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**DESTRUCTION:** Garner Road resident Mary Burns is seen through the rear window of a burnt-out Ford Explorer that rolled onto her property and ignited, along with one of Burns' vehicles, a cedar tree and surrounding woods on Sunday night.

**EMERGENCY**

## Car crash sparks brush fire

Incident points out Garner Road danger

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Fire-Rescue crews were kept busy over the weekend with nine calls for assistance, including a car crash that turned into a brush fire and sent two people to hospital on Sunday night.

At 9:30 p.m. the fire station received its fourth call of the day, which sent firefighters out to the scene of a motor vehicle incident on Garner Road.

According to Salt Spring Fire Chief Tom Bremner, a Ford Explorer had driven off a bank and rolled down onto another car below. The crash ignited a fire involving both vehicles and then extended to the surrounding terrain.

Mary Burns, who is a disabled resident of 161 Garner Rd. and the owner of the parked car, said she was not immediately aware of the situation's severity.

"I heard a bump at that moment and I thought it was deer coming to my back porch to eat my peas," Burns said Monday.

When she went outside to shoo the deer away, Burns didn't find any animals but did see a spark by a white Subaru that is not currently insured but parked on her property. Suddenly the spark exploded into a one-foot blaze.

FIRE continued on 5

**HST**

## Referendum decision ditches HST

Local riding posts fifth-highest turnout in B.C.

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Dawn Luker sighed with relief after Elections BC announced that B.C. voters had elected to ax the province's Harmonized Sales Tax on Friday morning.

As a supporter of the anti-HST campaign from the very beginning, Luker was thrilled to learn that nearly 55 per cent of voters across the province sided with her choice to ditch the controversial 12-per-cent sales tax.

In Saanich North and the Islands, the campaign to extinguish the HST received support from a little more than 51 per cent of voters.

With a voter turnout rate of 63.2 per cent, the

riding had the fifth-highest participation rate in the province. Parksville-Qualicum topped the list with a 66.9 per cent turnout. The province-wide voter participation rate came in at just below 54 per cent.

Although Luker, the owner of a small bookstore and stationery shop on Robinson Road, realizes the province finds itself in "a pretty pickle," she can't understand why it's going to take at least 18 months to scrap the tax, especially when she considers how quickly the government decided to implement it on July 1, 2010.

"They could have assumed that it wasn't going to go through," Luker said on Monday.

She said the referendum result is the democratic choice of a people who were upset with the BC Liberals' cavalier introduction of a tax without prior public consultation. Whether voters' decision to repeal the tax makes good fiscal sense is another matter.

"I vote for the person whom I believe acts with the most honesty and integrity, whose beliefs most closely mirror my own. If I find they do not, I do not hesitate to vote against them at the next opportunity," she said. "My active position regarding the recent HST debacle has purely to do with these issues."

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**NEWSBEAT**

**MEMORIAL**

**Jack Layton strengths lauded at life celebration held Friday**

Music, stories, candlelight in Ganges

BY MURRAY REISS  
 SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Islanders and visitors from near and far gathered at Centennial Park on Friday evening to celebrate the life of Jack Layton.

Because music was such a big part of Layton's life — he was an enthusiastic guitar, piano, and harmonica player and loved impromptu jams — island musicians joined in the tribute, including Valdy (who performed a song for Jack he'd written that day for the event), Phil Vernon, the Summer Singers and Daniel Howlett.

George Ehring and Irene Wright MCed, and were among the many present who shared memories and stories of Layton that ranged from his time on Toronto's City Council to his tireless campaigning as leader of the federal NDP.

Pat O'Neill remembered Layton from her time on North York City Council in the '70s, when he was a young man with loads of hair and a big smile who helped her break through the "old boys network."

Dennis Howlett, from Ottawa, also knew Layton from his early days in Toronto. He reminded us how deeply committed Layton was to ending poverty, both globally and in Canada, starting from his days as a city councillor working for the homeless.

George Ehring added a more



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Islanders gather at the Ganges Cenotaph for the Layton memorial on Friday. More photos on the Driftwood Facebook page.

personal touch, relating stories from their many years of friendship and close association. He spoke about Layton's optimism, enthusiasm and energy, his instincts for social justice, his fabulous sense of humour and self-deprecating wit, and above all, Layton's tireless work to build a better Canada.

Gary Holman, the Saanich North and the Islands NDP candidate in the next provincial election, reminded the crowd of another Salt Spring connection with Layton. The island's first two buses are a direct result of budget provisions Layton insisted on during the Paul Martin minority Liberal government.

Mary Rowles spoke for many when she singled out Layton's amazing capacity for friendship. The last time she saw the

NDP leader was at the Canadian Labour Congress convention in May. When Layton told the delegates that "if we work together, we can build a Canada that we want, a country that we know is possible," the place went wild. She said Layton responded, "I think you're up for it; we've got to work together, roll up your sleeves and let's make it happen." What we should take away from this evening, she added, is that "on Monday, it will be time to put the tears away and roll up our sleeves."

The celebration ended with a candlelit walk through Ganges and back to the cenotaph in Centennial Park.

On Saturday, ArtSpring was opened for community members to watch the state funeral on the big screen together.

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**Fight-HST gang happy with result**

**HST**  
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Provincial anti-HST campaign leader Bill Vander Zalm called the result a historic David versus Goliath victory.

"The B.C. government needs to skillfully negoti-

ate an end to the HST that takes place quickly and reduces costs to the province for this ill-fated mistake," Vander Zalm said in a statement released on Friday afternoon. Others in the Fight-HST campaign have suggested the referendum's success

should serve as a model to decide all consumer-based tax proposals not debated in the course of an election campaign.

Robert Steinbach, president of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, said members of his group had mixed feel-

ings about the HST. "It affected different businesses in different ways," he said.

As a restaurant owner, he's happy to see it go and wants to see the province undertake more consultation about potential alternatives.

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ENVIRONMENT

# Pipeline proposal could triple oil tanker trips

Gulf Islands would 'bear the brunt' of expansion, predicts Pender Island resident

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Broader public consultation and a thorough risk assessment are needed before a decision to increase the quantity of crude oil shipped through the southern Gulf Islands by more than 200 per cent by 2016 is made, says a group of concerned Gulf Islands residents and environmental organizations.

"The implications of these expansions are enormous both globally and locally, and the Salish Sea populace will be asked to bear the immediate risks with virtually no public engagement," said Misty MacDuffee, a resident of North Pender Island.

National Energy Board commissioners are about to conclude discussions to determine how the group will proceed with Kinder Morgan Canada's most recent application to increase the capacity along the Trans Mountain pipeline between Edmonton and the company's Westridge Marine Terminal on Burrard Inlet from 300,000 barrels of oil per day to 380,000 barrels per day. That's enough oil to fill the gas tanks of about 1.5 million average-sized cars each day.

By 2016, MacDuffee said, subsequent applications seek to increase that number to approximately 700,000 barrels per day.

The 1,150-kilometre Trans Mountain pipeline handles approximately 90 per cent of the gasoline, diesel and jet fuel delivered to the province's central interior and Lower Mainland.

As one of North America's largest Pacific oil terminals, the Westridge facility is an important infrastructure link to get oil from Northern Alberta's oilsands to foreign markets.

By 2016, MacDuffee estimates, about 65



Oil tanker getting set to dock at Kinder Morgan's Westbridge marine terminal in Burnaby.

PHOTO COURTESY KINDER MORGAN

per cent of those 700,000 barrels worth of oil will be loaded onto ships destined for major markets in California and Asia.

As a resident of the southern Gulf Islands, MacDuffee worries a higher number of oil tankers transiting through the region will place additional risk on a sensitive marine environment that's already feeling the pressure of rapid population growth and urban development.

Oil tankers travel from the Burnaby terminal across the Strait of Georgia, down the east coast of Mayne and Saturna islands to Boundary Pass, along the border to Haro Strait and eventually out into the Pacific Ocean via the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

Should Kinder Morgan's permits be approved, the number of tankers coming and going along the route each year will rise from 71 in 2010 to 288 by 2016.

"This translates to more than one tanker per day transiting our region's front yard," MacDuffee said.

Karen Campbell is a lawyer with one of the many advocacy groups throughout the Salish Sea region that have lobbied to encourage the NEB to require public town hall events and more thorough research before a decision is made.

"A tanker mishap anywhere off the B.C. coast could result in irreparable damage to the marine environment and threaten the way of life for coastal communities, including the two largest coastal communities in the province — Vancouver and Victoria," wrote Karen Campbell, a staff lawyer at Ecojustice, in an article published in the Vancouver Sun earlier this summer. "The Gulf Islands, where many south B.C. residents live and play, would also bear the brunt of any fallout if a spill were to happen."

Unlike Enbridge's Northern Gateway proposal between Edmonton and Kitimat, no broad public consultation or risk assessment process is required for Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain tariff applications.

According to project information available on the Kinder Morgan Canada website, the company touts the Trans Mountain line as an efficient alternative to the Northern Gateway proposal.

"The [Trans Mountain expansion] continues to offer the lowest cost and lowest risk pipeline alternative to the West Coast with the ability to make incremental capacity available sooner than alternative pipeline," reads part of the project summary.

Rather than pumping oil through the southern Gulf Islands, an area with limited oil-spill response resources, MacDuffee suggested use of the Keystone XL line which will link Alberta to Texas' Gulf coast by 2013 or along a proposed northern route to a terminal in Alaska.

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## News briefs

### Inter-island ferry party planned

Gulf Islands residents are being urged to check out their neighbours and participate in the summer's last inter-island ferry crawl this Friday, Sept. 2.

Ron Pither is a Mayne and Salt Spring farmer who is promoting a "secret" circle route connecting Salt Spring, Galiano and Mayne islands available on Fridays during the summer. To celebrate the last trip of the year before the schedule changes, and to raise awareness for when

the opportunity returns next summer, Pither has arranged a number of activities.

Foot traffic and bicycle passengers are encouraged to board the Bowen Queen leaving Long Harbour at 3:55 p.m. Upon arriving at Studries Bay, participants will be treated to a ride on the local bus and Galiano Inn wood-fired pizza.

Next up is a 5:35 p.m. sailing aboard the Queen of Nanaimo to Mayne, where Pither suggests people can either stay in the vicinity of Miner's Bay or explore further afield with locations like the Farm Gate Store or the recycling centre. Community transportation will

be made available.

Entertainment along for the ride includes Nashville musician Cowboy Ted and perhaps one or more Geezers, while "Queen Sue" of Salt Spring Harvest Grape Stomp fame will invite people on the other islands back to Salt Spring for upcoming festivities.

Other entertainment is also in the works for Friday's Mayne stop.

Participants can return home to Salt Spring, catching the Queen of Nanaimo from Miners' Bay at 9:40, and arriving back on Salt Spring at 10:55 p.m.

For more information, email Pither at [rpither@gulfislands.com](mailto:rpither@gulfislands.com).

### Transit schedule changes

Users of Salt Spring's bus service are warned of some schedule changes beginning Monday, Sept. 5.

A press release issued by BC Transit states the changes are made each fall to adjust to the BC Ferries schedule. The changes can be viewed at [www.bctransit.com](http://www.bctransit.com) by selecting Salt Spring as your community.

BC Transit has also added trips on the Ganges Local, Vesuvius and Fernwood routes under the

schedule for Route 6, SS Connector.

Passengers are advised that further changes may take effect starting Sept. 26.

### Chip sealing this week

Drivers on several Salt Spring roads should be aware of loose gravel and minor delays during a road improvement process that begins Thursday, Sept. 1.

Dave Turenne, road and bridge manager for Mainroad Contracting, said the work will begin with Beddis Road and the northern section of North End

Road. It could extend to include a dozen roads in total if funding allows.

Laying down the gravel is just the first step in the chip sealing process, Turenne explained.

"Most people think we are turning their road to gravel when in fact we are adding a layer of tar emulsion and coating the gravel with aggregate to seal the road and preserve the integrity of the road base," he said.

Work will take place daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept 1 and 2 and again from Sept. 6 to 9.

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# NEWSBEAT

## EDUCATION

# Learning options keep growing with islands' admired ecological programs

Spots still available for middle years students

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Gulf Islands students have been quick to benefit from 21st-century learning styles thanks to a series of ecological programs developed by Steve Dunsmuir.

Working with the Gulf Islands Centre for Ecological Learning as a model, Dunsmuir developed the idea further as part of his master's degree in environmental education and communication from Royal Roads University.

"The project was to look at the actions and philosophies and turn it into a year-round public program," Dunsmuir said, noting its model offers a summer day program through children's summer camps and family events.

As principal of Saturna school, Dunsmuir was also aware of declining registration and the constant threat of closure for the small school. Bringing in a new program, he figured, would attract the numbers from other islands to keep the school going.

The Saturna Ecological Education Centre started up in the fall of 2006 and immediately had good enrollment from high school students. The first semester was filmed as one of three schools across Canada demonstrating "21st-century learning ideas" for a documentary made by the University of Saskatchewan and featuring the philosophy's founder John Abbott.

Unfortunately, Dunsmuir said, high school enrollment dwindled after the first year.



Former SEEC members venture out in a long boat.

But at the same time a growing number of middle years students were getting excited about the program and were making a 12-hour round trip from the other islands each day to attend.

With the majority of students travelling from Salt Spring, the decision was made to move the middle years program to that island while the Saturna school continued to run the program for local elementary students. Teacher Sarah Bateman took the helm at the Middle Years Shared Ecological Education Centre on Salt Spring and is back this year for new and returning students.

Dunsmuir said that some wrinkles that surfaced during MY SEEC's initial year have been ironed out, mainly stemming from the fact that not everyone enrolled actually wanted to participate in a hands-on, nature-intensive format.

According to Dunsmuir, a variety of factors may have led

to parents enrolling their kids in MY SEEC as an alternative to mainstream middle school without fully realizing what was involved, or considering whether their children would be as excited about the plan as they were. This year the school has done more to educate prospective families about what the expectations are.

An exciting new component for high school students will bring kids back to Saturna for a semester program that runs Sunday nights through Wednesday afternoons. Dunsmuir said participants have been busy at two recent work parties constructing sleeping cabins and other facilities.

Students will board together and will learn to live with sustainable and alternative options. For instance, they will cook their own meals together on a wood stove that will also be used to heat the learning facility.

"It's kind of exciting because they come off the ferry and it's

so different — it kind of rocks their world a little bit," Dunsmuir said.

The courses they'll take are Environmental Communication, an English credit with books such as Into the Wild, the 100 Mile Diet and Watership Down; Science and Technology — how to meet our needs in sustainable ways; Outdoor Pursuits — a P.E. course that includes hiking, kayaking, canoeing and other activities; Teaching and Learning; and an Independent Design Study on anything a student is passionate about.

