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## FULFORD WATER

# Voters approve Fulford borrowing bylaw

Project completion set for mid-September

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Capital Regional District will begin long-awaited improvements to the Fulford Water Service District after area residents voted overwhelmingly to borrow funds for the upgrades.

A 45 to 7 vote in Saturday's referendum gives the CRD permission to borrow up to \$225,000 for work that will ensure all district customers can reap the benefits of a state-of-the-art water filtration system installed on South Ridge Drive in 2009.

An as-of-yet unresolved oversight on behalf of the CRD-led team responsible for the new treatment facility left 20 of the district's 107

households and businesses unconnected to the new facility.

Reliance on the district's older treatment system has forced residents of Sunnyside and Tahouney roads to live under a drinking water advisory since an algal bloom broke out in Weston Lake on April 19. The new facility is able to remove the toxin.

Although the turnout was lower than he'd hoped, water district commissioner Martyn Day said the important thing is that work can begin.

"It's not a massive turnout, but enough for us to get on with the outstanding work," Day said on Monday.

Work to install a six-inch water main and connections to the 20 homes will begin on Aug. 22

and is expected to wrap up sometime during the middle of September.

Day said he expects the CRD will need approximately \$90,000 to connect the 20 extra households. An additional \$30,000 will be used to provide treated water to Fulford school, \$15,000 to construct a fence around the reservoir and another \$10,000 to cover referendum costs. Property owners will pay an extra \$158 per year to repay that \$145,000 total.

Some \$80,000 of borrowing authority will be left to fund future works to be determined. One option is to install water meters, which have already been purchased and were envisioned in the original water system upgrade plan.

Residents affected by the water advisory are

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## BC FERRIES

# Islanders skeptical of BC Ferries' plan

Phase I construction to start next spring

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

BC Ferries' master plan for Salt Spring Island received little excitement from the audience of 60 people who turned out for a public information session last Tuesday night.

Participants said capital projects set for the Fulford and Vesuvius terminals will relieve some traffic congestion before the next summer season, but don't do nearly enough to address a number of safety and planning issues.

"This is thinking on a very small scale," a frustrated speaker said.

Despite community hopes and rumours to the contrary, there appear to be no plans to purchase properties at either harbour — such as the Vesuvius Inn or the Fulford Marina — to create more terminal space.

Short-term plans unveiled by the visiting team of executives include extending the holding lane in Fulford and widening the road onto the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure right of way. The plan will allow two other lanes of through traffic, plus a pedestrian walkway on the seaward side.

Planners hope the extension will mean the Skeena Queen's full capacity can be accommodated within the terminal compound and the

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## NEWSBEAT

### Fulford voters give the nod

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advised not to consume their water until they receive confirmation that work is complete. Potable water for those residents can be collected free of charge outside of the PRV building at 122 Sunnyside Rd.

Water advisory updates will be posted in the neighbourhood and online at [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca).

Passage of the referendum is the latest chapter in a story that began when Fulford district residents voted in November of 2004 to borrow up to \$573,000 to upgrade district infrastructure. Doing so meant the district would receive a \$972,000 federal-provincial government infrastructure grant, but it also had to become a CRD commission in order to access the funds.

If all borrowing authority is used to fully complete the project, Fulford district users will face annual water bills of about \$1,893.

## Ferries releases master plan

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holding lane. Beyond that space, the planners have suggested posting signs that let people know they won't be able to make a particular sailing and ask them to come back for the next one.

A smaller-scale solution is in the works for Vesuvius, where planners intend to push back the retaining wall at the terminal's northern edge and create a new area for staff parking, freeing up the last lane for car loading.

Long-term plans for Fulford involve extending the terminal with fill to create more space that allows a through lane for passenger pick-ups and drop-offs, a full bus stop and short-term parking.

In Vesuvius, a new trestle loading dock that will include a holding lane similar to the one in Croton is envisioned.

Marty Day, a south-end resident and engineer who participated in the Fulford Study Group and a risk assessment of the area, said the master plan ignores the bulk of the issues identified.

"I think the delivery of the passengers looks good, but it does

not address the problem of the pick-up," he said.

Along with several other villagers, he highlighted the huge problem of foot passengers using limited village space as a BC Ferries parking lot — leaving their cars for hours or sometimes weeks.

Resident John Rowlandson made an impromptu presentation on the complete lack of planning for cyclists in Fulford. Pointing to the BC Ferries diagram envisioning future traffic, he called attention to the fact that bicycles were not depicted, despite the high amount of cycling traffic and tourism that happens in the Gulf Islands and the increase that can be expected.

Rowlandson called for a safe bike lane to be included in the new road design.

"All the evidence in Canada and the United States shows dedicated bike lanes are the safest option for cars, cyclists and pedestrians," he said.

Other speakers noted that in both Fulford and Vesuvius, a lot could be done to prevent ferry traffic blocking village roads by having more terminal staff. Vesuvius is not manned at all and

Fulford has just one person on shift each day.

Participants suggested Fulford traffic congestion could be better managed with BC Ferries staff in attendance, including having someone who could call in flaggers in high volume periods. Currently Skeena Queen personnel and Long Harbour staff make the call — coming in at the end of the chaos if at all, according to Bruce Patterson.

"Fulford has the highest volume of traffic in the Gulf Islands and is one of the least staffed terminals," he said. "I have to manage my customer parking. These are your customers — you have to manage them."

If conditions are met, BC Ferries intends to tender the Phase I projects in January 2012, begin construction that March and be completed by June.

Both projects are subject to funding approval, capital plan approval, MOTI approval, archeological studies and environmental approval. In Fulford, cost-sharing agreements must also be worked out.

Phase II improvements are not envisioned until 2016 at the earliest.

## Suggestions made for better ferries service

Community members offered the following suggestions for improved BC Ferries service for Salt Spring Island at last Tuesday's open house on long-range planning held by the ferry corporation.

- Installation of a flashing sign just before Cusheon Lake Road that will let people know when there is traffic overflow in Fulford, so people needing to turn around can use Stewart Road as an alternate route.
- Adding an extra sailing each morning and evening in the busy summer period.
- Having a staffed terminal and holding area at Vesuvius, and having increased Fulford terminal staff — or use of flaggers — to deal with traffic issues outside of the compound.
- A park and ride service for ferry workers instead of having them park in terminal of service.

Getting rid of the Fulford terminal entirely or fare incentives to send more traffic through Long Harbour.

- Creating a dedicated bike lane to handle cycling traffic leading out of Fulford.

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#### IMPAIRED DRIVING

# Stats support harsher impaired driving regulations

Province gears down on planned information campaign

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Tougher impaired driving penalties implemented in late 2010 seem to be having their intended effect on Salt Spring and across the province, according to a spokesperson from the island's RCMP detachment.

Cpl. Martin Beardsmore's assessment flows from statistics released by the provincial government last week that show a 50 per cent drop in impaired driving-related deaths since new drinking and driving penalties came into effect in October 2010.

The new penalties, cited as the most stringent in Canada, give officers the option to impose an immediate 90-day driving ban, a \$500 fine, a 30-day vehicle impoundment and the prospect of a criminal charge to any drivers who provide a blood-alcohol sample of more than .08 or who refuse to provide a sample.

Drivers in the "warm range," with a BAS between .05 and .08, face a minimum three-day licence suspension and \$600 in fees and fines for a first-time offence.

According to provincial statistics, drivers with a blood-alcohol content between .05 and .08, are seven times more likely to be in a crash than drivers with no alcohol in their body.

Beardsmore said the enforcement options that are available to officers mean only a "very small handful" of impaired drivers have been brought into the station and charged after failing a roadside screening test.

"Since last fall, we've had a dramatic decrease in the number of impaired cases we're investigating," Beardsmore said.

Within another year, he added, the decrease in impaired driving charges will result in fewer impaired driving cases passing through the congested Ganges provincial court system.

Given Salt Spring's relatively small population, Beardsmore cautioned that it may be premature to base long-term trends on short-term dips and spikes. He said it will be interesting to see what kind of numbers come out after the summer season, a time when sunny evenings, reunions, sports tournaments and backyard barbecues create the potential to put more impaired drivers out on the road.

On a province-wide basis, however, statistics released in early July show 30 individuals died in impaired driving incidents between October 2010 and April 2011, down from the 61 who died between October 2009 to April 2010.

The decrease is well above the province's goal of reducing



PHOTO BY SHARI MACDONALD

Salt Spring RCMP constables Braden Smith and Kent Emery display one of the tools of their trade for road checks — the breathalyzer.

the number of deaths by 35 per cent cut by 2013 and good enough to keep the stricter penalties in place.

The numbers have already persuaded the province to nix a plan for a public information campaign that sought to show people how much alcohol they can consume under the new regulations.

The campaign was announced as a result of a backlash from restaurant and bar owners, along with representatives from the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, late in 2010.

Opponents feared that restaurant and bar patrons afraid to tip the scales after even a sip of any alcoholic beverage would elect to stay home instead of taking a chance on the roads.

"I hope those who were upset have somewhat digested this and realize the positive benefits may make the changes worthwhile," Beardsmore said.

Jeremy Milsom, co-owner of the Salt Spring Inn in Ganges, said it's hard to pinpoint exactly what effect the impaired

driving regulations have had given all the other elements that have come into play during the last year.

Factors such as the Harmonized Sales Tax, ongoing economic downturn and even Islands Trust antagonism towards business, he believes, have all contributed to a slower-than-usual year.

Even Salt Spring's older-than-average demographic has been implicated in the slowdown.

Most islanders, Milsom said, aren't the kind of people who will go out to a show, have a few pops and then get back in the car.

Among those who do go out, Milsom said, he's noticed more people having the "who's-going-to-drive discussion" and thinking twice before ordering that extra pint or second martini.

At the end of the night, he said, that can mean the difference between selling wine by the glass and wine by the bottle.

## News briefs

### Elizabeth Dr. fire

Salt Spring Fire-Rescue members left Monday's district board meeting early after a structure fire was called in at 8:15 p.m.

Chief Tom Bremner and trustee Bruce Patterson were among those who left to attend the call at 161 Elizabeth Dr. Upon arrival, firefighters escorted two women outside from a garage area. They found a third resident inside the house attempting to put out a fire in a bedroom.

After evacuating the male resident, fire crews extinguished a burning mattress. Minimal water was used and the house endured only moderate smoke damage, Bremner said.

The fire was deemed accidental and caused by a candle.

### HST package deadline July 22

Midnight on Friday, July 22 is the deadline to request an HST referendum voting package for people who

have not already received one from Elections BC.

Qualified voters can register and request a package by calling 1-800-661-8683. The phones will be open until midnight.

Information from Elections BC states that people can vote in the referendum if they are a Canadian citizen; 18 years of age or older on July 22, 2011; a resident of B.C. for at least six months immediately before July 22, 2011; registered as a voter in B.C. and not disqualified by law from voting.

Completed ballot packages must be received by

Elections BC, a Service BC Centre or an Elections BC Collection Centre before 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 5, 2011.

For more information, visit the Elections BC website at [www.elections.bc.ca](http://www.elections.bc.ca).

### Second cougar spotted

A Salt Spring resident has reported a cougar sighting at another island location.

Marilyn Marshall said she saw a cougar in a grassy area at the end of Quarry Drive on Friday evening.

The previous week a cou-

gar was seen in the Seymour Heights and Armand Way area.

### Scam letter

A Salt Spring resident is warning others to be wary of a scam letter sent by a person claiming to be Barrister Andrew J.K. Moroka Esq. from Witspos, South Africa.

The letter writer claims to be the lawyer for a deceased person who had deposited \$17.7 million into an account of a person with the same surname as the island resident, noting "so since you have the same

surname with the deposit you can do this deal with me."

The writer offers to split the funds with the letter recipient with a promise to advise how it could be done if all contact information is provided.

Islanders are advised to ignore such requests for co-operation in order to receive funds, which are scams that will result in a loss of one's own funds.

Anyone receiving such a letter can contact the Salt Spring RCMP office for verification that it is indeed a scam.

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## HEALTH CARE

# Scheduler move upsets home care clients

Transition adjustment needed, say others

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring residents who receive home care support through Beacon Community Services are getting used to the change that has moved scheduling to the Sidney office, but not everyone is happy with the situation.

With the recent retirement of its Salt Spring-based scheduler, Beacon (the company that holds the contract for home support under the Vancouver Island Health Authority), elected to lay off the scheduler's assistant and move the job to its Sidney office.

As one person who used to work for the company explained, the decision has been hard on elderly clients and home care workers alike because off-island schedulers don't have the specialized knowledge of Salt Spring's clients, its workers or its geography.

Individual care plans mean each client requires different services, from light house-keeping to bathing to administration of medicines and changing dressings. The on-

island team was well versed in the care plans and their time requirements. Staff members also had a good relationship with island home support workers and could match them to clients accordingly.

People who qualify for home care support under VIHA's Home and Community Care Program receive visits starting at 30-minute periods.

According to the former employee, 10 minutes of driving time is built into the visit period. But with Salt Spring's long distances and winding driveways, clients are now finding the 10 minutes can become 20 or more, meaning an extremely short time with their home support worker.

One elderly client, who also chose to stay anonymous, said his hour-long visit has become 40 minutes since the scheduling change.

"I'm supposed to get one hour and they have a government contract to look after seniors," he told the Driftwood.

"It comes down to the fact, in my opinion, they haven't got enough staff to stretch me a whole hour."

Beacon's media spokesperson Kerry Readshaw said the decision to move sched-

uling to Sidney was made to improve year-round consistency and efficiency, noting that staff members were already handling the work in off-hour periods and during illness and holidays.

"I think it's fair to say we're in a transition, but the people who are working on scheduling now are those who have worked on Salt Spring [cases] in the past, and now they are dedicated to it. Our focus is always on providing clients with the services they need," Readshaw said.

"It's always been a bit of a juggling act to find the home care worker that has that particular skill set to meet a client's needs and who is working in that area."

She added that overall service has actually improved on Salt Spring because the nurse's hours have changed from part time to full time.

Confidential reports from some care workers suggest some of the balls are getting dropped. Workers may be taking on much longer days and overtime than they normally would, leading to exhaustion.

Readshaw said she has not looked at individual workers' hours, but that home support staff indicate when they are and are not available.

She also said it is normal for hours to fluctuate during this time of year when people are taking vacations.

"The actual process has not changed, so if home care workers are finding there's challenges, we encourage them to connect with Beacon Home Services," Readshaw said.

Susan Astill, Beacon's former team leader for Salt Spring, said even though she retired a year ago she's been getting calls from people who don't like the new system. However, she feels the problem is a general one and not much related to the actual situation.

"I think people just don't like change. It takes a little while," she said, pointing out that Sidney-based schedulers have organized home care support for the outer Gulf Islands for years.

Another elderly client said the system has been more confused since the change, but she sees it as an adjustment period that will eventually be worked out.

"You can't expect people in Victoria to know how far distances are here, and driveways can be difficult," she said.

"Other than that it's a wonderful service. We could never stay in our own home without them."

## RCMP

# Dine-and-dash man expelled from island

A 31-year-old man of no fixed address may have to pay far more than he'd hoped after he allegedly dined and dashed at an island restaurant over the weekend.

The individual reportedly fled the Salt Spring Inn restaurant without paying his bill on the evening of Saturday, July 16, only to be discovered soon after by RCMP officers who were on patrol in the area.

The man initially attempted to evade capture and later assaulted a police officer when apprehended. The officer was not seriously injured as a result of the incident, said RCMP Cpl. Martin Beardsmore.

The individual was lodged at the police detachment overnight and released on condition that he leave the island and not return.

He was charged with assaulting a police officer, resisting arrest and fraudulently obtaining food.

Beardsmore said the man had been "living rough" on the island for several weeks.

In other island RCMP news, police warn residents and visitors alike to pay extra special attention to their belongings as seasonal weather and lazy summer evenings provide would-be thieves with

ample opportunities to strike.

RCMP reported several reported cases of petty theft during the past week, mainly involving items stolen from unlocked vehicles or unattended restaurant tables. A slight rise in the number of stolen bicycles has also been noted.

Police seek the help of witnesses who can help determine who is responsible for "borrowing" electric golf carts from the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club just before midnight on Sunday.

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# NEWSBEAT

## FIRE BOARD

# Fire statements show good management

Board notes positive trend with caution

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Year-to-date financial records for Salt Spring's fire department show continuing savings in 2011 following a surplus in 2010, but board members say it's too early to project how the rest of the year will unfold.

Fire board trustees received the unaudited, interim financial report at their monthly meeting Monday night.

