle for people of all ages, and especially important for maintaining good health, staying independent and actively engaged as we get older," said Chong. "Move For Life is a great resource that shows older adults how easy it can be to perform simple physical activities in their communities."

In the next 20 years, the number of

British Columbians over the age of 65 will almost double to more than 1.2 million, representing approximately 23 per cent of the province's residents.

Move For Life is hosted and led by older British Columbians, who demonstrate activities on location in B.C. parks and communities. They show viewers how to stretch and perform movements that are tailored toward individuals who may have limited mobility.

Move For Life was developed in collaboration with key partner organizations and physical activity experts in the field, including 17 focus groups conducted across the province with 245 older adults participating ranging from 59 to 94 years of age. Copies of the DVD and educational resources will be distributed throughout B.C. to recreation centres, libraries and physicians' offices.

The Move For Life DVD and educational resources demonstrate a variety of evidence-based physical

activities suitable for older adults.

The DVD includes two main sections:

- Energy Bursts —These consist of six energy bursts, each two minutes in length. Bursts are fun activities that get people moving. They are targeted for group settings and can also be used as warm-up for other activities.

- Walkabouts — A number of options that provide a comprehensive workout, containing warm-up, walking, muscular strength/endurance and stretching/cool down, with agility, balance and core activities integrated throughout.

Educational resources consist of:

- Fact sheets outlining safe physical activities to perform to address specific health conditions, including arthritis, osteoporosis and heart disease. These educational resources were researched, developed, focus-tested and reviewed by the Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology Health and Fitness Program of British Columbia.

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# PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

## INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

# Community film, discussion supports Lesotho orphanage

Hear from those working on the ground

Islanders are welcome to join filmmaker Gary McNutt and writer Andrea Palframan for an evening of stories and images from brightest Africa.

The Feb. 20 evening, which begins at 7 p.m. at Mahon Hall, is a fundraiser for the Phelisanong (Together we Work for Life) project in Lesotho. In McNutt's latest short film, *Now and Then*, hear about how this group of disabled and HIV positive villagers banded together and formed a group dedicated to caring for their community's most vulnerable, the orphans and disabled children left behind by the AIDS pandemic.

**"It's definitely we who are empowered, seeing people do so much with so little."**

ANDREA PALFRAMAN  
Event organizer

Through their solidarity and vision, this group has built a community centre that thrives, against all odds, in one of the poorest countries in the world.

Palframan and McNutt are headed back to Lesotho on Feb. 26 and will be bringing with them what funds they raise at Saturday's event. This year they are fundraising for new orphanage buildings at Phelisanong, each of which will house 10 children with special

needs and chronic illnesses. The buildings cost \$20,000 each and two are already under construction thanks to a contribution by Glasswaters Foundation. They are also fundraising for an expansion on the project's tiny one-roomed health clinic, a computer lab, and their scholarship program. They hope to raise \$4,000 to top up their fundraising efforts over the weekend, both at this information evening and at a benefit concert at Moby's on Friday the 19th.

"Trying to keep up with the galloping imagination of these supposedly 'unempowered' people has been the greatest challenge," says Andrea Palframan, the event's organizer. "There is no limitation to the goals that Phelisanong sets, and we just try to hang on. We know that every penny we raise goes directly to help the people who need it most: as the African proverb says, there isn't much water spilled when it's being carried uphill.

"It's definitely we who are empowered, seeing people do so much with so little."

The Phelisanong projects' director, Mamello Lehlotha, came to Salt Spring island in 2006. Palframan says many islanders recognized in Mamello a rare opportunity to channel funds directly to an indigenous, community-led project in Africa free from interference of corrupt governments or top-heavy aid agencies. Since her visit, there have been back-and-forth visits to Lesotho by Salt Springers and Saturday's presentation is a chance to hear from two such visitors about what they learned and witnessed watching a

real-time community-to-community partnership unfold.

Through it all attendees will hear how Salt Spring Islanders have played a role in funding and supporting a primary school, a health clinic and a secondary scholarship program for girls. McNutt's film features footage taken since 2004, when the project consisted of a series of collapsing mud huts, to today's quadrangle of school and orphanage buildings, standing surrounded by lush fields and orchards.

"We can point to each of these buildings and say the name of people on Salt Spring who've contributed money to build them," says McNutt. "They have led the way for other Canadian partners, in Duncan, Victoria and Calgary, to come on board."

"Phelisanong is a rare example of how sustained and long-term commitments on the part of small communities like ours can really make a lasting impact, on literally thousands of people's lives."

There have been some challenges, and hard lessons, along the way, which offer valuable insights to anyone involved in development work overseas. "So many projects fail because they are arranged around outsiders' needs and timeframes," says Palframan. "What we've learned, sometimes the hard way, is that any 'aid project' needs to meaningfully involve local people, who set their own priorities for the work they will be carrying out. That goes for reconstruction in Haiti to the kind of long-term development that we're involved in in Africa.

"While people in

developing countries appear, to us, to be poor and desperate, they are incredibly resourceful from having to live in such harsh circumstances. They don't need to be saved by us, they just need us to invest in their ideas. Their approach is going to be different, their pace is going to be different. But we learn a great deal, and ultimately accomplish more, if we take the time to slow down and listen up."

Everyone is invited to come out next Saturday night to Mahon Hall, enjoy McNutt's film and join in a discussion about development, community and international solidarity.



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*Peter McCully - Publisher*



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# Sports & Recreation

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Div.-2 women split intense match-ups

Keeper Hornell gets accolades

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring United started a full weekend of soccer with a fast game of high competition against Lakehill Thunder on Saturday.

Although the first-placed Thunder took the match with a score of 3-0, Salt Spring players enjoyed a fun game against the division leaders.

"Our passing was accurate and our intensity was high," said player Sue-Anne Donaldson. "We held our own and had our chances, we were just unable to capitalize when we did break through their defence."

Donaldson said keeper Erin Hornell had a great game with "some stellar saves at



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Sue-Anne Donaldson navigates through heavy traffic at the Lakehill goal.

the edge of her 18-yard box." Helena Bryn-McLeod had a dynamic game on defence, shutting down the Thunder forwards before they had a chance to make a play. Lorna Walde was a strong force controlling most of the play through the middle of

the field throughout the game.

On Sunday, Salt Spring played the Lakehill Reds and this time won 2-0 on another beautiful day for soccer. With an outstanding performance, Salt Spring played a fast two-touch game. Dynamic

skills were shown by everyone throughout the entire match.

About a quarter of the way through the first half, "an amazing through-ball" from Joelle Morrison led Donaldson just past Lakehill's defence where she struck the

ball into the net to make the score 1-0.

Not long after the first goal, LeeAnn Norgard placed a perfect corner kick to Morrison, who flicked it to Donaldson, who shot it low and hard into the corner of the net.

Salt Spring played a strong second half to ensure the lead until the game was over, keeping the score at 2-0. The team congratulates keeper Hornell for the shut-out, as well as striker Liz Wilson for her incredible speed.

"A thank-you to the referees and the linesmen — what an awesome weekend for soccer," Donaldson concluded.

SS United's next match is in Duncan against Cowichan at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 12, followed by a home game on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. against the Castaways at GISS.

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## MEN'S SOCCER

# Opponents shock Ganges Gremio

Tough luck greets island soccer teams

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An undermanned Ganges Gremio squad couldn't hold off unrelenting pressure from hosts Juan de Fuca on Sunday afternoon.

"Everybody that showed up was a Spartan, but we were just outnumbered," said player Ryan Smith. "We lost to one of the worst teams in our division simply because we can't get enough guys out to play."

Despite the team's advantage, Juan de Fuca only escaped with a narrow 3-2 victory.

Smith and Thomas Berry netted the Ganges goals.

The loss puts Gremio in a

"must-win" situation as the team prepares to wind down the season.

Gremio will try to regain momentum when it travels to play Gordon Head (6-3-4) in a Valentine's Day match-up on Vancouver Island.

Fifth-place Gremio is only four points behind Gordon Head in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's tight 4C division.

The team will be looking to avenge a 2-0 loss to Gordon Head back in early November.

In other Salt Spring soccer action, players on Salt Spring's Old Boys (2-6-3) hope to improve on last year's performance despite losing a 4-0 decision against Zgoda in Victoria on Sunday afternoon.

With five players sitting out

with injuries, the Old Boys squad never stood much of a chance against its Masters C-division rivals.

"I'd say the result was disappointing," said an injured Richard Steel.

The loss drops the team to a tie for final spot in its division with nine points.

Steel said the Old Boys have improved on last year's efforts, scoring more goals and getting more points than they did in 2008-09.

"They need, however, to get at least one win from those last three games to have a chance of improving on last year's league position," he said.

Steel said he wasn't sure when and where the team's next game will be held.

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# SPORTS & RECREATION



## SHOW YOUR SPIRIT BC!



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Dr. Ron Reznick with his bike and stethoscope a couple of years ago. Reznick is again combining his love of athleticism and medicine while serving at the Olympics in Whistler.

## Looking for Dr. Reznick? He's at the sliding centre

Reznick on duty while other volunteers dive into their jobs

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

For people who know Salt Spring's Dr. Ron Reznick, his whereabouts for the next few weeks should be no surprise.

Reznick, who has had a family practice on Salt Spring for the past 25 years, has been involved in sports medicine for that same period of time, as well as being an athlete and admirer of what the human body is capable of when in a competitive mode.

Reznick is a regular participant in events such as the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life fundraiser, and participated in both the B.C. Cancer Foundation's 2007 Tour of Courage ride, where he was able to meet cycling legend Lance Armstrong, and its 200-kilometre trek from Vancouver to Seattle last year.

community, he was a natural for the job this time around.

"I had originally been asked by Jack Taunton, who is the chief medical officer of these Olympic games, and I applied for the position about one year ago."

Is Ron looking forward to participating again? Definitely.

"I'm excited about many aspects of the Games and by participating as a physician. I think it will be an exciting adventure and I look forward to meeting athletes and visitors and other physicians and other health practitioners from around the world. It will be a fantastic experience."

Reznick also feels incredibly fortunate to be able to stay right in Whistler, which is not the case for some of the physicians and others working at the Games.

For that he can thank his patient Gil Newell, who helped him find a place with Bob Barnett, publisher-owner of Whistler's Pique Newsmagazine.

Reznick expressed extreme gratitude to Newell and Barnett for making that work, and to everyone else who tried to locate accommodation for him.

"My patients were so helpful," he said. "Everybody started looking around for me."