With prospects like these, it's no wonder Dunsmuir recently received an award for Outstanding Educator from the Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication, although he himself was shocked.

"It was very surprising," said Dunsmuir, who didn't even know he'd been nominated and didn't believe the friend who informed him he'd won.

"There's so many people out there doing great work, but it's only those who have the supporters who take the time to nominate them who get the recognition, so I really thank them for that."

Dunsmuir said the program has received many other accolades, including from former B.C. premier Gordon Campbell and education minister George Abbott.

SEEC's high school program is full for this year with many students coming from the district's newest partner school, North Vancouver's Windsor House. The middle years program still has some spots available with a maximum of 24 students. Contact the school board office at 250-537-5548 for more info.

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# NEWSBEAT

## ISLANDS TRUST

# Secondary suite survey now online

Owners and renters encouraged to respond by Sept. 17

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Staff at Salt Spring's Islands Trust office continue to seek islanders' input as part of the ongoing discussion over plans to legalize the rental of secondary suites.

Considering the response she's received since the information-gathering effort was launched in mid-August, planner Justine Starke said the community has provided plenty of encouragement and support for the discussion.

Part of the process has involved surveys that target homeowners and renters with specific questions about the potential consequences of legalized secondary suites.

The surveys are available on the Islands Trust's website or in print form at the local Trust office.

"This isn't a referendum," Starke said, adding that results will be compiled and brought forward for further discussion when a draft bylaw to legalize secondary suites is introduced to trustees and the community.

The Trust has established the Sept. 17 and 18 fall fair weekend as the tentative deadline for survey submissions. Starke said she will continue to meet with community and neighbourhood groups who seek more information about the implications of legalizing secondary suites.

The survey and personalized sessions are part of the Trust's relatively new and untraditional communications strategy. Regular appearances at the Tuesday market at Centennial Park, she said, have also helped spread the word about the secondary suites issue.

"We are getting positive encouragement and have seen lots of support for this grassroots approach to community consultation," she said.

The survey's online version, along with plenty of background information about the secondary suites issue, is available by following the link from [www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca) to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area website.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

**CANADIAN ART:** Local illustrator Pat Walker gives the Canadian Star a touch-up at the Centennial dock in Ganges on Friday.

## MARINE INCIDENT

# Island man battles navy

Property damage claim on the way

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring man is filing for damages to his sailboat and dock after a close encounter with a Canadian naval vessel Tuesday morning.

Derek Hill was on the water in his inflatable dinghy around 9:20 a.m. when a large navy ship passed by at extreme speed. The wake left behind produced a steep wave that crashed into Hill's dock off Chuan Drive and damaged the 47-foot sailboat moored to it.

"If my grandchildren were on board they

would have slid off, either that or they would have been catapulted off the dock," Hill said, noting the family often sits there on chairs. Fortunately, his grandchildren had gone back to Vancouver two days previously.

"Marine law says you are responsible for your wake. That not only caused damage but it was a threat to life and limb," Hill said. "The boat was leaping like a cork and so was the dock."

Damages to the sailboat include a scratched hull, a bent steel guard rail and a snapped-off man-overboard restraint.

Hill contacted the navy to complain and was told to get the dam-

age assessed and then send the information to a naval judge advocate. He is not convinced the exercise will do any good, however, and is frustrated by the idea of having to take his sailboat in to Sidney for an estimate.

"I could spend thousands and they could just refuse to pay," he said.

Gerry Pash, a spokesperson for Maritime Forces Pacific headquarters, confirmed the frigate HMCS Regina was in the area at the time of Hill's complaint.

"It does occasionally happen and there is a process to decide whether any harm was done. We will take the information and address it from there," said Pash.

# Garner 'fire bombs' explode after crash

## FIRE

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Burns also noticed someone stumbling around in the dark. She called out, asking the man to take up her hose, not realizing he had been in a crash just moments before. The man complied and tried to work on the blaze until its heat forced him indoors.

While Burns called 911 and waited for the fire department to arrive she watched the fire quickly travel over to and straight up a "tinder dry" cedar tree.

"It was starting little fire bombs all over the place," she said. "If they didn't get here when they did, this whole road would have been gone. I just didn't realize how dangerous things could get."

A team of 28 crew members and six vehicles worked on the scene for two hours before Burns was able to return home safely. Crews went to the home again Monday morning to make sure the area showed no signs of reigniting.

The driver, believed by RCMP to be a local man, was taken to hospital and held overnight for treatment of smoke inhalation. A firefighter was

also sent to hospital after showing signs of possible carbon monoxide poisoning when checked out by paramedics at the on-site rehabilitation centre.

Bremner said the department often sets ups the temporary centres during larger calls so that paramedics can check the crews' vital signs after an engagement.

"[It's something] I strongly encourage because it's all about the safety of our members," he added.

In another incident that took place Sunday morning, Salt Spring Fire-Rescue was called to assist ambulance personnel at a bicycle accident on North Beach Road. Bremner said an adult and a young teen were riding a bike meant

for one person when one of them fell off and lost consciousness.

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## OUR ISLAND, OUR GOVERNMENT

## Taking a look beyond our shores

Sooke, Metchosin, Lake Country and Barriere officials share their experiences

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Incorporation Revisited

**A**nyone who thinks the drive for incorporation has been an uphill battle here on Salt Spring ought to speak with Ron Dumont.

Ever since he was old enough to vote, Dumont can recall casting a ballot for any candidates who shared his vision to incorporate Sooke as an official municipality.

Now in his 70s, Dumont figures he's voted in about four or five referendums on the subject, only to see his hopes dashed each time the votes were tallied.

All that changed in 1999, when a majority of voters elected to incorporate the thriving community of just under 10,000.

Dumont's passion for the cause encouraged him to become a career politician. He served as a director on the Capital Regional District board during the 1970s and on the community's incorporation study committee in the 1990s. After spending most of the past decade on Sooke's municipal council, he's finally decided to call it quits for politics at the end of this year.

During an interview earlier this summer, Dumont recalled how it was the region's business community that mounted vociferous opposition to incorporation's potential impact on tax rates.

In a rapidly growing community with a high demand for a wider range of municipal services like arenas, traffic infrastructure and playgrounds, Dumont said, rising taxes were already on the horizon, regardless of how the referendum played out.

"The taxes weren't any lower with the regional district so [people in the business community] fought heavily, but they would have been better off incorporating sooner."

As shown in last week's Our Island, Our Government segment, the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development has established higher post-incorporation taxes as one of the biggest detriments to the incorporation option.

Unlike big-spending communities like Sooke, however, plenty of smaller municipalities across the province that have incorporated without feeling the pinch.

In Lake Country, a community of nearly 10,000 residents about 25 kilometres north of Kelowna, a spirit of fiscal prudence has characterized local politics since the region incorporated in 1995.

Since Lake Country voters chose to incorporate, tax rates have remained reasonably consistent with estimates made during the community's incorporation study, according to Alberto De Feo, the community's chief administrative officer.

"Taxes and fees increase due to the level of service citizens require, not due to incorporation," he said. "You can still incorporate and decide to keep the same level of service you already have with no or minimal tax or fee increases. If you wish to have more and the municipality is required by the taxpayer to provide the service, the cost will have to be borne by the taxpayers and usually comes through a tax or fee increase."

Furthermore, De Feo added, because decisions made before the community incorporated involved "heavy representation from the City of Kelowna," a significant portion of the revenue from Lake Country taxpayers was spent on projects outside their community.

"Now decisions are made within and for the community," he said.

About 25 kilometres east of Sooke, near the rapidly sprawling Victoria suburbs of Langford, Colwood and Goldstream, the mayor and council elected to represent the District of Metchosin have made a conscious decision to manage their town

on a rural model ever since the community incorporated in 1984.

What Metchosin has become is a community that hasn't followed the development-at-all-costs model eagerly adopted by neighbouring municipalities in recent decades.

Mayor John Ranns, who campaigned against incorporation during the early '80s, said his community probably wouldn't be what it is today if it hadn't been for the change.

"We were very lucky that the first council was completely dedicated to building the foundation for a rural community and we have a population that made sure that every council that got elected was committed to maintaining that principle," Ranns said.

"When [council members] did try to sway, they got hammered."

**"We've always identified ourselves as something different, as a rural community."**

JOHN RANNS,  
Mayor of Metchosin

As an anti-incorporationist, Ranns was concerned about a bulging bureaucracy and a potential threat to his hometown's rural charm. Oddly enough, those were the same reasons given by many of the people who supported the move to incorporate, he said.

Nearly 30 years after incorporation, with a largely part-time staff and all senior positions contracted externally, Metchosin's bare-bones administration and financial restraint have made it one of the few municipalities in the province that isn't in debt.

During the early 2000s, when councillors of the day went on a staff hiring spree, the municipal budget reached new heights. Electors voted in a new set of councillors and, within months, staff were dismissed and costs brought back to reasonable levels.

Today, the district proudly operates out of a small office commonly referred to as the "virtual city hall."

When people come around and ask for various amenities or services, he said, they're told flat out that it's not within the budget. Even if it were, sidewalks, splash parks and recreation centres aren't the kind of thing called for in the community's official community plan.

In Metchosin, that OCP stands like a constitution for citizens, councillors, staff, developers and people moving into the area. The 15-year-old document is legally defensible and considered the most important tool for preserving the rural municipality's distinct character.

"We've always identified ourselves as something different, as a rural community," said Ranns. "We don't have to be like everyone else."

He said that philosophy has had the added benefit of promoting civic engagement and maintaining a strong core of volunteers to serve on committees or maintain parks.

Fiscal restraint has meant residential taxpayers, who comprise about 90 per cent of the district's tax base, have transitioned to a municipality without the anticipated tax hikes.

Metchosin's "sensible approach to zoning" and a "philosophically minded OCP" had even encouraged residents to the west in Otter Point/Shirley to explore joining them rather than end up being amalgamated into the District of Sooke.

The Otter Point/Shirley government restructure study, it turns out, was the final report commissioned by the province before the last batch of funds for such reports dried up — just when Salt Spring officials were making a restructure study request two years ago.

But the boundary-adjustment concept was shelved after Metchosin's elected officials said they weren't interested in expanding their community's area by taking on Otter Point and Shirley.

In Barriere, a town of just under 3,500 residents that's about a 45-minute drive north of Kamloops, the opportunity for greater control of local tax rates is complemented by the district's newfound ability to access federal and provincial grants made available only to incorporated districts.

"When you consider that our total tax from all our taxpayers is just over half a million and the remainder of our \$1.5-million budget is made up from the government's small community grant, we have done very well," said mayor Mike Fennell.

"We have received more money in grants in the last three years than in the last 30 years."

The power to "control our own destiny," Fennell said, has made it possible for councillors to rebuild the town into a sustainable community based on green-energy sources like wind, solar and run-of-river projects.

"We are also thinking of starting our own energy co-op and creating a sustainable form of income for the district so that we don't rely just on taxes to survive," he said. "We are also pushing economic development and encouraging business and industry to locate here."

"I want our young people to be able to stay in the area and have the opportunity to have a career here, ply their profession here or at least get a decent-paying job here," Fennell added.

The town has 11 employees responsible for office administration, finances, water, sewer and solid waste system maintenance, and parks and recreation.

"Any extra work is contracted out or handled by day labour on a case-by-case basis."

Fennell said the decision to contract out building-inspection and planning services, previously handled by the Thompson-Nicola Regional District, has resulted in lower costs as well as more flexible and frequent service.

"I guess our administration fees may cost slightly more, but I think it is worth it, and so do the local contractors and most of our citizens," he said.

It took two referendums before Barriere residents voted to incorporate and the final decision snuck past by only eight votes in June of 2007.

Fennell is confident residents' experiences during the past four years would result in a larger margin of victory if a vote were held today.

"All of this is a lot of work and frustration, but I wouldn't change it one bit," he said. "It is such an honour to be the first mayor of Barriere, to help build a community from the ground up and create a place where people really want to live and play and work."

## Incorporation by the numbers

Even if Salt Springers were to shelve plans for traffic circles, cycling lanes, a new fire hall, or whatever other amenities islanders can imagine, research conducted prior to the 2002 referendum showed that incorporation comes at a definite cost.

Whether or not taxes would increase more than they did in the last 10 years under our current rural system, however, would ultimately have depended on the decisions of our island's elected councillors and mayor.

British Columbia's taxation system operates under a variable mill rate system. Every jurisdiction's local government sets a mill rate for residential, commercial, industrial and six other "classes" of property. The mill rate is the amount a property owner must pay per \$1,000 of their property's assessed value.

Municipalities like Metchosin, with little infrastructure and few recreational amenities of their own, end up with a relatively low mill rate when compared to communities such as Lake Country, which boasts a 266-seat theatre, arena, curling rink and nearly 200 kilometres of roads.

Another factor to consider when looking at mill rates is property values. Places like Bowen Island with high property values can still collect sufficient revenues with a relatively lower mill rate.

Back in 2002, the mill rate for an average Salt Spring Island home, assessed at \$245,000, was \$7.38. That would have made the total tax rate for the owner of an average-priced island home just over \$1,800.

The 2002 SSI Restructure Study Update projected the tax implications of incorporation phased in over an eight-year period to be between \$105 to \$192 in property tax, or between \$13 and \$24 per year.

(The difference represents the gap between maintaining an urban road standard like that used in Sooke or opting for a more rural approach such as that used in Metchosin.)

On Salt Spring, where "community life is less shaped by the need for traffic management, rural road standards may not only be more appropriate but also preferred by island residents who want to keep roads narrow and rural where appropriate," according to the 2002 report.

It's likely Salt Spring, with its mix of concentrated commercial areas and rural backroads, would fall somewhere in the middle.

Because projections were made assuming no changes to 2002 service levels (no new pool, library or fire department staff), it's no surprise the projected 2010 average tax rate of \$1,900 to \$2,000 falls below what islanders actually ended up paying in 2010 without incorporating — which was \$2,835 for an average-assessed property of \$550,590. (As an aside, Salt Spring's average property value dropped between 2010 and 2011.)

Given that the projections did include funds for a mayor and six-member municipal council, 9.5 full-time municipal staff members, policing and road maintenance costs, however, the cost of incorporation appeared to be relatively low at the time.

While every community's mill rate is based on a combination of highly localized factors, a mill rate comparison is a useful tool to show Salt Spring homeowners where they rank in relation to residents of other incorporated communities.

A new restructure study, which would be conducted prior to any incorporation referendum, would provide islanders with comprehensive financial information based on the island's current services, amenities and projected needs.