The figures for the year to date ending in June show an overall balance of \$56,471 below budget.

On one hand the number is a positive sign of the fiscal restraint the board and fire chief Tom Bremner have been working to achieve. It

comes on top of the department's successful bid to receive Fire Underwriters Survey Superior Tanker Shuttle Service accreditation in April, which has already resulted in insurance premium savings for homeowners living within eight kilometres of a fire hall.

Bremner stated at the meeting that several residents told him they have saved close to \$2,000 on their fire insurance this year.

The amount saved across the island could come in at somewhere close to \$4 million.

Trustee and finance committee chair Grant Eckberg suggested the news was good enough to share with the community in terms of future saving targets.

Bremner and several other trustees warned, however, that it is too early to project

how the rest of the year will play out, and although the current surplus is positive, the real objective is to create a budget that is more or less matched by the circumstances.

"We're definitely below budget. We're managing and processing better than anticipated," Bremner said in an interview the following morning.

He added that his job is to create a budget with not the worst-case scenario but the most realistic one given the information he has.

Fire board chair Michael Schubart noted the low number of calls so far this year and suggested the cool weather could be partly responsible.

With this unusual pattern, he said, he wouldn't be surprised if that trend were to reverse suddenly.

Trustee Bruce Patterson's observation that the savings could evaporate if a couple of houses burned down seemed to receive rapid confirmation of the possibility when a structure fire was called in just minutes later. (See fire brief on Page 3.)

Bremner will present the board with a working draft of the 2012 budget in the coming months, which will be presented to the public before it is sent for approval to the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development in October.

Also at Monday's meeting, an updated site plan for the Fulford training ground was presented.

The board passed a motion approving \$300,000 for its construction, including the contractor's fee, subtrade contracts and a contingency fund.

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## TRANSPORTATION

# No relief for traffic woes before plan launch

But plans in place to deal with Ganges hot spots

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Drivers who are frustrated by Ganges intersections won't find much relief until the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure approves a plan for the area.

Members of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission are still waiting for MOTI approval to start North Ganges Village Transportation Management Plan projects. One of the first steps will be to work on a major source of driver angst, the corner of Rainbow and Lower Ganges roads.

Residents have reported experiencing ever-lengthening waits

before being able to turn right or left onto Lower Ganges. At the same time, the pedestrian-activated crossing light seems unfamiliar to off-island drivers.

Transportation commission chair Donald McLennan and CRD director Garth Hendren said although a permanent traffic light was initially suggested by design consultants, the idea was opposed by 80 per cent of the participants at NGVTMP open house sessions held in 2010.

What is in the works under the updated plan is moving the crosswalk to the other side of the intersection, so students arriving by water taxi need cross only one busy street instead of two to reach their school.

Commissioners are further looking into sound and sight enhancements so pedestrians can know when the lights are actually flashing.

Also planned is the creation of one lane each dedicated to left- and right-hand turns, instead of the single lane found there currently.

The other hot traffic spot at Lower Ganges and Upper Ganges roads will not find immediate or even mid-term ease. A roundabout for the intersection is planned under the NGVTMP, but is not the first priority, the commissioners said.

Instead they will be working on the section of Upper Ganges Road near Crofton Road where an elderly pedestrian was killed in 2004, as well as creating sidewalks and bike lanes for Rainbow Road.

The transportation commission's next meeting is scheduled for July 26 at 4 p.m. at the Portlock Park portable. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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**NEWSBEAT****BUILDING TRENDS****Building permits drop, revenues rise**

2010 figures show resumption of 'normal' market

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Money spent on construction projects approved by the Capital Regional District during the first half of 2011 may be up, but it's still far from heights experienced during the construction fever that engulfed the island between 2003 and 2008, according to Salt Spring's chief building inspector.

"I think we're at something that more reasonably represents a normal market," said Uli Temmel. "[The local market] is not being driven by external forces."

He said the return to "normal levels" is largely the result of less capital flowing to the island to fuel the island's once-booming real estate and construction sectors.

Whether that's good news or bad news, he added, it depends on what side of the

fence you happen to find yourself.

For home buyers and anyone who wants to renovate, a lower demand for contractors is an obvious advantage. Conversely, anyone in the trades sector who expects to reap the same kind of profits as in the glory days of 2003 through 2008 is out of luck.

"It really depends on your point of view," Temmel said.

Although the number of actual permits is down from last year, total construction values rose from \$8.1 million to \$9.7 million. Likewise, CRD revenue from building permits rose by almost 18 per cent, from \$109,100 to \$128,675, due in part to increases that accompanied new CRD building regulations introduced in April. Those increases nearly doubled the cost-per-square-foot charge on permits for accessory buildings like workshops and garages.

Overall, the total number of building permits issued dropped from 208 in the first six months of 2010 to 151 dur-

ing the same period this year.

Temmel said construction expenditures represent the most valuable source of information when it comes to making forecasts about construction trends.

Over the past three months, a far-from-exceptional May and June did go some way to make up for a dreadful April.

The combination of the slower economy and wetter weather have only added a chill to a struggling real estate and construction sector.

For building supply shop owners like the Home Design Centre's Richard Elwell, the slowdown has definitely left a mark.

Elwell said sales of his stock-and-trade items like wood stoves, interior finishings and hot tubs have underperformed in 2011.

"If you're going on a budget, the hot tub is the first thing that's going to go," he said.

"I think the whole construction industry is slower."

Even the federal government's decision to reinstate the

ecoENERGY retrofit program until March 2012, Elwell said, isn't likely to create all that much of a buzz for his clients.

While it may work for people who had planned to spend money on an energy retrofit within the next year or two, Elwell doesn't believe property owners will go out of their way to complete any work before the March deadline.

"I don't think it's enough money to push people into doing stuff like that," he said.

The program gives homeowners a chance to receive grants of up to \$5,000 to make their homes more energy-efficient any time between June 6, 2011 and March 31, 2012.

Something like the federal government's discontinued home-renovation tax credit, which offered a greater reward for less money down on a variety of projects, might offer people more encouragement to carry out that long-awaited project or upgrade.

"That was real money. That program really had an impact."

**BC PARKS****Park celebrates 10th anniversary**

A look back at the birth of Burgoyne

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The creation of Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park in the summer of 2001 highlighted Salt Spring Island at its finest, according to The Land Conservancy of B.C. board member and former CRD director Gary Holman.

"It is quite remarkable just in terms of the different parts of the community engaged," Holman said during an interview ahead of this weekend's 10th-anniversary celebration.

"It truly was a community mobilization around a positive goal while trying to fight a negative occurrence."

What began as a campaign to stop the Texada Land Corporation from logging parts of its 4,500-acre south-end holdings resulted in an unprecedented coming together of conservation organizations, watershed preservation groups and industry representatives, said Holman.

He called it a "classic save-our-island campaign."

He and fellow Land Conservancy of B.C. board member Briony Penn were among a core group of islanders who worked tirelessly to keep various groups on speaking terms during the saga to finalize an agreement.

The protests and negotiations that characterized the era led to the purchase of approximately 2,500 of the company's 4,500 acres of land in and around the Burgoyne Valley.

"We actually got a great deal," Holman said, given that property values on the island had begun to skyrocket by 2003.

Today, Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park and neighbouring ecological reserve combine to protect an uninterrupted corridor that stretches from Maxwell Lake all the way to Bold Bluff Point overlooking Sansum Narrows.

Without the efforts of those who stepped forward to protect the lands, Holman said, much of the area would likely have been logged, subdivided and developed.

Holman and many of the other players who helped ensure the preservation of the Burgoyne Bay land will be in

attendance at a special anniversary celebration on Sunday, July 24.

Event coordinator Callum Gunn said the Burgoyne Bay Biodiversity Blitz strives to give participants a closer look at the park's flora and fauna.

More than a dozen scientists will lead knowledge tours from the old barn on Burgoyne Bay Road between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The celebration begins with a special three-hour program about bats and owls in and around the Burgoyne Bay barn at 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 23.

The barn site will feature information from groups like the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, Garry Oak Ecosystem Recovery Team, The Land Conservancy of British Columbia and BC Parks. Short walks and easy-to-access displays will also be available.

A birthday barbecue starts at 2 p.m. and cake will be served at 4 o'clock.

For more information about the event, call 250-653-9996 or check out the Burgoyne Bay Biodiversity Blitz site on Facebook.



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL  
TRUST COMMITTEE  
PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 448**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a Public Hearing concerning **Proposed Bylaw No. 448**, for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained therein. At the public hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions. A Community Information Meeting will be held prior to the public hearing to allow for questions and review of information pertaining to the bylaw.

**DATE:** Wednesday, August 3, 2011  
**LOCATION:** Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, SSI  
**TIME:** 5:00-6:00 PM – Community Information Meeting  
7:00 PM – Public Hearing

**1. Proposed Bylaw No. 448, cited as "Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 1, 2011".**

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 448 is to amend Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw No. 355 as follows:

1. by adding a new permitted use "farm-related light industry" to the Industrial 1 (In1), Industrial 3 (In3) and Industrial 4 (In4) zones; and by adding a new definition for "farm-related light industry" that potentially affects land in the Industrial 1, Industrial 3 and Industrial 4 zones; and
2. by amending the regulations for "home-based businesses" to permit more residential employees, a larger area for home business activity, and to replace noise regulations; and to add new regulations that regulate vibration, smoke, dust, odour, litter, electrical interference, fire hazard, effluent, glare and soil contamination caused by home-based business. These regulations will potentially affect all parcels of land within the Local Trust Area on which home-based business activities are permitted.

Copies of the proposed bylaw, and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee, may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Wednesday, July 20, 2011 and up to and including Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 4:30 PM. Proposed Bylaw No. 448 may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website at: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/tc/ss/pdf/ssbylawamend0448.pdf>

Enquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to Regional Planning Manager Leah Hartley, at 250-538-5607, or to the Islands Trust at (250) 537-9144. For Toll Free access, request a transfer to the Islands Trust via Enquiry BC: in Vancouver at 604-660-2421, and elsewhere in BC at 1-800-663-7867. Written submissions may be delivered as follows:

1. By mail to the Islands Trust at 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2N8; by Fax to (250) 537-9116; or online at the Islands Trust website via the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/tc/ss/meetings.cfm> by completing the **Public Hearing, Wednesday, August 3, 2011 Submission Form** before 4:30 PM on Tuesday, August 2, 2011.
2. To the **Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing.**

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

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

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**YOGA****Islanders invited to annual yoga retreat**

The Salt Spring Centre of Yoga's annual community yoga retreat is coming up soon, and islanders are welcome to take part in some or all of it.

This is the centre's 30th annual yoga retreat, based on the teachings and practice of classical ashtanga yoga, an eight-limbed yoga system that is at least 3,000 years old.

Asana or yoga postures are what most people think of when they hear the term "yoga," and there will be a variety of asana classes offered, at all levels including beginners. If you don't have any yoga experience but would like to try it out, this is a perfect place to do it.

The centre's website — [www.saltspringcentre.com](http://www.saltspringcentre.com) — contains details and a daily schedule.

A special commuter rate is being offered for islanders for either the whole retreat or for a day. The islander day rate is \$80. For those who aren't able to commit to a full day, there are some free events that are open to everyone: Sunday satsang on July 31 from 1 to 3 p.m. and the Bhagavad Gita study class on July 29 and 30 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

# NEWSBEAT

## SOCCER

# Steel takes bite out of soccer dream

Market vendor seeks to raise \$2,500 for Wembley trip

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Jimmy Steel may only be 11 years old, but he's already learned how a little bit of planning can reap a hefty reward.

Ever since he can remember, Steel has been an avid soccer fan. The Salt Spring Island Middle School student has played on junior teams for most of his life and developed a fanatical passion for Chelsea FC of England's Premier League.

Given his love for the game, it didn't take much to foster excitement about the prospect of attending the 2013 UEFA Champions League final at London's Wembley Stadium with his father Richard.

Not even the prospect of shelling out \$2,500 to cover airfare, accommodation and game tickets was enough to dissuade Steel from setting out on his goal. Tickets alone are expected to cost a cool \$750 apiece.

"It's a really exciting tournament and I've always wanted to go to one of the big games," he said on Tuesday.

After a week of hard labour as a landscaper in his aunt's yard, Steel has found himself a permanent spot at Tuesday's Market in the Meadow where he sells a wide range of baked goods and fresh produce.

Although he confessed to being tempted by the freshly baked chocolate muffins and cinnamon swirls, Steel said he hopes there'll be nothing left by the end of the day.

Less than two hours after opening his small market stall on Tuesday morning, Steel had sold out of snap peas and the pre-lunch crowd had begun to hover around the chocolate wafers.

A look inside the carefully guarded Converse shoe box at his side revealed he'd already raised about \$50 for the cause, not bad at all for a morning's work.

Combine that with the c-note from his upstart landscaping business and



Jimmy Steel at the Tuesday Market in the Meadow in Ganges.

PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

"I've always wanted to go to one of the big games."

JIMMY STEEL  
*Soccer super fan*

Steel can already visualize his trip to take part in what may be Europe's most

significant annual soccer event.

Considering his swift sales, Steel said, he intends to become a regular at the Tuesday market until summer's end.

Now all he needs is for players on Chelsea FC to share some of his dedication so they too can make it to the big game in time for Steel's visit.

The Market in the Meadow takes place in the United Church meadow in Ganges every Tuesday between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

## ISLANDS TRUST

# LTC contemplates 'contaminated sites'

Rezoning applications given first readings

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An island man who seeks closer monitoring of Salt Spring's contaminated sites has encouraged the island's local Trust committee to pen a letter to Shell Canada and the provincial Ministry of Environment for more information on the subject.

"I'm here to seek intervention from the Trust or any organizations here which are supposed to be monitoring the well being of all Salt Spring residents, as well as our tourists, to take into consideration what detrimental effects might be taking hold over the next five years with regards to brownfield development and remediation in general," said speaker Randy Lavigne during July's monthly LTC meeting.

Lavigne became engaged with the issue when testing and remediation efforts began at the former Shell gas station site in Ganges during the spring.

As a first step, Lavigne wants the LTC to opt in to the province's contaminated sites regulation legislation. That would give the local government and residents more information about any work undertaken on potentially contaminated sites.

Opting in to the measures would give the Trust more information on which to base land-use decisions when considering former industrial-use sites.

"This branches out into a lot of domains which we'd have to look at just for future reference," he said.

According to Islands Trust staff, Salt Spring's LTC opted out of the contaminated sites regulation in 1997 based on advice from Trust Council, which cited a lack of staff resources and potential liability issues.

After 15 years of steady growth, planner Justine Starke said she believes it may be time to take another look at the matter.

"Salt Spring is unique in that it's the most devel-

oped island in the Islands Trust area and I think it's worthy of the local Trust committee to consider opting in," she said.

Trustees voted unanimously to send a letter seeking greater clarity about the contaminated sites matter to Shell and the Ministry of Environment.

In other news, Salt Spring's LTC gave first reading to a school district application that seeks to rezone a split-zoned 13.5-acre property at 232 Rainbow Rd. from agricultural (A1) to residential (R6) to community facilities (CF1).

The property will be used to house the district's Phoenix alternate high school program.

The application has been referred to the Trust's Agricultural Advisory Committee and Advisory Planning Commission for review and comment.

Trustees also gave first reading to a rezoning application proposed by Channel Ridge. According to a Trust staff report dated June 20, "the applicant is proposing to rezone the property located at the north end of Canvasback Place in order to permit a three-lot subdivision."

The matter has been forwarded to referral agencies for further comment.

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**EDITORIAL**

## CRD water rip-off

Fulford Harbour Water Service District users took another big gulp last week by committing to pay up to \$225,000 more to complete a long-coming water system upgrade.

When they first agreed to support \$573,000 in borrowing way back in November of 2004, they were confident those funds and a \$972,000 federal-provincial grant — which could only be received if they became a Capital Regional District service — would give all 107 properties in the district potable water.

In 2008, when actual costs had outstripped the original \$1.545-million budget and the work was nowhere near complete, the Fulford water board agreed to kick in \$250,000 from its reserves and operating surpluses. That still wasn't enough, so in 2009 local CRD director Garth Hendren added \$75,000

of federal gas tax funding (that was more appropriately earmarked for Salt Spring's transportation-related infrastructure).

