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PRIDE COLOURS: Participants in the Pride Parade carry a huge, multi-coloured rainbow flag, symbolizing gay and lesbian pride, as hundreds of people crowded into Ganges Saturday for Pride weekend festivities.

WATER CRD lifts south end drinking water advisory

Residents still await budget redress

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The residents of 16 properties on the island's south end can finally drink their tap water after the Capital Regional District removed a five-month-long drinking water advisory last week.

Individuals who live on Sunnyside and Tahouney roads near Fulford have had to collect their drinking water from a neighborhood water filling station since an elevated level of microcystin bacteria was detected in Weston Lake on April 18.

The CRD's failure to properly connect the neighbourhood to the Fulford Water District's new water filtration system on South Ridge Road left residents to contend with the district's outdated and inadequate water filtration facility.

Although microcystin levels associated with an algal bloom in Weston Lake continue to test higher than standards set by the federal government, the district's new treatment facility is able to filter the toxin.

Residents in this portion of the water system can now use their tap water for all drinking water purposes, according to a CRD notice published on Sept. 8.

"Levels have still not changed appreciably, but we also know that the treatment process, mainly with chlorine, can destroy the micro-

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POLITICS

NDP leader promises positive campaign

Adrian Dix speaks at brunch meeting

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

BC New Democratic Party leader Adrian Dix plans to take a page from Jack Layton's book and create a positive, optimistic campaign for the 2013 election, according to a speech given to a hall full of supporters at a fundraising brunch held last Sunday.

Although the opposition party will not be immediately capitalizing on the momentum gained by winning the HST referendum, Dix said, recent political events clearly demonstrate the public is ready for a different approach.

"I think one of the challenges of the current government is their profound negativity about

what could be done in BC and what couldn't," Dix said, naming community health care, public schools, the environment and First Nations treaties among the areas the Liberals say are impossible to change.

"They say you have to accept less . . . so a few people can have more. It's a view we have to challenge in the next election."

Dix claimed that the recent by-election in Premier Christy Clark's riding of Vancouver-Point Grey was one of the most negative campaigns of all time. The premier declined to take part in all-candidate debates and leaflets were distributed to households stating the NDP is pro-heroin and pro-prostitution.

With these tactics on the record Dix expects an even more negative campaign leading up to the next election but vowed to take Layton's final letter to heart in his party's actions.

"We're going to be positive and state what we're going to do," he said.

"We're going to be humble about what we're going to do in a four-year term — because we can't solve every problem in four years."

In the remainder of his speech and during the question and answer period that followed, Dix expressed commitment to a realistic view of what could be done differently and how it would be managed.

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NEWSBEAT

FIRE DISTRICT

SSI commemorates Sept. 11 victims

New radio tower also installed

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring firefighters joined their colleagues across the world this week in recognizing their brethren who died 10 years ago after the Sept. 11 attacks in New York.

Nearly 3,000 people were killed in the attacks, including 343 firefighters and paramedics. Salt Spring fire chief Tom Bremner said it's something everyone in the field is aware of.

"It was the biggest loss of the firefighter service brethren that we've ever experienced. It's worldwide," he said of the ongoing sorrow.

To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the event, the local fire hall held a brief memorial service and hosted about 30 visitors last Sunday morning. Videos, photos and stories were shared. The hall's roof siren was sounded for 30 seconds at 10:10 a.m.



Taylor Lundy places flowers at the fire hall in honour of Sept. 11 victims. Taylor's father, Dale Lundy (a captain with the local fire district) was in New York for commemorative ceremonies there.

"It was very important, very close and very real," Bremner said of the event.

Two members of the Salt Spring department were in New York to observe the United States' national memorial site. An official ceremony took place Sunday at the newly completed site at Ground Zero.

In other fire department news, a new radio communications tower was installed last week by Capital Region Emer-

gency Service Telecommunications Incorporated (CREST), the service that provides radio communications for emergency services in the region.

Bremner said emergency responders from the fire department, ambulance service and RCMP had made many complaints about the existing radio's system's poor signal quality in the north end.

"There were lots of break downs that shouldn't have been hap-

pening," Bremner said. CREST installed the tower at Fire Hall #3 in Central last week and will be installing the communications hardware this month.

Bremner said the radio frequency is used only by emergency responders.

This Monday, Sept. 19 the fire department's Board of Trustees will vote on the final budget for 2012 during its monthly meeting. Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

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Water advisory lifted after five months

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cystin," said Stuart Irwin, a spokesperson for CRD water quality.