Community	Mill rate	pop. (2006)	total roads (KM)	avg. property value	total residential prop. tax and charges
Bowen Island	4.1941	3,382	128	\$757,102	\$3,549
Metchosin	4.7496	4,795	97	\$598,852	\$2,844
<b>Salt Spring*</b>	<b>5.3125</b>	<b>9,600</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>\$530,649</b>	<b>\$2,844</b>
Sooke	5.7483	9,704	97	\$386,656	\$3,273
Lake Country	7.68	9,606	225	\$500,882	\$3,849
Barriere	7.5439	1,723	29	\$183,341	\$1,484

Sources: Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development; CRD; Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

New B.C. Municipalities since 2000	Incorporated on:
District of Lantzville (pop. 3,807)	June 25, 2003
Village of Canal Flats (pop. 700)	June 25, 2003
Village of Queen Charlotte (pop. 948)	Dec. 5, 2005
District of Barriere (pop. 3,450)	Dec. 5, 2005
District of Clearwater (pop. 4,960)	Dec. 4, 2007
District of West Kelowna (pop. 28,793)	Dec. 5, 2005
N. Rockies Reg. Municipality (pop. 6,147)	Feb. 6, 2009
Sun Peaks Mtn. Resort Municipality (pop. 400)	June 28, 2010

# NEWSBEAT

## SENIORS

# Seniors tackle high med service fees

B.C. fees are highest in the country

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the B.C. Old Age Pensioners Organization want the provincial government to eliminate medical service plan premiums it says are an unfair and regressive form of taxation.

BCOAPO president Fred Coates said the topic has become a "hot-button issue" since he introduced the proposal in a letter to more than 150 mayors and municipal councils across the province earlier this summer.

In his letter, Coates said annual MSP premiums of up to \$726 per individual or \$1,308 per couple "create undue hardship for seniors living on fixed incomes and striving to sustain healthy, independent living."

Although the province has charged medical service fees as a way to recoup

costs for years, Coates said, the number of financial pressures faced by today's seniors forced him to finally speak up.

"Suddenly I said 'this is ridiculous,'" Coates said, during an interview from his home in Agassiz.

British Columbia and Ontario are the only provinces that charge individuals a premium to access medicare services. Although people with an income below \$22,000 pay nothing, individuals who earn more than \$30,000 per year must pay the full annual rate.

Residents who earn between \$22,001 and \$30,000 are eligible for MSP discounts of between 80 and 20 per cent.

In Ontario, however, rates equivalent to B.C.'s full annual rate only come into effect for seniors who earn more than \$72,000 per year.

A resolution that calls for the elimination of MSP charges is on the agenda for the Union of British Columbia Municipalities AGM in September. Coates and the BCOAPO's more than 4,000 members

want representatives from communities across B.C. to support the resolution in order to send a clear message to the provincial government.

"I can assure you that your constituents will be most appreciative of your support in removing this onerous financial burden and anticipate you will be anxious to ensure the seniors of British Columbia are treated in a fair and equitable manner consistent with policies in other provinces of Canada," he wrote.

Coates spoke to members of the BCOAPO's Salt Spring chapter at Fulford Hall during a visit in June. Donna Way, president of the 40-plus-member local chapter, said she anticipates the issue will be discussed at the group's next regular board meeting on Thursday, Sept. 1.

"This is something I think we will support," she said.

Anyone who wants more information about the MSP proposal or the BCOAPO's other projects can reach Way at 250-653-9985.

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## EDUCATION

# Whole school visit set for Mouat Park

SSE begins year of forest study

Salt Spring Elementary is wasting no time in kicking off its year-long forest theme with a whole-school walking field trip to Mouat Park next Wednesday afternoon.

Children will eat lunch, do a scavenger hunt, create Goldworthy-like art, have free play and do a forest clean-up between 12:45 and 2:45 p.m.

With so many students out and about for that period of time, school principal Marie Mullen wanted to let park users know it won't be a place for solitude on Sept. 7.

On Thursday, students will create artwork based on the reading aloud of a forest-themed book by a teacher or parent, which parents will be invited to view in the school the following week.

In recent years, Salt Spring Elementary students and their project work have often been seen out and about as they studied the Ganges Creek watershed and Ganges Harbour environment in depth.



PHOTO BY JOHN FULKER

## WHAT IS IT?

The fourth and final historical object that needs to be identified for a chance to win a Salt Spring Fall Fair pass is pictured above. Send your answer to

jfulker@saltspring.com.

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EDITORIAL

## Life after the HST

**D**uring the past year, British Columbians have had plenty of time to get up close and personal with the Harmonized Sales Tax.

After a year spent taking it out for coffee, treating it to dinner, buying land and even shopping for school supplies with it, 45 per cent of the 1.6 million people who voted in last month's referendum ultimately decided the tax was worth keeping around.

A majority of voters in 25 of the province's 85 ridings voted "no" to keep the tax and, here in Saanich and the Islands, a whopping 49 per cent of voters decided to stick with Christy Clark and the BC Liberals' revamped HST.

**THE ISSUE:**

HST referendum result

**WE SAY:**

Electorate has spoken, sort of

Although the "no-side" result wasn't enough to save the HST and end the debate for good, the sheer number of people who voted in favour of the tax, not to mention a tax that was poorly introduced and the subject of incessant negative publicity since its inception, is telling of what may lie ahead.

When that many people vote in favour of a tax, the alternative just can't be good.

Untangling the HST from the province's economy and figuring out how to square things off with the feds is expected to take anywhere from at least 18 months and untold millions to complete. When it's all said and done, it's anyone's guess what the province's taxpayers will end up paying or how many program cuts will have to be introduced.

Whether the tax was good or bad for the province was a distant story line during a debate fuelled primarily by the deep wounds left by former premier Gordon Campbell's surprise decision to implement the HST not long after the 2009 provincial election.

Though many residents had grown accustomed to the tax since it was introduced on July 1, 2010, Friday's referendum result proves that neither Campbell's resignation nor the prospect of a 10 per cent HST by 2014 was enough to assuage the electorate's yearning for revenge.

Now let's just hope the result doesn't prove revenge is a dish best served cold.



## Hospital staff work much appreciated

BY BILL RELPH

I would like to use this public forum to let islanders and staff at Lady Minto Hospital know how much I admire and appreciate each individual hospital staff member and the work they do for our patients every day.

I understand the angst of the last few years and feel it is important to recognize the ongoing incredible work that each department carries out on a daily basis. Everyone, irrespective of their role, is as important as the next.

Our support services departments (housekeeping, dietary, laundry) are among the unsung heroes of Lady Minto. They work in cramped quarters under tight timelines, but still take time to stop and talk to patients as they walk through the wards delivering fresh laundry and meal trays and keeping the building sparkling. Also, we're dependent on the organizational skills of our stores clerk who ensures we have sufficient stock to carry out our work.

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Endoscopy is provided by highly competent and trained staff. I hear from many patients who have high praise about the exceptional care they were given.

The medical staff not only provide care in their busy private practices, but also meet the demands of the hospital environment. Specialists and family physicians work alongside each other, patient care staff and other hospital departments as they provide a level of care that should be evident.

Of course, all staff interact not only with each other, but also with our community partners and volunteers — examples of teamwork at its best.

I am passionate about our local hospital and care deeply for the staff who work here and everyone who comes through our doors. I consider it an honour to work with them in providing care to our island community.

*The writer is site manager at Lady Minto Hospital.*

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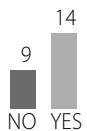
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# IslandVoices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

**"All of this is a lot of work and frustration, but I wouldn't change it one bit."**

MIKE FENNELL, MAYOR OF BARRIERE, ON INCORPORATION

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked: Was it a good idea to scrap the HST?**



**LEON UNDERWOOD**  
*I'm happy that groceries are cheaper, but I don't know enough to assess the long-term effects of it.*



**SETH BERKOWITZ**  
*No. As a small business person, I like the simplicity of the tax forms and as a photographer I enjoy getting cheques back from the government when I buy big pieces of equipment.*



**MATT BRAIN**  
*It's obviously complicated. I think it's a shame how it was introduced but in the long run it's going to be more of a waste of money changing back.*



**LISA STAFFORD**  
*Yes, because I don't like paying PST on services.*



**SHELLEY NITKMAN**  
*I thought it was a good idea because I don't trust the government to do some of the things they said they'd do to make it a better tax.*

## 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.

### Chemicals

I was both amused and a little shocked to come across the advertised Fall Fair Focus in last week's Driftwood.

Apparently a new section in Hobby Arts this year is the Duct Tape Creations competition.

Is it not slightly ironic to anyone else that the central theme of the fall fair this year is Green and Growing? Isn't the fair fundamentally about celebrating the earth's natural harvest from our local roots, seeds and soils? Personally, I just don't see how encouraging a hardware-store-harvest of

rolls and rolls of duct tape in order to create "a purse, a pair of flip-flops, a basket" or other such designer materials is in harmony with the inspiration and beauty of the Salt Spring Fall Fair.

Of course, ultimately, duct tape does contain materials that come from our good earth. Genetically modified cotton, petrochemicals, and rubber-based adhesive are all "natural," right?

The fall fair has been a Salt Spring tradition for years. Do we really need all the extra duct tape to hold it together?

**CANDICE MAY,**  
SALT SPRING

### VIHA poem

Did the swallows come back to Capistrano?

Will the herring come back to Burgoyne Bay?

We are in danger of losing the wildlife  
That sustain us in crucial ways.

Without herring you can't feed the salmon

Without doctors you can't heal the sick

Without surgeons you can't deal with ailments  
That often come up very quick.

We hear of the shortage of training

For those who would put us to sleep

While here on Salty Spring Island

We had two, maybe three we could keep.

So what do we see as the problem?

Is it habitat loss or good-will?

Has the island been deeded to VIHA

By authorities on Parliament Hill?

No, indeed said the patient-in-waiting

With his gut and his face in a twist,

Tell those bastards in yonder Victoria

"Move over, things need to get fixed."

**SUSAN HAYES,**  
SALT SPRING

### Perfect dose

It was indeed heart-warming to see so many family and friends overflowing the Lady Minto Extended Care Unit lounge on Friday, Aug. 26.

The event was a musical theatre performance with the flair of a Broadway production. Charles Dickens' well-known *Oliver Twist* was the theme.

Director Sue Newman, along with choreographer Zoe Bentley, presented a cast of eight young players — Lucia Dixon, Annie Bateman, Ella Baker, Niko Reveley, Jonah Baker, Pierre Peters, Ruby Egger-Lipsett

and Maya Neufeld-Bouch-er.

Sue's edited version was presented with a spirited delivery encompassing the social issues of the early 19th century as well as the art and craft of the performance.

The children captured the hearts of the audience, giving the perfect dose of medicine to the residents.

To quote the opening line of this performance, "May we be truly thankful."

**MARGARET MACKENZIE,**  
LADY MINTO HOSPITAL  
AUXILIARY,  
COORDINATOR, ECU

**MORE OPINION** on Pages 11 and 25

## So-called 'good' ideas can easily disintegrate

The other day I was poking around in the loft searching for some golf balls I had left stored in a plastic bag somewhere up there. What I found were golf balls everywhere and a layer of a plastic confetti-like substance covering everything else. Such was my introduction to the drawbacks of biodegradable plastic.

Let me be the first to admit that when I heard that someone had invented a kind of plastic capable of decomposing quickly, instead of remaining in our landfills for thousands of years before breaking down into toxic compounds which polluted the environment, I considered this development to be the best thing since sliced bread. By introducing something as simple as corn starch into the polymer chains, scientists have been able to fool the plastic into believing it is an organic living substance whose days are inevitably numbered. Too bad this realization usually occurs just when the plastic bag has been filled with several cartons of eggs.

The biodegradable plastic bag is not the only invention that seemed like a good idea at first blush, but turned out to be a nightmare to the unsuspecting public. The electronic sensors fitted on BC Ferries toilets that cause them to flush as soon as your backside rises off the seat must have impressed Ferries management as a "can't miss" proposition. Unfortunately, what the toilets can't miss is you as they usually flush prematurely while you are still in the seated position.

Danny Finkleman, best known for the popular CBC radio program Finkleman's 45s used to rant on-air about rechargeable batteries. When he discovered that these babies, which cost considerably more than

the wasteful ones they had been designed to replace, eventually lost their ability to take a charge and had to be thrown away, he swore up and down that every technological improvement was actually a step backwards for civilization.

For decades now, elevator "muzak," that annoying, lightweight stream of airhead songs, has been making the already claustrophobic experience of being trapped in a small metal box even more unbearable than it already was. Passengers have been known to get off on a floor earlier than intended and take the stairs just to avoid hearing another verse of Barry Manilow's Mandy.

Unfortunately for us, the perpetrators of muzak discovered that piping horribly appalling songs into shopping malls incites shoppers to spend more money and buy more stuff they don't need. A Zamfir rendition of any Paul Anka ballad can actually drive mall patrons into the food court area where they will chow down on vast quantities of alien "McFood" willingly. This way they can put themselves out of their misery with e.Coli and botulism poisoning and escape that infernal panpipe torture of Mr. Z.

In a like vein, automated phone systems must be somewhere at the top of the heap when it comes to good ideas gone bad. Ostensibly promoted to improve communications, facilitate connections and cut down on time wasted while waiting to get through to the desired department, this invention has turned out to be the "Frankenstein" of modern technology.



**Shilo Zylbergold**

**NOBODY ASKED ME BUT**

I'm sure you're familiar with this particular recorded message:

"All our agents are busy helping clients. If you wish to speak to someone who doesn't care, press 1; if you wish to speak to someone who cares but can't do anything to help you, press 2; if you wish to be placed on permanent hold and have to listen to this cheesy Zamfir muzak until the end of time, press 3."

Believe it or not, the Japanese have turned the invention of almost useless objects into an art form called Chindogu. Its founder, designer and anarchist Kenji Kawakami, has authored the best-selling 101 Un Useful Japanese Inventions, which documents many of these inventions and illustrates their uses. Just a few of these "n-inventions" include the "back scratcher's T-shirt" (the back of the shirt has a grid pattern of squares where each square is identified by a number and letter and therefore makes having someone scratch a certain location on your back much more precise — "try E5, oh yes, that's the spot").

Another Chindogu beauty is the "personal rain saver," which consists of an upside-down umbrella with a tube running down through the handle into a plastic jug that is carried on a strap hanging over the user's shoulder.

Two more examples, the duster bootie slippers for cats which allow them to keep your floors dust and cat hair-free as they prowl aimlessly around your house, and the up/down toothbrush (the bristles face away from each other at the business end and allow you to brush both uppers and

lowers at the same time), will give you an idea of how "ingenious" Chindogu can be.