**THE ISSUE:**

Latest Fulford water referendum

**WE SAY:**

Users deserve CRD explanation for botch-up

But a required connection to Fulford school, a fence and connections to 18 properties in the Sunnyside, Hilltop and Tahouney area had still not been completed, in part due to a CRD error

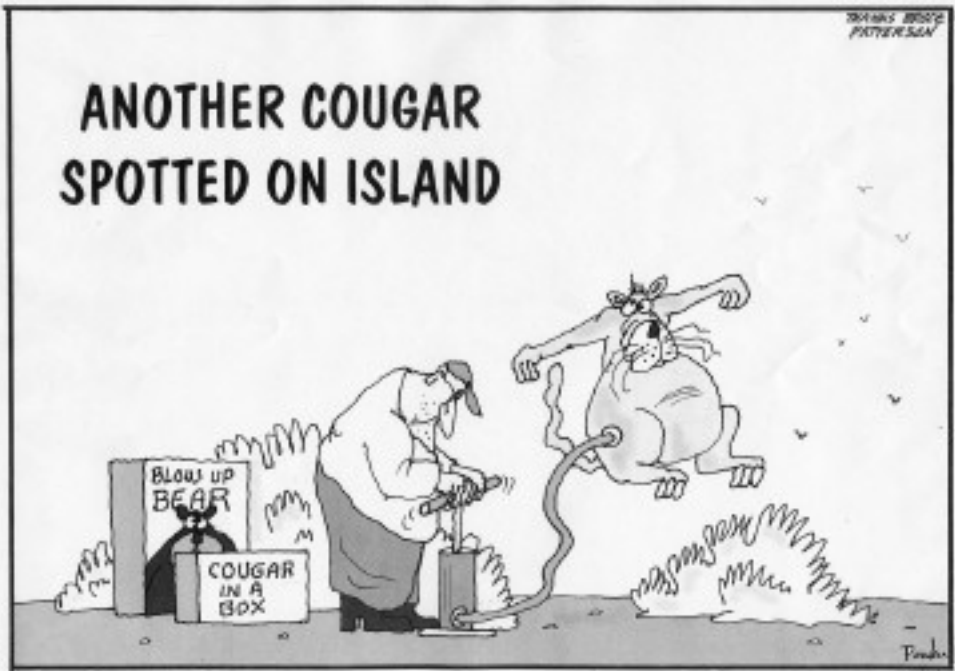
that saw four-inch rather than fire-insurance-required six-inch pipes laid.

Some \$145,000 was needed to finish the latest requirements and pay for the referendum (\$10,000). For that, each serviced property will pay an extra \$158 per year for the next 15 years. If the other authorized \$80,000 is needed to fund future works — such as the installation of water meters that have already been purchased — add another \$87 per year.

In short, district residents will be paying a phenomenal \$1,893 per year for water service, or \$158 per month. The Fulford water board recommended voters approve the extra borrowing so the project can finally be completed, but its members are not going to let the CRD off the hook when it comes to finding out what went wrong with this project and why.

With similar stories arising from the Beddis and Highland districts, which also dove under the CRD umbrella in order to access provincial-federal infrastructure grants, Gulf Islands water district users should heed a flashing warning light when it comes to doing business with the CRD.

With concern for all local water districts, we're cheering for the Fulford group as it seeks a concrete explanation for how this project went so far off track and why it must pay the onerous price.



## Arts groups are not beggars

BY GEORGE SIPOS

The Canadian arts community was all abuzz in recent weeks over comments made by federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty that seemed to cast doubt on the government's commitment to arts funding.

"We actually don't believe in festivals and cultural institutions assuming that year after year they'll receive government funding. They ought not to assume entitlements to grants. No organization should assume in their budgeting that every year the government of Canada is going to give them grants," Flaherty said.

It was a cheery lead-up to Canada Day.

Except that nobody in the arts assumes anything of the sort.

Each year we make a case for our need for assistance, and each year we demonstrate that we have used previous grants wisely and achieved the promised results in our communities. In this way we are no different from other industries that seek government assistance, ranging from manufacturing to health care to natural resource exploration.

My old colleague Peter Thompson, managing director of the Two Rivers Gallery in Prince George, had this response in the media about Flaherty's comments: "The arts are not beggars. We simply expect a level playing field. The minister did not feel he had to tell the manufacturing industry or oil sands exploration that they shouldn't expect federal government help."

The arts, Thompson pointed out, are an industry employing over 600,000 people in Canada (more than forestry) and returning \$1.38 on every dollar invested.

Interestingly, Flaherty's comments coincided with the government's announcement that Heritage Canada has just award-

**VIEWPOINT**

... nobody in the arts assumes anything of the sort.

ed a \$500,000 grant to something called Canada's Walk of Fame in Toronto. In the words of Globe & Mail columnist John Doyle, "This is a lame imitation of the Hollywood Walk of Fame — an invention of the chamber of commerce there in the 1950s when movies were losing out to this new television thing."

The first three inductees for "excellence in entertainment, sport, culture and innovation," as Canada's Walk of Fame would have it, are game show host Alex Trebek, pop singer Shania Twain and comedian Rich Little.

Even more interesting is a different piece of background to Flaherty's comments:

Less than a week before his warning to arts organizations, the media reported that Toronto's SummerWorks theatre festival, which had been accustomed to receiving \$47,000 each year from Canadian Heritage to put on approximately 38 plays and other events, and which was scheduled to open this year's festival on Aug. 4, has just been told that its grant is completely cut.

Many observers recall that the prime minister took offence last year to the festival's presentation of a play called Homegrown, in which the main character, a lawyer, develops sympathy for her client, a terrorism suspect.

Is it too cynical to draw the obvious lesson? Create a sidewalk to memorialize wealthy celebrities and the government will smile on you to the tune of \$500,000, but take a chance on theatre that might be controversial and be prepared to fend for yourself in the wilderness.

*The writer is executive director of ArtSpring, and an author whose latest book, The Geography of Arrival: A Memoir, was shortlisted for the 2011 Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-fiction.*

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**

Is Salt Spring a better place now than 10 years ago?

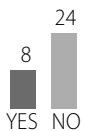
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**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

Do you want to see a B.C. election this fall?



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# IslandVoices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

**"Education is the key to development: it's the first step out of poverty for families in Africa."**

ANDREA PALFRAMAN, LIT UP! ORGANIZER

## SALT SPRING SAYS

### We asked: What do you think could increase tourist numbers to Salt Spring?

**MARGE LECKIE**

*For me it's the traffic. Let's get the bikes on some bicycle paths. It's cheaper than bringing a car over on the ferry.*

**SCOTT HARRIS**

*I would say a little more nightlife and probably cheaper ferry fares.*

**GENE KRUPA**

*I would lower the value of the Canadian dollar.*

**ROLAND SMITH**

*A better economy and people would spend more money.*

**BOB FIDLER**

*Bring out the sun, but there's nothing you can really do about that.*

## 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.

### Untrustworthy

A large ad in the Driftwood placed by HSTinBC.ca and bearing the provincial logo is notable for what it omits.

It does not say when the tax will be lowered to 10 per cent, making it look as if this will happen right away. Untrue.

It neglects to mention that the PST was not on everything (for example, we didn't pay that extra tax on utilities) — the HST covers a much wider swath of territory, now encompassing all kinds of expenditure over which we have no control. Twelve per cent of some (old system) or 12 per cent of all, then maybe 11 per cent of all, then possibly 10 per cent of all (new system).

And we are supposed to feel committed to a tax most of us don't want because the government has spent so much getting it in place and will have to spend so much in order to return us to what we had accepted, grudgingly.

In other words, the ad is

extremely misleading. How can we possibly trust what these people say?

**TOBY FOUKS,**  
SALT SPRING

### Listen more, talk less

As my friends know, I am a frequent critic of BC Ferries. I went along to the open house last week, expecting BC Ferries staff to trot out an embarrassing mix of foot-dragging and excuses.

Instead, I heard of some reasonable plans to upgrade the Fulford and Vesuvius terminals to relieve congestion and make them safer. Construction is going to start soon at both locations. Also, some good ideas were generated at the meeting for improvements in the plans. Long-range plans were also discussed.

But, what was embarrassing was the conduct of my fellow islanders. What a bunch of pontificating windbags who liked nothing better than to hear the sounds of their own voices! Points

that could have been made in a couple of minutes (e.g. "have you thought of this?") turned into 10-minute sermons on greenhouse gases, road safety and pedestrian behaviour, things that have little to do with BC Ferries. The only thing that ferry staff didn't get blamed for was the poor weather we have been having.

People came in late and started to talk about subjects already covered. Ferry staff must say to each other, "Oh, no, not Salt Spring again!" whenever they have to come here.

The presenters couldn't make it through their presentation properly there were so many speeches and questions. People, try to listen more and talk less!

**DREW BODALY,**  
SALT SPRING

### Tourism

Peter Vincent hit the nail on the head in his last column regarding tourism on Salt Spring.

I'd like to add a few observations of my own. There

still seems to be a persistent attitude of disdain with a number of the locals towards tourists and the tourist season here. Why the contempt? Why don't more people realize just how vital tourism is to the health of our economy? Tourists need to feel welcome here, or . . . guess what? They'll just go elsewhere and stay away from our island. And then what? The rest of the local economy then suffers. The stark reality is that unless we have our own diverse economy (SS Coffee, etc., etc.) we are largely dependent on tourism.

At one time our community used to ensure that events were provided to draw in the boating crowd, for example. Events such as the Seattle Yacht Club barbecue. This was a reciprocating event where we would bring in boat traffic from Seattle, and vice versa. Does this event still exist? Those boaters bring in huge dollars to the local economy and they don't clog Ganges with their cars, either.

Also, what happened to the boat-building event in Centennial Park? That used to bring a lot of people here as well.

What is happening on Salt Spring now? Anything? Go to the website [saltspring-tourism.com](http://saltspring-tourism.com) and take note of how sparse the "special events" page is. I also notice there are a number of competing websites promoting Salt Spring Island, and none of them is comprehensive enough on their own. How about some cooperation or at least some consolidation of these resources and efforts for tourism?

One thing I've noticed about Salt Spring is that too many people here seem to be on their own trip. This attitude is also prevalent with the drawbridge mentality. How many of those same people fell in love with this island after arriving here initially as a tourist?

You don't like tourism? Wake up and smell the Salt Spring Coffee!  
**DAVE CAMPBELL,**  
SALT SPRING

### Not AWOL

Rants to the Driftwood for printing the story "AWOL crew cause ferry delays," July 13 Driftwood news brief.

Being ex-army, I take great offence to the term AWOL. It is a very serious and chargeable offence. Perhaps if there is a next time you could call Long Harbour or our crewing office in Little River. They will let you know exactly what the situation is.

The main office in Victoria gave you the "make everyone happy" answer.

Crew were not "AWOL." There were illnesses and apparently crew were not scheduled.

We have passengers mad at us for things we cannot control. Throwing fuel on the fire for them helps us, the crew, in no way.

Someone phoning in sick for work does not make them AWOL. Having a crew member not scheduled does not make them AWOL.

**BOB LAYCOCK,**  
SALT SPRING

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## Coming to grips with the true meaning of 'free'

Absolutely free! Free for the taking. Grats. You pay nothing. Nada. Bupkis. Just take it away!

I'm a sucker for freebies. Just mention the word "free" and I'm already backing down your driveway in my pickup. It's funny how any old piece of rusted junk takes on the aura of a "treasure" if it's being given away for nothing.

My yard is full of stuff I've picked up for free. I've got several sinks and a bathtub piled behind one of the sheds. There's a toilet bowl and tank out there somewhere too, but they have long disappeared under a forest of thistles and nettles.

There's about 200 feet of one-inch Schedule 40 plumbing pipe holding down the netting over our raspberry patch. The pipe came out of a well on the north end and my plan was to use it to construct the frame for a plastic shed over the pepper plants. I just haven't quite got around to that project yet.

Most anything you pick up for free becomes a potential project. Leading the list of these are old machines and appliances. That toaster that works perfectly except it doesn't pop up when the toast is done is an example. So is the lawn mower with the broken switch that can only stop when it runs out of gas. Not to be forgotten is the "only used twice" weed wacker that has several yards of fishnet impossibly tangled

around its shaft.

Of course, the "lottery sweepstakes" of free giveaways is the island beater car. Often described with a "runs well and can be used for parts" description/disclaimer, these cruisers may be solely responsible for keeping the petroleum industry solvent. When you pick up one of these beauties, you might as well stop off at the hardware store and purchase a couple of cases of motor oil because you're going to need a litre or two every time you take a drive up or down the island. (You're also going to have to accept personal blame for both the global "greenhouse effect" and the hole in the ozone layer.)

One of the more annoying aspects of the freebie culture is the hand-written "free stuff" sign accompanied by an assortment of weathered cardboard boxes left piled out at the end of a driveway or, even more anonymously, on the side of the road. This is Salt Spring's version of dumpster diving. It seems incredulous to think that the perpetrators of this roadside junk believe that anyone other than crows, rats or other undesirable varmints is going to actually stop and pick through this hodgepodge



**Shilo Zylbergold**

### NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

of unwanted garbage (although every once in a while I do find something worthwhile).

These boxes may contain anything from old blenders to new kittens and almost everything in between. Often you will find the cardboard rotting and decomposing while the clothes and rags inside grow mouldy from the inevitable moisture that accumulates over the days they are left out in the elements. Eventually, some Good Samaritan will shovel the works into a truck and cart it over to the Blackburn transfer station (which is where it should have gone in the first place if the guilty owner had not been so thoughtless and cheap).

One of the best places to find (or get rid of) free stuff is on the information highway of the online Salt Spring Exchange. It may not be a soggy sofa couch sitting on the side of the road, but any subject line that has the word "free" in it is sure to catch your eye. Where else can you score a hundred shrivelled bulbs of garlic from the 2004 harvest advertised as seed garlic? It's not every day you can get a complimentary degree from the University of Spiritual Archetypes, whose campus is located alongside Blackburn Lake's wooden dock

on most sunny days.

If you are kind of heart, you may have room for a giveaway lame horse or blind-in-one-eye dog. Be careful with exotic pets such as an Amazon parrot with a stutter or a python with eczema, because they can often prove to be "high-maintenance" responsibilities that detract from the pleasure you derived by getting them absolutely free.

Nobody asked me, but I think it's high time I weaned myself off freebies. I'm going to admit to myself that I'm never really going to get around to all the projects that have been "on hold" all these years. I'm not going to rewrite that "steal" of a generator or refinish that 18th-century oak dresser that turned out to be made of plywood.

No, I'm going to round up all the free junk I've been accumulating over the last quarter century and cleanse my soul of all this unnecessary clutter. Goodbye to all the non-working vacuum cleaners and chainsaws and to that toilet behind the shed, if I can find it. I'm turning over a new leaf (and I don't mean a truck leaf spring).

I am going to learn the true meaning of "free" and it all starts as soon as I drop these boxes off at the end of the driveway.

*thyme2001@hotmail.com*

# Keep Smiling...



## THOUGHTS & NEWS

### Goals and Plans

from Dr. Richard Hayden

Last year I talked about a triathlon in which I crashed and burned. It was a mess. I had a goal but didn't have a plan to get me there.

Fast forward one year...

The Victoria half Iron at Elk Lake. Same site as last years debacle.

This year I had a goal and a plan. I still crashed and burned. However, I had a personal best swim and a cycle I'm proud of. I had to cut the run short.

Last year's failure was no plan.

This year's failure was &^\$^^ happens. I was really sick for a week and actually had a fever two days prior. So what do you do? (yes sane people would be in bed...Me, different story)

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**Dr Richard Hayden Island Dental Centre**

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## What is Proposed Bylaw 448?

A New Bylaw to Support Local Food Processing and Improve the Viability of Home-based Businesses!



In response to *Industrial Task Force Report* (2009), the Area Farm Plan (2008), and community input, proposed Bylaw 448 amends Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw 355 to support local food processing as "farm related light industry" and to improve the viability of home occupations by relaxing restrictions on home-based businesses.

#### Industrial Farm Uses:

• A new definition for "industry, farm-related light" has been added to allow food processing within industrial zones where light Industrial uses are permitted.

#### Home Based Businesses:

- Proposed new rules increase the area and number of employees allowed in home-based businesses.
- The amendment will allow more employees to work at home-based businesses, using a two-tiered approach:

\* On properties smaller than 1.2 hectares (3 acres), two people who do not live on the property can be employed there;

\* On properties greater than 1.2 hectares (3 acres), three people who do not live on the property can be employed there.

- The size allowance would also be two-tiered:

\* On properties 1.2 hectares (3 acres) or smaller, the maximum area for a home based business is still 70 square metres (753 square feet) but on properties greater than 1.2 hectares (3 acres), the maximum area that can be used by a home based business is 150 square metres (1,614 square feet).