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In other local Olympics news, islander Deborah Brockenshire has just signed on to be a volunteer. She will be driving athletes and their families around Whistler as needed.

Brockenshire said the opportunity just fell into her lap and she couldn't refuse. She also said more volunteers are still needed, and people can call the Olympics' fleet compound at 604-402-0191 for more information.

Several other Salt Spring individuals are volunteering or otherwise involved in the Games, and the Driftwood will be bringing you reports from some of them in the next few weeks. See Page A17 in this week's paper.

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**"I think it will be an exciting adventure and I look forward to meeting athletes and visitors and other physicians and other health practitioners from around the world."**

RON REZNICK  
*Salt Spring physician*

On Thursday morning he heads off to Whistler where he'll receive orientation for his duties as a doctor at the Whistler Sliding Centre, the site of the bobsleigh, luge and skeleton competitions.

"I will be doing assessments and treatments for the spectators, work force, media and Olympic family members," he said.

He previously worked as a sports doctor at the Commonwealth Games when they were held in Victoria in the summer of 1994. Because he was known in the games

# SPORTS & RECREATION

## Beacon of Hope: Saints' win symbolic of city's struggle

After everything that's happened to the city of New Orleans over the past few years, it seems as though even the horrific devastation of Hurricane Katrina wasn't enough to stop the Saints from taking their first Super Bowl title in team history.

The Saints won the Vince Lombardi Trophy on Sunday after defeating the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 in Miami at Super Bowl XLIV.

The championship was the Saints' first in the organization's 43-year existence and proved the city of New Orleans is officially back on the map.

As the underdogs going into the Super Bowl, few expected the Saints to be able to outlast Peyton Manning and the powerhouse Colts.



**Patrick Cwiklinski**

### LET'S TALK SPORTS

But after some gutsy play calls by New Orleans head coach Sean Payton and absolutely stellar play from quarterback and Super Bowl MVP Drew Brees, the Saints succeeded in capturing the NFL's ultimate prize.

However, the trophy was only symbolic of the Saints' greatest victory.

In the years following Hurricane Katrina, the Saints had

become a beacon of hope for a city that was physically and spiritually crushed by this beastly force of nature.

The state of chaos that the hurricane left behind was nothing short of a hell on Earth, but the Saints' home stadium in New Orleans at least provided a temporary safe haven for citizens.

The Louisiana Superdome became a shelter to about 15,000 to 20,000 people after the hurricane as the Saints moved their playing location for the 2005 NFL season, splitting it between fields in Baton Rouge and San Antonio. Had it not been for the Saints organization in New Orleans, who knows where those thousands of people would have ended up?

It is in that vein that the Saints

not only had the backing of an entire city and state, but arguably the entire United States.

The win reflected a hard-fought battle with the city's struggle to survive and unwavering hope that New Orleans would one day return to prominence.

The Saints became role models and let the people focus on something besides the turmoil of everyday life in New Orleans. Perhaps more importantly, the Saints were able to resurge a greater sense of community in the city that had been lost within the eye of the hurricane.

The party on Bourbon Street in the city's French Quarter said it all. Mission accomplished.

And when Katie Couric asked Brees whether he felt he helped


**... the Saints were able to resurge a greater sense of community in the city that had been lost within the eye of the hurricane.**

save the city, the 31-year-old didn't hesitate in answering the question.

"New Orleans helped save me."

# expert ADVICE

### Insurance Advisor



**Edith STEVENSON**


#### What's new in insurance for 2010?

While underwriters are always trying to make life insurance policies easier to understand and more affordable, the real question to be asking is, "What's new with You this year?"

Have you recently moved to Salt Spring? Expecting a new child or grandchild this year? Started a new business? If you have had any kind of major life change, including the less positive ones, like losing a spouse or partner through death or divorce, it's time to review your financial plans. As well, when a close friend or family member has survived a serious illness, such as cancer or stroke, we often ask ourselves, What would our situation be like if that happened to Me?


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### Counselling



**ELSJE HANNAH**

#### How well can you listen?

I recently heard an exchange between two people. One asked, "how are you today?" The other answered, "do you really want to know or do you just want a 'fine'?" The first person replied, "Everyone has a story, but no one has time to listen." It got me thinking about the skill of listening. We are equipped to listen but most of us just hear. Listening is an important skill to develop because it's a major source of finding out more about the people in your life.

If we tune our ears in to what people are saying we get a chance to better understand their world. And that is a precious gift for those who need to be heard. This is especially true for hurting and grieving people. Not many of us want to go to the sad places in people's lives but it's these people who need understanding more than anyone. The challenge for us listeners is to take the extra minute or two out of our busy schedules for someone who really needs us. So next time you ask someone how they're doing and you get a "fine", don't settle. Ask them how they're really doing. You might be giving them the biggest gift of the day.

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**GYLE KEATING**

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If mildew is accumulating in your car it needs to be as dry as possible, then all surfaces cleaned with a good antifungal cleaner available from your local hardware store. To effectively dry your car put a small electric heater with a fan in it overnight. Leave a window open slightly to let out the moisture. Be very careful when installing the heater, do not set on or near upholstery, carpet or any flammable surface.


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**LEAH HANSEL**

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The seeds and thoughts that you plant now in your mind will become the direct result of what you experience in your future. Encourage yourself to take stock of what you are currently planting, and if there is any mental, physical, emotional or spiritual weeding that needs to occur.

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### BIRTHS

**VAN SCHETSEN, STEEVES**

Tanya and Mitch are happy to announce the arrival of their beautiful baby girl, **Arawyn Capri Steeves**.  
Born January 30, 2010, weighing 7lbs 7oz.  
Excited Grandparents are John and Leanne Van Schetsen and Janice MacAlorum of Salt Spring, Jim Steeves and Colleen Murray of Victoria, and John MacAlorum of Shawnigan Lake. A cousin for Maryke.

### BIRTHS

Noah Logan would like to announce the birth of his new baby brother,  
**Benjamin Aubrey Logan!**  
Ben was born in Victoria on January 25, 2010 at 5 am, weighing 8 lbs 11 ounces.

Kelda and Dan would like to thank Maggie, Raphael, Kelly, Susan, Tamara, and Pauline at Community Midwifery Care for all the support you have given us over these past months... what would we do without you?  
We would also like to thank Julia Stolk from Cook Street Midwifery in Victoria, and Eva Bild from Mothering Touch, who stood by us while Ben made his way to us. Thanks for helping to make our family complete!

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### DRIFTWOOD CORRECTION:

Re: 2010 Contractor's Directory  
Please be advised that West Edge Design was incorrectly listed under Architect. The correct listing is Architectural/Building Design.

### INFORMATION

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### LOST AND FOUND

**CLOSE TO GANGES**, parts of broken bracelet/necklace, silver chain/ glass beads. 250-537-2918.

**FOUND: DIGITAL** camera at Frisbee Golf Course, Wednesday, Feb. 3. Owner may claim at 250-537-9887.

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### DEATHS

**EDUARDO CANALES**  
1944 to 2010  
Our beloved father and a friend to many, Eduardo Froylan Canales, passed away on January 31, 2010. He was vacationing in Merida, Yucatan with daughters Melissa and Leticia Canales. Eduardo was born in Mexico City in 1944, and lived on Salt Spring for over 25 years. Upon learning of his illness, it was their dream to travel to Mexico as a family, and explore their Mexican heritage. Melissa and Leticia feel very fortunate and blessed to have had this precious time with their father in the weeks before his passing.  
Eduardo was a devoted Saturday Market vendor for over 20 years, and a compassionate and loving father. He will be greatly missed, love is eternal.  
A gathering of his Island friends will be held at a date yet to be determined.

### DEATHS

### CELEBRATIONS

*Congratulations Sandra*  
on your new business venture with Macdonald Realty Salt Spring  
*- Love from your family*

**2010 is a milestone birthday year for some of us.**

*Let's all wish Sherry Moy a very Happy Birthday on February 14th Love from your family on Salt Spring island, especially from your sister/friend Sabine.*  
*P.S. Sherry LOVES hugs.*

### CELEBRATIONS

### COMING EVENTS

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*Sweet*

for an extra sweet valentine's day join us for a **FREE MAPLE SYRUP MAKING DEMONSTRATION** at the HARBOUR HOUSE HOTEL organic farm on Sunday, FEBRUARY 14TH, FROM 2 PM TO 6 PM.

Help us celebrate winning third prize at the Bigleaf Maple Festival in Duncan last weekend. Enter through the farm gate behind the hotel - you will find us boiling sap from our maple trees to make another batch of authentic bigleaf west coast maple syrup. See a genuine wood-fired maple sap evaporator at work!!

Also bring your sweetie to a **SPECIAL valentine's dinner** at the hotel. Candlelight, fine local wines, live romantic music, extraordinary menu, And, yes, a special treat made with our own prize-winning maple syrup! \$48 per person. Reservations at 250-537-4700.

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COMING EVENTS COMING EVENTS

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For Health & Relaxation

**OPEN HOUSE AND INTRODUCTORY CLASS**  
Feb. 15, 7-8 pm

All Saints Anglican Church, Ganges

New class starts Wed. Feb. 17, 7-8 pm at All Saints

Call Stephanie 250-537-1721

**OPPORTUNITY FOR ARTISTS CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

Invitation to submit sculpture proposals for the 2010 season at Hastings House. This is the third season that Hastings House has provided this outdoor venue for artists to exhibit their work in a wonderful outdoors setting.

**Deadline for submissions is March 15, 2010**

Contact Morley Myers for further information and an application form.  
Email: [mgallery@telus.net](mailto:mgallery@telus.net)  
Phone: 250-537-4898

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**VICKI MILLER**

**MATCHED THE MUG!**

Congratulations to Vicki Miller who won \$50 in our Match The Mug contest! Thanks to all who entered.