A poignant reminder of how a seemingly good idea may backfire can be demonstrated by a 1970 television commercial. At the time, the H.J. Heinz Company was trying to pry some of the soup market away from Campbell's with its new Heinz Great American Soup ad campaign. Satirist Stan Freberg was hired to write and produce the commercial. What he came up with was, at the time, the most expensive 60-second TV ad that had ever been made. The commercial featured Ann Miller, the famous Hollywood dancer from dozens of 1940s musicals (at one point she held the world tap-dancing record of 500 taps per minute), along with 21 frizzy-haired chorus girls, dancing atop an eight-foot-tall can of soup while 4,000 jets of red, white and blue-coloured water gushed up behind them in Busby Berkeley fashion.

The outcome of the ad was not what had been expected. Although audiences responded favourably to the commercial, most people automatically associated the product with the soup they were used to buying — Campbell's, not Heinz. (Sales of Campbell's soup actually rose after the ad was aired.) It didn't take long for Freberg's "brilliant" ad campaign to get shelved forever.

Nobody asked me, but maybe we should display more skepticism and trepidation before completely embracing the latest in cutting-edge innovations that are guaranteed to "improve the quality of our lives." What may look like the next Microsoft or Facebook may turn out to be nothing more than a Zamfir 8-track. Buyer beware.

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# ISLANDS TRUST GALIANO ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing on a series of proposed bylaws that would amend the OCP. In general terms the purpose of the proposed bylaws is as follows:

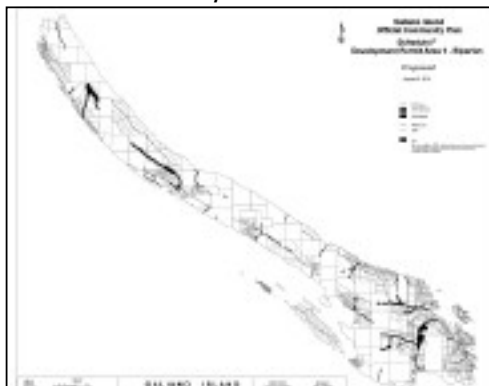
#### General OCP Policy Amendments:

- Bylaw No. 214 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 1, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw 214 would amend policy statements and objectives contained in Section I (Community Objectives) of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995.
- Bylaw No. 215 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 2, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 215 would amend policy statements and objectives contained in Section II (Land Use) of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995.
- Bylaw No. 216 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 3, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 216 would amend policy statements and objectives contained in Section III (Services) of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995.
- Bylaw No. 217 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 4, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 217 would amend policy statements and objectives contained in Section IV (Conservation and Environment) of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995.

#### Development Permit Area OCP Amendments:

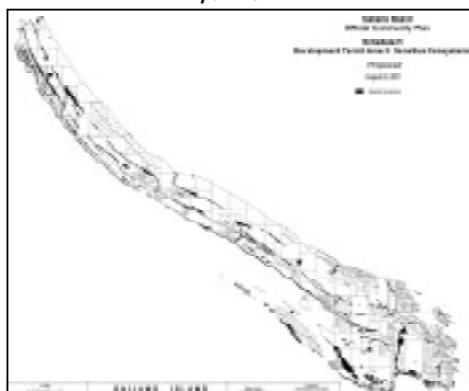
- Bylaw No. 218 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 5, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 218 would amend Section V (Development Permit Areas) of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995 by designating a new Development Permit Area 1 (Riparian) indicated on the map below, in which many types of development will require the land owner to obtain a development permit.

**Bylaw No. 218**



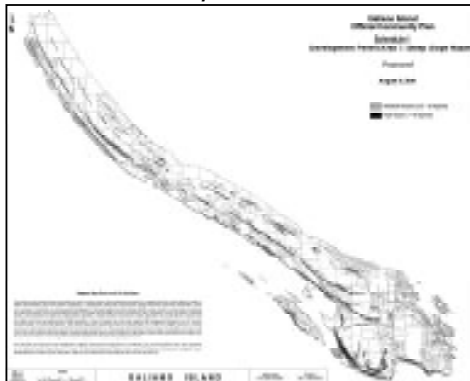
- Bylaw No. 219 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 6, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 219 would amend Section V (Development Permit Areas) of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995 by designating a new Development Permit Area 2 (Shoreline and Marine) on all marine waters in the local trust area and on land 15 metres upland of the natural boundary of the sea in which many types of development will require the land owner to obtain a development permit.
- Bylaw No. 220 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 7, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 220 would amend Section V (Development Permit Areas) of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995 by amending provisions of Development Permit Area 3 (Tree Cutting and Removal) and Development Permit Area 4 (Elevated Groundwater Catchment Areas).
- Bylaw No. 221 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 8, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 221 would amend Section V (Development Permit Areas) of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995 by designating a new Development Permit Area 5 (Sensitive Ecosystems) indicated on the map below, in which many types of development will require the land owner to obtain a development permit.

**Bylaw No. 221**



- Bylaw No. 222 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 9, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 222 would amend Section V (Development Permit Areas) of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995 by designating a new Development Permit Area 6 (Commercial and Industrial Form and Character) on lands zoned C1, C3, C4, C5, C5A, C6, C7, L1, FI, MCW and MCL in which many types of development will require the land owner to obtain a development permit.
- Bylaw No. 223 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 10, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 223 would amend Section V (Development Permit Areas) of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995 by designating a new Development Permit Area 7 (Steep Slope Hazard) indicated on the map below, in which many types of development will require the land owner to obtain a development permit.

**Bylaw No. 223**



Amendments to the OCP DAI, Administrative and Temporary Use Permit sections:

- Bylaw No. 224 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 11, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 224 would amend provisions contained in Section VI (Development Approval Information) and Section VII (Administration) of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995 and renumber Section VII to Section VIII, and insert a new Section VII designating areas where temporary use permits may be approved and circumstances and objectives concerning the issuance of temporary use permits.
- Bylaw No. 225 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 12, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 225 would replace the current map schedules B, C, D, and E of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, applicable to the whole local trust area.

Sitespecific amendments to the OCP and Land Use Bylaw:

- Bylaw No. 226 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 12, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 226 would amend Section II, 1.4 (Rural Residential) of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995 by inserting a new policy (e) applicable to the lands shown on the map below and by amending Schedule B by redesignating those lands as Rural Residential and Nature Protection.

**Bylaw No. 226**



**Bylaw No. 227**



- Bylaw No. 227 – cited as “Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Amendment No. 2, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 227 would amend Section 5.4 (Rural Residential zone) of Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999 by inserting new subsections 5.4.10 and 5.4.11 applicable to the lands shown on the map below and by amending Schedule B (Zoning Map) by rezoning those lands as Rural Residential(a) and Nature Protection.

The public hearing is held for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws at **12:30 p.m. Sunday, September 11, 2011 at the South Community Hall, 141 Sturdies Bay Road, Galiano Island.**

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

Copies of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing August 31, 2011 and up to and including September 9, 2011.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) (e) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Galiano Island, B.C., commencing August 31, 2011 and can also be viewed at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca> and selecting <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/gl/bylaws.cfm>

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. The office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, by Fax (250) 4055155 or can be sent online by going to the Islands Trust Website at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/gl/meetings.cfm> and completing the “Public Hearing, September 11, 2011, Submission Form”, prior to 4:30 p.m., September 9, 2011;
2. After 4:30 p.m., September 9, 2011 to the Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at 12:30 p.m., September 11, 2011.

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

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

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Robert Kojima, Regional Planning Manager, at (250) 4055159 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 6602421 and elsewhere in BC 18006637867.

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

Kathy Jones  
Deputy Secretary

OPINION

# SSI cycling route work is in progress

BY DONALD MCLENNAN

I read with both interest and chagrin Peter Vincent's column last week — "We're so last century when it comes to cycling."

Peter lamented the fact that cycling on Salt Spring is dangerous and under-developed. And he is right on the mark.

The news of Peter's enthusiasm for safer cycling on our fair island was music to my ears. Peter did not mention however that there are people and organizations on Salt Spring who are working very hard to improve the situation.

Allow me to provide some background information on this timely subject.

Salt Spring's transportation infrastructure in general (not just in terms of bikeways) is seen by many as deficient, thereby placing pedestrians, cyclists and motorists at risk in various locations on the island. Several serious and fatal accidents over the last few years, at least partially blamed on inadequate transportation infrastructure, prompted a myriad of citizens groups to demand improved safety and security for pedestrians and cyclists in Ganges village.

Subsequently, the Capital Regional District hired consultants to draw up a plan for the construction of cyclist and pedestrian facilities in Ganges village. This report included public consultation and resulted

in a CRD decision to proceed with detailed designs and cost estimates. More consultants were retained and the engineering work is now complete and pending approval by the B.C. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

The CRD recently passed a budget allocating local gas tax funds to the project, which should allow the first priority segment to be launched in 2012, including bikeways leading into the village and in the school district. The ultimate plan comprises a multi-million dollar project that would be funded over several years by local gas tax funds, MoTI contributions and Salt Spring taxpayer funds, plus any grants we are able to obtain.

Cyclists on Salt Spring are following the progress of this project closely.

Beyond the Ganges village plan, separate funding must be found to link Fulford and Vesuvius as part of the Salish Sea Regional Trail. As far back as 1999, bikeways were ranked #1 in terms of needed amenities on the island. The stars are now lining up in favour of a major push in this direction. To wit:

- Release of the new PARC Strategic Plan 2009 acknowledging surveys in which 70 per cent of Salt Spring respondents seek

## IN RESPONSE

trails for walking and biking:

- Publication of the CRD Parks Strategic Plan

2010-2020, which envisages an island-wide bike and walking trail system on Salt Spring;

- A renewed focus on bikeways by the Salt Spring Transportation Commission;

- Progress on the Salish Sea Trail in both the Cowichan Valley and Trans-Canada Trail segments, which raise hope for Salt Spring as the "jewel in the crown;"

- Formation of a community Bicycle Working Group in 2010, which gives a voice to cyclists on Salt Spring;

- Publication in April 2011 of BWG's extensive on-line Survey of Cycling on Salt Spring;

- The expected launch of the Ganges transportation infrastructure project in 2012 with bike lanes in the village.

Bikeways on Salt Spring would encourage more people to leave their cars at home, resulting in less congestion in Ganges village, especially on Saturdays when parking lots overflow. More importantly it would contribute to the provincially mandated policy on climate change. In 2007, the baseline year for BC communities, Salt Spring's greenhouse gas emissions were largely attributable to food and on-island transporta-

tion. The Salt Spring Island Climate Action Plan aims to reduce these emissions by at least 15 per cent by 2015. Expanding bikeways would be one of the most important contributions the SSITC can make to this province-wide goal.

In 1999, a planning level overview entitled the Salt Spring Island Cycle Route Inventory was published. The consultants made the point that "cycling is a viable alternative to the car on Salt Spring but the route is less well used because of real safety risks involved."

In 2011, the BWG Survey of Cycling made these points:

"Salt Spring residents have been asking for bicycle lanes on our roads for more than 25+ years; survey after survey has revealed this to be the number one collective wish of islanders; other amenities get funded and built, but not the bikeway — not even the first kilometre; safety concerns are the number one barrier to residents cycling more on the island."

Cyclists are at risk on Salt Spring. The transportation commission, the CRD and the BWG are determined to address this matter. I did not want to miss this opportunity to welcome Peter's supportive outlook in this connection.

*The writer is chair of the SSI Transportation Commission.*

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# RANTS and Roses

## Rants

Bundles of nettles to the angry neighbours who left anonymous nasty phone messages Tuesday evening complaining about the noisy party they erroneously assumed was coming from Spindrift. While I share their distress at the horrific painfully amped music that was blasting throughout the area, I fail to understand why it would be attributed to us. No noise has emanated from this property for 40 years, nor will it, unless we (or some possible new owners) decide to develop the property to its current zoning potential which includes a marine pub and 30 condos. Apologies will be graciously accepted. Spindrift at Welbury Point

Rants to whoever took ArtCraft's brand new sandwich-board outside the firehall on the meridian in town. It was displayed to help promote the islands' artists exhibiting at Mahon Hall. H. Mears, ArtCraft manager

## Roses

An enormous bunch of red and white roses to Mouat's Hardware and anyone else on the island who lowered their Canadian flags at half mast to honour the late, great Jack Layton. L. Nye

An armful of big beautiful roses to all who supported the Fundraiser for Kenyan Schoolgirls Lunch. A big thank you to Mollie, Chris, Jean, Ellen, Lynda C., Fitz, and Derrick. Without your hard work the lunch would not have been so successful. A special bouquet to Thrifty Foods. Your generosity is heartwarming! Finally, thank you to all who attended, made donations and/or bought goods. Because of all of you many schoolgirls will not have to miss school every month. Kits will be put together and delivered early in 2012. Lynda T.