- The amendments also relax noise restrictions by removing the requirements that noise must be less than 40dB (about the volume of a whisper – 60dB is the volume of normal conversation). Instead, the new regulations are less specific by saying that home based businesses should not create noise that is audible from outside the property boundaries.

Come find out more ~ Let us know what you think!  
Wednesday August 3, 2011, Community Gospel Chapel  
Community Information Meeting at 5:00-6:00 PM  
Public Hearing at 7:00 PM

For more information, please visit <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltr/sslubproject2010.cfm> or contact the Islands Trust at (250) 537-9144  
Please also refer to the Notice of Public Hearing for Proposed Bylaw 448 in this issue of the Driftwood.

## OPINION

### MORE LETTERS

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## Reasoned dialogue

As a seasonal Salt Spring resident reading the Driftwood from afar, it is always entertaining, if disappointing, to watch as Salt Springers divide into two camps on most issues and there is little possibility of realistic dialogue between the opposing sides.

I myself am quite confused by the RAR issue. Now that the dust has temporarily settled, I'd like to suggest an approach to assessing whether the concerns of the naysayers are well founded or if the proposed rules will work properly in practice.

Let's set the clock back 25 years, to 1986. Let's imagine that the RAR bylaw as it is proposed was fully in place at that time. Now, let's take a few of the developments we all hold dear that have happened in that time and imagine they had to go through the proposed process to become what they are today.

Would they look the same? Better? Worse? Would they exist where they are today at all? How many extra dollars and how much time would have to come out of the proponents' pockets to get the development done? I would encourage other readers to do the same with their favourites of the past 25 years.

If the RAR proponents can satisfy us that these amenities would still exist substantially in their present form, perhaps we have been over-anxious. Con-

versely, if these developments might not exist at all, perhaps those in favour of the RAR need to do some long, hard thinking.

Here are my four developments to judge by: (1) the streamside trail in Duck Creek Park; (2) the Long Harbour to Churchill trail; (3) The trail that follows the creek from ArtSpring to town and (4) ArtSpring itself. (P.S. to RAR proponents: It's not fair to suggest that they are exempt because they aren't in a development permit area. Assume they are.)

Looking forward to a more reasoned dialogue than I've seen over the past few months.

**DOUG MACDONALD,**  
SALT SPRING & CALGARY

## Live arts deliver

Again we are indebted to our community. The residents, visitors and staff of Lady Minto extended Care Unit enjoyed Salt Spring's own Vocal Quartet as it performed for them on Tuesday, July 5.

Soprano Connie Holmes, alto Anke Smeele, tenor Lyle Eide and bass Alan Robertson, with piano accompanist Beth Ranney presented us with an afternoon of harmonious singing. Their selections from a wide genre were expressed passionately and received with stirring emotions.

Where medical necessities are the order of the day, this, simply put, was enriching. We give you all our deepest thanks and heartfelt appreciation too for your friendship as we feasted on local strawberries and Embe treats.

At this time we want also to thank Driftwood for its continuing support in publishing this letter. The purpose for writing is two-fold. Not only does it acknowledge the giving generosity of our local artists, but it also informs the community that long-term care does not mean that one has to be closed off from the emotions and enjoyment that the live arts can deliver. There is nothing pretentious here. It is all very real.

**MARGARET MACKENZIE,**  
ECU VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

## Shout-outs

Thank you to Tom Toynbee for pointing out the hypocrisy, foolishness and sheer political opportunism of Gary Holman and the NDP's position on the HST debate. ("HST a superior tax system" letter, July 13 Driftwood.)

When Bill Vander Zalm, Chris Delaney and Bill Tieleman are all in the same bed, something screwy is going on. I've voted to keep the HST because it's as

close as we can get, at this time, to tax reform, which we sorely need.

Another thank you to Susan Cunningham and the TAG Team for the exposé of the "stacked-deck committees," which are de rigueur whenever dealing with the Islands Trust. ("Salt Spring ill-served by its local Trust committee," July 13.) As a member of the Salt Spring Contractors Association and having spent two years dealing with the Islands Trust on the "soils bylaw," we encountered the same issues of a "stacked-deck committee."

I'd like to add my voice to Jim Russell's comments regarding "moderates" and Bylaw 449. Listen-up, LTC — the people who attended the public meetings were not and are not confused. We did not misunderstand the intention or spirit of the bylaw. Bylaw 449 is confused and the LTC's high-handed approach towards its implementation, along with their "we know what's best for Salt Spring" attitude has begun to wear a little thin, unless you're drinking the same Kool-Aid as they are.

Peter Vincent also gets a shout-out. Having lived in Jasper, Alberta for 27 years before moving to Salt Spring Island in 1997, I've always been struck by the awkward manner that tourism and localism come together on this island. It seems to happen in spite of itself. There couldn't be a more expensive or difficult destination to get to, or a worse set of roads to drive on once you've arrived.

However, people like me and many others visited for years and finally decided to take the plunge and move here. For my wife and I, it was the natural beauty of the area and the character of the locals that attracted us. Such diversity! I didn't know at the time I would be swapping Parks Canada for the Islands Trust. Oh horrors! I don't think Salt Spring would sacrifice its ambience or charm if Ganges were to become more tourist friendly and attractive. Why not a permanent open-air timber structure to cover the market area? Why not operate during summer's high season or at least Friday through Sunday? Why not more festivals, as Peter suggests?

Finally, I'd like to share some facts and figures passed along to me, which I know to be accurate. This person has asked that his name not be used, but he thought that the information would be of interest to all islanders alike. My friend owns homes in West Vancouver, Whistler and on Salt Spring. They are assessed, respectively, at \$2.428 million, \$2.46

million and \$2.441 million. The total taxes are, respectively, \$9,210.72 for West Van, \$11,402.87 for Whistler, and \$13,139.05 for Salt Spring. Considering the services offered in each municipality/area, it begs the question: How can there be such a level of taxation without proper representation?

The problem with worrying and hand-wringing is that it keeps you from rolling up your sleeves.

**ROBERT LANGEVIN,**  
SALT SPRING

## Statements incorrectly attributed

This letter is a response to a letter by George Grams in the June 15 Driftwood ("Bylaw a fundamental assault on rights and freedoms.")

During her term as chairperson of the Gulf Islands Alliance, Christine Torggrimson offered valuable insights to further the Trust object, some of which are published on the GIA website. Christine was subsequently elected as a trustee for the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee.

Mr. Grams' letter incorrectly attributes the following statement, selected from an opinion article on the GIA website, to trustee Christine Torggrimson: "The Trust was not intended to be a local government, it was not intended to represent the interests of its residents."

In fact, the opinion article in question was written by Graham Brazier of Denman Island, a current board member of the Gulf Islands Alliance. His interesting article reflects on the findings of an independent consultant retained by the Islands Trust to advise on the work of the Islands Trust Governance Task Force. Again in fact, the statement quoted by Mr. Grams was the opinion of the consultant.

It is both misleading and inaccurate for Mr. Grams to attribute the statement to Christine Torggrimson, an elected trustee on the island where Mr. Grams is a resident elector. Further statements in Mr. Grams' letter creatively cherry pick from Graham Brazier's article and leave readers with an inaccurate understanding of Mr. Brazier's thoughtful contribution to Trust governance and the GIA website.

The Gulf Islands Alliance invites you to read — and contribute to — informed critical debate on the unique attributes of the Islands Trust on the GIA website: [www.gulfislandsalliance.ca](http://www.gulfislandsalliance.ca)

**MISTY MACDUFFEE,**  
CHAIR, GULF ISLANDS ALLIANCE

OPINION

# Trust is important in HST vote

BY GARY HOLMAN

In response to my article urging a "yes" vote to get rid of the HST, Tom Toynbee states that the "sins of the Liberal government" are irrelevant to the referendum question.

To fully recount Liberal sins requires too large an article. I did remind voters to consider the Liberals' "trail of broken commitments" . . . before placing much stock in the last-minute, promised reduction in HST rates (Liberals) floated in desperation" to ensure passage of the largest tax shift in B.C.'s history.

Mr. Toynbee asks the question "will B.C. be better off with the HST or a return to the two-tax system?" His definition of "better off" is whether B.C. businesses are "more competitive in world markets."

As I tried to point out in my "rant," despite the claims of some so-called economic experts, the previous provincial sales tax already exempted production machinery and equipment, so the impact on competitiveness is overstated. And what about the job losses that have already occurred in sectors producing hundreds of goods and services that previously paid no GST?

Mr. Toynbee's competitiveness argument sounds a lot like the one used by the "experts" to justify large reductions in income taxes for large corporations over the last 10 years to supposedly increase their productivity. But the data shows that Canada, and B.C. in particular, still lag in pro-

ductivity growth. Fazil Mihar, Vancouver Sun editorial writer and former Fraser Institute noteworthy, writes in last Saturday's Sun that "B.C. has seen its productivity slide compared with the rest of the country."

I don't disagree that B.C.'s economy should be competitive, but studies by KPMG, one of the largest management consulting firms in Canada, demonstrate that tax rates are only one factor governing competitiveness. From this broader perspective, which also includes the private-sector cost advantages of public health care, B.C. remains very competitive with other jurisdictions.

Like other economists such as David Schreck and Seth Klein, my definition of whether B.C. is better off includes the question of who is better off — in other words, how taxation and incomes are redistributed by policy choices. Some economists believe that a fairer distribution of income and taxation is actually good for business and the economy, and that a strong social contract makes us all richer, in every sense.

Even if you believe the competitiveness argument, it begs the question — why should working families pay higher taxes and prices to achieve this? For 24,000 jobs over 10 years in a labour force of 1.6 million, as estimated by the government's own independent panel?

It is heartening to read that Mr. Toynbee is now looking to coun-

tries like Sweden, "the poster child of social democracy" as an inspiration for tax policy rather than the United States. However, many of the experts on whom Mr. Toynbee relies for advice have for decades used the U.S. as their poster child.

These are the same experts and corporations who advocate higher user fees for ferries, medical premiums, seniors' care homes and tuition as more "efficient" than a system relying more on ability to pay and a strong social contract.

And it is these corporations, who have most to gain from this unfair tax shift, who have been given carte blanche to spend whatever they want in this referendum with no accountability, to convince us that this tax shift is good for us.

Mr. Toynbee's letter does provide an opportunity to address an oversight in my last article — to note that if HST rates are reduced, it will reduce overall provincial revenue. In fact, the HST is a kind of Trojan horse, appearing as a gift mitigating the tax shift from large corporations to families (albeit over a 10-year period), but one that means further significant cuts to important public services in communities throughout B.C.

Does this sound like B.C. will be better off to you?

*The writer is the NDP candidate for Saanich North and the Islands in the next provincial election.*

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# RANTS and Roses

## Rants

Rants to the person who took my cell phone, ID and car keys from Moby's on Saturday night. I was mistakenly foolish in my acts, but you were intentionally selfish and cruel in yours. Sandi Poystila

## Roses

Many roses and thanks to the dog lover who, while at Country Grocer, noticed my senior chocolate Labrador panting away in the back of my open jeep in the warm sun. They responded by supplying a container of water for him. I didn't notice this until sometime later at Bon Acres Farm, home of the Bond family veterinary clinic, for an unhappy reason. You see, Fraser, at 14 years of age, was afflicted with many of the common disorders of dogs his size, namely hip dysplasia and a calcified larynx. After a couple of hours of driving around the island enjoying his last car ride, we took him back to Dr. Bond's to be sent to the happy hunting grounds. This was a difficult decision for me and I'm sure your act of thoughtfulness was much appreciated by Fraser in his last hours.

Two dozen long-stemmed red roses to the hundreds of donors, volunteers, bidders and buyers who contributed to the 11th annual ArtSpring Treasure Faire Extraordinaire. Your support of the huge fundraiser enables ArtSpring

to provide ongoing excellent, affordable programming for our community.

A "stamp"-ede of roses to Heather at the Ganges post office for a much appreciated assist.

Bountiful roses to Gail and to Gypsy for their generosity, kindness and always reliable helping hands (and paws). E&J

Roses to Nelson and May Kennedy in acknowledgement of your kindness, caring and compassion towards a total stranger. I was touched by your generous gift and I have put it to good use, in the spirit in which it was given to me. JFH

A bunch of heavenly sweet roses to the Community Gospel Chapel youth group and all the willing teens who came from the mainland to be free workers for home owners and gardeners here on Salt Spring for two weeks. Special thanks to the courteous and cheerful young people who came to weed my garden. You did a great job, leaving a much better garden and a happy memory. Blessings to you all.

A bouquet of gold-stemmed roses to whomever finds and returns my cell phone, ID and car keys, which were stolen from Moby's last Saturday night. Please return them to the police or Apple Photo. SP

eastern Libyan cities is widely available on the internet, but for some reason mainstream media seems to have turned a blind eye to the ethnic cleansing that is being perpetrated by our NATO-backed allies.

These "rebels" were accepted by our leaders in Ottawa as the legitimate government of Libya. Why?

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## Accepting rebels

A recent article in the Wall Street Journal explains that "our" NATO rebels in Misrata (Libya) refer to themselves as "the brigade for purging slaves, black skin."

The rebels have succeeded in their efforts to kill or drive out blacks from the city of Misrata.

The evidence of public lynchings of blacks in Misrata and other

OPINION

# Can the community find some common ground?

BY CHRISTINE TORGRIMSON

The tenor of community debate swirling around the Islands Trust these days is quite troubling.

The trustees and community members who support the Trust "preserve and protect" object have increasingly become the target of intense scrutiny, personal attacks and public ridicule.

Labelled as "outsiders," "fascists" and "green carpetbaggers," and threatened with drowning, hanging or being kicked off the island, the commentary has become very ugly.

Outbursts at a recent local Trust committee meeting denounced those who were not born in Canada.

The attempted public hearings on proposed Bylaw 449 erupted in yelling and insults, with some participants feeling unsafe about attending further public meetings.

Recently, personal opinions of others from a website for an organization I chaired before becoming a trustee were incorrectly depicted as positions I "adopted," suggesting that I view residents as "enemies."

This is untrue, and is in stark contrast with my values and trustee record: I've supported 80 of the 84 final land use decisions made by the LIC in this term — a

## INDEPTH

95 per cent "yes" record addressing many human needs while respecting our community plan and island environment.

These decisions included a 60-acre community farmland donation, an ambulance station, a fire training facility, a marina expansion, five doctor's offices and a nurse's apartment, a new library, a new business/residence building, a tennis facility, and a re-designed and expanded gas station and grocery complex.

We also approved affordable housing projects allowing 11 more housing opportunities, granted a development permit for a 33-unit, multi-family housing complex, and supported aspects of subdivisions that would allow scores of new homes.

It's true that leaders are often a lightning rod for all kinds of criticisms and projections, and it's important to try not to take the attacks personally.

And yet, as more people talk of leaving Salt Spring or say their friends have decided against moving here because of the contentious atmosphere, I worry about the health of our community and the times we live in.

I certainly see a need to improve

Trust communication, including a better approach for implementing the provincial Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR), and I am doing my best to see both happen. I do wonder, though, whether something greater fuels the current intensity, and if so, what we can do about it.

Nearly 10 years ago, on Sept. 11, 2001, the peace and security we felt as North Americans was shattered, and the mood and focus of the time we live in has never been the same. Fear, anger, conflict and economic instability have become increasingly prevalent.

As the rain pours down as I write this in the middle of "summer," I reflect on the wet, gray months we have already endured. Anxiety about the weather is a frequent comment lately: "Our new-mown hay is wet and worthless. Will our corn and tomatoes ripen? Where is the sun?"

Scientists the world over warn about the changing climate, as we watch intense weather events — floods, heat waves, droughts, dust storms — wreaking havoc throughout Canada, the U.S. and other parts of the world.

We also witness dwindling species and natural resources, as well as widespread conflict and war. Lately, the media sound alarms about the faltering European and

U.S. economies, threatening the world economy. Locally, we hear about struggling businesses and people having difficulty finding work — troubles unfortunately echoed elsewhere. This over-riding uncertainty about the economy, climate, food supplies and the environment is deeply disturbing. Is this helping fuel the intense interactions here?

As well, many of those who want Salt Spring to move towards incorporation are frustrated and angry. When the province refused to support an incorporation study, movement on this issue became difficult, and the Trust and trustees became a convenient local target for blame and resentment.

Fear, frustration, resentment and anger are powerful energies. They can too easily be destructive — or if turned toward forging solutions — constructive.

How can we shift our attention to listening to one another and finding common ground instead of deepening divisions? Can we relinquish resentments, grievances and blame, and co-create workable and heartening solutions — however small or large? Can we abandon political games for the best interests of the community?