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**SCHEDULE CHANGE**  
February at the Lions Hall

Wed. 11-12 noon — CANCELLED  
Wed. 6-7:30 pm — CANCELLED  
Thurs. 9-10:30 am — CANCELLED

NO CLASSES Mon. Feb. 15 to Wed. Feb. 17

check our website for updates  
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**YOGA** Starts Feb. 17

ALL LEVELS WITH DOROTHY

~ 2 NEW CLASSES IN GANGES ~  
(Top floor of the Core Inn-134 McPhillips)

MONDAY MORN 9:00 - 10:30 AM  
WEDNESDAY EVE 6:30 - 8:00 PM

~ 1 NEW CLASS AT SS CENTRE OF YOGA ~ (355 Blackburn)

FRIDAY MORN 9:00 - 10:30

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Dorothy  
250-653-4655  
[www.dorothyoga.com](http://www.dorothyoga.com)  
e: [dorothyoga@hotmail.com](mailto:dorothyoga@hotmail.com)

**Notice of Annual General Meeting**  
of the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute

to be held at 7:00 pm  
**Tues 16 February 2010**  
Institute Meeting Room  
351 Rainbow Road

Guest speaker:  
Christine Torgrimson  
Topic: Agriculture and the Islands Trust

INFORMATION INFORMATION

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COMING EVENTS COMING EVENTS

**Salt Spring Fire / Rescue Course Announcement**

**Occupational Health & Safety Part 1 (Basic)**

**February 20, 2010**  
Registration Deadline:  
February 13, 2010

Course Cost: \$85.00  
Course Time: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Contact Salt Spring Fire Rescue  
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HELP WANTED HELP WANTED

Capital Regional District

**Salt Spring Island Transportation Operations Manager**

Persons with hands-on experience and skills are invited to submit a resume for this contract term opportunity.

An exciting and challenging term opportunity exists for a Transportation Manager for Salt Spring Island. Reporting to the Capital Regional District's General Manager of Planning and Protective Services, and under the guidance of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission and the Electoral Area Director, the Manager of Transportation Operations provides leadership and support in the development, administration and delivery of transit and transportation services. This role is responsible for establishing Commission operating programs, objectives, procedures and priorities though long range strategic planning, and for leading and meeting the objectives and priorities as initiated through the CRD and its Commission. This position requires an emphasis on leadership, customer service and establishing and maintaining strong and positive relationships with the community and government agencies at all levels. This is a part time contract opportunity, an effort of approximately 3 days per week on average.

Preferred applicants will have: recognized technical training in transportation operations or equivalent; business, communications, contract management and intergovernmental liaison experience; and a proven track record of business administration. Exceptional customer service, interpersonal, organizational, computer and business liaison skills are required. Given the nature of the contract opportunity, you must be located on Salt Spring Island.

Applications (resume and covering letter) quoting Opportunity # "2010/03-SSI" are being accepted by the Capital Regional District, and may be submitted to Robert Lapham, General Manager, Capital Regional District, c/o CRD Human Resources, PO Box 1000, 625 Figgard Street, Victoria, BC., V8W 2S6; or by fax at 1.250.360.3076; or by email at [hr@crd.bc.ca](mailto:hr@crd.bc.ca). Applications must be submitted by 4 pm February 15, 2010.

For more detailed information on this exciting opportunity please visit our website at [www.crd.bc.ca/saltspring/transit.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/saltspring/transit.htm)

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## HOME/BUSINESS SERVICES

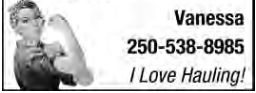
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Tenders are invited for re-roofing two building units at Kingfisher Cove Strata.  
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### HOMES FOR RENT

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## RENTALS

### HOMES FOR RENT



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### SONY 40" rear projection TV

with rolling stand, works fine. Call 250-537-4160.

### THIS CLASSIFICATION is for free recyclable items only (sorry no animals).

There is no charge to place items in this classification. Ads can be submitted in person at the Driftwood office, 328 Lower Ganges Road before Tuesday 10 am or by phone 250-537-9933, fax 250-537-2613 or e-mail: [driftwood@gulfislands.net](mailto:driftwood@gulfislands.net)

### USED BEIGE carpet, 10 x 13', exc. shape, comes with underpad.

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# PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

## Saluting green, blue, red and white

**I hear Salt Spring has a flag. Where did the design come from?**  
— C.D., Salt Spring Island

The Salt Spring Island flag was crafted out of a September 2001 design contest that was open to all island residents and held by the just-formed non-profit Salt Spring Island Monetary Foundation.

Contestants were asked to draw a flag design on an 8.5- by 11-inch sheet of paper and enter it at the Ganges Tourist Info Centre.

A board of appointed judges representing diverse community sectors voted on the winning design by Larry Andrews and Don and Donna Carlson.

The green part stands for the environment and trees, blue for water, red maple leaf for the island's Canadian heritage and white for the pure spirit of islanders.



**Amy Geddes**

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The winner was awarded a \$1,000 cash prize and design copyright was relinquished to the public domain.

The flag contest was held a time when the local movement towards exploring island independence

was thriving.

A new local currency, Salt Spring Dollars, had just been launched and the Sustainable Salt Spring Island Coalition had held a series of roundtable discussions looking at different island nations around

the world (e.g. Isle of Man, Cayman Islands) to examine how their governments and economies functioned.

They found that many had local currencies — and their own flags, explains Usha Rautenbach, a local volunteer researcher.

Roundtable discussions pinpointed community interest in more local control and a stronger island identity.

"We floated a trial balloon [of independence] to see what would happen," recalls Eric Booth, a co-founder of the foundation.

"A lot were completely in favour; others thought it was unpatriotic."

Flags that measure 69 by 137 centimetres (27 by 54 inches) can be purchased for \$99 plus tax from the monetary foundation's Bob McGinn: 250-537-2093, bob-pamela@telus.net.

## This Week's Horoscope

by **Michael O'Connor**  
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### Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

New realizations and responsibilities on relationship fronts are on your mind. Keeping an open mind about the future and long-term prospects is extra important to you now. You intuitively know what you must do, yet you may not want to. Mars retrograde may be synchronizing with creative blocks and rebellion. Take it easy for a while, rest and retreat.

### Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

Many new ideas concerning your public and/or professional life are activating your imagination. You are in the mood to try new things and take new initiatives. Getting others to hear and understand you is another story. You may be considered idealistic these days. Turning your attention to the love of good company and/or to your studies may prove more satisfying.

### Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

Visions of a bright future and a brave new world are on your mind. How to achieve your goals is the question. What tools do you need and can you access? Taking some risks is required, but you may feel hesitant, especially where investments are required. Yet, it is as though a bright light is illuminating your mind. Clear realizations are guiding you to commit to higher ideals.

### Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

Building upon new foundations for the future is in the spotlight. Your heart and mind is open wider than usual these days. You are ready to make new commitments. These may be based on or are stirring fears. Investigations and research to gain information and facts is featured. Respecting your own needs and wishes as well as those of others is extra important now. What do you feel you need and want?

### Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

A rich exchange of ideas and communications of all kinds should be keeping you busy. Who are your true friends and allies and who might have judgements or even contempt? Approach all potential adversaries with love, understanding and forgiveness and you will be free of the hooks. Then focus on the openings and opportunities coming from those who clearly hold your best interests in mind.

### Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

Shaking it up within so you can realize effective changes without continues as a central theme. What area of your life do you want to heal or improve? Perhaps you want more money or a better job or more harmony in relationships or love and romance. The first step is to identify your desires. Then, focus to create changes from within. Changing beliefs, perceptions and attitudes creates outer changes.

### Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

A creative craze is rocking your world. Whether this is a good thing or not is another question. You may feel like you are giving a lot, yet others may not agree. You may feel open minded, but some may feel you are stuck. It may be necessity more than inspiration that is pushing you to create solutions that might simply seem crazy or at least unusual. Listen within and without.

### Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Nurturing your individuality requires that you know what it is. It can be difficult to know who we really are, what we really need, or what our greatest strengths are. Sometimes we must step back to see clearly. Do what you love and love what you do, or be with the one(s) you love, even if part time. Keep it simple, go for the love.

### Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Are you happy with your lot in life? If not, avoid blame of self or others and simply begin to make new and better choices. If you enjoy the process, celebrate that success. Decipher what a better balance would require. Aim for health above all. A new day is beginning, yet it begins at midnight. Sleep and dream a brighter reality with commitment to take a fresh start in the 'morning light'.

### Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Powerful changes are brewing. The process may not be easy. Yet, if you are faithful and patient you will win. Be careful not to scatter your energies now, though you will be tempted. It is time for a new game plan. You may feel challenged to re-invent yourself. A healing journey has begun and it will take time. Outline your ideals, respect your spirit.

### Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

You are following new paths. These will lead to many new realizations and self-concepts. You are on the verge of a great awakening. Re-evaluations of what are truly important and valuable and worthy of your time and energy are underway. Focus to tune-in to the soul searching journey that is already underway.

### Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

A new sense of power and possibility is stirring within. Shedding old skins is required. This implies old habits, comfort zones and familiar expressions. It is important that you be willing to take risks. Try new angles and approaches. Your intuitions are probably strong now. Listen well and act upon them deliberately.

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## HOME GARDENS

### Seeding the backyard garden revival

Local retailer experiences gardening revolution first hand

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

**M**ore than 20 years after fast-food fever swept through North America, consumers are getting back to their roots in search of healthier, safer and more delicious food alternatives.

Chris Schmah, owner of Salt Spring's Foxglove Farm & Garden Supply, hesitates to pinpoint any one reason for the change, but suggests the growing popularity of vegetable gardens in cities and rural areas alike is the result of a major societal shift.

The past two decades, he said, have seen people become more aware of what they consume, how it is produced, where it comes from and who grows it.

While TV dinners are still a ubiquitous sight at any major grocery store, so too are those little info sheets with the full account of how a bag of carrots got from the farmer's field to the produce section.

"We've begun to value food much more," Schmah said.

Greater awareness about health, a rising social consciousness and environmental awareness, the popularity of books like *The 100-Mile Diet: A Year of Local Eating* by Alisa Smith and J.B. MacKinnon, and even the recent economic slowdown may have all played a small role in the renewed interest in what ends up on the dinner plate.

"Always in times of hardship, people look to things

they value and food is central in life," Schmah said.

Throw the internet into the mix and people can suddenly access all there is to know about seeding, growing, harvesting and cooking everything from Violet Star Artichokes to Black Beauty Zucchini.

Several solid growing seasons, Schmah added, have given new gardeners the success and confidence to stick with it and reap the benefits of a home-grown salad and local veggies.

People who started out with a container of greens or a tomato plant on the balcony, like Schmah's own daughter, realize gardening's merits and suddenly get grand ideas about that sunny patch of lawn in the yard.

"Good things happened for people and that makes people go back to it," he said.

When Schmah took over Foxglove in 1987, he said, many customers were older retirees who had grown up with victory gardens during the Second World War.

What was once a necessity, bred out of wartime rationing, had become habit. Many property owners had a set agenda, a role their garden had to fulfill, Schmah said.

Whereas the victory gardeners may have had it down to a science, "learning it from mom and dad," many of today's younger gardeners have to start from scratch.