Irwin said the CRD was been testing the water "every couple of weeks" but may revert to monthly testing given that microcystin levels have stabilized.

Replacement of a water distribution pipe and connections that serve the residents of Sunnyside and Tahouny roads is a step in the right direction in the CRD's ongoing quest to address a long list of

concerns raised by Fulford Water District commissioners in August.

"People are finally getting water that they paid for after three years of crappy water," said commissioner Tony Maude.

Maude and his fellow commissioners filed a claim against the CRD's "self-insurance fund" to recoup costs associated with the errors, oversights and mismanagement that have occurred during improvements to the district's infrastructure over the past several years. He said conservative estimates put costs at approxi-

mately \$180,000.

Operating costs of up to \$100 per month, he added, have only made things worse as property owners continue to deal with skyrocketing water bills.

"Our operating costs are spiraling out of control," he said. "The [operators] don't seem to be very cost conscious."

Maude said he hasn't even received a letter acknowledging receipt of the commissioners' Aug. 19 letter by CRD officials. A district resident, he said, has submitted a list of con-

cerns to the provincial ombudsman in hopes to resolve the outstanding problems.

"We'll be patient for another week and then push," Maude said.

A CRD spokesperson contacted Tuesday said the district is trying to determine how it can assist Fulford residents and relieve frustrations. Andy Orr said the CRD's so-called "self-insurance fund" is "intended for contractors who cause damage and does not seem to apply directly to this circumstance."

"We are working on it," he said.

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FISHERIES

Fisheries expert rescues resource by rebuilding tradition

Lake Babine First Nation's success a career highlight for islander

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

In a community rife with unemployment and poverty, set amidst a landscape denuded of forest and marred by a pair of abandoned gold and copper mines, the opening of a new salmon smokehouse is a big deal.

For Salt Spring's Greg Taylor, big deal is an understatement.

"It was the most powerful experience in my long career," he said.

Three years ago, Taylor decided to retire from a 30-year career in the commercial salmon fishery. He figured a move to the Gulf Islands would be an ideal way to slow down and take it easy.

That easy-going lifestyle got Taylor to use his work-life experience as a fisheries consultant for conservation groups like the Pacific Salmon Foundation and the SkeenaWild Conservation Trust, a move that landed him smack in the middle of an Aug. 26 celebration the Lake Babine First Nation near Smithers hasn't seen in a very long time.

More than a simple event to celebrate the opening of a new building, Taylor said, the smokehouse ceremony represented the successful restoration of a fishery and a tradition for a people who were forced to abandon their way of life more than 100 years ago.

Restrictions imposed by the federal government in the early 20th century to boost the mixed-stock fishery and canneries that were popping up near Prince Rupert signaled an end to the Lake Babine Nation's use of wooden weirs and beach seines approximately 500 kilometres upriver.

Based on years of research he's compiled to show that such policies may have done more to harm the region's fish stocks, Taylor set to work with representatives from the Lake Babine Nation, business and conservation groups to restore the traditional fishery and awaken a people's sense of identity.

"The real story is how the Lake Babine people, who were stripped of their one renewable resource and economy in 1906, have embraced the opportunity to recreate their fishery," he said.

An intensive mixed-stock fishery along the coast and in the Skeena River's lower reaches, Taylor argues, resulted in fewer fish making it upriver. He believes concentrating the fishery upriver will allow weaker stocks an opportunity to reproduce and regenerate.

The new fishery employs labour-intensive and relatively low-tech beach seine and dip-net techniques to selectively harvest specific species at various points throughout the Lake Babine Nation's massive territory in northwestern British Columbia. The end product is marketed by a Lower



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Greg Taylor (right) steps inside the new smokehouse on Lake Babine Nation territory with Chris Wick and Donna Macintyre.

"This is really the last renewable resource they have available to them. This fishery we started is a big deal."

GREG TAYLOR
Fisheries expert

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"The cash injection [to the local economy] is a really big deal but, more than that, is the sense of empowerment that recapturing their fishery has given to these people. This is really the last renewable resource they have available to them. This fishery we started is a big deal."

As of last week, the fishery had already pulled in more than 100,000 sockeye in the first 10 days of this year's short-nested season.

It's hoped restoration of a lucrative industry, practised in a sustainable manner, will save a community whose people are faced with near-constant economic hardship.

"These fisheries are very important to the Lake Babine people, who suffer from high unemployment and poverty," said Donna Macintyre, fisheries manager for the Lake Babine First Nation. "Some of the participants live on less than \$200 per month, so this income is a major boost to their ability to support themselves and their families."