A stunning bouquet

of orange Monbretia to all the passionate people who helped create an astonishing "Celebration of Jack" event on Friday night and bring Jack's state funeral in to ArtSpring for us all. Thanks to Valdy for writing and performing an original song for Jack, Phil Vernon, the Summer Singers, George Ehring and Irene Wright, Greg Pauker and Clifford Knox (sound), Dave Vollrath and Peter Prince (video), CFSI radio station, Deirdre Rowland for arranging with the musicians, Fran Havelaar and Caroni Young for arranging the Summer Singers, Jan McPhail for piping, David Borrow-

man for the picture of Jack and photographing the event, Salt Spring NDP Club for organizing, Janis Gauthier and Kenn Danner, Judi Stevenson and Gary Holman for all their help. Thanks to Barry Cooke for overall coordinating with ArtSpring and others, George Sipos and ArtSpring staff for their care in arrangements and venue, Diana Morris, Fred and Nancy Powell. It was a profound event! MP

Bouquets of rainbow-colored roses, dahlias and lilies to all the "too marvellous for words" musicians, the fabulous food makers, singers, dancers, helpers, and all the wondrous new and old friends who honoured us with your presence at our 25-year anniversary bash! All of

you helped make it one of the most heartfelt and memorable evenings in all our years together. With love and gratitude, Corrie and Wendy

Roses to our well-trained firefighters, career firefighters and fire chief Tom Bremner, who manned the fire trucks and saved my home. Roses to B.C. Ambulance personnel, who were there to take the driver to the hospital, the RCMP and BC Hydro. The Sunday night incident on Garner Road could have started a tinder dry forest fire in the area, from which there would have been no escape. M.Burns

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<b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>The Arbutus Ensemble.</b> Music & Munch recital at All Saints. 12:10 p.m. <b>Wednesday Night Live.</b> Open stage hosted by Stephanie Rhodes at Moby's. 8 p.m. <b>Gemma G.</b> Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m. <b>Out Innerspace.</b> Watch Vancouver dance group create new works at ArtSpring. 12:30 to 5 p.m. <b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>SSI Local Islands Trust Committee Public Hearing.</b> Proposed Bylaws No. 450 and No. 451. Meaden Hall (Royal Canadian Legion, 120 Blain Road). Community info meeting for Bylaw 450 from 3 to 4 p.m.; info meeting for Bylaw 451 from 4 to 5 p.m.; public hearing for 450, 451 from 6 p.m. onwards.	<b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>Tom &amp; Matt.</b> Pop/classic at Moby's. 8 to 11 p.m. <b>Daniel Howlett.</b> Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m. <b>Simone &amp; The Soul Intentions.</b> Shipstones. 7 p.m. <b>Open Mic.</b> Thursdays at The Local Bar. 6 to 10 p.m. <b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>Dance Troupe Try-outs.</b> Kids 8 and up for new SS Arts Academy program. Fulford Hall. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info/register: www.saltspringartsacademy.ca or call 250-537-4294.	<b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>The Coalition.</b> Dance/rock at Moby's. 8 to 11 p.m. <b>Simone &amp; The Soul Intentions.</b> Shipstones. 7 p.m. <b>Lane 31.</b> Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m. <b>Music in the Vineyard.</b> Live music at Salt Spring Vineyards from 2 to 4 p.m. with complimentary wine tastings paired with local foods (from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) <b>Out Innerspace.</b> See Wednesday's listing. <b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>Symbolically 8 Summer Exhibition Opening Reception.</b> See Exhibitions below. <b>Inter-Islands Ferry Crawl.</b> Get on the 3:55 p.m. ferry from Long Harbour for a trip to Galliano, Mayne and back to Long Harbour with activities at each stop to promote inter-islands community. Info: rpither@gulfislands.com.	<b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>Tom Hooper.</b> Shipstones. 7 p.m. <b>Shane Philip.</b> Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m. <b>Run for Cover.</b> Dance/rock at Moby's. 8 to 11 p.m. <b>The Barley Bros.</b> Salt Spring Inn. 6 p.m. <b>Out Innerspace.</b> See results of creative residency by Vancouver dance group at ArtSpring. 4 p.m. <b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>Salt Spring Toy Run.</b> Farmers' Institute 11 a.m. Other events include bike games, beer garden from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Dinner and dance with Auntie Kate. 5 p.m. Info: www.saltspringtoyrun.com. <b>Tango Milonga.</b> All Saints. 4 to 7 p.m. Info: Laura, 250-537-4077.	<b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>Run for Cover.</b> Dance/rock at Moby's. 8 to 11 p.m. <b>Sunyata.</b> Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m. <b>Jose Sanchez and Friends.</b> Back to party at Salt Spring Vineyards, 2 to 4 p.m., plus complimentary wine and food tastings, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. <b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>Paws for a Cause.</b> BC SPCA fundraiser. Meet at Rainbow Road dog park at 11 a.m. Walk through Mouat Park begins at noon. Info/register: www.spc.bc.ca/info/register: www.spc.bc.ca/fundraising/salt-spring-island. <b>Pride Banner Workshop.</b> Core Inn, 3rd floor. 1 to 5 p.m. Info: www.glossi.org. <b>Salt Spring Centre of Yoga Open House.</b> To mark the 30th anniversary of the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga and the 100th anniversary of the building of the Blackburn house. 355 Blackburn Rd. Noon to 3 p.m. Info: www.saltspringcentre.com.	<b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>Simone and the Soul Intentions.</b> Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m. <b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>Corn Roast.</b> BBQ, kids games, meet your neighbours. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Info: Colin Walton, 250-537-1856.	<b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>Harry Warner &amp; Friends.</b> Music & Munch recital at All Saints. 12:10 p.m. <b>Wednesday Night Live.</b> See last Wednesday's listing. <b>Sweet Water Revolver.</b> Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m. <b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>A Good Day in Ghana.</b> Plus Women in Blue Jeans, two mini-documentaries by Paula Stromberg that explore gay and lesbian lives in a UN refugee camp in Ghana. Part of Pride festival. Salt Spring Literacy. 5 to 6 p.m. Info: www.glossi.org. <b>Artist's Trading Cards.</b> SSI Painters Guild workshop with Dawn Davies. ArtSpring. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info/register: www.sspaintersguild.com.
<b>Tues. September 6</b> <b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>Open Stage with David Jaquest.</b> At the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m. <b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>Salt Spring Singers Fall Registration.</b> SSI Baptist Church, 520 Lower Ganges Rd. 6 p.m. Info/register: Lesley Reynolds at 250-537-4861 or go to www.saltspringingers.org. <b>Tuesday Morning Market.</b> United Church Meadow. 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. <b>Tuesday Farmers' Market.</b> Island Natural Growers-sponsored market in Centennial Park. 3 to 7 p.m.						

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- EXHIBITIONS**
- Gallery 8** presents **Symbolically 8**, new work by gallery artists, with an opening reception on Friday, Sept. 2 from 5 to 8 p.m. Show runs at the Grace Point gallery until Oct. 1.
  - Robin Relp** **Contemporary** presents an open studio event with **Kathy Venter** and **Deon Venter** — New and selected work. Runs daily at Venter's studio at #23 in **Merchants Mews** until Monday, Sept. 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Michael Hames** shows new oil and mixed-media paintings at **Steffich Fine Art** through Monday, Sept. 5.
  - ArtCraft's Showcase Gallery** presents in the **Skin of the Forest**, paintings by **Barbra Edwards** and basketry by **Debbie Magnusson**, at **Mahon Hall** daily until Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. along with the **ArtCraft** gallery and gift shop.
  - Shapeshifters: The Chainsaw Masks** is presented by **Peter McFarlane** at **Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art**. Exhibit runs daily through Saturday, Sept. 3.
  - Photosynthesis** — the 11th annual exhibition of work by Salt Spring photographers — runs daily at **ArtSpring** through Sept. 11.
  - An exhibition of **Howard Fry's** original **Salt Spring Women Preserve & Protect** calendar photos runs through August at **Starfish Gallery** in Grace Point Square.
  - Nathan Stewart** shows his work at **Barb's Bakery** through August.
  - Morley Myers Summer Show** runs at #7-315 Upper Ganges Rd. (**Merchant Mews**).
  - 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:** Held over... "observations" — work by George Wallace, Diana Thompson and Margaret Day until the end of August. By appointment only, call the gallery at 250 653-0089.
  - Wendy Wickland** shows paintings and mixed-media works at **Country Roasters Cafe** in **Country Grocer** through September.
  - A selection of local artist **Say Boros**'s originals and prints are on display at the **RE/MAX** Salt Spring office for the summer.
  - Macdonald Realty** is showing work by **Deon Venter** in its Ganges office through the summer.
  - 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**, **Ina D.D. Uthoff**, **Gary Sim**, **LeRoy Jensen**, **Gordon Caruso** and **Peter Haase**.
  - Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** welcomes work by **Dawn Davies**, **Joan Warren** and **Tom Debrayanna**.
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**EXHIBITION**

## Deon and Kathy Venter expand boundaries

New work on view at Salt Spring studio

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

**S**alt Spring artists Deon and Kathy Venter have introduced a friend to the community who is hoping to bring them to the highest echelon of the international art world.

The Venters already create work of a calibre that inspires solo shows at renowned galleries (such as Kathy's upcoming sculpture exhibition at the Gardiner Museum in Toronto). Their pieces belong to public museums and private collectors — only serious ones because their prices reflect their expertise and experience.

However, even people with this rare level of success can use some help once in a while, which the Venters have found from international collector Robin Relph.

"I've really recognized for some time that their art is world class," said Relph, a stockbroker who divides his time between Vancouver and the UK and started the virtual gallery Robin Relph Contemporary as a platform to champion the Venters' work.

Those familiar with Deon's vast paintings and Kathy's life-sized ceramic figures are aware of certain similarities despite their different formats. Each is very tactile, working directly with thick mediums to express complex material.

Kathy continues to be one of the few artists in the world to work on life-sized terra-cotta sculptures. She prefers to use the female form to tell her stories for several reasons, including the

body's inherent beauty and sensuality and its long history as the preferred form of western culture. She also creates nudes because she does not want her pieces limited by a particular fashion or era of time and, being a woman herself, she feels she gets beyond the surface to tell a deeper story.

"Any figure could exist now or 4,000 years ago," she said, adding that her work takes into account references that entire history.

Work she is preparing now for the Gardiner show includes a set of two tableaux that will be exhibited side by side. The first portrays a young artist on the ground, sketching a seated model. The artist is in a state of acute observation but hunched over as if to hide her work. Kathy said the piece is in some ways a metaphor of the young artist's commercial pressures.

The partnering piece will have the artist standing and displaying both confidence and creativity, which will be matched visually by a more abstracted and lumpy style to the entire piece.

"The artist is still observing but is more willing to transform what she sees in her own expression," Kathy explained.

Deon is known for exploring deep and often dark themes in his work, exposing and transforming issues that most people would prefer to ignore. Previous series have dealt with the Air India tragedy and missing women from the Downtown East Side and the Highway of Tears. A series on the bar code appears to be abstract, but contrasts the straight bars with a noisy background that summons an ominous military connection.

Deon's latest work is Paradigm Shift I and II, vast paintings that merge the boundaries between figures and background. The oil paint is even thicker and more tactile than what Deon typically uses, and strokes appear to live on their own and in opposition to the regular functions of representation. As usual, Venter further breaks down the image by removing strips of tape after the paint has been layered on, leaving thin lines of bare linen.

"At certain times of life, you assess what you're doing and why you're doing it," Deon said.

Paradigm Shift II, with its doubled nude figures looking out suggestively at the viewer, recovers the nude from its (recent) politically incorrect closet and at the same time marks what Deon describes as a positive disintegration of an established style, opening the doors for something new.

The Venters' work can be seen at their studio at #23 Merchant Mews through Monday, Sept. 5.

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## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## EXHIBITION PREVIEW

## Artists create meaningful work for Symbolically 8

Second annual event starts Sept. 2

Gallery 8 is celebrating the special properties of balance and harmony with the second annual Symbolically 8 exhibition starting Sept. 2.

Just as ancient and contemporary cultures have admired the visual symmetry of the numeral, Gallery 8 artists will demonstrate an admiration for harmony in

the world with all new works created just for the show.

Some of these will directly reference the number 8 and others will only hint at it, but all will be new and delightful creations from some of the best contemporary artists found on Salt Spring and beyond.

Viewers are invited to find the eights hidden in Janet Cameron's Gallery View, one of her highly collected stitched thread paintings.

Cameron has also added to her roster of sheep portraits with a unique model.

Jerry Davidson gets minimalist with several elegant still lifes. Whether or not eight items are portrayed, his ability to capture objects can be seen as better than a photograph with his artistic interpretation.

Dutch-Canadian painter Pieter Molenaar contributes sunny landscapes that could be taken for Lee's Hill — or

perhaps record a timeless European vineyard with low patchwork hills and white farmhouses.

Collectors and fans of Kevin Peters' antler sculptures will want to see just how creative he can be with an all-new motif. This unexpected transformation of his material reveals a willingness to take chances beyond the tried and true.

Daniel Tibbits expands his benign Dali-like scenes

with candy-coloured platforms and bizarre landscape details in Shelter Eight. And Ida Marie Threadkell continues her series of fairyland couture with two new garments that suggest the personalities of the missing owners in silk fusion, felt and more obscure materials such as gut and snakeskin.

An opening reception takes place Friday, Sept. 2 from 5 to 8 p.m. The show continues through Oct. 1.



Untitled by Pieter Molenaar

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## PHOTOGRAPHY

## Pegasus previews Klemm series

Forever Green images at Pegasus

The Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art is holding a special preview exhibit of a new series of photographs by internationally known fine art photographer Eric Klemm.

Klemm is an award-winning Salt Spring photographer whose work can be found in public collections, including the National Portrait Gallery in London, England and The Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, among others.

From his critically acclaimed series of portraits in Silent Warriors, to the painterly arrangements of Shavings, Klemm's work is described in press mate-

rials as "diverse both aesthetically and conceptually with a thread of surrealism running throughout."

In these latest works, titled Forever Green, he tackles the relationship between plant life and the urban setting. Noted art critic and writer Gary Michael Dault says of this series that "Klemm's prodigious Forever Green project is a bracing mix of imagistic meditations upon the perseverance of plant growth in a world we seem to be paving over as rapidly as we can."

To celebrate his relationship with Pegasus Gallery and the people who call Salt Spring home, Klemm has created a special edition of smaller-format images in an exclusive edition

of one. Priced under \$1,000, the 20-inch-square framed images fit the home as well as the budget, notes the gallery.

"This exhibit is a unique opportunity for new or veteran collectors of Eric's work," said gallery manager Anthony Matthews. "In photography, collectors seek those rare limited prints done shortly after the image was taken. Since there is only one of each in this size, I expect a bit of competition for some of the key images."

Forever Green will open with an artist's reception from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9 and continue to Saturday, Oct. 1.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## ART REVIEW

# Photographers demonstrate strength of creative abilities

Photosynthesis on thru Sept. 11

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's photographers continue to impress while demonstrating a wide variety of approaches to their art at the 11th annual Photosynthesis exhibit.

Continuing at ArtSpring through Sept. 11, the show highlights the vast creative possibilities of the medium. In addition to mastering the necessary technical skills, the 24 participating photographers run the gamut from documenting affecting scenes and people to expressing the wonders of pure colour and texture. Others use the format to create images of their own construction, expressing a visual theme or narrative that may not exist on its own.

In the documentary stream, Alaine Lalonde has contributed a heartbreaking series of portraits taken on the streets of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Shots of beggar women young and old contrast with but add gravity to Desperado in Sombrero, a solemn child decked out in sparkling gear and painted-on mustachios.

Gregg Eligh seems gifted at capturing people in humorous and telling poses. Each photograph is layered with signifiers so that an entire story can be constructed from one snap. Together is the ironic title of a shot framing a man and a woman seated at an outdoor café. The couple is looking away from each other — her face turned away from the camera and out toward the street — and each bears an attitude of boredom and weariness. The man has one hand up to his mouth and the woman is resting her head on a fist. The scene could be just an odd moment or may capture the couple at rest after a tiring round at the museums. But taken with the title, it conjures a relationship



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Rodger and Lili Garbutt take in the Photosynthesis show at ArtSpring. The photography exhibit continues daily until Sunday, Sept. 11.

in jeopardy.