In these challenging times, we need to seriously consider

how to sustain ourselves and our community environmentally, socially and economically. Might we avoid sacrificing one aspect for another in the midst of fears and frustrations, and discover how to live well on this small island, while respecting its natural limits and acknowledging that its well-being is essential to our own?

Salt Spring is a diverse, richly talented, highly engaged community. We could tap our collective energy and intelligence to clarify and affirm common values, problem-solve about community challenges and redirect our energies toward positive change.

Perhaps we could interact in facilitated small groups or creative large-group processes like World Cafe that prevent grandstanding, in events co-sponsored by a number of island entities.

Can we move beyond the current poisonous polarization, and engage in more thoughtful, respectful dialogue for the benefit of our community? We are so fortunate to live on this island. Can we work together to bridge our differences and truly make the best of living here?

*The writer is an islands trustee on the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee.*

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**ART SHOW**

## Summer Lights illuminate SSI nights

Brent Comber installation anchors magical display

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Summer Lights is once again bringing people out into the night with the second season of illuminated work at the Duthie Gallery (formerly Salt Spring Woodworks).

Open from 9 to 11 p.m. Thursdays through Mondays, the show is a rare chance on this island for people to extend their art appreciation into the after-dinner hours. The outdoor walk and indoor display of illuminated artworks contain all the magic produced by a glowing lantern on a soft summer night.

Past visitors will be pleased to find that some of last year's favourites are back, such as Peter Pierobon's elegant Illuminati structures. Shaped like gigantic plumb line pendulums with curved slats of cedar or cherry, the open spaces between slats throw wonderful shadows on surrounding surfaces.

Brent Comber, the de facto leader of Vancouver's art furniture movement, is also back with his solid sequoia sphere and a trio of cedar chandeliers.

Comber's installation for this season is another awe-inspiring work called the Nine Sentinels. The vertically split trunks of big leaf maple are nine feet high and approximately 38 inches wide, although individual trunks may



Celia Duthie peers into 'Top,' a lamp made by Peter Pierobon, on display at the Duthie Gallery.

PHOTO BY SHARI MACDONALD

run smooth or contain glorious variations through whorls and burls. True to his mission of rescuing discarded wood, Comber created the installation using maple found near Chemainus.

Standing in a ring, the Sentinels curve on the concave toward the viewer. The interior surfaces have been sanded smooth and treated with a vinegar milk solution to produce a ghostly flesh tone, while the rough bark on the backs have been tinted blue to suggest the translucent, veined skin of the elderly.

With each piece lit at its base, the Sentinels appear in reverse silhouette against the dark forest beyond. The ones with more knobby edges suggest the tattered Cinderella in Arthur Rackham's illustrations.

The Sentinels are meant to share their collective wisdom and stories. Curiously, as Duthie pointed out, the maple has a similar life span to humans, lasting only 80 to 100 years before it starts to rot from within.

Ken Guenter, an influential instructor at the Camosun Fine Furniture program, bridges Pierobon's elegance with Comber's rooted sensibility with an enormous slab of holly, set with a small lamp that is shaded by trailing strips of mahogany.

Vancouver artist Judson Beaumont has produced the "hot cake" item of the show, with several pieces already carried off by admiring collectors. His pine beetle Tree Rings are sections of trunk topped with a surface of mirrored plexiglass, in which each tree's

actual rings have been reproduced. In daylight, each plexiglass surface is an entirely different colour than at night when its halogen light is plugged in — for instance, red to blue or green to yellow.

Local artists Ron Crawford and Terry Bie-man add to their long history of stonework collaboration with two massive benches, which are both functional and sculptural. Crawford has additionally contributed a majestic but unsettling abstracted figure, and a whimsical Tree Necklace of stones encircling a tall fir trunk some 10 feet from the ground.

Also at the gallery — and perhaps even better viewed in the daylight — are bronze figures by Michael Dennis, deeply burnished and cast to incorporate the wood grain of his sculpted

pieces. And Pierobon's Plant Deconstruction is a dynamic sculpture rising 12.5 feet high in the main grounds, fanning out aluminum stalks and yellow cedar leaves.

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**CHAMBER MUSIC**

## String players highlight three concerts

The Salt Spring Chamber Music Festival runs this week for its fourth year, celebrating a form of music artistic director David Visentin describes as exploring "the most intimate of musical relationships, where every musician is totally reliant on everyone around him, leading to a spell-binding experience both for the performers and the audience."

For the past four years ArtSpring has hosted distinguished professional faculty from around the world together with hand-picked student musicians from across Canada for a week of coaching, rehearsal and performance.

Regular festival faculty are

David Visentin, viola; Hiroko Kagawa, violin; Kai Gleusteen, violin; Paula Kiffner, cello; and Catherine Ordronneau, piano. The festival is fortunate this year to also host Vancouver's renowned Trio Accord as guest ensemble-in-residence. Student participants this year hail from Vancouver, Calgary, Whistler and Powell River.

This year's festival runs from July 18 to 23 at ArtSpring, with three concerts starting at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Thursday's concert combines Trio Accord and festival faculty in a program that includes Tchaikovsky's barnstorming Souvenir de Florence.

Friday's concert features the student musicians performing the Brahms Piano Quintet and works by Dowland, Hovhannes and Turina.

The centrepiece of Saturday's Gala Faculty Concert is a Brahms clarinet quintet arrangement for viola and string quartet, together with the Elgar Piano Quintet. And to finish the festival, David Visentin has "searched high and low to find the perfect musical wedding gift for William and Kate. You wouldn't want to miss it."

Tickets for all three concerts are available from the ArtSpring Ticket Centre (250-537-2102). Seats can also be purchased online at [tickets.artspring.ca](http://tickets.artspring.ca).

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## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## CONTEST



PHOTO BY GARY McNUTT

Andrea Palfaman at the Lit Up! market stand.

## Literature raffle supports Lesotho

Tickets available at Saturday market and through organizer

with in Africa."

Together with her partner Gary McNutt, Palfaman travels annually to Lesotho, a tiny country within South Africa. She founded a scholarship program in 2006 in response to the dire shortage of skilled professionals, including teachers and nurses, in the country. Partly due to the migration of skilled workers, the shortage is also a tragic consequence of the HIV/AIDS pandemic that has ravaged Lesotho.

"Education is the key to development: it's the first step out of poverty for families in Africa," said Palfaman. "I've seen first-hand how a girl's life can be transformed: instead of an early marriage and a lifetime of subsistence, they can nurture dreams of becoming teachers, nurses, scientists and social workers. When people have the chance to grow, and give back to their communities, everyone benefits."

Palfaman and McNutt pride themselves on direct, person-to-person exchanges. The couple personally delivers donor funds into the hands of those who need it most.

"Because we run into each other in Thrifty's, we can tell people how the child they've sponsored is doing. And while that may be no solution to the millions of unfortunate tales you

read about in the daily news, it's a solution for that one child," said McNutt.

"And... taking it a bit further... it's a solution for donors, who may be tired of hearing about the mis-use of their charitable money by corrupt governments or inefficient aid agencies," adds Palfaman. "We've worked hard to make ours a zero-overhead program, meaning every dollar you give goes right into paying school fees, buying books, buying school uniforms and paying exam fees. It's a pleasure to tell our supporters what all is being accomplished over there in brightest Africa."

Since 2006, an average of 35 scholarships have been awarded each year to needy and deserving students in Lesotho. Some have been funded by individual Salt Springers, while others come from grants by Canada's Glasswaters Foundation. Glasswaters, a registered charity, is able to provide tax receipts for donors who need them.

People can enter the Lit Up contest any Saturday at the market, or contact Palfaman by email at [andrea\\_palfaman@mac.com](mailto:andrea_palfaman@mac.com) for a ticket or book of tickets.

There is no set fee to enter the draw, although a minimum contribution of \$5 is suggested. The draw date is Oct. 1 and will take place at the Saturday market.

ISLAND STAR VIDEO presents... **flick pick**

**Rango**

I'll admit that I'm not a big fan of Westerns... too slow, too mired in a largely false mythos glorifying a time period in American history that was only a couple of decades long. And yet I found Rango — an animated spoof of Westerns — not only funny and exciting but strikingly insightful. Johnny Depp stars as a gecko whose solitary life consists of living in a terrarium, enacting small theatrical productions to himself. Bounced out of his owner's car, Rango finds himself alone in the bleached Southwestern desert. He finds his way to a small town made up of animals whose mayor (a turtle) is secretly holding them hostage by controlling all of the water. That day Rango luckily dispatches a predatory hawk and is hailed as the new sheriff. When the town's water supply is stolen, it's up to our hero and his posse to find it. I'm somewhat amazed that Rango was even made, a \$135-million combination of CGI talking animals and references to movies way, way outside of most kids' viewing experience. But it's a combination that — at least for me — works quite well. This is the first animated film from George Lucas's Industrial Light & Magic, and it shows. Smartly ignoring the 3D trend, Rango looks and sounds fantastic. In particular I was amazed by the way in which the town's animals looked so much like animals and yet had the facial characteristics of individual people. Adult viewers, especially those who love film, will be amazed at the way in which Rango assembles various tropes about the "West" into a something more that simply referencing it for fun. There's a point to why Rango, at its centre, is a combination of Chinatown's attack on the myth of progress with the trippy, individualistic energy of Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas. Rango is essentially a hero's journey (as you can tell by the chorus of Los Lobos-voiced owls), one that plays for laughs but at times really has emotional punch. At one point Rango, just after the town realizes he's a fraud, wanders the desert in pain. Drifts of sand move like tears, the stars slice through the sky, and the lights of cars whipping down a highway leave faded neon streaks. It's a wondrous, powerful moment, topped only by the subsequent cameo of a very famous Carmel resident. I don't think all adults will go for Rango, but this is certainly one of those cases where you sit down and watch a movie with the kids.

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## EXHIBITIONS

## Summer painters' show takes inspiration from the season

Guild event begins Friday, July 22

The Salt Spring Painters Guild's summer show and sale promises some exciting new work from local artists, using a variety of techniques and mediums.

Whether working on their own or participating in the guild's excellent educational opportunities, the members have put together a show whose title and inspiration is Reflections of Summer, featuring various locales around the island.

The show opens at ArtSpring on Friday, July 22 and runs until Monday, Aug. 1, daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Artists will be in attendance and look forward to hearing visitors' comments and suggestions.

Since 1972 the guild's primary goal has been to bring together aspiring and accomplished visual artists for inspiration, learning and encouragement in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The only prerequisite for membership is a desire to draw and paint.

In addition, the guild holds drop-in painting sessions and organizes special interest group studies in portraiture, life drawing and botanical painting.

The guild website, [www.sspaintersguild.com](http://www.sspaintersguild.com), is designed to keep members up to date on coming events and workshops.

## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## WORLD MUSIC

## Ganga Giri brings modern, primitive cultural celebration

Show at Beaver Point Hall July 27

One of Salt Spring's favourite visiting groups is heading our way next week, as Ganga Giri from Australia and guests perform at Beaver Point Hall.

The all-ages show is on Wednesday, July 27, with doors at 7:30 p.m. and the music beginning at 8:30.

"Ganga Giri mixes red natural elements with fat tribal beats and dirty funky bass lines to create a unique tribal-technological deep earth dance experience," states a press release.

"Explosive and pulsating, at times ambient and flowing, the music is a pumping percussive multi-layered experience of complex grooves and raw, deep natural sound. Ganga himself is a rhythmic didjeridu virtuoso and percussionist — an inspired music creator whose passion brings people together in celebration of nowness in newness, a modern-day corroboree for all."



Ganga Giri plays Beaver Point Hall next Wednesday night.

Representing key elements and inspirations of Australia now, the shows are a modern/primitive multicultural celebration, a

"melting pot" unifying many musical genres and cultures, bringing audiences world-wide a reflection of today's multicultural Australia.

The full show blends an array of tribal percussion that includes a uniquely percussive style of didj playing, congas, djembe, bou-

garabou, the Nigerian talking drum, mbira and more.

Ganga Giri's music has been widely and wildly appreciated by music lovers in many countries across the globe, including Australia, Japan, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Netherlands and New Zealand, igniting audiences in clubs, world music festivals and outdoor dance events.

According to Peter Gabriel of Real World Records, "Ganga Giri is a wonderful musi-

cian. I first heard him at a Womad festival, and loved the mix of his ancient and primitive instrument with a wide range of great dance grooves. Ganga is really taking the didgeridoo to places it has never been before and developing a unique style of music."

Joining Ganga Giri on stage is rich dub/reggae dancehall vocalist and celebrator Jornick Joe Lick, who hails from French Guyana, drummer Dan Pearson playing live electronic beats, indig-

enous songman and dancer Gumaroy, and Yeshe Reiners on percussion and melodic world instruments.

Tickets for the show are \$20 advance and \$25 at the door.

They are available online at <http://www.hightideconcerts.net/>, or in person at Salt Spring Books (250-537-2812) and Acoustic Planet (250-537-9668).

People can check out Ganga Giri websites at [www.gangagiri.com/](http://www.gangagiri.com/) and [www.myspace.com/gangagiri](http://www.myspace.com/gangagiri).

## NIGHTLIFE

## 'Country-inspired, punk re-wired' at Moby's

Calgary's Swamp Donkey plays Friday

Calgary "cunk" band Swamp Donkey rip-ropes into Moby's Pub Friday night, promising a rock-riddled evening of dance-driving country-punk tunes.

"Drawing on the country sensibilities of singer-songwriters like Buck Owens and Del Reeves, and infusing those classic tales with a rough-edge helping of Americana roots-rock, Swamp Donkey careens through its live sets in a 'hell-bent-for-leather' style," notes press material.

"Cunk" is as close as you get: country-inspired, punk re-wired."

From tunes like Lookin' at the World through a Windshield and Truck Drivin' Man, to updates on I Wanna be Sedated and Viva Las Vegas, Swamp Donkey is anything but predictable.

Effortlessly mixing Jayhawks, Cash Brothers, Elvis and The Ramones is all part of the party — "a four-finger pour of country classics and punk toe-tappers."

At the heart of the band's original tunes and many of their "relatively obscure" cover songs is a hankering for simple meaning in a world grown too complex. That sense of yearning can be heard in originals like Tell Me True, That Diamond Ring and Avalon.

Swamp Donkey has played gigs

as diverse as political events at the Olympic Plaza stage in downtown Calgary and the Calgary Tower, as well as classic stages like the Palomino Club, the Blind Beggar and the Tropicana, in addition to music festivals in Wayne, Alberta, Big Valley and Yoho Blows in Field B.C. and at the Tree House Cafe on Salt Spring last year.

All four band members provide vocals and have written original tunes, bringing a diversity to the Swamp Donkey sound. The band includes Conrad Walz, Mike Busby, Steve Glavicich and Bruce Cameron, who is also the drummer for Salt Spring's Lane 31.

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## M&amp;M

## Henry rides into Music &amp; Munch

Country, folk and bluegrass next Wednesday

Salt Springer Henry Baade — of bright red Indian motorcycle fame — is the next performer for Music and Munch on Wednesday, July 27.

Baade started his musical career as a wandering singer in the early 1960s with a goal of playing at every coffee house in Canada.

"He would have called himself a troubadour, but he didn't play the trouba," notes press material.

"However, various guitars accompanied him on the road through Canada and the U.S. He was asked to appear on Don Messer's Jubilee but turned it down because he felt it was too high-profile and 'square.'"

Baade plays country, folk and bluegrass, the latter most notably with the band Salt Lick during the '90s. He has played solo and with different bands at many Salt Spring events and venues, and was honoured to play at the Gumboot Gala in 2010 with Bill Henderson and Dave Roland.

"He looks forward to appearing at the church again. The jokes may be bad but the music will be good. Or vice versa."

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## EXHIBITIONS

# Breth sculptures form summer showcase at Nanaimo Art Gallery

Body of Evidence runs through Aug. 20

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Sculpture by Salt Spring artist Charles Breth is the focus this summer at the Nanaimo Art Gallery with the solo show *Body of Evidence* running to Aug. 20.

The exhibition, located in 2,000 square feet of gallery space, provides the necessary venue to appreciate Breth's work over the last several years — and viewers say it is well worth the short trip off-island to see.

Breth's history includes two masters degrees in sculpture and ceramics. He has taught in universities and received several awards, including a Canada Council project grant. But although he has some interest in art history, Breth takes little account of current art trends.

Most of his reading is rather in anthropology, history and politics — all signs of his continual drive to understand the arc of civilization leading up to, and certainly including, the present day.

*Body of Evidence* reveals that preoccupation with human culture. Breth's naked figures are exposed for our examination: denied the protection of clothing, it is nonetheless a philosophical understanding that the artist is trying to work out.