Despite the wealth of online information, Schmah and his staff still offer local answers to questions from

people dealing with the intricacies of growing fruits and vegetables on the island.

Thanks to the wide selection of exotic and traditional seeds on sale at clubs, events and area gardening shops, newcomers can be tempted to go overboard.

Though experimentation is partly what gardening is all about, Schmah advises new gardeners to consider the classics and work their way up.

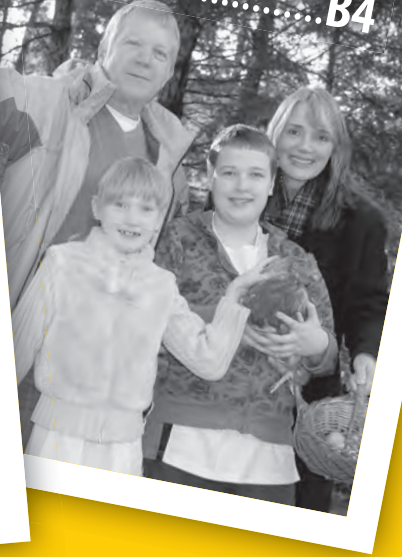
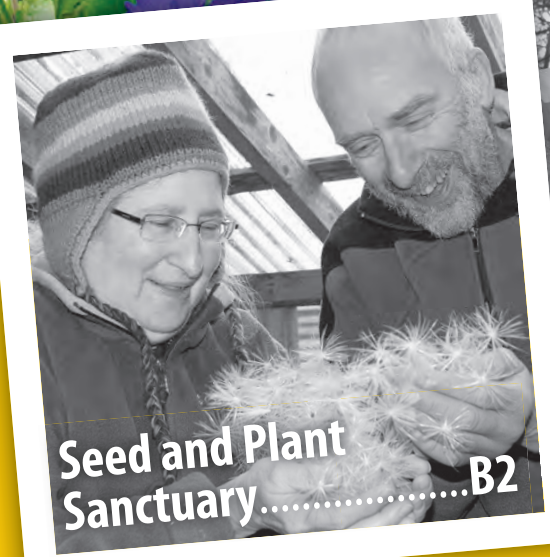
Just because someone likes drinking wine, he adds, doesn't necessarily mean that they'll enjoy the process of growing and harvesting their own grapes.

Another thing to keep in mind is to take the time to prepare the growing medium well before the seeds go in the ground.

Getting a soil test and ensuring that you're starting out with nutrient-rich soil is a key to any gardener's success.

A final important point is to speak with local gardeners. Those internet tips from gardeners in other parts of the world may suit a certain time and place, but probably have little relevance to growing conditions here in the Gulf Islands.

Sharing tales of successes and failures with neighbours and other island gardeners is the sure way to ensure a productive garden and a bumper crop of invaluable information for years to come.



FOOD SECURITY

# A local miracle with global impact

Seed Sanctuary ramps up for next level in activities, programs

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The 8- by 10-foot shed off Eagleridge Drive is attractive but modest. Sided in scalloped wood shingles, its dry, warm interior is host to thousands of labelled bottles and containers. What lies within is both the world's most humble material and its richest treasure: a heritage reaching back millennia and the key to future food security.

Dan Jason and Marsha Goldberg, founders of the Seed and Plant Sanctuary for Canada, are two of the key people behind this local miracle with global ramifications.

Their quest to preserve a living heritage of seeds has been going strong since they first met 17 years ago. It has resulted in local initiatives like the annual Seedy Saturday event and Canada's only living gene bank for plants, founded in 2002.

In eight years the sanctuary has grown to include around 380 members from across Canada who grow plants and save their seeds, record detailed observations throughout the entire process and then send the results back to Salt Spring.

Growing the seeds out, rather than just preserving them, allows the sanctuary to do things like learn how plants are adapting to climate change and bring heritage breeds back to life. Now, growing awareness about food security has prompted the group to step up their programming to a whole new level.

"We want the whole community to get involved and grow food locally, and we're really poised to get that going," Goldberg said. "It's catching on — and it's fun! It's fun to grow seeds you've saved into plants the next year."

The seed sanctuary's mandate has always called for high-level community involvement, but Jason said that sentiment "bubbling and gurgling" has shown the time is right to ramp up the organization's activities to make seed growing go hand in hand with seed saving.

"People are making that little



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Marsha Goldberg and Dan Jason, co-founders of the Seed and Plant Sanctuary for Canada, hold dandelion seeds.

**"We want the whole community to get involved and grow food locally, and we're really poised to get that going."**

MARSHA GOLDBERG  
*Seed and Plant Sanctuary*

extra link that it's really important to grow seeds, but if you don't save the seeds, it really doesn't make sense, you're not self-reliant," Jason said. "Seeds complete the circle and make the whole thing sustainable."

"It's like the chicken and the egg, but in this case the seeds come first — if you don't have the seeds, you don't have anything."

Jason and Goldberg believe that growing food from seeds produced from your own plants is an important component of both biodiversity and sustainability. They also oppose the scary corporate agriculture agenda with its forced reliance on chemicals and its desire to control the world's food production.

Corporate agriculture has produced "terminator" seeds that produce sterile plants, requiring gardeners to return again and again to seed companies to grow their crops.

Companies have also been trying to patent entire food varieties, like basmati rice and neem in India.

The seed sanctuary's work is critical in stopping both practices. Growing out saved seeds ensures diverse plant varieties continue. It also proves that seeds are part of the public domain, rather than

a created product of intellectual property, which has been the key to shutting down patenting claims.

The results are impressive: the sanctuary's insulated shed holds seeds for 700-800 varieties of tomatoes, 200-300 types of lettuce and around 80 grains, to name but a few.

The sanctuary is already active in helping other communities start up their own seed banks and works in partnership with local groups such as Island Natural Growers and the Salt Spring Garden Club to encourage and help people to plant edible crops.

A new initiative is the Friends of the Sanctuary program, through which people will grow out seeds for the sanctuary in satellite gardens to prevent potential cross pollination and keep seeds true.

This year the seed sanctuary will open up its research gardens

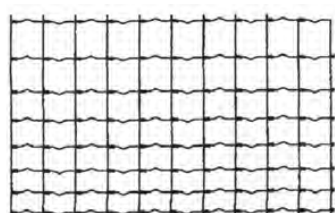
on Eagleridge Drive to host workshops for gardeners. Another exciting advancement is the launch of a commercial nursery onsite where people can buy starters for plants like heirloom tomatoes, peppers and eggplants, or medicinal and culinary herbs. (Date to be announced.)

Visitors to Seedy Saturday, being held at the Farmers' Institute on Saturday, Feb. 13, will have the opportunity to learn more about the Seed Sanctuary and other local groups.

Gardening workshops and talks are on the schedule as well as the seed sale and swap, which will feature perhaps the best collection of winter vegetable seeds to be amassed in North America, according to Goldberg.

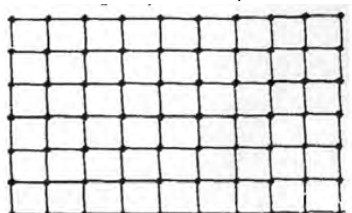
For more information on how to get involved, contact Goldberg at [seedkeeper@telus.net](mailto:seedkeeper@telus.net) or Jason at [dan@saltspringseeds.com](mailto:dan@saltspringseeds.com).

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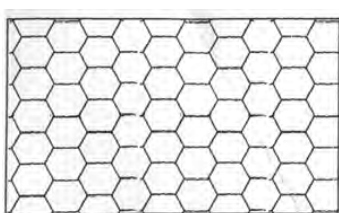


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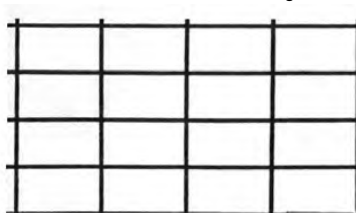


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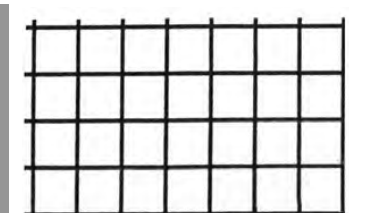


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# AGRICULTURE

## FOOD FILMS

# NFB documentaries kick off Seedy Saturday festival

Wilf and Hijacked Future

This year's Seedy Saturday weekend is putting Canadian agriculture issues onto the big screen.

On Friday night at the Farmers Institute, people have a rare opportunity to see Wilf, a short National Film Board documentary about how local food and small farms were

legislated off the Canadian landscape.

"Filmed five decades ago, Wilf exposes how Canada's Agriculture and Rural Development Act was contrived to consolidate

land, promote agricultural industrialization and remove 200,000 farm families from their homes," states press material.

The sequel, called Hijacked Future, about

issues of controlling seed and food supply, will also be shown.

"It shows the folly of our five-decade-old policy that ended local food supply. The film exposes how corpo-

rate profiteering has hijacked our food system. It questions the wisdom of a system precariously based on oil and corporate seeds while at the same time we face the impact of

climate change."

Showtime is 7 p.m. Admission is by donation to Island Natural Growers.

Organic popcorn and apple juice will also be for sale.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Dan Jason and Marsha Goldberg, surrounded by seeds at the sanctuary.

## SEEDY SATURDAY

# Islanders can delve deep at Saturday's workshops

From Zero Mile Diet to building a liquid gold machine

Food-focused workshops are once again part of Island Natural Growers' Seedy Saturday at the Farmers Institute.

The Saturday, Feb. 13 presentation schedule is as follows:

- 10 to 10:45 a.m.: Andrew Haigh — Why everybody should have a liquid gold machine in their backyard; how to build one out of scrap materials; how to deal with humanure; how to design a simple indoor/outdoor humanure collection unit.

- 11 to 11:45 a.m.: Sharon Sullivan — Backyard Beekeeping on Salt

Spring: introduction to the basics and the resources available to all beekeepers; Q & A to follow.

- 12 to 12:45 p.m.: Linda Gilkeson — Grow the most food in the smallest space (with the least work!). Review five main ways to get the most out of a food garden, including harvesting all winter, and still have time to smell the roses!

- 1 to 1:45 p.m.: Carolyn Herriot — The Zero Mile Diet — A Year-Round Guide to Growing Great Organic Food.

- 2 to 2:45 p.m.: Dan Jason — Onwards and Upwards with the Seed Sanctuary: where we can go from here in terms of continuing to help other places, as well as Salt Spring Island, to become more self-reliant in food and seeds.