For Taylor, who spent many years fishing off the northern coast and along the Skeena River, the project marked a return to familiar territory.

With assistance from his wife Janice Dickie, Taylor has helped to create what he believes is one of the most truly sustainable fisheries in the world. The change comes at a crucial moment for an industry under pressure as a result of too much focus on economics and too little on conservation.

Taylor said success on the Skeena could open opportunities for other projects in resource sectors that have come under similar pressures.

"By moving in this direction we will rebuild those stocks and have a more robust fishery," he said. "It's a transition, but many people understand the change and are adapting to the change. It's not like it's one or the other, it's about finding the right balance between economic opportunities and conservation."

News briefs

Building the bridge

Service Canada is continuing its support of the School District's Connecting Generations program this year with a \$33,000 grant for a sequel to last year's Bridging the Gap project.

According to program coordinator Sarah Hook-Nilsson, Building the Bridge will have two components. It will include focus groups for local youth aged 15 to

30 and adults to collaborate on a discussion of 21st-century employment skills, in particular those required for self-employment.

As well, a website to be used as a tool for youth to connect with the community will be developed. The website will be used by youth to post services that have the potential to grow into viable self-employment business opportunities. Possibilities for mentorship will be encouraged throughout.

For more information,

contact Hook-Nilsson at shooknilsson@sd64.bc.ca or leave a message at the high school at 250-537-9944.

Chance to air ferry woes

BC Ferry Commissioner Gordon Macatee and Deputy Commissioner Sheldon Stollen will be on Salt Spring this Thursday, Sept. 15 to gather public input on the impact of ferry fares and services on the coast. The meeting is scheduled

from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Harbour House Hotel. Discussion will be limited to the setting of fares as mandated under the Coastal Ferry Act.

Harold Swierenga, chair of Salt Spring's ferry Advisory Council, urges all local residents to attend if possible.

"I would strongly encourage any and all residents, business operators and visitors concerned about the impact of rising fares and the current fare level to attend this public meet-

ing," he wrote in last week's Driftwood.

Museum contest winner

The fourth and final winner of the Bittancourt House Museum contest was Michael Vane-Hunt, who correctly identified the historical item in the photo on Page 7 of the Aug. 31 Driftwood as a shotgun shell-loading tool. Vane-Hunt wins a pass to this weekend's Salt Spring Fall Fair.

FOR THE RECORD

• A laser sailor was incorrectly identified in a photo on Page 28 last week. The sailor was actually Forest Junker-Allen.

• The date of the Kate Reid concert was incorrect in an article in last week's paper. The performer was so busy on the road she neglected to advise her publicist of the date change. Reid performs on Salt Spring on Thursday, Sept. 29.

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NEWSBEAT

AGRICULTURE

ALC decision 'puzzles' trustees

Small farm thwarted

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A recent decision by the province's Agricultural Land Commission has sparked concern and questions about whether the provincial body's best intentions have gotten in the way of its ability to foster the success of a small-scale island farm.

Speaking during an interview late last week, Sebastian Moffatt said he isn't prepared to back down after commissioners denied his request for non-farm use in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

The application is needed for conversion of an existing dwelling for permanent farm worker housing on his family's 32-acre Stark Road property. Moffatt and his family, who are in the process of building a new home on the property, sought to offer farm worker housing in an existing dwelling, while keeping a modest 320-square-foot cottage for guests.

Although not in violation of the Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw and supported by the island's Local Trust Committee, the combination of a principle home, farm worker dwelling unit and small seasonal cottage on the property — eight acres of which is not in the ALR — sounded the alarm for ALC members who visited the site earlier this

summer. Commissioners pointed out that the new dwelling is being constructed on land within the ALR.

"The commission is concerned that the size of the parcel and the present and planned development for the property falls short of the farm dwellings for owner and farm help accommodation," reads part of the ALC's decision.

"The commission believes the proposal would negatively impact existing or potential agricultural use of the subject and surrounding lands by increasing the residential density."

Moffatt's property, which includes a new barn, fencing and stocked ponds, features cattle, duck, geese, orchards, small vineyard, managed woodlot and hay pastures. Because work in Vancouver keeps him away from the island for extended periods, he said, farm help is essential to the success of his eclectic small-scale agricultural operation.

Moffatt said he thinks the case demonstrates how the ALC's one-size-fits-all policy doesn't offer any leeway for smaller and relatively unconventional producers. The distinction is especially important in a place like Salt Spring, where the cost of land and lack of affordable housing put would-be farmers at an even greater disadvantage.