Constructed in clay using ancient techniques (slab, coil and pinch-pot), and fire coated with streaks of earth-toned colours that complement the natural terra cotta, Breth's figures have an intentional link to the art of earlier civilizations and a very contemporary desire for self-knowledge.

"There's a big psychological element that comes into play when you're working with the human figure that really interests me . . . Otherwise I could be making furniture, or building houses," Breth said, explaining the urge to create with his hands is more deeply satisfied by including the intellectual component.

"The reason I do sculpture



"Fetch" — a Charles Breth piece from *Body of Evidence*.

Breth's naked figures are exposed for our examination: denied the protection of clothing, it is nonetheless a philosophical understanding that the artist is trying to work out.

of the wolf-dog standing on his back.

With *Fetch*, an oversized dog has jumped up on the man about to throw a stick and is ecstatically hugging the man's chest with its front paws. The man, meanwhile, looks both disgusted and terrified.

Having just turned 65, Breth said he is beyond the point of desiring a high-profile career or a sojourn in New York City. What he's interested in now is having the solitary space necessary to work out his ideas and then a public space where the results can be shown.

"I believe art needs an audience, because you need some kind of feedback, even if it's negative," Breth said, adding, "When I'm in the studio I have no idea what's going on, I just need to get it out. It needs to move into a different context and be around people so that I can see what I've done."

The Nanaimo Art Gallery is located on the campus of Vancouver Island University, 900 Fifth St. in Nanaimo. Hours are Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, from 12 to 4 p.m.

For more information, see [www.nanaimoartgallery.com](http://www.nanaimoartgallery.com) or [charlesbrethsculpture.blogspot.com](http://charlesbrethsculpture.blogspot.com).

is it occupies real space. You set up a relationship with the human body . . . sculpture has symbolic properties, but it occupies real space, just like us."

Breth's figures challenge Western civilization's positioning of the nude as art's ideal form. They are often disquieting and even disturbing, and depicting the male rather than female form, there are a lot of genitals to contend with.

With *Tumour & Sheath* the penis is perhaps more suggestive for its skimpy containment, while the grumpy-looking older male has a large cylinder projecting from his skull.

The sense of inner turmoil

literally coming to a head is even more pronounced in *Examines Brain Seeking Mind*. In this case the male figure is holding his brain and pointing at it. His face, turned slightly upwards, protrudes with growths and has a telescoped jeweller's glass wedged into one eye. Further symbolizing an innate imbalance, he wears an elevated shoe on one foot while the other remains bare.

Other pieces show humans overwhelmed by the forces they are supposed to have dominion over, such as nature, or other species. *Remus* (in legend one of two twins suckled by a wolf) is depicted as a nude male on all fours, struggling to withstand the weight

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



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**THE FINAL CHAPTER:** Islanders at The Fritz theatre were among the millions lining up worldwide to see Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows 2, the last movie in the acclaimed series. The film — which is getting terrific reviews — smashed a box-office record with opening weekend North American ticket sales of \$169.2 million. It continues this week at The Fritz.

## AWARDS

# Publisher wins Vancouver award

Mother Tongue also brings out three new titles

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A small Salt Spring press will receive wide recognition later this summer when Mother Tongue Publishing receives an award at the Summer Lights Literary Festival in Vancouver.

The Pandora's Collective Publishers Award "goes to those publishers who keep getting the word out," and Mother Tongue has been managing to do just that despite the many difficulties found in Canada's book world.

As Mother Tongue founder Mona Fertig said, "It's very complex. It's a very complex job. It's very challenging to say the least."

Just a few of these challenges include finding government support for the arts, funding small, out-of-the-mainstream projects and battling the craze for e-books.

Fertig said she doesn't know much about the Pandora's Collective, although a few of its members have appeared in Mother Tongue publications, including the Rock Salt anthology of contemporary B.C. poets. She feels her press probably gained some attention by publishing the Gurjinder Basran novel *Everything Was Good-Bye*, a critics' favourite and the recent winner of the B.C. Book Prize for fiction.

Mother Tongue has three new titles for 2011. The latest book in the Unheralded Artists series has just been released, focusing on the life and work of Mildred Valley Thornton. Salt Spring poet Diana Hayes will have new and selected work published in *This is the Moon's Work*, due out this September.

Also due this fall is *At The World's Edge*: Curt Lang's Vancouver by Claudia Cornwall. Lang was a contemporary of Malcolm Lowry and Al Purdy, and a photographer who learned to capitalize on B.C.'s natural resources and later built two high-tech companies. Fertig said his life is both interesting in itself and provides a mirror for Van-

couver's growth as a city. The book contains many of Lang's photos and will be released in time for Vancouver's 125th anniversary.

Fertig's passion for local art and artists has produced another venue for creativity with the opening of the Porch Gallery this month. Located in the front of Fertig's home, the closed-in porch is the place to be on Sundays this month to see paintings and limited edition prints from the unheralded artists and other friends, such as printmaker Wim Blom. Mother Tongue publications and broadsides are also available.

Fertig said the gallery provides a Paris salontype experience (the founding idea behind her former Literary Storefront in Vancouver). It also calls to mind Emily Carr's workshop and gallery, which the artist opened at home during the Depression. "People actually sit down and talk," Fertig said. "They're talking about art, politics, health, whatever is of interest."

"And it's our most favourite part of the house anyway — we always sit here with our books."

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**CHURCH EVENTS**

## Vespers for Pilgrims after SpiritWalk

Music, readings, poetry and prayer Sunday at All Saints

Vespers for Pilgrims will be celebrated on Sunday, July 24 at All Saints church.

Held in conjunction with the SpiritWalk the Valley pilgrimage event, which takes place on Saturday in Fulford, Sunday's vespers gathering begins at 5 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join the meditative service on themes of pilgrimage and journey in life, both the way and the goal.

It also commemorates the eve of the Feast of St. James the apostle, the patron saint of Santiago de Compostela

in Spain, the goal of countless pilgrims following El Camino for centuries.

The service will include a variety of music, scripture readings, poetry, prayer and silence to encourage people on their personal and corporate human journey, says Rev. Richard Stetson.

Salt Spring musician Alvaro Sanchez will provide music on the guitar, and Don Conley will be at the organ and piano. Works by the British poet and novelist born in India, Rudyard Kipling, a Greek poet of Alexandria named C.P. Cavafy and the Canadian poet Anne Carson will be read.

"Each of these lives has included elements of journey and sojourn," said Stetson.

Admission is by donation.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, NORM:** Golden Island Restaurant dishwasher Norm Page takes a moment to smile for Driftwood photographer Derrick Lundy during the Day in the Life of Salt Spring Island shoot on June 18. The well-known islander marks 20 years in his position today, July 20.

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**ANIMAL HEALTH**

# Understanding canine Lyme disease: a Gulf Islands primer

One case verified, but disease remains rare, says vet

**BY DR. DAVID MACDONALD**  
 SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Lyme disease is caused by a bacteria called Borrelia burgdorferi.

This bacteria lives in ticks and is transmitted to humans and animals by tick bites. The disease is named after the town of Lyme in Connecticut where the disease was first recognized in North America

and diagnosed in people in the 1970s.

**Do we have ticks on Salt Spring Island harbouring Lyme disease?**

Yes, Dr. Muhammad Morshed at the B.C. Centre for Disease Control is actively studying Lyme disease and he has established that ticks in the Gulf Islands do indeed harbour Borrelia organisms. There are two types of ticks on Salt Spring Island: dermacentor and ixodes. The dermacentor ticks are chestnut brown and about a quarter of an inch long. These ticks do not transmit Lyme disease.

The ixodes ticks have black legs with a red and black body and they are very small - about an eighth of an inch long. These ticks do transmit Lyme disease. Of the two species of ticks, ixodes is the predominant one on Salt Spring.

Now that you've read the above two paragraphs, you may be starting to worry about those ticks you removed from your dog in the past. The purpose of this article, however, is not to scare you but to provide information so that you can better understand Lyme disease. Most importantly, I want to convey that Lyme disease in dogs on Salt Spring remains rare. I have tested many

dogs over the last few years and only one dog has been positive for Lyme disease.

This positive dog presented with classical signs of Lyme Disease in April 2011 and has responded well to treatment. The diagnosis was verified by Dr. Morshed's lab in Vancouver and by a lab at Cornell University in New York.

**Why is canine Lyme disease rare on Salt Spring?**

Only a small percentage of the ixodes ticks on Salt Spring carry the Borrelia organism. Perhaps only one per cent of the ticks have the bacteria, although this figure is a bit of a guess as little research has been conducted to scientifically establish what percentage of ticks are infected. Dr. Morshed has communicated to me that he would like to further investigate the infection rate and has applied for funding to conduct more research to improve our understanding of Lyme disease on the Gulf Islands.

The disease is also rare in dogs on Salt Spring because most dogs are resistant to infection. When dogs are infected with Borrelia, only five per cent actually become ill. In other words, most dogs can fight off the infec-

tion on their own and do not become sick. We do not understand why some dogs become ill while others do not.

**What are the clinical signs of canine Lyme disease?**

The small percentage of dogs that are unable to mount a successful immune response to a Borrelia infection will show clinical signs of illness usually one to five months after becoming infected. Typically, a dog suffering from Lyme disease will have a fever, lethargy and swelling of one or more joints. Some dogs will also develop kidney problems.

**Is there a treatment for Lyme disease?**

The treatment of choice is an antibiotic called doxycycline.

**Is there a vaccine for Lyme disease?**

Yes, there is a vaccine but its use is not routine in British Columbia because the disease remains rare. Dogs should be tested for Lyme disease before vaccination as positive dogs may have complications if they are vaccinated.

I hope this article has been informative and not caused too much worry for Salt Spring dog owners. If you have questions regarding Lyme disease, you should contact your veterinarian.

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# PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY



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**VOCAL HAY:** Local farmer Ron Pither parks his hay-filled truck by Centennial Park to advertise the Tuesday Farmers' Market that runs at the park from 3 to 7 p.m. (He also has a couch on the back to appeal to all "couch potatoes.") Pither says the new afternoon market is a growing concern in Ganges that's getting rave reviews.

## FESTIVAL

# International food festival gets cooking for August 14

Volunteers and participants invited to the table

Salt Spring's multiculturalism will be celebrated with an Aug. 14 festival, and everyone is welcome to get involved.

Salt Spring Literacy is organizing the first of what it hopes will be an annual international food festival, set for Centennial Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Food booths run by people with connections to a specific

nationality will be set up, with other events including circle dancing performances, workshops and musical performances from cultures around the world.

A central booth run by Salt Spring Literacy will also provide information about the island's English as a Second Language community on Salt Spring Island.

The event is presented as part of Salt Spring Literacy's new ESL Settlement Assistance Program, a new aspect of Salt Spring Literacy as of 2010.

Since its inception, the ESL

SAP has enrolled more than 40 individuals looking for assistance integrating into Salt Spring's English-speaking majority. ESL participants come to Salt Spring from many different countries, including Japan, Korea, Russia, Thailand, India, Ukraine and Mexico.

Anyone interesting in getting involved by having a food booth, performing music or dance or just generally volunteering should contact the event co-ordinator, Amy Marchant, at 250-653-2356 or avjgmarchant@gmail.com.

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## Wed. July 20

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Vocal Quartet.** Music & Munch recital at All Saints. 12:10 p.m.  
**Michael Peters & Rick Neufeld.** Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.  
**Tess Fama.** Harbour House. 6:30 to 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Puppetry Show & Workshop.** For children ages 6-9 at the library annex, 108 Jackson Ave. Register at the library; 250-537-4666.  
**Summer Dance Intensives.** Workshops led by Naomi Jason at Fulford Hall. Hip-hop, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; basic technique, 10:45 a.m. to 12 noon; advanced technique, 12:15 to 1:45 p.m.  
**Belly Buddies: Birth Talk Uncensored.** Free event for birthing couples and new parents at Family Place. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: Salt Spring Doula Collective, ssi.doulas@gmail.com  
**Natural Painting Workshops.** Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays with Lisa Lipsett at 600 Fulford-Ganges Rd. 1 to 3 p.m. Info/reserve spot: Lisa at 250-537-9785 or e-mail lisa@creativebynature.org

## Thurs. July 21

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Festival Sinfonia.** Part of SS Chamber Music Festival. Faculty and students concert at ArtSpring. 8 p.m.  
**Stephanie Rhodes.** Live at the Harbour House. 6:30 to 9 p.m.  
**Mike Alviano.** Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.  
**Simone & the Soul Intentions.** Shipstones. 7 p.m.  
**Open Mic.** Thursdays at The Local Bar. 6 to 10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Charlotte's Web Puppetry Show and Workshop.** Free event for children of all ages at the library annex, 108 Jackson Ave. 2 to 3 p.m. (show), 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. (workshop). Register at the library; 250-537-4666.  
**Kids Express.** Workshops on emotions for kids aged 5 to 8 run Mondays and Thursdays at Celtic Place Studio to July 28. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info/register: 250-931-8762 or healingplace@shaw.ca.  
**Summer Dance Intensives.** See Wednesday listing.

## Fri. July 22

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Young Artists Recital.** Part of SS Chamber Music Festival at ArtSpring. 8 p.m.  
**Bedtime Stories: Dreaming of Vancouver Island.** Live historical theatre by Bamberton Historical Society's Seeds and Salt company. Community Gospel Chapel. 7:30 p.m.  
**Swamp Donkey.** Country-punk-rock at Moby's. 8 to 11 p.m.  
**Wesley Hardisty and Richard Cross.** Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9 p.m.  
**Simone & the Soul Intentions.** Shipstones. 7 p.m.  
**Lane 31.** Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.  
**Music in the Vineyard.** Salt Spring Vineyards 2-4 p.m. Complimentary wine tastings paired with local foods (from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

### ACTIVITIES

**Dances of Universal Peace.** In the pond dome, Salt Spring Centre, 7 p.m.  
**Preschool Puppetry Show & Workshop.** Free event for children ages 3-5 at library annex, 108 Jackson Ave. 2 to 2:30 p.m. (show), 2:45 to 3:15 p.m. (workshop). Register at the library or by phone 250-537-4666.

## Fri. July 22

### ACTIVITIES

**Summer Dance Intensives.** See Wednesday listing.  
**Eco-forestry Workshop.** Third of four Friday sessions with Michael Nickels at Seven Ravens Farm. 1 to 4 p.m. Pre-register: 250-653-9565.  
**Natural Painting Workshops.** See Wednesday listing.

## Sat. July 23

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Gala Music Concert.** Part of SS Chamber Music Festival at ArtSpring. 8 p.m.  
**The Sutcliffes.** Beatles cover band at Shipstones. 7 p.m.  
**Sunyata.** Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.  
**Lloyd English & Friends.** Live at the Harbour House. 6:30 to 9 p.m.  
**Broken Strings.** Dance/rock band at Moby's. 8 to 11 p.m.  
**Brett Nelson, Ty Cooke & Friends.** Live music at Morningside Organic Bakery Cafe and Bookstore. 7 p.m. With opening act Sean Terrell.

## Sat. July 23

### ACTIVITIES

**Biodiversity Blitz.** Bats & owls talk. Burgoyne Bay Prov. Park barn. 9 p.m.  
**Meadow Faire.** Antiques & collectibles sale. United Church Meadow.  
**SpiritWalk the Valley.** Begins at 10 a.m. at Drummond Park beach with welcome from Tsawout Nation. Events at St. Paul's Catholic, St. Mary's Anglican and Burgoyne United Church, plus Fulford Hall. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Salt Spring Rogers Rookie Tour.** For ages 9 to 15 at Portlock Park. 8:30 a.m. to noon. Info/register: Marianne Banman, 250-537-5870 or email baselinetennis@telus.net.

## Sun. July 24

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Brett Nelson, Ty Cooke & Friends.** See Saturday listing.  
**Tanis Simmon.** Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.  
**Diana English and Jane Phillips.** Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9 p.m.  
**Sue Newman & Friends.** Live at Salt Spring Vineyards. 2 to 4 p.m.