*Island Natural Growers presents...*

**Salt Spring Island's  
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**Sunday, February 14th, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm**  
If you are starting a new farm enterprise or garden, thinking of bringing more land into produce production or want to understand more about the soil where you're already growing, these workshops are for you.

Love Your Soil: Strategies for Soil Health  
9:30 am -12:00 noon Presenter: Delisa Lewis, UBC  
Topics include soil health and management, soil and site preparation for crops, tools for site planning and soil fertility management.  
Lunch at noon: local and organic catered by Jana's Bake Shop  
Starting a New Market Gardening Enterprise: A Case Study  
1:00 – 2:30 pm Presenters: Chrystal Bryson and Ilya Amhrien  
Chrystal Bryson and Ilya Amhrien will share their journey from farm apprentices to operators of a market garden business on leased land in Saanichton.  
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# Cycle of life comes full circle with island-raised pig



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Some of the Miles family members at their Stewart Road farm: Parents Bill and Janice, with Kellianne and Quentin. The family's six children and international students have been educated about the cycle of life through living on the farm.

BlueMoon Farm connects with local restaurateur

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The motto "farm to table" is no mere marketing ploy when it comes to Bruce's Kitchen.

Since opening its doors in March 2009, chef Bruce Wood has made a firm policy of using locally produced food whenever possible.

A peek through the front door will reveal a long communal table piled high with local produce, while weekly full-course dinners take local seafood, pork and game as inspiration for magnificent feasts.

A recent Saturday night meal produced perhaps the summit of Wood's commitment to his cooking philosophy.

In a dinner built around locally raised pork, the chef used parts of the pig in every course and in often ingenious ways.

The opposite scenario of buying meat processed in an unknown industrial facility, the pig in question came from Salt Spring's BlueMoon Farm.

An even deeper connection between farm and table? The pig was raised partially on compost that came directly from Bruce's Kitchen.

Janice and Bill Miles have been raising pigs at BlueMoon Farm for about ten years. After trying other animals such as sheep and pygmy goats, the Miles family found that pigs worked best for them.

A large part of the reason they raise pigs for meat has been to educate their six children on the cycle of life.

As Janice explained, that means understanding that meat doesn't come ready made in neat plastic-wrapped packages.

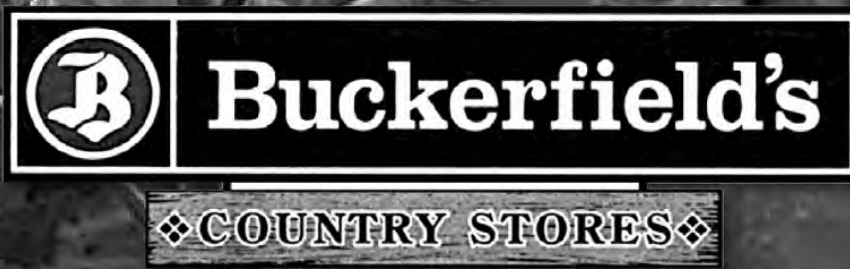
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## Finding the connection between farm and table

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international students here and they benefit as well," Bill said.

Two children are now grown adults but those that remain at home participate in the chores involved, such as feeding the pigs and cleaning their pens.

Typically the Miles raise four to six animals at a time, two times a year. The family underlines the importance of being kind to the animals, who are pasture raised. Butchering is done at a government-inspected abattoir in Cowichan Lake (since none exist here on Salt Spring).

Living in a real farm environment, Bill said the children don't often have a problem with attachment. Naming the pigs things like Ham, Bacon and Pork Chop no doubt helps. But as Bill observed, pigs can be "ornery" animals, especially when they get bigger.

"By the time they're ready for butchering you're ready for them to go," Bill laughed.

Wood has been a steady customer at BlueMoon for the past two years, where Bill said he always requests the biggest pig. His restaurant is different from others in that rather than buying a case of frozen lamb chops and dismissing the rest, he takes entire, locally raised animals. Using all the different cuts — including organs and head meat — both eliminates waste and provides the opportunity for sublime creativity from the chef.

The dinner menu centred on BlueMoon pork demonstrates Wood's mouth-watering creative abilities. The starter was a spring roll of slow-roasted shoulder, local mushrooms,

quinoa and winter vegetable slaw, served with a spicy dipping sauce.

Cider-brined loin of BlueMoon pork with a caramelized apple gallette followed, severed with roast garlic, house made grain mustard and rosemary jus and Laughing Apple cider-braised red cabbage.

**"I'm trying to create a really wholesome environment for my kids. We usually have a couple of international students here and they benefit as well."**

BILL MILES  
Farmer

BlueMoon pork was included even in the dessert, a winter fruit and hazelnut streudel served with house made vanilla bean and rye ice cream: Wood rendered the pig's fat into lard to make the pastry.

Parts not used at this particular event will still find their way to the table eventually.

Wood has started making his own pancetta, which will be ready in several months, and prosciutto, to be ready in a year.

As Wood outlined in his philosophy: "Using just one cut from an animal is not interesting, it's boring. I just think you should be using every last scrap."

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FARMING

# Survey finds drop in animal production

Salt Spring farms report 50 per cent decrease

A recent survey conducted for the Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance found that the number of livestock on Salt Spring farms has decreased by half in the last five years.

"In total, there are 44 per cent fewer cattle, sheep, pigs and goats than there were in 2004 and about 54 per cent fewer chickens, turkeys, ducks and geese," states a media release from the alliance.

Full survey results are available in the report entitled Salt Spring Island Livestock Production Study, released last week.

Study authors Margaret Thomson and Patricia Reichert said they found there are 35 per cent fewer Salt Spring farms raising animals and poultry for food now than there were when the Gulf Islands Livestock Processing Feasibility Study was conducted in 2005.

This doesn't say that there are fewer farms overall but, rather, that many of them are going out of the livestock business. There are fewer than 70 farms raising livestock now compared with more than 100 in 2005, they said.

Anne Macey, chair of the Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance,

explained there are likely several factors contributing to the decrease in animal and poultry production, but the most significant one is that we no longer have slaughter and butchering services here on the island. Farmers have to take their animals and poultry to government-licensed facilities off-island. This change is associated with the preparation for and implementation of the provincial government's slaughtering regulations that came into effect in 2007.

In the survey, the majority of farmers indicated that taking their livestock to Vancouver Island is expensive and time-consuming, and is stressful both for them and the animals.

The study shows that Salt Spring farmers are now raising 1,040 fewer sheep and almost 2,200 fewer chickens than they were four years ago. Reichert noted that these decreases have serious implications for food security for the whole community. At a time when we are trying to increase the amount of local food, this significant decrease in meat production is a critical loss, she said.

"This is a wake-up call for all of us," Macey said. "We need to turn this trend around. Clearly, addressing the need for abattoir and butchering services is a key aspect of ensuring a vibrant and viable agricultural sector on Salt Spring Island."

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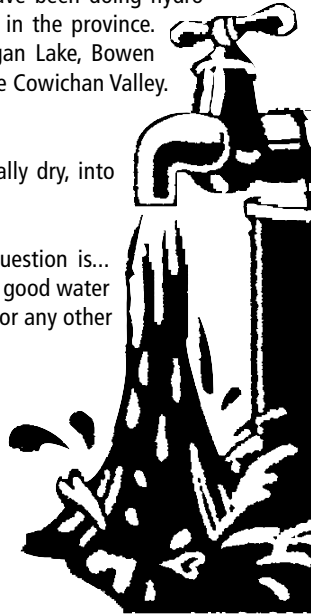
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ACTIVISM

# Inter-island conference on agriculture, community, environment a call to action

Galiano hosts From the Table to the Field in March

BY MARTINE PAULIN  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The Gulf Islands are spectacular places for food growing, with a climate that is mild enough for year-round food production.

Yet every year we rely more and more on importation from off-island sources to provide us with our daily sustenance.

This way of life makes our food supply incredibly precarious, unsustainable and environmentally damaging due to its reliance on fossil fuels and extensive travel distances, as well as creating the illusion that foods produced in such a way are cheap to the consumer — the current relative low cost of our food is based on large scale factory-style food industries that care little for the well-being of the earth and their workers — and does not reflect the true cost to the environment, our society and our level of health.

Should these foods reflect their true long-term costs, we would soon find out that the only really affordable source of food is a local one that fosters community and interactions between the food growers and their customers.

By maintaining the status quo, we are essentially stealing the earth's ability to grow food and regenerate itself, as well as the future health of our children.

By definition, island living is an isolating prospect, and due to the small size of our communities, local growers are under-represented and misunderstood at the political level, which results in very little governmental support and visibility.

Our farmers are also getting older and very few young folks are currently drawn to the food-growing lifestyle.

Consequently, we are facing a real shortage in terms of the numbers of people involved in growing food, and the tremendous knowledge required to farm is not being passed on to our future generations.

We know that by joining forces, our local growers will gain a stronger voice and be able to affect local regulations that currently restrict much of their activities, create quasi-insurmountable obstacles to entry for the neophyte grower and make local small-scale food production an economically unviable prospect.

The Galiano Community Food Program, with financial support from the Vancouver Island Health Authority, will be hosting a conference on Agriculture, Community and Environmental Awareness entitled From the Table to the Field: Turning Discussion into Action on Sunday, March 21 at the Galiano Community Hall.

The time has come for a new dialogue, a new way of thinking and a new way of interacting with our food. We are hoping that this conference will be the start of a new way of being on the Gulf Islands.

The purpose of the conference is to advance the state of local agriculture by creating concrete links between the Southern Gulf Islands food growers and increasing our food security by motivating more people to grow food locally after examining various incentives for growing through the environmental sustainability and economic viability lenses.

**The time has come for a new dialogue, a new way of thinking and a new way of interacting with our food.**

Several key speakers will be in attendance, including farmers, political activists and local farmers' association members.

A section will be devoted to presentations by islands residents and focus on current food-related initiatives in our neighbourhoods.

If you are a farmer wishing to create links between our growing communities, are interested in or curious about local food production, want to share an interesting project you are involved in on your island that pertains to food production, want to become a farmer or simply

want to increase your own food security by growing some of your own food, this conference is for you.

Please do not hesitate to contact Martine and Janice, Galiano Community Food Program coordinators, at 250-539-2175 option 2, or by e-mail at galianofoodprograms@gmail.com to receive an information package about the conference, register, book a table for a demonstration of your local initiatives or book a presentation time.