According to the ALC's decision,

Moffatt's request for farm worker housing will only be considered if he lessens the "potential negative impacts" of higher residential density by including the whole 34-acre property within the ALR and agreeing to have only one additional dwelling for farm help.

In an Aug. 23 letter to ALC chair Richard Bullock, submitted on behalf of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee, trustee George Ehring questioned the ALC's logic and sought more clarification about the decision.

"Personally, it seems to me that the applicant has clearly demonstrated a commitment to expanding the agricultural productivity of his farm," Ehring wrote.

"We are puzzled by the ALC's decision on Mr. Moffatt's application," Ehring added. "If as the commission determined, his proposal 'will negatively impact agriculture,' then we wonder under what circumstances the commission would look favorably on an application to provide permanent housing for farm workers."

Ehring concludes the letter by asking the ALC to clarify its position on permanent farm worker housing.

Moffatt, who has an opportunity to appeal the decision, said he intends to write the ALC to shed more light on his case in hopes of reaching a compromise.

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EARTHQUAKE
Quake offers reminder
 On being prepared

The coordinator of Salt Spring Island's emergency program says Friday's 6.4 magnitude earthquake is a wake up call for residents to develop and review their emergency preparedness plans.

"Obviously there's some concern because there's some big movements right now," said Elizabeth Zook.

Zook said Salt Spring and the outer Gulf Islands appear to have missed the shake up that rattled parts of Vancouver Island, the Sunshine Coast and the Lower Mainland early Friday afternoon.

The Sept. 9 earthquake, which was initially reported to be as high as 6.7 magnitude, was centered 50 kilometres off the west coast of northern Vancouver Island. Zook said the earthquake didn't last long enough to trigger any potential tsunami risk.

She said the quake is a great opportunity for people to plan to participate in the second annual Great British Columbia Shake Out drill on Oct. 20.

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NEWSBEAT

Dix weighs in on the environment

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"We have to make a case for change that is both pragmatic and doable," he said.

Connecting taxes to services is a major part of the platform Dix is forming. He plans to keep the Carbon Tax, but to direct its revenue to projects that address community environmental goals, rather than subsidizing tax cuts to business.

Similarly, he said, the Pacific Carbon Trust, which BC schools as well as hospitals and individual taxpayers pay into, should be redirected to supporting energy saving projects in those schools instead of purchasing carbon offsets from private companies such as the EnCana Corporation.

Dix named environmental issues as the biggest area of policy divergence between his party and the Liberals, pointing out that Clark's first priority after she became premier was to try to reverse the federal government's ruling against the Fish Lake project.

"You have to be a long way along the fringe to be right of Stephen Harper on the environment — and that's where they are," Dix said.

The opposition leader also weighed in on BC Hydro's smart meter plan, calling the initiative a poor investment that could have been better used on energy savings measures such as building retrofits.

"Hydro will be one of the first places we will look at [for change]," he said, adding that all of its projects need to go back under the scrutiny of the BC Utilities Commission to protect ratepayer interests.

Questions from the audience ranged on issues such as how to support post-secondary education, making public transportation more accessible and restructuring BC Ferries. One strategy,



Provincial NDP leader Adrian Dix speaks at a brunch meeting on Salt Spring last Saturday.

Dix said, would be to restore taxes on financial institutions to their 2008 levels (cuts started in 2001 and they have since been eliminated).

Reopening Lady Minto's operating room, which Dix supported when he visited the island as the official health critic last year, is still on the menu.

He recommends restoring lost health services around the province and then reviewing each case to see if the decisions were effective or not under a Health Quality Council.

As for the upcoming 18 moths, Dix said, the Liberal's post-HST announcement that an election wouldn't come this fall was no surprise given their low support in the polls.

"Now we have excellent candidates ready and will be able to make the case for positive change over a longer period of time," Dix said.

"It will be harder for the premier because she hasn't communicated why she wants to premier, or what she wants to do."

Dix also lent his strong support to Gary Holman, the NDP candidate for Saanich North and the Islands, who came close to upsetting MLA Murray Coell in the last election.

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LOCAL ELECTIONS

Islanders gear up as election season nears

Local candidates keep mum

The scent of election season is in the air as Salt Spring's chief electoral officer announced the nomination period for candidates who seek to run in the upcoming round of local elections for the Islands Trust, Capital Regional District and school district.

Nomination packages must be submitted to local deputies between 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4 and 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14.

Thomas Moore, the island's veteran electoral officer, said he's unable to divulge the names of any nominees before the

deadline.

"There won't be any confirmation of filing until after October 14," he said.

Potential candidates have just under a month to gather the required information and fill out the lengthy list of documents and requirements contained in the election package.