## Sun. July 24

### ACTIVITIES

**Biodiversity Blitz.** Intertidal exploration at Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park, 7 a.m.; guided tours from the barn till 4 p.m. BBQ at 2 p.m.  
**Foxglove Festival.** Live music, guided tours, kids activities and more. Foxglove Farm on Mount Maxwell Rd. 12 to 6 p.m.  
**Beaver Point Sunday Faire.** Barter, trade, give-away markets & community dance at Beaver Point Hall. 2:30 to 6 p.m.  
**MS Fun Run/Walk.** Leaves from Living Strong Studio at 9 a.m. Info/register by July 22: at livingstrong@shaw.ca.  
**Vespers for Pilgrims.** All Saints. 5 p.m.  
**Native American Flute Workshop.** With master instructor Suzanne Teng. Mountain Aerie B&B, 401 Wilkie Way. Info/register: sutzeng@mysticjourney.com or call Suheila at 250-537-1909.  
**SRhythms Class.** With Shauna Devlin, Ganges Yoga Studio. 9:30 to 11:15 a.m.

## Mon. July 25

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**John Wort Hannam.** Tree House. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

## Tues. July 26

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Open Stage with David Jacobus.** Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Growing for Family Workshop.** 7 to 9 p.m. tonight and Wednesday, July 27, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Info: www.foxglovesfarmbc.ca  
**Tuesday Morning Market.** United Church Meadow.  
**Tuesday Farmers' Market.** Centennial Park. 3 to 7 p.m.

## Wed. July 27

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Ganga Giri.** Australian world-beat didgeridoo master and guests. Beaver Point Hall. Doors at 7:30 p.m.; music at 8:30 p.m.  
**Henry Baade.** Country, folk, bluegrass singer at Music & Munch recital at All Saints. 12:10 p.m.  
**The Stack Sisters.** Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.  
**Billie Woods.** Harbour House. 6:30 to 9 p.m.

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- **Salt Spring Potters' Guild** presents its annual exhibit in the boardwalk windows of **Mark's Work Wearhouse**, with a theme of Reflections, through July.
- **The Porch Gallery** is open Sundays from 12 to 4 p.m. at the home of Mother Tongue Publishing's Mona Fertig & Peter Haase, 290 Fulford-Ganges Rd. Featuring work of **George Fertig, Jack Akroyd, Irene Hoffer Reid, Wim Blom** and **Peter Haase**.
- **100 Mile Furniture** — with locals making furniture out of local materials — plus photomontages by **Sam Lightman** is the **ArtCraft Showcase Gallery** exhibit at Mahon Hall until July 28. Running daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. along with the ArtCraft Gallery and Gift Shop.
- A group show of contemporary local artists is featured at **Starfish Gallery** throughout the summer, including work by **Robert Bateman**.
- **Steffich Fine Art** presents new work by photographer **Steven Friedman**.
- **Summer Lights** night exhibition at **Duthie Gallery** on Churchill Road is open Thursdays through Mondays from 9 to 11 p.m., in addition to regular gallery hours.
- **Point Gallery: "observations"** — work by **George Wallace, Diana Thompson** and **Margaret Day** — runs through the summer. For regular hours or to make an appointment, call 250-653-0089.
- Victoria jeweller **Niki Green** shows her new collection of necklaces, bracelets and earrings at **Waterfront Gallery** on Saturday, July 23.
- **The Salt Spring Photography Club** shows the work of members **Curt Firestone, Ramona Lam Hanser, Kyle Heeb, Sean Hogan, Avri Kirby** and **Brian Hartley** at **Country Roaster's Cafe** through July.
- New work by gallery artists is being shown at **Gallery 8**, including **Daniel Tibbitts, Ron Crawford, Jade Boyd, Carol Evans** and many more.
- **Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** welcomes work by **Dawn Davies, Joan Warren** and **Tom Debrayanna**.
- **Pegasus Gallery** exhibits a selection of fine historical paintings daily, including **Haines, Glyde, Hallam, Perrigard, Roberts** and **Hoole**. Silkscreens by **Sampson Matthews Ltd** continues by popular demand.
- Photographer **Curt Firestone** has images from his **Morning** series hanging at **Bocados Bistro**.
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# PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

## NATURE

# Bat boxes built on island for International Year of the Bat

SIMS kids involved in cooperative community project

BY LAURA MATTHIAS  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD



Example of a bat box.

Bats are an exciting group of mammals that are found on every continent except Antarctica.

As many species are in decline around the globe, the United Nations has declared 2011-2012 the "International Year of the Bat" to help raise the profile of bats and alert people to the many invaluable services bats provide. As voracious feeders, they are very useful for helping to control insect populations, pollinate plants and disperse seeds.

Little is known about many of the 17 species found in B.C. On Salt Spring, there are four species of bats that have been documented, and likely several other unconfirmed species. Bats are the only mammals that are able to truly fly, having wings that are covered in a double-layered membrane of skin stretched over their arms.

Bats are usually active at dawn, dusk, or sometimes through the

night, catching insects on the wing through a process known as echolocation. They produce ultrasonic sounds that bounce off objects and relay information about the size, distance and shape of the objects.

Bats like to roost in small cavities, often in dark places such as caves, rock crevices, tree cavities, under shingles or in the attics of houses. Recently, a keen landowner whose roof was remodelled was concerned that the bats at her place might be in need of additional habitat as they could no longer access her roof for roosting.

After contacting the Salt Spring Island Conservancy about possible solutions for enhancing bat habitat on her property, connections were made with the local middle school to see if students would be interested in helping to build bat boxes to help pro-

vide habitat for the bats. Teacher Sarah Bateman works with the Shared Ecological Education Community program based at Salt Spring Island Middle School and was very enthusiastic about building the bat boxes with her class. She arranged to have her students construct them as part of their curriculum on a camping trip to Ruckle Park. The students followed bat box plans that can be found on the Bat Conservation International website ([www.batcon.org](http://www.batcon.org)).

Once the boxes were constructed, local contractor Willy Schultz generously donated his time to install them, while the landowner provided materials for the installation. As recommended by Bat Conservation International, the bat boxes were erected at least 10 feet off the ground on a sturdy pole, facing the appropriate sunny southeast aspect, with trees and wetlands nearby for additional habitat and feeding opportunities.

It was wonderful to see the cooperation and dedication involved in this beneficial conservation project. Hopefully the bats will find their new home and enjoy the habitat created for them. We will certainly be watching for them!

## BEAUTY

# Sandy Gold demo leads to flawless faces

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Gold is also the resident beauty expert on CBC's Steven and Chris Show, is the makeup stylist for Rags to Red Carpet on CosmoTV and the beauty expert on Styleography.

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## New Approach as Salt Spring Local Trust Committee Continues with Implementation of the Provincial Riparian Areas Regulation

On July 7, 2011 the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) passed five resolutions regarding the Provincial requirement to implement the Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR). Given the unprecedented interest shown at last month's attempted Public Hearings and the related correspondence around Bylaw No. 449, the LTC wants to ensure that the community is fully aware and engaged in the development of a development permit area bylaw to implement RAR. The LTC believes that the community needs to be involved to a greater degree and that feedback and education are key components. There was a great deal of input received leading up to the Public Hearings and as a result the LTC has directed staff to improve communication with the community through a variety of methods such as meeting with specific community organizations.

The LTC directed staff to proceed no further with Bylaw No. 449 – Lakes, Streams, Wetlands and Riparian Areas. What this means is that the focus for staff will no longer be on that bylaw, but on a community consultation and communication process to improve understanding of the Provincial RAR and to find a community supported means to implement it. The LTC also directed staff look at ways to address concerns about the lack of detailed stream mapping. Because this will take time and may have to be done in phases, staff was directed to consult with the Ministry of Environment to seek their support for a possible incremental approach to implementing RAR on Salt Spring Island. With regards to the mapping, staff will identify options and costs associated with additional stream mapping for the Island.

Over the next number of months staff will be working with the community and various organizations to improve understanding of the Riparian Areas Regulation, to understand community concerns, and to gain input into the development of a bylaw. Staff will provide progress updates at the LTC meetings. Residents are encouraged to continue to contact staff as this communication and engagement process unfolds. Following this consultative process, staff will bring back a report and recommendations on RAR implementation for the consideration of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee. This report will include options and recommendations for stream mapping and options and recommendations for implementing the Riparian Areas Regulation.

Please continue to look at the website <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/ss/edparpl2010.cfm> as staff will continue to update this site with information regarding communication and opportunities to be involved.

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## PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

## LIFESTYLES

# Facial rejuvenation — it's not just for women

A Lotus Healing Arts treatment with Isabelle Ma

BY PETER VINCENT  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

"You might see flashes of light under your eyelids. Don't be alarmed, it's normal."

In a quiet little studio on a quiet little street in Vesuvius Bay, Isabella Ma dips the probes in a small bowl of water, adjusts the dials on her machine and, with the sweet sound of Tibetan chants in the background, begins to work.

There is a little secret I would like to share about Salt Spring Island. We are becoming home to quite a gaggle of world-famous anti-aging research scientists. These people are able to live anywhere in the world, but they (being of a quizzical nature) have done the research, weighed the pros and cons, and have chosen to hang their clipboards on our blessed isle. That's quite a feather in our collective cap. Of all the places in the world, they have decided that this is the place where best to fend off the ravages of time.

Given the mild seaside climate and the absence of any significant industrial pollution, given the dearth of marauding thugs wielding brick bats, this may well be the best postal code on the planet. Still, with all these island blessings, one cannot entirely inoculate oneself from the unrelenting effects of time and gravity. Sensing an opportunity, Salt Spring is also becoming home to great armies of wellness practitioners to buttress residents and visitors alike against the aches and pains, the wrinkles and warts, sags and secretions that all flesh is heir to.

Over the past decade, Salt Spring Island has morphed into a veritable panoply of the alternative. The local wellness directory is choc-a-bloc with everything from acupuncturists to shiatsu-ists and all things in between. There are spas and yoga studios, life counsellors and naturopaths, and more bodywork practitioners than you can shake a nun chuck stick at. For a small fee, you can spend an hour under a pyramid and sort out your life. Repeat after me. Om.



Isabelle Ma gives Peter Vincent a microcurrent facial rejuvenation treatment.

PHOTO BY PETER MCCULLY

Such new age pastimes have prompted the local Chamber of Commerce to adopt the moniker "Out of the Ordinary" as the island signature.

In the interests of investigative journalism and a face I barely recognize anymore, I thought it might be time to undo the damage incurred by 20 bygone years of cigarette smoke and single-malt scotch. Vanity, you say? As Joan Rivers would respond, "Oh, grow up!"

Men are crowding doctors' waiting rooms across North America, looking to go under the knife. Over one million men underwent "procedures" in 2010, making up 13 per

cent of all cosmetic surgeries performed in the U.S., aiming to ramp up their desirability quotient both professionally and personally. And who amongst the male population hasn't used a razor? Who doesn't have an electric nose trimmer or whitening toothpaste in their bathroom drawer? Too "nancy?" The stuff of women? Please.

Given a preternatural fear of needles coupled with an instinctive distrust of rat poison, a botox party was not on my dance card. Enter Lotus Healing Arts, and Isabella Ma, RAC, DTCM. The RAC stands for Registered Acupuncturist. The DTCM — Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine. Ma has

been to school. She has also introduced "microcurrent facial rejuvenation" to Salt Spring.

Microcurrent facial rejuvenation (MFR) is something of an offshoot of TENS machines (transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation for trivia buffs) and EMS (electromagnetic stimulation — think Dr. Ho's Ab Trimmer from late-night infomercials), employed by professional athletes and weekend warriors the world over to alleviate pain and to stimulate healing. The probes from the little machine trigger the sets of facial micro muscles just under the skin, causing them to contract, tightening and toning . . . a "non-surgical facelift."

Sitting on a stand next to her treatment table is a box that looks for all the world like my Canadian Tire battery charger. Two thin wires snake out of the side of this machine, attached to delicate-looking probes with disposable Q-tips at the end. These probes will deliver a very small shot of electricity to the various frown lines, furrowed brows and saddle-bag eyelids that have relentlessly carved their way into my visage.

Ma methodically works her probes over this craggy mug from chin to what was once a hair line, first the right side, then the left. When she places the probes on each side of a closed eyelid, I am treated to a spectacular fireworks, all with the gentle drone of meditation music filling the air. As with all good practitioners, Ma pries confessions usually saved for therapists out of me. It's all part and parcel of the one-hour session that leaves one a little light-headed, a little giddy and a lot more rejuvenated.

Whether it will be enough to uncover my internal Adonis yearning to break out is entirely another matter. The literature speaks of a visible transformation in as little as one treatment, and if truth be told, it seemed to make a difference. Whether this is a mere placebo effect is to be determined. I can definitively state that unwitting acquaintances asked me if I had been away on vacation and the ticket taker at the Swartz Bay ferry terminal no longer asks if I qualify for the senior's rate. That's proof enough for me.

Isabella Ma can be contacted at Lotus Healing Arts, 250-931-8345.

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## SAILING

# Island sailor completes 34-day Pacific crossing



Steve Dolman completed a 34-day sail between Tokyo to Ganges on July 11, the final leg of his nearly three-year tour of the Pacific Ocean.

Japan to Canada leg ends three-year sailing adventure

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Few things make a home-cooked meal and a good night's sleep more enjoyable than a three-year tour around the Pacific in a 37-foot sailboat.

After nearly 600 consecutive nights spent sleeping on a boat during a full-circle tour of the Pacific that included more than nine countries and 30,000 kilometres, that's precisely what Steve Dolman had in mind.

"The passages are tough, but the landfalls make up for it," Dolman said, during an interview aboard the Mary Powell at the seaplane dock in Ganges Harbour.

Last Monday's arrival concluded Dolman's 34-day solo crossing of the Pacific, the longest open-water passage since he first set off from Salt Spring with his partner back in August 2008.

Dolman left Tokyo Bay in early June, on the cusp of the annual summer typhoon season.

Heavy seas and driving rain were the norm as Dolman

"I learned to know what ice blowing on the sails sounds like."

STEVE DOLMAN  
Sailor

sailed eastward towards North America.

Apart from the serious weather he'd experienced south of Taiwan, the wild North Pacific offered some of the voyage's most challenging conditions.

For someone who trained for his journey by heading out to sail into the Strait of Georgia in 35-knot winds during the dead of winter, the summer typhoon was a perfect challenge.

"I learned to know what ice blowing on the sails sounds like," Dolman said. "I wanted to have problems where the hovercraft and Coast Guard were close by."

Dolman's passion for sailing began when he was a teenager growing up in the Caribbean.

When he moved back to Canada, Dolman kept up his skills

on lakes around his home in Prince George.

An unrelenting sailing bug and a move to Salt Spring to live with his partner Melva Geldreich sealed his fated journey to sail the Pacific.

Geldreich, a 25-year Salt Spring resident, joined Dolman for nearly 20,000 kilometres of the Pacific tour.

The couple sailed south from B.C. to Mexico, then across the Pacific to the Philippines.

Dolman continued north to Taiwan and onwards through Okinawa to Yokohama City on Tokyo Bay.

Once Dolman crossed sailing to Tahiti off his bucket list many years ago, he quickly realized that he was able and willing to take on an even greater challenge.

Meeting a person who wanted to share that passion made the dream even more exciting. "We just had a blast," he said.

As for what's next, Dolman said months at sea may have left him ready to come home, but he's got no plans to sell his boat and pack up his sails any time soon.

"Right now, I want to go skiing with my boys," he said.

## BRIDGE

# Players sizzle with imported Arizona heat

Winners' tables share the warmth

## BRIDGETRICKS

on July 4, as well as virtual ones on that date at bridge with Jennifer Quick and Gillian Mouat rocketed to first place among five and a half tables.

Liz and Oleh thunderbolted into second place, with Jeff Bell and Prem Margolese starbursting to third while Gisela Welsh and Paul Retallack

sparkled in the fourth spot. Never mind that the rest fizzled — this time.

Warm and cold this summer — not hot, right? On July 11, Gerry Nicholson returned from Arizona and brought some of that 100-degree heat with him so that he and Blanche Poborsa boiled to the top of the five full tables.

Almost as sizzling were Joanne Elizabeth and Jill Evans in second place, followed in hot pursuit

by Zelly Taylor and Ian Thomas, with Liz and Oleh Mycyk very warm indeed in fourth place. Were the rest happy to head for the showers and return refreshed next time? You betcha.

For info, please contact George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or [pastorale@shaw.ca](mailto:pastorale@shaw.ca). Games are held at the Seniors' Services building opposite the Country Grocer mall. Please arrive at 6:45 p.m. on Monday evenings.

## YOUTH TENNIS

# Kids' tennis tourney hits the courts this Saturday

Friday's the registration deadline for Rogers Rookie Tour

Junior tennis players are gearing up for the third annual Salt Spring Rogers Rookie Tour, set for Portlock Park this Saturday.

Kids aged nine to 15 have until Friday, July 22 to register for the fun, non-elimination-format tournament. The \$25 entry fee includes multiple matches, a T-shirt, a player gift pack and refreshments.