The cost for the participants is \$25 and includes a continental breakfast, refreshments, and a delicious lunch prepared by one of the best chefs on Galiano, Celeste Howell. Please note that the organizers are making an effort to keep this a "green conference" — more information on this topic available in the information package that will be sent to the participants.

Please note also that our third annual Nettlefest will be held on Saturday, March 20 at the Galiano Community Hall, and all participants are encouraged to come a day before in order to experience the community-wide celebration of this truly wondrous plant.

Information booths, nettle harvesting, commercial examples of nettle use, entertainment, a community kitchen and community dinner are on the program (100 people participated last year, out of a population of 1,000 residents).

Everyone is welcome. See you on Galiano.

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## FARM TO PLATE

# A chance to revel in the seasonal

The importance of eating and cooking locally

BY BRUCE WOOD  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Wendell Berry said that "eating is an agricultural act." On an island such as Salt Spring, this

seems particularly apt. I roasted potatoes this morning from Knoth Farm; yesterday we used apples from Pastorale, George Laundry's farm. Both times I found myself wandering around the kitchen exhorting to smell this apple or taste this pota-

to. They actually smell/taste like a potato (or an apple — no GMO here). When we opened Bruce's Kitchen we wanted to create a space that had a sense of community. The French have a lovely term for it: they call it "terroir." It means that something has the

taste of where it is grown or produced.

In the summers when we get daily deliveries of produce and often cheese from David Wood or Moonstruck on the same day it is made, we immediately start writing menus to use these gifts. It is as if someone has placed a giant three-dimensional palette (pardon the pun) in front of us. The inspirations come from many directions. It stems from the beauty of the produce itself, the desire to show the product in a light that reflects the care and love the farmer or artisan put into it, and to introduce our customers to the bounty we have here on Salt Spring.

I have cooked this way all my life. When I did my apprenticeship in the early '80s in Toronto I had the good fortune of working for a very forward-thinking chef. He would take us to the markets on Saturdays to pick up produce for that night's menu. This enabled us to work with the freshest, best quality ingredients, which is all any chef or good cook wants, really.

Looking around where you live and exploring your local culinary map is a journey of discovery that always yields new and exciting ways to challenge your imagination.

In these times of environmental concerns, health scares and trying to eat a healthy, well-balanced diet, eating locally only makes sense. The people who are growing and producing your food are your neighbours. You can talk to them about what they are growing and often ask them to grow special things for you. You can see the way animals are raised and cared for and know that your meat is raised in an ethical and caring fashion. Susan and Julia at Moonstruck take such special care of their cows and I swear you can taste it in the cheese.

Living on Salt Spring has given me the opportunity to get to know many wonderful people, be it the farmers and food artisans or our customers, and it only reinforces my desire to spread the word about revelling in local, seasonal food.



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**Wed. Feb. 10**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**One Night Only.** Three one-act plays — Small World, Credo and The Best Daddy — by GISS students and directed by Directing 12 Class members. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**The Story of Vesuvius Bay.** A Salt Spring Historical Society presentation by Marshall Heinekey at Central Hall. 2 p.m.  
**Gulf Islands Board of Education Meeting.** School trustees meet at GISS. 1 p.m.  
**Ted Grant, the Art of Observation.** Showing of Bravo! film about the famous Canadian photojournalist, with Ted Grant in attendance. A SS Film Festival fundraiser at The Fritz. 7 p.m.  
**SS Centre School Open House.** At the Blackburn Road school from 4 to 6 p.m. (Full-day kindergarten and expanded middle-school program presentations are at 5 p.m.)

**Wed. Feb. 10**

**ACTIVITIES**

**SSI Poultry Club.** Meeting at the Farmers Institute. 7 p.m.  
**SynergyFit Class** A total-body strength and conditioner. Wednesdays at Beaver Point Hall. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Info: 250-653-4656; trisha@synergyfit.ca.

**Thurs. Feb. 11**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Open Mic.** The Local. 8 p.m.  
**Blues Night.** With Soul Shake-down & Friends at Moby's. 8 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Big Brothers Big Sisters Info Night.** Information sessions for potential mentors at the Harbour House Hotel. 5-7 p.m. and for potential families at the Core Inn, third floor. 5-7 p.m. Info: Vanessa, 250-537-3330.

**Fri. Feb. 12**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**The Barley Bros.** Live music at the Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9 p.m.  
**Live Music.** TBA at Tree House Cafe. 5 to 8 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Lisa Lipsett Book Launch.** Artist releases Beauty Muse at Mistaken Identity Organic Vineyards on Norton Road. 3 to 5 p.m.  
**Two Films: Wilf & Hijacked Future.** With an intro by John Wilcox. Part of Seedy Saturday celebration. Admission by donation to Island Natural Growers, with organic popcorn and local apple juice for sale. Farmers Institute. 7 p.m.  
**Rollerblading.** Fridays at Fulford Hall. 7:30 to 9 p.m.  
**StoryTime at the Library.** O is for Out of the Ordinary! With special guest Naidine Sims, for Black History Month. Stories, activities and fun for early grade and preschool children. At the library. 1-2 p.m.

**Sat. Feb. 13**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Jose Sanchez Cuban Party.** Fulford Hall. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.  
**Ben Sures.** Live music at Tree House Cafe. 5 to 8 p.m.  
**Alan Miceli.** Live music at Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9 p.m.  
**The Sutcliffes.** Acclaimed Beatles cover band at Moby's. 8 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Seedy Saturday.** A full hall of seeds, plants, farms, workshops and food vendors presented by Island Natural Growers. Farmers Institute. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. SSI Seed Sanctuary AGM follows at 3:30 p.m.  
**The Geology of Salt Spring Island.** Free presentation on new map of the island by Hugh Greenwood, professor emeritus of UBC. ArtSpring. 2 p.m.

**Sun. Feb. 14**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Jenn Beaupre Concert.** Singer-songwriter performs at ArtSpring with special guest, Salt Spring's own Gemma G. 7:30 p.m.  
**Barry Valentine Tribute.** Multi-performer concert in honour of the late Rev. Barry Valentine. All Saints. 2:30 p.m.  
**Jazz with Darryl Alsbrook.** At Moby's. 7 p.m.  
**The Barley Brothers.** Acoustic music every Sunday at the Fulford Inn. 6:30 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Don McKay & George Sipos Poetry Reading.** And launch of George's new book The Glassblowers. ArtSpring. 3 p.m.  
**Breaking New Ground.** Two workshops for farmers and gardeners, including Love Your Soil and Starting a New Market Gardening Enterprise. Pre-register at dogwoodlane@telus.net.

**Mon. Feb. 15**

**ACTIVITIES**

**Taoist Tai Chi Open House.** Plus introductory class. All Saints. 7-8 p.m.

**Tues. Feb. 16**

**ACTIVITIES**

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast.** All Saints. 9 a.m. to 11:30. All proceeds to Haitian relief fund.  
**Potluck Supper with Elizabeth May.** Lions Hall. 6 p.m. Info: Jan Slakov, 250-537-5251.  
**SSI Farmers' Institute.** AGM with guest speaker Christine Torgirson on Agriculture and the Islands Trust. 7 p.m.  
**Beginning Adult Tap Class.** Mahon Hall. 6 to 7 p.m. Info: manningburton@hotmail.com; 250-537-8598.  
**Chinese Shamanic Tiger Qigong.** 10-week session begins at 210 Cedar Lane. 9:30 to 11 a.m. Info: 250-537-8912.

**Wed. Feb. 17**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**James Gordon House Concert.** House concert with folk-roots performer. 7 p.m. Tickets (\$15) at Acoustic Planet. Info: Rob Pingle, 250-538-7262.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Blues, Blues, Blues.** Five-Wednesday Community Education course begins tonight. Register through SSI Community Ed. www.ssicommunityed.org; 250-537-0037.  
**Taoist Tai Chi New Beginner Class.** All Saints. 7 to 8 p.m.  
**Stitch Dimension Quilt Guild.** Meets on the first and third Wednesday each month at SS Baptist Church (around the back). 7 p.m. Info: ptquilts@telus.net.  
**Salt Spring Smile Seminar.** Talk on adult orthodontics with Dr. Richard Hayden. Harbour House. 7 p.m.  
**SynergyFit Class.** See last Wednesday's listing.

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**Invictus** - The true story of how Nelson Mandela joined forces with the captain of South Africa's rugby team, Francois Pienaar, to help unite their country. Stars Matt Damon & Morgan Freeman. Directed by Clint Eastwood.

- EXHIBITIONS**
- **J. Mitchell Gallery** — Soon to be known as **Gallery 8** — re-opens its doors in Grace Point Square with a fresh new look on Thursday, Feb. 11.
  - **Retrospective** exhibition of work by **Dr. Jose Bustillo** at **Salt Spring Artists Gallery of Fine Art** runs to Thursday, Feb. 11, with regular gallery hours of 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.
  - **Cafe Talia** features native eagle masks, drums and oars by **Halukwii** from Nitinaht Lake, B.C.
  - **The Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild** is showing and selling works at **Bruce's Kitchen**.
  - The February artist at the **Salt Spring Coffee Company Cafe** is **Dawn Young** exhibiting **Permission to Play**.
  - **Leslie Corry** has a retrospective of paintings in the **Artspring** lobby for the month of February.
  - **Gillian McConnell** has work hanging at **Salt Spring Books**.
  - **Lisa Lipsett** is exhibiting her work at **Island Savings Credit Union**.
  - **Shari Macdonald** shows new photos at **Jana's Bake Shop**.

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**MUSICIAN PROFILE**

## Youth eyes Olympic performances

Wesley Hardisty living his dream

BY SUSAN LUNDY  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Standing on the ArtSpring stage with other young musicians, fiddler Wesley Hardisty is mesmerizing to watch. His toe taps, his body swings, his face is lit behind a swaying sheen of long black hair.

"I play my music and I just flow with the sound," he says.

Music has changed the life of this 16-year-old Dene fiddler from Fort Simpson, Northwest Territories, where for 13 years he spent a lot of time just "hanging out."

Now living on Salt Spring, Wesley juggles fiddle and piano lessons, new band "walabee indeed" rehearsals, high school GISPA classes and a burgeoning social life. And this weekend he steps onto the world stage at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

It's no small feat for a youth who first picked up a fiddle just three years ago.

Representing both the Northwest Territories and B.C. in separate fiddle performances at the Olympics, Wesley will play on the same stage as Canadian pop icon Nelly Furtado and famed Vancouver-based rock band Theory of a Deadman.