Another of Eligh's candid shots, Ladies in Waiting, takes in a group of elderly women seated on a Paris bench. While the rest of the public seems busy and purposeful on this cobbled market street, the old

**Several photographers have used their tools to explore painterly abstractions of colour, texture and shape.**

women are to the last one occupied with being disgusted.

Bill Ford provides a moving portrait of Mona George. The First Nations woman is shown looking with her face tilted slightly upwards, as full light shines just on her face, while her dark hair, shirt and background recede into shadow. It is an exceedingly strong and honest view without a trace of romanticism.

In a contrasting approach, Seth Berkow-

itz comments on human culture through our artefacts, such as the view of Fulford Hall with True Love broadcast on its sign board.

Tamar Griggs puts together her skill at framing a shot with a passion for nature in her amazing series of breaching whales. The flukes emerging (or resubmerging) with sprays of ocean water reveal great artistry, not just the ability to be in the right spot at the right time.

Michael Levy is another photographer who captures the shot on the wing and does so with an artful eye, as seen in Mountain High, a super crisp shot of an eagle in flight against a thickly forested hill stretching down to a strip of water. The eagle is framed with its powerful wings on the downstroke, while its eye appears to catch the viewer's and to express how unimpressed it is with the situation.

Nirmal Dryden finds a sweet scene in Time Standing Still, a view of a tiny tree frog peeping out from a massive rose blossom. As well as having the cute factor, the shot is a colour bath of contrasting green and pink.

Several photographers have used their tools to explore painterly abstractions of colour,

texture and shape. Chris Stackhouse has a good example of this stream of work with Exposed, a close-up of peeling paint on metal surface that combines beautiful layers of yellow, deep orange and cerulean blue.

Christina Heinemann is similarly satisfying with a close-up rock surface in Traces, as is Bobby Crichton's close-up view of an elephant calf with its already deeply wrinkled and fissured hide.

Birgit Freybe Bate-man captures amazing vertical fractures in Anchorage Cliffs, but also offers a delightful study of pattern and shape in Plugged In, a backstage view of multiple yellow cords that contrast with white pillars and black control boxes.

In the world of digital manipulation, Amy Melious creates a lovely memorial piece in For Japan: Repair. The tops of three muted apartment towers rise from the picture's base, while a flock of birds flies at the other extreme far above. At centre is a threaded needle attached to a spool of ruby red thread, fantastic as the only real colour. A set of Japanese kanji are in the left corner. The mood successfully suggests peace and renewal.

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On Wednesday, Sept. 7, Harry Warner and Friends will take the stage beginning at 12:10 p.m.

Band members are Warner,

who is originally from Country Kerry in Ireland, Briony Penn and Jo Lundstrom.

Warner plays banjo, tenor guitar and mandolin, Lundstrom plays accordion and concertina, while Penn plays pennywhistle.

"They all sing and, according to their audiences, their a cappella three-part harmony renditions of traditional Irish songs are among their best pieces," states a press release. "The group

has performed at many venues on Salt Spring Island."

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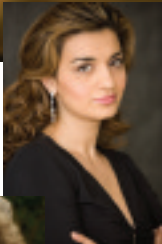
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## PROFESSIONAL ARTS

# Vancouver dance group toils on ArtSpring stage this week

Opportunities to see pieces in progress and results

The second project of ArtSpring's new initiative to provide creative residencies for professional Canadian artists takes place this week.

The young Vancouver dance company Out Innerspace takes over ArtSpring's stage for six days for an intensive period of development of new choreography.

Artistic directors David Raymond and Tiffany Tregarthen will be working with lighting designer James Proudfoot and apprentices Arash Khakpour and Jessica Wilkie to realize an hour-long piece to be called Duets, which will be premiered in Vancouver in December and shown at ArtSpring on January.

"We are delighted to welcome one of Canada's most exciting young companies to Salt Spring and to offer them our community's



Scene from Duets, performed by the Out Innerspace dance company.

facilities for new artistic exploration," said ArtSpring executive director George Sipos on Monday. "Outside academia, there are very few venues in our country where musicians, composers, choreographers and dramatists have the opportunity to try out new ideas and create new work."

Duets will comprise two contrasting dances, the first inspired by the music of Asa Chang, an experimental Japanese

percussionist. The second, which is yet to be developed, will explore the unspoken relationship between two people who have known each other for a long time.

The public is invited to come and watch the creative process unfold. Local dancers or any other interested people are welcome to drop in to the theatre Wednesday and Friday afternoon between 12:30 and 5 p.m. to see the

process in action. Then on Saturday at 4 p.m. the company will give a studio showing of what they have accomplished during the week.

Admission for the public is free throughout the residency.

Duets in its finished form will be presented on Monday, Jan. 16 at 8 p.m. as part of ArtSpring's 2011-12 presentation series, tickets for which are on sale now.



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## ARTS

# Painters' Guild year sketched out in latest program guide

New season of activities starts Sept. 7

Next Wednesday, Sept. 7 at ArtSpring marks the opening day of the exciting fall 2011 Salt Spring Painters' Guild workshop program.

"An enthusiastic and experienced program committee has put together an attractive selection of workshops presented by accomplished guest artists," notes a guild press release. "Additionally, our creative committee has organized several impressive collaborative activity sessions offered under the expert guidance of our own experienced member mentors, incorporating DVDs produced by well-known artists in various mediums and

artistic techniques, allowing a hands-on opportunity to try out their methods."

Workshops are presented in a fun environment that also provides friendship and support for artists and would-be artists of all levels.

"This could be your year to dare to dream and launch yourself into a new challenge or expand your existing skills."

In addition to scheduled workshops and collaborative activities, portrait and life drawing sessions are a popular offering during alternate Wednesday sessions. For people who prefer a less structured day with the guild, there is generally space to simply drop in and work on individual projects in the company of others.

Regular meetings and workshops are held at ArtSpring each Wednesday, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Some workshops are for a full day; some for half a day. Occasionally, two-day workshops are held on a weekend. New members of all levels of experience, including beginners, are always welcome.

Check the guild's website at www.sspaintersguild.com for full details of programs and special events.

Ann Holt is the membership and registrar contact, and may be reached at 250-653-9624 for information.

People can also simply turn up on the Sept. 7 opening day or any Wednesday morning at 9:30 to meet members and learn about the guild's benefits.

## YOUTH DANCE

# New SS Arts Academy troupe gets down to dance business this fall

Tryout day is Sept. 1 at Fulford Hall

Dancers aged 8 and up who are looking for a chance to express their passion for dance, acrobatics and creative ideas will love Naomi Jason's new Dance Troupe class offered this fall at the Salt Spring Arts Academy.

Jason, a professional dancer, choreographer and ex-rhythmic gymnast, is looking to build a strong team of dancers who want to perform. According to a press release, dancers are encouraged to "bring what you have, come as you are and learn to work on co-creating choreography that will inspire you to take it to a performance, the dance floor, the

streets or at least encourage you to bust a move!"

The academy says students should be focused, inspired, want to improve skills, work well with a like-minded group, enjoy trying things for the first time, like to contribute ideas and be willing to work hard for a fun outcome and, most importantly, be committed.

"We will explore hip hop, breakdance, acrobatics, contemporary, ballet, jazz, contact improv, strength training, work with props and so much more."

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**X-Men: First Class**

No one really wanted another X-Men movie. While the first two were truly excellent, the third was ditched by the previous films' director Bryan Singer and turned out a laughable mess. So when news came about that another X-Men film was going to be made, and that it was a prequel to boot, the public — and myself, admittedly — prematurely snored in derision.

Surprise! It's actually a pretty darned good film that evokes the spirit of the first two. X-Men: First Class goes all the way back to the early '60s, focusing on the friendship of Charles Xavier (James McAvoy) and Erik Lensherr (Michael Fassbender). While later these two will become Professor X and Magneto, respective leaders of competing mutant superhero factions, at this point they're friends with only minor differences.

Initially, Xavier and Lensherr are united by the American government to find and train young mutants, but the appearance of the sinister Sebastian Shaw (Kevin Bacon) on the scene means the training is forced into overdrive. It all leads to a massive confrontation between two teams of mutants and the navies of two superpowers off the coast of Cuba.



X-Men: First Class follows the spirit of the most recent Star Trek in not only rebooting the material but changing it somewhat to allow for an entirely new series storyline. It isn't, however, a big change. Singer was still around to write the script, and as a result First Class has the original two films' perfect combination of intrigue, humour and character development.

Much of the emotional punch of the film rides on its stars McAvoy and Fassbender, and they don't disappoint. The latter is particularly good — as always — a charmer with a darker side, a damaged man hiding his anger against humanity under the guise of a wicked, dry smile. The two share excellent chemistry, making the climactic confrontation between them all the more potent.

The film isn't perfect by any means; I think director Matthew Vaughn is still a little tone-deaf, and some of the action scenes don't quite live up to their potential. Also, some of the smaller characters aren't quite fleshed out. But overall, X-Men: First Class is a winner that's as good of a time-wasting blockbuster as you'll see this year, and much more interesting than any of the other Marvel-based fare we've seen lately.

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## PUBLIC ART

# Fulford school kids part of global Inside Out art project

Posters raise awareness for bike safety

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Students of Fulford Elementary School became worldly citizen artists this summer by mounting enormous posters on the sides of Salt Spring buildings.

The project has the Grade 3/4 class joining an effort by JR, a French street artist with a strong social conscience and the winner of the Technology, Entertainment, Design (TED) Prize for 2011. He is known for mounting large portraits in public spaces, and by doing so giving a face to the invisible and a voice to the voiceless.

His previous projects have included portraits of women in the Kenyan slum Kibera, where he printed the photos on vinyl and attached them to shanty roofs to make

birth to the Inside Out project. Regular people all over the world were invited to form teams and coordinate JR-style exhibitions of black and white portraits meaningful to themselves and their communities. The groups upload their photos to a project website, and giant posters for mounting are sent back.

An example of what's been done so far is Artocracy, a project in Tunisia that placed portraits of 100 ordinary people in places where portraits of government officials were normally displayed.

Here on Salt Spring, the Fulford kids (with help from artist-in-classroom mentor Jane MacKenzie) chose to give voice to another group of people that aren't usually heard: themselves.

In classroom work for the project, the kids identified the three issues that concern them the most: freedom, the environment and safety. The crossroads where these issues intersect, it turns out, is at the need for safe biking paths to parallel the highway so they can ride to school by themselves.

Fourteen children chose to have their images reproduced on the posters. They might be kids you recognize — or maybe not, because the 28 mm lens adds a bit of distortion.

MacKenzie said the project's value is enormous, because kids are learning that art isn't just for people who are talented at drawing.

**"Art can change the world and make a statement."**

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Artist

them water-tight.

Another project took the portraits of women in the most dangerous neighbourhood in Rio De Janeiro. The women who had lost teenage family members to drug cartel violence were positioned to face toward the wealthy part of the city.

As winner of the TED prize, which is dedicated to "ideas worth spreading," JR received \$100,000 and was granted "one wish to change the world" by the nonprofit foundation.

His wish was to "use art to turn the world inside out," giving



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Above, Zac Verboom is reflected both in the poster of his face behind him and the pail of poster glue, while below, Malaya Hart Weller puts up her poster image as part of the Inside Out project Fulford elementary kids have participated in this year.



issue and lead to real change sooner than later. They were so excited by their work MacKenzie offered a summer workshop with other projects.

The project was supported by Fulford Elementary's Grade 3/4 teacher, Robyn Huntley, Fulford principal Shelly Johnson and parents Karen Clark and Shelby Johnstone.

Permission to post portraits was granted

by: ArtCraft, Bruce Patterson, Sushi 2 Go, Ida McManus, Studio One, Rainbow Road Pool, the Rock Salt Restaurant, Knotty Threads Studio, Embe Bakery, Ganges and Central fire halls, Mahon Hall, Acoustic Planet and Pharmasave.

To learn more and to see photos of the Inside Out project on line, visit [www.insideoutproject.net](http://www.insideoutproject.net) or the Facebook page.

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# PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

## ANIMAL WELFARE

# Dog fostering program hits the trail at Paws for a Cause

Registration ongoing for Sunday event

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Dogs in distress will soon find Salt Spring is a safer place to recuperate with a new fostering program being launched through the local SPCA.

Leanne Brusatore, the island's branch manager since January, said the office typically receives around 10 calls a month that relate to dogs in some way, whether reporting an abuse situation or just noting a more general concern.

Until now the SPCA has had no way of responding to these calls, with limited space on site that does not allow for dog kennels under land use bylaws. The facility is able to care for cats and rabbits only.

"Dogs are wandering and we don't have a place to take them in," Brusatore noted. "People also come looking for dogs to adopt at

the shelter."

Brusatore's idea is to get a group of reliable foster people set up so that when calls about dogs come in, there is already a network in place and a list of possible options. If it works properly, dogs won't have to visit the SPCA at all but will be picked up by staff and brought directly to a foster home.

"I don't see it as being very hard to implement. There's so many dog owners and dog lovers on the island," Brusatore said.

"I think also it's about listening to the needs of the community."

Fostering times could range anywhere from a day or two to a month, depending on whether there is a medical situation. Once healthy the dogs will be sent to one of the shelters on Vancouver Island for adoption.

Brusatore, who loves dogs herself but can't keep one in her small apartment, said there are a few factors that would make someone a good fostering candidate.

"Ideally they would be experi-

enced with dogs and be comfortable with dogs that aren't familiar to them," she said.

"And dogs should have adequate space, food, shelter and water, human interaction and exercise."

Brusatore is hoping to get some potential foster homes signed up during this Sunday's Paws for a Cause Walk and to have the program in place sometime next year. Registration for the annual SPCA fundraising event can be done at the dog walk park on Rainbow Road, or participants can register from 11 a.m. on the morning of the event.

The walk will take place from noon to 1 p.m., starting at the dog park and venturing to Mouat Park. Participants are invited to join the organizers for coffee and goodies "for pups and people" before the walk starts.

The afternoon will be filled with fun activities, including pet portraits by donation. For more information call the SPCA at 250-537-2123.

## TERRY FOX RUN

# Islanders aim to outrun cancer

Sept. 11 event unites hope, health and healing

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

More than three decades after it began, volunteer coordinator Catherine Bennett said the Terry Fox Run still epitomizes the event's original spirit and dream.

"This one is grassroots and all volunteer; it just really strikes me because it hasn't gone commercial and any community large or small can do it," Bennett said. "Terry Fox inspired so many. That's why I'm involved."