Any player who can serve or feed a ball and hold a rally for a minimum of three exchanges over the

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All Rogers Rookie Tour events use a non-elimination format and are designed to bridge the gap between entry-level tennis and the provincial competitive junior circuit.

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Born June 26, 1943 at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan passed away July 10, 2011, at Victoria, British Columbia. Predeceased by her loving parents Connie and Lawrence, she will be lovingly remembered by her daughter Corinne, son Wes, son Warren, daughter-in-law Lori and many close friends.

Maryrose lived in Vancouver, then moved to Saturna Island where she worked for BC Ferries and was a proud member of the Lions Club. She found enjoyment in; entertaining her friends and family, reading and crossword puzzles. She held a special place in her heart for her dog Patches and cat Tigger. She also enjoyed; cooking and catering events, ceramic's and the outdoors with her gardening and fishing interests. Maryrose Paulin lived her life full of spunk and spirit, always putting others before herself.

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**SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING**



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

DATE: August 4, 2011  
TIME: 10:30 AM  
PLACE: Hart Bradley Hall, Lion's Club, 103 Bonnet Ave.

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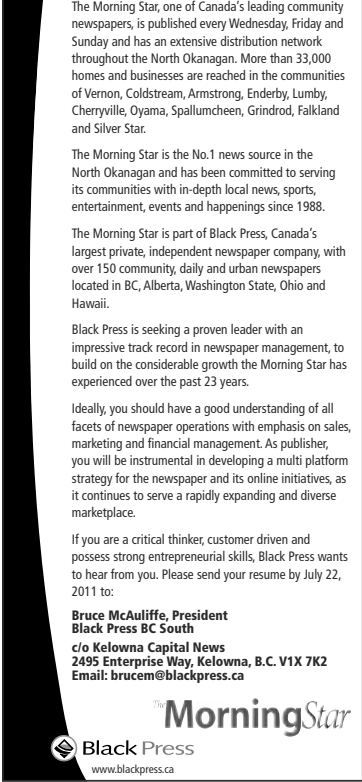
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# SPORTS AND RECREATION



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

**MOSQUITOES BITE:** Pitcher Jaidyn Byron sends a ball towards catcher Brandon Johnson, both of the Salt Spring Island Mosquitoes. The local team played a double-header against Comox Cardinals last week and won both games.

## Why Yao Ming is a Hall-of-Famer



Patrick Cwiklinski

LET'S TALK SPORTS

Potentially the biggest superstar to come out of China since the Jackie Chan era — in the literal sense at the very least — Yao Ming's astonishing odyssey from the Orient to NBA prestige has come to an apparent end after reports of his retirement were leaked by various media outlets in recent weeks.

Though there have been conflicting reports about the Shanghai native's departure from the NBA, Yao's agent told CNN he has scheduled a press conference for July 20 to talk about his "future career plans," which has the majority of fans and media thinking the translation is retirement.

If the reports hold true, Yao will retire at the considerably young age of 30 after nine seasons in the league, all of them with the Houston Rockets.

Standing 7-foot-6, he was picked first overall in the 2002 NBA draft before enjoying a very successful career with eight All-Star selections and

a career average of 19 points, 9.2 rebounds and 1.9 blocks.

More recently, however, Yao had been plagued by a series of different injuries and missed the entire 2009-10 season with foot and ankle problems. He returned during the 2010-11 season, but only appeared in five games before succumbing to more issues with his left ankle that has been widely speculated as being the reason for his untimely departure.

It was a career with so much promise and poise cut short by an unfortunate set of circumstances that have ultimately turned out to be the deciding factor in his demise as a professional athlete.

But make no mistake about it: Yao Ming deserves to be in the Basketball Hall of Fame.

If not for his stats — which are very good but not great — it's his role as an ambassador

for the game in China. Having never been to Shanghai, I can't make a fair comment on how much love the big guy gets in the Far East, but there are some

things to consider in making the case for his status as a legend there.

First let's talk numbers, shall we? 2009 marked the sixth straight year Yao topped the Forbes China list of celebrities with a whopping \$51 million US in earnings with the majority of the money coming from endorsement deals overseas. That same year, he also purchased his former team, the Shanghai Sharks, who faced serious financial issues before Yao swooped in and saved them.

Yao also had a case of "Eric Lindros syndrome" whereby his time on the court was so limited in the latter years of his career, people seemed to

forget about the early days. Simply put, when healthy, Yao was one of the most dominant players ever to play the game in terms of his strength and size and his ability to play at such a high level.

No pun intended. Lastly, his impact on Chinese basketball is undisputable. It is true China has been a powerhouse in the sport for a long time — currently ranked 10th in the world by the FIBA — but Yao has been instrumental in popularizing the game and, more importantly, opening doors for players from China to play in the NBA.

Talent and skill are obviously major components of any Hall of Fame recipe, but if there's one thing that can be said for a player like Yao it is that he was a truly rare breed of player whose legacy will far surpass the career he had, and if that doesn't make him one of the best to ever play the game then I'm at a loss for words.

## This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor [www.sunstarastrlogy.com](http://www.sunstarastrlogy.com)

### Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

An emphasis upon family and security, will switch to having more fun in the Sun this week. Yet, don't delay because your mind will shift to critical analysis before long. An emphasis upon investments and/or stimulating new streams of income could steal the show. Balance sober speculation with family fun.

### Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

Devoting more time and energy to home and family will become evident this week. Creative projects may take on at least as much energy as play time, however. Creating beauty can happen in many ways and will take on added importance as the week progresses. Learning to love and be loved more fully is the deeper theme calling you home.

### Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

It is the season to venture and play and you are in the mood for both. Yet, as much as you might like to reach out, you also feel the need to reach within. Drawing upon inner reserves of faith and/or for a deepened sense of security will feel right, perhaps even necessary. Committed to a wider scope of freedom, you are in the process of paying dues.

### Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 21)

Taking initiatives to expand your scope of key contacts is in focus now. Getting committed and grounded on certain things will feel right, even necessary. Doing the inner work to clear doubts is featured. Organizing your thoughts will become a strong focus before the week is out. Expect a lot of communications and more changes in your public and professional life.

### Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23)

You should feel your energy levels rise this week. More enthusiasm mixed with some rebellious determination could lead you to break through inertia, depression or other blocks of any kind. Taking calculated risks in your career and/or public life is likely. Building confidence to overcome fears of rejection may feel necessary.

### Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22)

Taking some time out to retreat & rest and enjoy some playtime is in the stars. Yet, before the week is out you will have a lot to say and it could come out quite forcefully. Many new realizations are brewing about yourself, your role and your future. Yet, listen to your heart and take extra care to consider the feelings of others before you speak your mind.

### Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22)

You have embarked upon a new path and it may feel quite a climb. Taking deliberate and sure footed steps may feel necessary. Ongoing changes on relationship fronts are probable. Reaching out to friends new and old is taking on extra importance. Returns for past efforts, inheritances and other financial matters are in the mix.

### Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21)

Your entire world is and has been steadily changing. Old roles, attitudes and patterns of self-expression are dissolving. Now is your chance to gain some recognition and respect. Approaching authority figures for favours and earned rewards stand to get better than they have for a while. Yet, take extra care in your communications.

### Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21)

Looking to the big picture, again, is a current theme. This includes knowing what cultural events and opportunities are happening. Meanwhile, summoning the courage and confidence to persevere with what you feel to be right and true is a deeper theme these days.

### Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19)

Drawing upon the talents and resources of others is gaining momentum. Bringing to and receive from the table the full measure of integrity desired is extra important. Also, taking a trial run before committing fully is advised. Despite some serious setbacks there is reason to say you are determined to rise again.

### Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19)

Some new stimulation on relationship fronts is gaining your full attention. Feelings of love and celebrations of beauty are implied. Meanwhile, your confidence is steadily rising. This is leading you to summon the faith and courage to take risks. Listening more and talking less is ideal and includes enduring important learning curves.

### Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

Nurturing and refining your creative expressions is the call now. Exchanges and important negotiations with others are featured. Maintaining your focus requires deliberate intention these days. Getting clear on your priorities and outlining a plan may be extra necessary for success.

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NEW CAR REVIEW

## MINI Cooper S receives minor facelift, more power

Still a car for the serious auto enthusiast

BY LORNE DRURY  
METROLAND MEDIA  
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While the MINI brand is growing with the introduction of the new Countryman and the Clubman, the original MINI Cooper and MINI Cooper S models are continuing to be refined.

For 2011, both cars have a touch more power. The base Cooper models are up three horsepower to 121 and the Cooper S up nine to 181 hp.

Equipped with the standard six-speed manual transmission, the turbocharged MINI Cooper S now does 0-100 km/h in about seven seconds, while the Cooper does the trick in about nine seconds.

Meanwhile, fuel economy is also improved with highway ratings of 5.3 and 5.6L/100 km for the Cooper and the Cooper S respectively.

On the exterior, both models get a minor refresh along with an array of new paint colours and wheel designs. Also revised are the bumper covers and the taillight assemblies, while the cars get larger front foglights.

Among the hatchback designs, the base MINI Cooper Classic starts at \$23,600 with prices rising to \$37,100 for the high-performance MINI John Cooper Works.

My recent tester was the MINI Cooper S Hatch with a white silver metallic exterior and carbon-black leatherette interior.

Starting at \$30,850, the Cooper S also had a Comfort Package (\$1,900), featuring a glass sunroof, heated front seats and a media-connectivity package for Bluetooth and USB integration.

It was also loaded up with the Sport Package



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The 2011 MINI Cooper gets a minor refresh for 2011 with subtle changes to the exterior plus new paint colours and wheel choices.

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## Just a few minor tweaks on the 2011 MINI Cooper



MINI Cooper interior.

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(\$990), including a sport-tuned suspension and 17-inch alloy wheels with 205/45 R run-flat performance tires.

The front-engine, front-drive MINI Classic and Cooper are powered by a 1.6-litre DOHC 16-valve inline four-cylinder engine. The Cooper S adds a turbocharger to boost the power by 60 hp.

A John Cooper Works package takes things a step further to 208 hp and 192 lb/ft of torque. Cooper S models stand out from the

others thanks to black mesh grilles instead of chrome and a chrome hood scoop.

All models feature ABS brakes with discs all-round. Suspension is McPherson struts up front and an independent multilink setup in the rear. The MINI Cooper Classic gets 15-inch wheels, while the Cooper and Cooper S come standard with 16-inchers. The John Cooper Works Package includes 17-inch wheels.

Despite its "mini" presence on the road, I found my tester to have more than adequate space for front-seat

occupants. While there is seating for four, the rear seats are best used as additional storage space or for youngsters only.

The driver's seat is nicely bolstered with enough fore-and-aft travel for even taller occupants to find just the right driving position.

I didn't go on any road trips during my week with the car, but I would have no reservations doing a long-distance drive in one. There's plenty of room to get comfortable, even for a six-footer.

The cabin is nicely finished, with a rich,

ring border and more chrome has also been added to the steering wheel.

The MINI Connected technology is part of the new Tech Package, available on all models except the base Cooper Classic.

It features a 6.5-inch high-resolution screen with integrated visual display, voice recog-

ognition and a joystick controller. Wireless and USB interfaces allow for integration of the iPhone into the car's audio and infotainment system.

MINIs have always been cars for the auto enthusiast and the 2011 Cooper S is no exception. With its wide stance and low centre of gravity it carves the

corners with ease and stays firmly planted on the pavement.

There's just a touch of turbo lag when you punch the throttle, but the car accelerates smoothly and is quiet and comfortable at speed.

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## CLASSIC CARS

# Couple's Lagonda V12s are world class

Rare pair and still one more

BY ALYN EDWARDS  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Given that a mere 185 Lagonda V12 models were built and only in the two years before World War II when the British plant switched production to ammunition, seeing two of these cars displayed side by side in Vancouver is quite a sight.

That was the case at the All British Field Meet held at Vancouver's VanDusen Botanical Garden in May. Discovering that both cars have the same owners who also own a third V12 is amazing. All three are world class cars and are Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance award winners.

Bill Holt is a retired psychiatrist who spent 25 years developing a community-based mental health program in Burnaby. His wife Liz Haan retired after a career with IBM as a software engineer. Cars are their passion. They have their first classic

car, a beautifully restored 1933 MG J2, parked in their family room.

That passion for beautiful performance cars was always there for Bill Holt, whose grandfather started Holt Glass in 1910. His father expanded the company with a woodwork and cabinet factory that built displays and interiors for many Vancouver businesses. His father travelled all the way to Detroit in 1919 to take a mechanics course so he could maintain his own company trucks.

When Holt went to UBC to pursue a career in medicine, he drove a 1952 Jaguar MK5 drophead followed by a Jaguar XK140 coupe. A departure from British sports cars was a new red 1967 Cougar with the big block 390-cubic-inch engine followed by a 1967 Corvette roadster which he still owns.

Later in life, he developed a rigid four-point criteria for pursuing the collector car hobby: The cars he would collect needed to have great performance, innovative technol-

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sion on the Sport Package, the Cooper S gravitates towards the firm side of the ride equation.

There's a trade-off here in that you have to put up with the harsher ride to get the performance benefit the sport suspension offers.

The steering is electric assisted, a nice feature in tight city parking

lots and on urban streets where you have to maneuver in and out of traffic.

This is where the MINI shines, particularly when you have to parallel park in a tight spot.

So while the MINI Cooper S hasn't undergone significant changes, it is more refined than ever.

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ogy, beauty and history. The Holts decided to search for a much coveted classic V12 Lagonda.

Although Lagonda had been building some of the world's most exclusive cars in Britain since 1907, it wasn't until W.O. Bentley left Rolls Royce to become technical director at Lagonda that the cars would become legendary for style, speed and innovation.

Bentley developed a 4.5-litre single overhead cam V12 engine producing 180 horsepower capable of propelling a car at 140 miles per hour. At the same time, young designer Frank Feeley was sculpting a completely new Lagonda featuring a lowered hood and raised fenders with huge Lucas P-100 headlamps to convey an aura of aggressive dynamics never seen before.

Two race-prepared Lagonda cars with four SU carburetors placed third and fourth at LeMans just before the war forced production to cease in 1939. This was Bentley's triumphant return to LeMans after winning with his own cars in 1935 just before his company went bankrupt.

Holt and Haan purchased their first V12 Lagonda in pieces nearly 30 years ago. One of only four built with the open front cockpit and curved town car roof shielding rear seat passengers, their Lagonda Sedanca is reputed to have been originally owned by King Edward VIII. He abdicated the throne to marry American divorcee Wallis Simpson in 1940 and became the Duke of Windsor.

This rare car had been brought to Victoria from California by British born actor Sebastian Cabot. It was disassembled for a restoration that was never started. Holt took the car to noted B.C. restorer Ed Arnold, who spent a full decade completing a concours-quality restoration. The car took third place in the class for European classics from 1925 to 1939 at Pebble Beach 1990.

Five years later, the owners drove the car



Liz Haan and Bill Holt show off their world class V12 Lagondas at VanDusen Garden's All British Field meet.

PHOTOS BY ALAN EDWARDS

to Rhode Island to start a Classic Car Club of America tour. They "freshened" the car and took it back to Pebble Beach for judging in 1999 where it won in its class.

Their 1938 V12 Lagonda drophead coupe (convertible) came into their possession from former Lagonda Club president Bob Crane who used the car for touring. The classic was meticulously restored by RX Autoworks in North Vancouver in time to win third in class at the 2008 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. One of only 25 built, the car is the only V12 fitted with the very rare four-carburetor set-up and the other high-performance engine parts used on the Lagonda that came in fourth at the 1939 LeMans race.

The 1939 Lagonda Rapide that was a class winner at Pebble Beach in 2010 is one of only a dozen built and was also restored by RX Autoworks. The car had been owned by several Lagonda collectors in southern California and the Holts waited for years for the chance for ownership. The restoration of the "very tired" car was challenging, with RX Autoworks manufacturing parts that couldn't be salvaged. Other parts like the crankshaft and connecting rods for the V12 engine had to be made.

The Lagonda Rapide V12 came second in its class at Pebble Beach. One judge called it a perfect car, but it was beaten by an elegant French-built Delage.

"We're done restoring now," Haan says.

"It's a bit of work to keep all three cars up and we'll concentrate on that."

She and her husband view the cars as "rolling art" and representative of a significant part of automotive history. They both enjoy driving the cars and showing them to fellow enthusiasts.

In August, the couple that owns three ultra rare Lagonda V12 classics will drive their 1939 drop head coupe to Pebble Beach 2011. For the trip back, they will have a passenger — a man from Australia who owns five V12 Lagonda cars.

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