On Feb. 14 — B.C. Day at the Olympics — he is one of six teenage fiddlers selected to play with Daniel Lapp, director of the B.C. Fiddle Orchestra. The fiddle group and other performers will entertain at B.C. Place Stadium, at the Victory Ceremony and as an opener for Furtado.

And on Feb. 19, Wesley is among 14 NWT artists performing in a 30-minute show highlighting the current and traditional culture of northern Canada, prior to that day's medal presentations and the Theory of a Deadman show. At least 25,000 people are expected to attend each of the televised events.

As the only non-adult in the 14-artist NWT collective, Wesley was "happy and overjoyed" to be selected. Adding to the thrill, he says, is the opportunity to play



PHOTO BY SHARI MACDONALD

Wesley Hardisty playing his fiddle on Salt Spring.

alongside famed Metis fiddler Richard Lafferty — who is "someone [he's] wanted to meet for awhile."

The show is built around the notion that the drum is the heartbeat of the North, states press material, "expressing the seasons through music and movement."

Wesley had rehearsals in Yellowknife last November and was there again this month. The weekend in November involved gruelling, 12-hour days, he recalls.

"Most of the songs were put together on the spot," Wesley says, "but others are originals of some of the artists."

He is personally excited about the final piece, in which he has a small solo.

Wesley was hired for the NWT ensemble following an interview and audition, and was chosen for the "all-star" fiddlers group by Lapp, who he describes as a "friend and teacher."

In addition to performing at B.C. Place, Wesley and the other NWT artists will spend 10 days participating in "workshops, performances and a few galas."

It marks quite a series of additions to Wesley's already-impressive resume, which reads like the bio of an established musician, and includes venues ranging from the Arctic Winter Games in Yellowknife to the Oak Bay Light-Up festival in Vic-

toria and a Tree House Cafe open stage on Salt Spring.

And all this has occurred in the last few years.

At age 13, he says, he was "hanging out" with friends and "not doing much" when he saw his cousin "playing this incredible instrument" at a local elementary school.

"I was just like 'Wow!' I stayed the rest of the night to watch and listen."

In his GISPA application letter, he recalls the same event: "I fell in love with the fiddle. I was amazed that someone could make such beautiful sounds. It was powerful, it made my spine tingle . . . I was inspired and badly wanted to play."

Since then, Wesley has "practised and played" the fiddle as much as possible. He also took up guitar and piano and is largely self-taught in all three instruments. Although he is learning to read music, he mostly plays by ear.

"His ability to learn music is incredible. He can hear something twice and then play it," says Ellie Langford Parks, who, along with her husband Nick Langford, are Wesley's guardians and hosts on Salt Spring.

While much of Wesley's training has occurred at various music camps, his move to Salt Spring last summer connected him with teachers Christie Gray (fiddle) and Paul

both his potential and the lack of opportunity in the north, Lewis and Zav arranged for him to attend a 2008 fiddle camp on Salt Spring.

"Nick and I hosted [Wesley] for two weeks in 2008 and were completely impressed by him — his thoughtfulness, courage, honesty, self-awareness, intelligence, determination and musical talent," says Ellie.

Now living with Ellie and Nick for the duration of his schooling, Ellie says, Wesley has brought a new level of excitement to their home "as he moves from instrument to instrument, wildly experimenting and always composing new pieces."

She adds, "He's an extraordinary person. It is a total joy to witness and assist Wesley in becoming who he wants to be."

"Music has made me a happy person," Wesley says. "It has given me a direction in life."

So it is easy to see why Wesley, standing on the ArtSpring stage, appears awash in the joy of the music he is creating.

In his words: "I'm living my dream."

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## FILM FEST

# Film festival: stories of inspiration

Reviews of four films

BY TERRY OLIVER  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The Salt Spring Film Festival runs this year from Feb. 26 to 28. What follows is reviews of a selection of films sponsored by Transition Salt Spring at the festival. See the Feb. 17 Driftwood for a complete schedule of films and events.

### MY MOTHER'S FARM Norway, 55 minutes

An unblinking, unsentimental film about a strong woman from a weak country — Latvia. The director builds the story of her mother, Tale Kalnas, from her youth in the old Soviet Union to her new life when Latvia joins the E.U. Her dream is to own her small farm and take part in building a new country after independence.

She works non-stop, raising her two daughters and working the small 10-acre farm with no machinery and milking her cows by hand.

Her struggle with bureaucracy takes many forms and she develops a reputation as a woman who gets things done. Throughout this whole period, until her death by cancer in 2008, she never gives up her dream of a life in the country.

A touching story of a principled, wise woman, who lived simply and left a powerful legacy to her country, friends



and family. I wish I had known her.

### HOMEGROWN USA, 55 mins.

This is an astonishing film set in an unlikely location — at the junction of two Los Angeles motorways — an urban garden with a difference. A Belgian immigrant and his three young adult children decide to convert their city house and plot into an urban farm.

Motivated by a host of concerns like food insecurity, GM crops and providing a decent life for his children, the father transforms their tiny city plot into a cornucopia of organic fruit, vegetables and flowers. His daughters add chickens, ducks and goats to the mix and his son makes biodiesel with cooking oil from local restaurants and cafes to run their pickup truck.

Soon they are producing so much from this small parcel of space that they can sell the surplus to local shops and café owners. The neighbours move from suspicion to delight and become motivated to grow

their own food too. Local schools ask to bring children for tours and before long they have a busy website run by the daughters to spread the word of their success.

Throughout all this time, the father clings to his love for the simple life of self-sufficiency and refuses to sell out to offers to buy which come flooding in.

This is a story for our times and an inspiring one which will have you creating deep beds of veggies as soon as you get home.

### GARBAGE DREAMS Egypt, 53 mins.

This film was made in 2009 and is shortlisted in the Best Documentary category for this year's Academy Awards.

Out of a hopeless situation in the slums of Cairo, a group of people, the Zaballeen — literally, garbage people in Arabic — have carved a flourishing life for themselves and their families.

They collect and recycle all the city's garbage and do it in a labour-intensive but highly efficient way which reuses nearly 80 per cent of it.

The film follows the hopes and dreams of three young men involved in the business and their ambitious dreams for recycling, marriage and careers.

But this way of life becomes threatened when the city of

Cairo is persuaded by globalized corporations to contract out their waste disposal to international companies who destroy the livelihood of these hard-working local people, shattering their garbage dreams. It's not hard to see a parallel to our own island waste and recycling problems. Winner of 17 film awards.

### REGENERATION Canada, 25 mins.

Two Vancouver filmmakers document a project to regenerate the lost youth in a First Nations community north of Prince Rupert. The elders are concerned over the number of youth suicides and drug cases in their children and their endangered culture. They hoped by encouraging the kids to take part in a project to record their lives through photography and then working with a group of Vancouver artists, the healing creative force of art will give them a new outlook on life.

The film, premiering on Salt Spring, is a joyous journey from hopeless despair to wide-eyed delight as the kids travel to Vancouver to join with the artists turning their photos into works of art. The film ends with a fair trade art show and display of native costumes, singing and drumming which celebrates their culture and community. A must-see for all the family.

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## BOOK LAUNCH

# Lisa Lipsett releases Beauty Muse in a lovely spot

Mistaken Identity Organic Vineyards hosts Friday event

Creative by Nature Books hosts a book launch this Friday to celebrate the arrival of Salt Spring artist Lisa Lipsett's new book *Beauty Muse: Painting in Communion with Nature*.

An account of Lipsett's 10-year cre-

ative journey, through narrative and vibrant paintings she weaves deep ecology, ecopsychology, education and spirituality.

Playful exercises invite the reader to explore their creative nature, inspiring an artful practice of their own.

The Feb. 12 event runs from 3 to 5 p.m. at Mistaken Identity Organic Vineyards at 164 Norton Road.

Lipsett is a writer and painter with a doctorate in transformative learning.

A former environmental educator in Toronto, she now offers natural painting workshops out of her studio, online and at local elementary schools.

Her current painting exhibition Appreciation can be viewed at Island Savings Credit Union.

## FUNDRAISER

# StageCoach Theatre School hosts community-wide birthday party

Lions Hall the spot for night of entertainment

Everyone is invited to StageCoach Theatre School's 10th birthday party on Saturday, Feb. 20, with the fun beginning at 7 p.m. at Lions Hall.

The party will celebrate StageCoach's contributions to the culture of the island, plus help to raise money to further the important goals and activities of the society. Plus it should be a great evening for the whole family!

Cutbacks to arts funding in B.C. have made this a challenging year for StageCoach, but the board of directors has worked very hard to raise money through the very successful holiday raffle, a letter-writing campaign and this extraordinary event.

End-of-the-year plans include a StoryKidz presentation on March 5, and a special presentation of a radio play and scenes from *Oliver Twist* in April.

Money raised at the birthday bash will be used to help pay

for the expenses of these final events.

The Feb. 20 Birthday Bash event will welcome current students, StageCoach alumni and their families, friends and supporters to celebrate with a stellar line-up of local entertainers who will bring smiles and laughter with their talent and enthusiasm.

The show will open with Jim Raddysh, who has energized young audiences for more than 15 years with his bright songs and engaging performances, followed by Daniel Howlett, a folksinger-songwriter. Born and raised on a healthy diet of Pete Seeger and Stan Rogers, Howlett now brings his original repertoire to the stage with music bearing influence from blues, country and Celtic traditions.

Local singer-songwriter Billie Woods and her husband Rodrigo play upbeat MPB (musica popular brasileira) as well as a taste of samba and bossa nova.

In addition we have Jonn Ashlie coming to regale us with a few deep-bass gospel tunes,

**The party will celebrate StageCoach's contributions to the culture of the island.**

and StageCoach alumni are expected to add spice to the evening.

All islanders will recognize the brilliance of the Salt Spring jazz band QuintEssential as well as Randy Marchi and Karen Arney "with retro-pop."

There will also be homemade sweets and savories to purchase, and some birthday surprises.

The merrymaking begins at 7 p.m. sharp, and doors will open at 6:30.

A 50/50 draw is also part of the fun.

Birthday Bash tickets are available at Salt Spring Books, West of the Moon and at the door.

They are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12.

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**STAGE PRESENT:** Sue Newman and Leslie Corry take part in a Commedia dell'arte workshop through the Salt Spring Arts Academy and offered at ArtSpring by Vancouver instructor Angela Brown.

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## CREATIVITY

# Artist's Way course promises techniques to boost creativity

Afternoon and evening classes led by Robert Birch

A popular program that helps people discover and recover their creativity will be offered on Salt Spring in two sessions, one beginning later this month and one in March.