Registration for this year's event begins at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11 at Salt Spring Elementary School. Salt Spring is one of the few places in Canada that received a "special dispensation" to host the race a week ahead of the nationwide event, which happens to coincide with the island's fall fair.

Runners, walkers, cyclists and anyone else who registers will set off on either a five- or 10-kilometre circuit near the school and part way up Rainbow Road. There is no minimum pledge amount and no entry fee required to participate in the event.

Those who choose to fundraise can obtain

pledge forms at Islands Savings, the Bank of Montreal or online at [www.terryfox.org](http://www.terryfox.org). Proceeds are used to support the Terry Fox Foundation's commitment to cancer research.

As in past years, the event will feature plenty of pre- and post-run activities, refreshments and food. This year's keynote address will be presented by Salt Spring's inspirational Dr. Ron Pubky of the Inspire Health cancer care centre.

Memorial cards featuring Betty Fox will be handed out to partici-

pating families to honour her decades of dedication and commitment to cancer research. Her death in June of this year adds significance to the run.

"She was a tremendous force in the foundation, she never wavered," Bennett said.

As in past years, Bennett has her sights set on another record turn-out. "There are 101 reasons why you should be there, but I can't think of one reason why you shouldn't," she said.

For more information, contact Bennett at 250-537-4441.



## THOUGHTS & NEWS

from Dr. Richard Hayden

### Gratitude.

This week marks the 14th anniversary of my being on Salt Spring.

As I was running along North End Road and waving at every other car or truck that passed, I was reminded of how fortunate I am.

I have so many patients that have become my friends. I look forward to going to my office each day to get re-aquainted and updated. I equally enjoy knowing that so many people also take an interest in the lives of me and my family (one more child at the time of press!)

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## PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

### PERSONAL GROWTH

# Heartpreneurs course offered in September

Transforming passions into income explored

A two-month mentoring program for people wanting to turn their passions into a business begins on Salt Spring in September.

The Centre for Loving Inquiry is presenting Heartpreneurs — a program for creative people who want to earn their income doing what they love — beginning Tuesday, Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon.

“Stepping into the fullness of who we are as creators and offering the gifts of our expression to others is what this two-month group mentoring program is all about,” explains press material from course leader Ahava Shira.

Using the arts-based, heart-based practice of “loving inquiry,” which Shira has developed, participants will be supported to:

- Figure out what precisely you are offering, and how to communicate it to others;
- Identify clients, where to find them and how to draw them to your business;

- Explore the challenges and possibilities of marketing and developing your business;

- Navigate the at-times scary and unpredictable journey of entrepreneurship with presence, creativity and self-compassion;
- Connect with others who are taking the courageous step to pursue their passion as a business.

Shira, Ph.D., is a poet, writer, storyteller, performer and long-time journalist. A professional educator and group facilitator, she has over 18 years experience facilitating workshops for youth and adults in the arts and personal development. Her doctorate in language and literacy education from the University of British Columbia focused on poetry, narrative and photography as creative practices that support personal and social transformation.

Course cost is \$300 or \$250 for people who register before Sept. 5.

For more information or to register, contact Shira at 250-537-8767 or info@ahavashira.com, or visit her website at www.ahavashira.com.

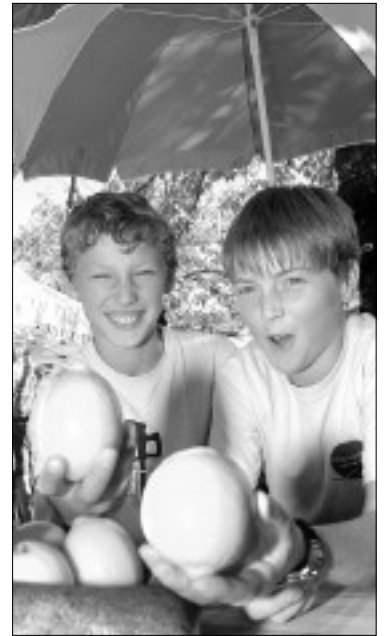


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**READY TO SQUEEZE:** Ty Davies, left, and Brennan Shaver were having fun making lemonade in the market on Saturday.

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### BOOKS

# Passion for life celebrated with A Chest Full of Hope

Former Salt Spring B&B owner publishes memoir



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Gerti and Karl Fuss, who lived on Salt Spring from 1988 to early 2004.

**BY GAIL SJUBERG**  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

A woman who operated The Old Farmhouse B&B on Salt Spring with her husband for many years has written a memoir and recipe book of interest to island residents.

Gerti and Karl Fuss lived on Salt Spring from 1988 to 2004, moving here and buying the North End Road property pretty much on impulse after their first visit to the island.

As they recounted during a trip to the Salt Spring earlier this year, they had served at least 18,000 guests, including a number of celebrities, and hosted three or four weddings per year during their B&B tenure.

The Old Farmhouse was featured in 29 magazines and several newspapers, and was renowned for its seven-course dinners and mystery weekends.

The book, called *A Chest Full of Hope*, chronicles Gerti's early life in Germany through the present day where she and Karl are retired in nearby Sidney.

Her impetus for the project was a desire to share personal history with her daughters Riki, Susan and Judy.

“I always wanted to tell our children where we came from,” she said.

She had also surprised her husband with a short biography called *Karl's Journey*, which she gave to him on his 70th birthday.

That was her first major writing project, but she knew it wouldn't be her last.

Gerti is not a journal-writer, but has always had an excellent memory, and the book is rich with detail. She had also taken a three-month creative writing course through Simon Fraser University and a Camosun College writing course.

Paula Gaube was the editor the book, and Umberto Menghi wrote the forward. Gerti worked for the famed Vancouver restaurateur for many years before moving to Salt Spring in the late 1980s.

The book brims with amusing anecdotes, pithy quotes and the photo reproduction is excellent. There's also almost 200 pages of recipes, including rich desserts like

the Emperors Feast dish from Austria, or main dishes like Lamb Shanks with Lentils, which she describes as “comfort food galore.” The importance of food and hospitality to Gerti is underscored in the book's final quote from Jamaica Kincaid: “If I actually ran the world, I'd do it from my kitchen. It's not anything deliberate or a statement or anything, that's just how I understand things.”

The “chest” in the book's title refers to the wooden crate she packed her belongings into when, at the age of 20, she moved to Australia to join her fiance Karl. It still holds the couple's most precious belongings and, as Gerti notes, whenever she feels nostalgic and wants to relive some happy memories, “I just have to open my chest of hope and take a look inside.”

*A Chest Full of Hope* is available on Salt Spring at Volume II Books.

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# PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

## PRIDE FESTIVAL

# Author and emotional coach set to speak from the heart

Special presentation addresses A Complicated Love

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

What happens when a son tells his straight father that he is gay?

How about when that father begins to confront his own demons about homosexuality, and both father and son head out on a road trip together?

On Sunday, Sept. 11, Dene Rossouw, author of *A Complicated Love*, will talk about the tense, tearful, painful and cathartic conversations he had with his gay son on just such a road trip.

In a special sermon for the Salt Spring Unitarian Fellowship as

part of Pride 2011 events, Rossouw will describe how he confronted his judgments about homosexuality, struggled to reconcile the knowledge that his son was gay with his previously unexamined conservative Christian views on homosexuality and eventually "came out" on behalf of his son.

The presentation will invite participants to a real engagement with a son, daughter, or family member who is straight or gay, and will address topics such as how to come out as a parent, friend or colleague and how to come out in conversation.

According to press material, Rossouw is "an integrative coach and photographer who has done military training with paratroopers (he has a fear of heights), was

a lifesaver (he is a terrible swimmer) and a preacher (he is still figuring out what he believes)."

Rossouw is also the past president of the Vancouver chapter of the Canadian Association of Professional Speakers and is a certified executive coach through Royal Roads University.

He has a degree in theology from the University of South Africa and is the co-founder of AuthenticDialogue.com, a coaching and consulting practice.

The Sept. 11 presentation is open to all and takes place at the Seniors Centre, 379 Lower Ganges Rd., at 11 a.m.

For more information about Rossouw or *A Complicated Love*, visit [www.complicatedlove.com](http://www.complicatedlove.com) or [www.authenticdialogue.com](http://www.authenticdialogue.com).

## DUPLICATE BRIDGE

# No hard times for bright players

Stephen Foster provides this week's muse

## BRIDGETRICKS

times comes a knocking at the door... Then the players all go home, good night!

On Aug. 15 there were five full tables and there were no hard times for Ian Thomas and Zelly Taylor, who came first. Happy and bright were Prem Margolese and Jeff Bell, followed by Blanche Poborsa

and Gerry Nicholson. George Laundry and Paul Retallack could also remain merry, occupying fourth place.

There was a bit of reshuffling on Aug. 22 among the same number of tables, with the Margolese/Bell pair moving up to a firm first spot. Liz and Oleh Mycyk entered the fray and landed in second place, whereas the Poborsa/Nicholson

combo stayed in third and the Laundry/Retallack partnership held on to fourth.

As for the rest... Weep no more, dear players... Oh weep no more today!... We will sing one song for the better game to come... For the winning place not too far away.

(Apologies to Stephen Foster and Kentucky)

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

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Salt Spring Singers, a non-auditioned community choir directed by Mitch Howard, will hold fall registration and the first December concert rehearsal at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, at SSI Baptist Church, 520 Lower Ganges Rd. Registration will close at 6:45 p.m., with rehearsal at 7 followed by refreshments at 8:15. All voices welcome.

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**The deadline for proposals is OCTOBER 30th, 2011**

**DEATHS**   **DEATHS**

### Laurel Bauchman

Born Halifax, Nova Scotia, March 22, 1959. Died Salt Spring Island, BC, August 20, 2011, surrounded by her family.

Beloved wife of 19 years to Paul Ceyssens, mother to Kiera and Callum, sister to Bronwyn, Paul (predeceased) (Mary Anne), and Roy, and aunt to Megan. Laurel was predeceased by her parents Perry and Rosemary Bauchman.

Laurel grew up in Halifax, Montreal and St. John's, and received her arts, education and law degrees from Dalhousie University. She began her legal career with the Nova Scotia Legal Aid Commission, appearing regularly in the courts of Cape Breton representing clients in family law and criminal matters. Most recently, she practiced for 12 years in the areas of employment law and professional regulation with her husband, in the Salt Spring Island firm of Ceyssens & Bauchman. Laurel was involved in providing pro bono legal services and other charitable endeavours, most prominently as a long-serving member of the board of directors of the Gulf Islands Early Learning Society (formerly Salt Spring Island Daycare Society). She was heavily involved in the Society's plans for a new early learning centre in the community.

Laurel was proud of her professional accomplishments, but always said what she wanted more than anything was a family. She derived enormous personal satisfaction from her family and was a committed and intuitive parent. To her family and many friends she exhibited in abundance the qualities of inspiration and compassion and mischievous fun.

Laurel's family wishes to express sincere gratitude to the nursing staff at Lady Minto Hospital and Dr. Ian Gummesson.

A memorial service will take place at St. Luke's Anglican Church, 3821 Cedar Hill Cross Road, Victoria, Friday, September 2, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Gulf Islands Early Learning Society, 381 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2V4, Queen Margaret's School, 660 Brownsey Avenue, Duncan, BC, V9L 1C2, or the Colorectal Cancer Association of Canada, www.colorectal-cancer.ca. Condolences to pc@saltspring.com.

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The parade will start at the parking lot at Mahon Hall and turn left onto Rainbow Road, then turn right onto Lower Fulford-Ganges Road. It will then proceed around the fire hall, sharp left on Purvis Road and cross Lower Ganges Road to Herford Ave. It then turns left on Jackson, left onto McPhillips, right onto Lower Ganges, sharp left onto Fulford Ganges again, left on Purvis, and left on Lower Ganges Road. It will stop at McPhillips corner opposite T.J. Beans coffee shop, then flow into Centennial Park. Road flaggers and police will be present to help direct traffic. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate everyone's patience and support during this event.

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OPINION

# Ferry party connects 'outer and inner' islanders this Friday

BY RON PITHER

Holding and gaining ground with BC Ferries this Friday afternoon in an ethical, fun and serious fashion is what is in store if you leave Long Harbour at 3:55 p.m. for a convenient round-the-islands evening route that gets you home to slum further on the "inner island" of Salt Spring.

Or you can stay unplugged overnight, tasting terroir of the Outer Islands and float back variously the next day or maybe never! Gowned Queen Sue barreled up with invitations to all for the upcoming Harvest Grape Stomp, Nashville's Cowboy Ted hosting local musicians on board and at ports of call mixed with community tours of businesses and industries like innovative recycling centres and localvore food services are all on tap. If we top out the smallest ferry passenger limits, tugboats, fisboats and other vessels are standing by to help carry the load the way boaters can do.

Seriously, though, BC Ferries is now in the third year of actively resisting a common-sense approach to revealing this summertime-convenient Friday all-island return route with many passenger layover options that has no operational or safety concerns that they have been able to provide me. Ms. PR for BCF Deb Marshall last week stated that there was no record of my concerns. Well, I impatiently threw away my customer complaint number last year after talking to two different departments and getting word back from the BCF revenue department that they would do nothing to market the

route or see to adding a "TR" schedule note regarding the existing doable transfer at Sturdies that they in my view have unfairly charged me (and many other Mayners and Penderites who already know this route). Their half-hearted make-peace a la golden "Hahnshake" offered in the Driftwood last week only to me is muddled thinking and everyone deserves the fair fare treatment that they were prepared to give me in a special letter.

More wholehearted would be to not charge everyone for the leg from Sturdies Bay and clearly mark the route as having a transfer (not any much different than what Saturnalites get for no charge when they use Sturdies or Village Bay as a transfer).

In this case that clearly would increase inter-island ridership and help serve community commerce, culture and inter-island wild times.

BC Ferries' bonehead mandarin-class management can borrow \$400 million at 10 per cent interest from international cartel German bankers for European ship construction rather than borrow the money required at their preferred three to four per cent rate for ships for our use here, while taking away Canadian jobs and ship-building infrastructure.

Well, I hope we all just have a lot of fun with this inter-island party on Friday, and "make the most for our coast."

*The writer is a Mayne and Salt Spring farmer and media hound who also likes coasting.*

## This Week's Horoscope

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**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**  
Should I work, or play or both; such questions are on your mind! Striking a healthy balance is ideal. After all, do we live to work or work to live? Creating a healthy lifestyle rhythm is wise because health is a key to enjoying life. Discerning what is most verses what you choose to do could lead to illuminating ideas and new choices.

**Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)**  
Sometimes we feel the love more than others. This often leads to wanting to express ourselves creatively. Bathing in the feeling is good too. With your energies running high you are in the mood to tackle projects. Be careful that your ambitions do not exceed the time and energy required to complete things. Aim to do something you want verses what feel you 'have to' do.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)**  
Quality time spent close to home is the call now. This may imply some rest and relaxation, yet you also feel industrious. Amidst a flurry of places to go and people to see, you may not be able to fully relax. But you are happy to spend time with family and friends anyway. At deeper levels, learning how to be and feel freer is prompting dreams and visions.

**Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)**  
You may find yourself on a gallop these days. You are in the mood to explore new territory. Now is the time to plan and act on the first items on your list. Allowing time for hobbies and other activities that stimulate your imagination is in the mix. Set intentions and visualize the outcome your desire to work the magic.

**Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)**  
Focusing to consolidate a new base continues. Your mood is sober and the time has come to take some calculated risks to expand your professional and or social influence. Improving upon your skills and getting organized are good places to start. At least making clear proposals and plans will boost your confidence levels.

**Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)**  
You are beginning to entertain some inspiring new objectives. This is a good time to shop around and sample before you commit. Breaking through limiting beliefs and self-concepts is part of the plot. Avoid rebellious reaction to others and focus on clearing what is in your own way. Avoid trying to change the projection and focus on the projector.

**Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)**  
Getting things done behind the scenes will feel good now. Financial considerations and responsibilities are gaining your attention. Enjoying some social time with friends is in the mix. With so many deep changes unfolding and/or brewing close to home, this is a good time to be flexible and forward thinking.

**Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)**  
Taking some independent initiative will feel extra important now. Improving relations may be high on your list. That the first relationship and friendship is with one's own self is worth considering. Focus and self-control to make personal adjustments and changes to meet changing circumstances implies emotional self-control. Then reach out to initiate new connections.

**Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)**  
What do you need to get the job done? Do you require tools, assistance or simply the determination to get going? Whatever your answer, this is a good time to advance. Practical measures to establish a more reliable flow is a priority. Follow your intuition, reason and gut and avoid thinking too much. Don't ask why, simply ask what?

**Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)**  
Sometimes we have to downsize in order to expand, like packing to travel. The key is to have the precise things needed verses excess. This can apply to any area of your life. Clear the clutter, cut the fat, lose the energy vampires and so on... Efficiency is the call now. This is a preparatory time for you to position yourself.

**Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)**  
Who has what you want and need? Accessing the resources of others is likely now. Yet, you will also have to give to the situation. Playing new roles may prove fun but they will also require that you work at it. Fortunately, you are in the mood to do just that so everything should proceed quite smoothly. Pace yourself and celebrate each new moment, twist and turn.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)**  
A big activation of relationships and correspondences is probable now. Both work and play is on your mind. Above all, you are ready to live and improve relations. Organizing your living space and creating a better flow will help. Your ability to successfully weave work with pleasure is the test. This means be effective and achieve success amidst quality time with family and friends.



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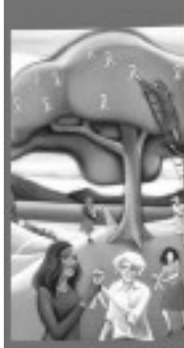
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## TENNIS

# Newcomer ousts 8-time champ

Banman and Wrigley fall to teenage titans

The final weekend of the month-long Gulf Islands Tennis Open failed to disappoint spectators as top-notch competitors fought valiantly for the 2011 women's doubles and men's singles championships.

On the men's side, David Barclay fell short in his effort to win a ninth-consecutive Gulf Islands Open final by losing to 18-year-old Wesley Bertsch of Victoria. Bertsch is currently ranked as the fourth-best men's player in B.C. and is ranked 393rd in Canada. The tournament

marks the first time he's competed on Salt Spring Island.

Teenagers Andjela Stojkovic and Georgia Comber completed the off-islander sweep by ousting island finalists Marianne Banman and Donna Wrigley.

Both men's finalists and the women's doubles winners are coached by Salt Spring's Mike Best.

Tournament spokesperson Virginia Giles said the strong calibre of play during this year's event made up for the lower-than-average turnout.

"The turnout was small but powerful," she said, adding that cooperative weather conditions made for some splendid matches.



Andjela Stojkovic, left, and Georgia Comber with their women's doubles trophy.

## COMPETITIVE SWIMMING

# Stingrays complete race season

Several swimmers make finals at B.C.'s

Salt Spring Stingrays splashed their names onto the season's final result lists at the provincial championships in Richmond.

Overwhelmed in numbers by enormous mainland teams, Salt Spring's contingent of 20 athletes managed to qualify for an impressive number of spots in the Aug. 19 to

21 finals.

Cassidy Fraser swam a blistering time of 1:11.27 in the Div-5 100 fly (her best time by three seconds) to steal silver in a breathtaking race. The next day she pulled out all the stops again to win bronze in the 50 fly with another best time of 31.39.

The same day, her teammate Lyli Kennedy also landed a spot on the podium with a silver in Div-4 100 breaststroke, breaking her previous best by two seconds with a 1:22.66.

In Div. 8, meanwhile, Stingrays coach Rachael Gardner managed a bronze in the same event.

Swimmers placing in the top eight during preliminaries earned a spot in the A finals, while those placing ninth to

16th swam in B finals.

Stingrays A-finalists were Maggie Birch (Div. 5, 100 breast, 6th) and Gardner (Div. 8, 100 fly, 7th; 50 fly, 8th).

B-finalists were Tajo Fisher (Div. 2, 100 IM, 13th; 50 free, 12th; 50 fly, 12th; 100 free, 9th); Rylan Burnett (Div. 2, 100 IM, 16th; 50 back, 11th; 100 free, 12th); Kennedy (Div. 4, 200 IM, 9th); Ariana Fraser (Div. 4, 50 free, 9th); Birch (Div. 5, 50 free, 12th; 100 free, 15th); Cassidy Fraser (Div. 5, 200 IM, 11th); Liam Sinclair (Div. 5, 100 breast, 11th; 100 free, 15th); and Arthur Irwin-Campbell (Div. 7, 50 fly, 16th).

Two Salt Spring relay teams also earned second swims. The girls Div-5 medley relay (Ariana Fraser, Birch, Cassidy Fraser, Jade Beauvais) placed fifth, while the

girls Div-8 freestyle relay (Birch, Ariana Fraser, Cassidy Fraser, Gardner) placed seventh.

Two Stingrays were also part of medalling regional relays. At the tail end of the championships, each of the province's eight regions puts forth their top four swimmers in each division, creating fast heats of regional relays. The Vancouver Island region featured Salt Spring's Kennedy in a silver medal-winning Div-4 team. Kennedy swam breaststroke with her teammates

In Div. 8, Gardner's team tie for gold.

Other Stingrays selected for Vancouver Island regional relays were Burnett, Fisher, Andrew Sinclair, Cassidy Fraser, Birch, Liam Sinclair and Irwin-Campbell.

## Fall Fair Focus

### SEC 25: HORSE SHOW

Exciting Fun Events Added This Year



In addition to all our usual events, Sunday afternoon will provide a new event. Inspired by last year's Pony Club Demonstration of some "Prince Philip Games" (PPG) there were many requests to offer the games as competition. These will be relay races competed as teams. So with a \$5 entry fee per horse/rider combination, we will form teams at the Fair. The plan is to make scramble teams, with the hope that riders can meet and play, maybe connecting with new friends. Some of the races may include The Sac Race, Canadian (involving hockey stick and ball), Stepping Stones and a Flag Race. These events help to develop precision, strength and camaraderie.



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The Allen and Loreen Vandekerkhove Family Foundation provided a \$10,000 cheque to the Greenwoods Foundation last week. From left are Phyllis Bolton, friend of Greenwoods; Roland Beaulieu, Vandekerkhove board member; Ken Jackson, Greenwoods Foundation chair; Jean Taylor, Greenwoods Eldercare Society ex-officio.

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## GOLF

# Iverson drives a winner

Hole-in one earns island golfer a new ride

Melanie Iverson knew she'd hit a doozy off the tee at the Mount Brenton Golf and Country Club's 11th hole last week, but it was the holing of ecstatic onlookers that told her she'd hit a perfect hole-in-one.

"The ball disappeared, but everybody in my group began screaming," she said. "It was the luckiest shot."

Iverson's hole-in-one came under blue windless skies during the Mount Brenton Ladies Amateur Golf Tournament on Aug. 21. She used a

five wood on the 158-yard par-three hole.

"It was a beautiful day with perfect conditions," Iverson said.

Her success was rewarded with a new 2011 Yamaha golf cart. The hole-in-one also contributed to the free night's accommodation and two rounds of golf at Victoria's Gorge Vale Golf Club she won by finishing the event with a fifth low-net final score.

Although it was her first ace during competition play, Iverson had already hit a hole-in-one during a match at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club back in 1994.

# SPORTS & RECREATION

## HIKING

# Blackberry Fest kicks off club season

Regular Tuesday activities back on track

### Blackberry Festival

The 2011-2012 hiking season begins with the Blackberry Festival in Ruckle Park on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Meet at noon in the lower picnic area of Ruckle Park to enjoy scrumptious blackberry dishes. Remember to bring your favourite blackberry treat to share, a dish and a spoon. You may also wish to bring a folding chair or mat to sit on.

### Nature Excursion

Enjoy a visit to Pacific Northwest Raptors Ltd. (Duncan) on Tuesday, Sept. 13. Meet at Portlock Park at 9:30 a.m. for carpooling. Bring your lunch, binoculars and the admission fee of \$12 adults/\$10 seniors. Depending on numbers, interest and availability of a guide, there may be an optional guided tour for an extra \$2 per person. More information is available at pnwraptors.com. We may visit Somenos and/or a winery afterwards.

### Presentations

Anita Narwani (Ph.D.) presents Investigation into Alterna-

tives to Open Net Fish Farming on Thursday, Sept. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the United Church, lower floor.

Narwani completed a B.Sc. at McGill University in 2003 and a Ph.D. in ecology at the University of Victoria in 2011. She is currently working for Reef Safe Fish Inc. in Victoria.

### Hikers

Sept. 6: Ashley Hilliard will lead a short hike at Ruckle Park before the Blackberry Fest. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet in the lower parking lot of Ruckle Park at 10 a.m.

Sept. 13: Dan Dickmeyer and David Paine will lead a moderate hike that combines loops of Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve and Bryant Hill, with lunch at a viewpoint area. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the trailhead, which is a marked one-kilometre access road off Sarah Way (off Jasper Road and Jennifer Way), at 10 a.m.

Sept. 20: Zeke Blazewka will lead his annual (moderate) "B&B hike" on Mount Maxwell. Carpool from ArtSpring parking lot at 9:45 a.m.

Sept. 27: Kees Visser will lead a strenuous hike with some rough patches in the Bold Bluff area. Carpool from ArtSpring at

9:45 a.m. or meet at Burgoyne Bay at 10 a.m.

### Walkers

Sept. 6: Leave ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet in the lower parking lot of Ruckle Park at 10:15 a.m. for a short walk prior to the yummy Blackberry Festival.

Sept. 13: Walkers are invited to join the Nature Excursion to Pacific Northwest Raptors Ltd. in Duncan.

Sept. 20: Bryan Adderley will lead an off-island walk at Hemer Provincial Park, with lunch at The Crow and Gate. We will follow the south trail that we didn't take on our last Hemer walk. Leave Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to catch the 9:10 a.m. Vesuvius ferry. We hope to return on the 2:35 p.m. ferry from Crofton.

Sept. 27: Join Terry Ison on a moderate walk around Burgoyne Bay. We will first go round the south trail, then return past our cars to take the north trail where we can have lunch with a beautiful view. Leaving ArtSpring at 10 a.m. and the bottom of Lee's Hill at 10:10 a.m.

### Ramblers

Sept. 6: Join us for the Blackberry Festival in Ruckle Park. Meet at Centennial Park at 10

a.m. to carpool. The ramble will be planned as we go that day.

Sept. 13: Mystery Ramble led by Betty Sharp. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

Sept. 20: Mystery Ramble led by Dorothy Kyle. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

Sept. 27: Join a ramble in the Reginald Hill area of Fulford led by Harold Page. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or at the Fulford Inn at 10:15 a.m.

### New Members

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### Membership Fees

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## DRAGON-BOAT RACING

# Spirit Point Dragons paddle to gold in finale

Team impresses in 500-metre race at Steveston Challenge

BY MARY ROWLES  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The final race of the season turned up golden for the Spirit Point Dragons, who returned from the Steveston Challenge with both sunburns and medals last week.

The race site at historic Britannia Shipyards on the Fraser River was perfect: the sun was blistering hot, the cappuccino bars were only four minutes away and the competition had a broad field of good recreational teams.

Tom McKeachie steered the boat to victory. Paddling for Salt Spring during the competition were Dan Gellein, Andrew Okulitch, Ware Hartwell, Barry Green, Melynda Okulitch, Shari Macdonald, Judy Willett, Sabine Georgy, Marit McBride, Andrea Smith, Robyn Huntley, Tracey Cornwall, Ann Marie Davidson, Carmelle Labelle, Christa Wohlfahrt, Kahsia Hartwell, Lynda Brown, Kim Hunter, Joy Winchell and Audrey Denton. Coach Mary Rowles yelled loud encouragement from the drummers' seat.

In the first two races of the day, Spirit Point posted times of 1:12 and 1:14 over the 200-metre course, against tough, competitive Vancouver teams like Lifescan and Dragon Hearts Beat, who fortunately we never had to see again that day. The combined times placed Spirit Point into the sixth group from the top for the semi-final 500-metre race. Trigger Fish was the team to beat and after a close start, Spirit Point pulled ahead and stayed ahead, finishing with four seconds to spare at 2:34. Trigger Fish came in at 2:39, followed by FLCC Paddle Pushers at 2:48, and O2P at 3:01. This first-place finish in the semi-final pushed Spirit Point up a level to group 5 and a final race in the Division-C championship.

In their final, Spirit Point shot off the start line and surged ahead of competitors Deep Cove Catch 22 (2:38), FLCC Fraser Dragons (2:41) and Ausenco Crouching Tiger (2:41.5). The Salt Spring team finished in 2:31 and headed to the medal ceremony where team cheerleader Nils Christensen collected the gold medals on behalf of the team and Sheila Christensen picked up a prize in the raffle.

The team has appreciated the support of local businesses Harbours End Marine, Country Grocer, Moby's Pub and Royal LePage this season.

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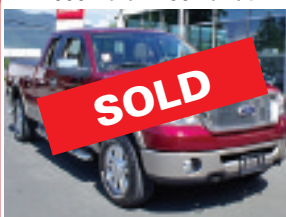
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