International artist-educator Robert Birch will lead The Artist's Way program designed by Julia Cameron that has influenced countless creative individuals around the world for the past 18 years.

Birch says he first encountered the program as a young actor and director in Toronto, Ontario in 1992. He immersed himself in its "simple but powerful tools" and immediately experienced

life-changing events.

Over the past several years he has offered The Artist's Way program to other creative individuals and artists who wanted to take their work to the next level. Since the course is more than a workbook, Birch brings many gentle but powerful techniques that help people specifically define their own creative process. Participants quickly discover that their creative blocks are not laziness or psychological walls but are in fact a difficult but necessary part of the creative process.

"The key to unlocking the secrets of our imagination lies not in solving the blocks but rather, with support, we learn to gently lean into them and discover what they have in store for us and our creative projects," he said.

The gifts of the program also include the possibility of bringing together advanced artists who want to refresh their beginner-mind with the kitchen-table artists who are ready to step into their creative authority. "Become part of a creative cluster and community," suggests Birch. "Everyone carries artistic wounding from their past that deserves healing and release. Passion deserves support."

Classes will take place on Wednesday afternoons beginning Feb. 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. and on Monday evenings beginning March 15 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Sliding-scale cost of the 13-week program is between \$280 and \$350 with financing options available. Contact Robert Birch at farmboy@uvic.ca or call 250-653-0036.

## IMPROV THEATRE

# GISS improvisers excel with third place

Teacher thanks community

teacher Jason Donaldson.

"Both GISS teams finished closely behind the junior and senior teams from Ladysmith and Vanier, with Ladysmith winning the junior tournament and the defending National champions, Vanier, earning their second consecutive berth in the national senior tournament in Ottawa. Here's hoping they bring

the gold back to Vancouver Island to build on the legacy of this amazing region."

Donaldson expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all of the improvisors.

"Nothing makes me more inspired as a teacher than seeing an ensemble of dedicated students working hard, at the top of their intelligence, together, open and in the moment."

He also thanked community member Bob Twaites for coaching the SIMS and GISS jr. teams, for bringing a unique perspective to the work and for being such a dedicated and inspired coach.

Finally, Donaldson thanked the GISS and Salt Spring Island community for supporting the teams throughout the improv season.

## SINGING

# A day to tune up and compose yourself

Vocal workshop

For people who enjoy listening to music but always wanted to reclaim their right to create it, a one-day workshop set for Feb. 27 on Salt Spring may be just the thing.

Vocal teacher Ella Topaz is offering the session to anyone, regardless of their singing experience or perceived ability.

"Whatever your usual creative medium, this series of body-based vocal exercises and movements encourages you to come to your centre from where your unlimited

resources and potential may be tapped into," states a press release about the workshop.

"Through practising presence and heart-centred awareness we open to the muse or our higher self. Singing is our birthright, and something magical happens when we sing together in community. When you are one of a group of people spontaneously expressing themselves through voice and rhythm in the moment, a profound alchemical transformation can take place. It doesn't need to be complicated to be moving or

powerful or beautiful."

For more information or to register, contact Ella Topaz at 250-653-4261 or email ella\_topaz@hotmail.com.

Cost is \$80 (with a sliding scale available for those who need it).

Numbers are limited, so people are advised to book early. A \$30 deposit is required to secure a spot.

A series of six weekly evening sessions also begins on March 23. See www.voiceplay.ca for details about this and other upcoming events.

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Tara Saracuse is the author of Island Kids, the third in a series of children's books.

### BOOK REVIEW



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## Seen through the eyes of a child

Island Kids book offers new way to learn about local history

BY NATALIE NORTH  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Few university students are able to publish a book before they've graduated and even fewer are able to do it while pioneering a new genre.

When University of Victoria creative writing student Tara Saracuse followed her fascination with history and love for both children's literature and nonfiction, she soon found herself penning Island Kids, the third in a series of children's books that retells the adventures of colourful local kids from ancient times until today.

"I always imagined that I would write children's fiction because nonfiction doesn't happen in children's lit," Saracuse said. "But nonfiction is way more interesting than fiction — I had never thought of combining them."

In her third year at UVic, Saracuse delved into an exploration of where her interests may lead. She interviewed publisher Ruth Linka of Brindle & Glass who had already published Kidmon: True Stories of River City Kids and Rocky Mountain Kids. While her initial meeting with Linka was solely as research, the now-22-year-old landed a book deal to write the next installment in the Courageous Kids series. Before long Saracuse, who admits she had no idea what

she was getting into, was working with UVic historian John Lutz and combing the coast for moments in history prime to be told by the kids that were there.

"It was planned happenstance," she said, her eyes sparkling from behind delicate frames. "I was seeking information and I got a lot more than I was seeking!"

For each of the 22 tales, Saracuse takes on the voice of the child who lived through the event. From tsunamis to sea monsters, Saracuse expertly delivers beautiful lore for the little — anchored in hard fact. In addition to extensive historical research, she upheld a high level of veracity through as many interviews as possible with the subjects of each tale, as in the Murakamis' We'll Be Back Again. Saracuse worked closely with Rose and Alice Murakami to elevate a 14-year-old Alice's account of their exile from Salt Spring to the highest level of truth. Of all the subjects that Saracuse worked with, she said the Murakamis were without question the most committed to achieving historical accuracy.

"They really wanted people to know what it was like to be forced to leave their home," Saracuse said. "When we were working on that story it was a part of their continuing contribution to events like the Japanese internment never happening again... I'd like to think that someone will read the story and later on have to make a choice and make the right choice based on those memories."

At the end of each chapter in a sectioned titled "What do we know for sure?" Saracuse's own voice emerges from behind the research to discuss each story in a broader context and let the reader in on key information that perhaps didn't fit into the story. A clear and direct exploration of internment camps is one of the many moments when Saracuse proves that Island Kids is worthy reading material for island adults, too.

"For me, researching and writing the stories was a great adventure, a journey," said Saracuse, who decided it was alright to speak directly to her readers. "When I was writing the book I wanted it to feel like we were going on the adventures together."

The Gulf Islands form the backdrop for much of the book — including the stories Joe and the Cougar (Joe Garner, Salt Spring, 1918), Miss Trickey and the Yellow Slug (Dorothy Payne, Saturna, 1914) and Salt Spring Tough (Emma Stark, Salt Spring, 1869).

While she may have completed the research and Island Kids is now in bookstores, Saracuse, who plans to attend graduate school, is only at the beginning of her plunge into the world of children's historical creative nonfiction.

"I feel an incredibly deep, spiritual connection with the West Coast, the people who live here now and have before us," she said. "I hope that the book will help develop that connection in other people."

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### LIBRARY EVENTS

## StoryTime crew takes a bite out of alphabet for February program

Children's library volunteer also offers reading-to-kids advice

StoryTime at the library takes a chunk out of the alphabet this month.

Last Friday things kicked off with an N is for Noise theme.

This Friday, Feb. 12, StoryTime is called Out of the Ordinary. Kaz will present stories with a difference focusing on Black History month, with special guest Naidine Sims, a descendant of the Stark family.

It's Pigs! Pigs! Pigs! on Feb. 19. There will be plenty of fun, all sorts of pig stories and activities with Margaretha.

On Feb. 26, StoryTime features Q: Quick, Quiet, Quirky. What can you do with Q?

Children's library volunteer Sheila Spence says that while reading to children is an important way to develop language skills, parents can also consider "reading" wordless books. Books with detailed pictures and no or very few words allow parents and their children to explore story and imagination in a very personal way. These books are

not just for young children but can be shared with the whole family.

Spence recommends Imagine a Night by author Sarah Thomson and Canadian illustrator Rob Gonsalves, or Imagine a Day and Imagine a Place by the same pair. Older children and teens should check out The Mysteries of Harris Burdick by Chris Van Allsburg, Jerry Pinkey's exquisite The Lion and the Mouse re-tells Aesop's famous fable with detailed pictures and the occasional roar or squeak. To find more wordless picture books, search for "stories without words."

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## POETRY READING

# Sipos calls in big gun for book launch

GG-winning Order of Canada member Don McKay at Sunday event at ArtSpring

Islanders can show some affection for poetry on Sunday, Feb. 14 at the latest in a series of hot literary events running this winter.

Like the packed house that enjoyed rap poet Baba Brinkman's show on Saturday night, the ArtSpring gallery will no doubt get a little steamy again when Don McKay and George Sipos give a joint reading and celebrate the launch of Sipos' newest book of poems. Called *The Glassblowers*, it's just been published by Goose Lane Editions of New Brunswick.

Sipos' first collection of poems, *Anything But the Moon*, was shortlisted in 2006 for the Dorothy Livesay Prize — the annual award for the best B.C. book of poetry.

A third book, *London Landmarks*, is due in March of this year. Published by Gaspereau Press in Nova Scotia, it is a prose memoir of coming of age in southern Ontario in the 1950s and 1960s.

McKay is the author of more than 10 books of poetry and Sipos says he is arguably the best poet in Canada.

He has twice won the Governor General's Award for Poetry (1991 and 2000), won the country's top poetry award (Griffin Prize) in 2007 and was made a Member of the Order of Canada in 2008, among several other honours.

He co-founded Brick Books, Canada's leading publisher of poetry, and has been associate director of poetry for the Banff Centre's Writing Studio for the last dozen years.

Sipos said McKay has been a tireless friend and mentor to an entire generation of young poets.

The reading, which begins at 3 p.m., is free, with donations gratefully accepted. McKay's visit to Salt Spring is sponsored by the Canada Council.

Salt Spring Books will have books for sale.



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Salt Spring's George Sipos will be joined by poet Don McKay for a joint reading at the launch of Sipos' new book, *The Glassblowers*.

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Pre-heat oven - low broil. Wash and de-stem **16 large mushrooms**. Sauté the caps in **2 tablespoons butter** and **1 teaspoon minced garlic** over medium heat for 3 minutes. Drain and set aside to cool. In a small bowl combine **100 grams smoked salmon**, **¼ of a minced sweet onion**, **2 tablespoons chopped dill**, **¼ cup feta cheese** and **250g package cream cheese**. Set aside. In a second bowl combine **1 cup dried bread crumbs** and **¼ cup Shredded Parmesan Cheese**. Place mushrooms in a shallow baking pan. Stuff mushroom caps with the filling, top with bread crumbs and **cracked black pepper**. Bake for 15 minutes.

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