Potential nominees must have the signatures of two qualified electors from within their jurisdiction and provide a written disclosure among their nomination documents.

"It's a very big package," Moore said.

As of Tuesday morning, no candidates had yet to step for-

ward and publicly declare their intention to run for any of the positions up for grabs.

Eligible Salt Spring voters will have an opportunity to elect two members of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee, one Capital Regional District director for the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area and three local members of the seven-member school board when voting gets underway on Saturday, Nov. 19. Each successful candidate will be elected for a three-year term.

More information about the positions and the nomination process is available by calling Moore at 250-472-0059.

AWARDS

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Due this Friday

The countdown is on to complete nominations for the 6th annual MISTIC (Mid-Island Science Technology & Innovation Council) Innovation Awards.

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Paving the way — the Bowen experience

Learning from the first island municipality

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Incorporation Revisited

When locally elected officials of the day sought public input on the prospect of a full-scale restructure study for Bowen Island, the result couldn't have painted a clearer picture about a population fed up with inefficient and expensive government service, a poor relationship with the regional district and dismal political representation.

Nearly 70 per cent of 200 respondents to a survey in late 1997 indicated outright dissatisfaction or partial dissatisfaction with how Bowen Island services were provided. More than 70 per cent expressed support for a full government-sponsored restructure study to examine the potential costs and benefits of changing to a municipal system and 53 per cent expected incorporation was the best way to implement the desired changes.

When Bowen Island residents voted to create an island municipality in 1999, councillor Peter Frinton recalls a community polarized in similar ways to young municipalities examined in part three of this Driftwood series.

"We hoped that incorporation would at least give us authority to deal with these problems in house. The expectation was that taxes would rise moderately and that we could achieve transition to a full-service community within five years," he said. "The fears were that costs would escalate, that we would do things no better than they were handled before and that developer-supported councils would alter the agenda to pro-growth."

The latter fear is at the heart of many people's concerns about a move towards incorporation, and one that was recalled by Wayne Fraser, a member of Salt Spring's local government restructure committee appointed back in 1999.

"The bogeyman was that only real estate agents would run for council," he said.

Although it's entirely possible for a slate of pro-development candidates to get elected, Fraser has faith in the democratic process and the electorate's unwillingness to forget and forgive.

"Well, if they screwed up, they wouldn't get elected the next time."

According to a Union of B.C. Municipalities' May 2011 paper titled Comment on Fiscal Management in B.C.'s Municipalities, in 2010, 28 per cent of councillors in B.C. were business owners, 29 per cent business employees and 26 per cent employed in the public sector.

As readers of last week's installment about incorporation and the Islands Trust may recall, it's the Bowen Island experience that sets the best example for what residents of an incorporated Salt Spring could anticipate.

Alison Morse, a Bowen Island municipal councillor and trustee, said experience tells her that people shouldn't expect any kind of development boom as a result of a community's decision to incorporate. "That has not been the case," she said.

"I think developers would still say it takes too long to get an application processed, but they would be positive in that it is a one-stop shop, you can go to the municipal office and talk to everyone rather than having to deal with several agencies, most not on Bowen."

Although councillors say Bowen has benefited as a result of incorporation and that developers haven't yet run amuck on the island, Frinton says any change in governance must be approached with caution.

"We are retrenching after 12 years, having spent much of our reserves on everything from roads to a satellite firehall to planning consultants, [and] taxes have risen moderately to pay for increased

community grants and programming," said Frinton. "With wider responsibilities, municipal operations are extremely hectic and demanding, much more so than when authority is vested with different organizations." Since 2002, the Bowen Island municipal tax levy has increased 76 per cent from just under \$2 million to nearly \$3.5 million this year. Bowen is following a provincial trend that's seen local government tax levies and expenditures rise steadily for 20 years.

The UBCM's Comment on Fiscal Management report attributes the increase not to "out-of-control" spending but to "demands and needs of communities for important local services," as well as higher levels of government downloading costs onto local governments. Regardless, it's clear that incorporation is unlikely to offer relief when it comes to property taxes.

Once incorporated, Salt Spring would

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also take direct financial responsibility for Capital Regional District services like parks and recreation, CRD water districts and sewers, and building inspection, in addition to provincial services like policing and roads.

Back in 2002, when the Salt Spring Island Restructure Study Update was published, island residents paid nearly \$1.6 million in provincial rural tax for the RCMP and roads. Total cost to the province for roads and policing was estimated at just under \$2 million (about \$1.1 million for roads and \$727,000 for policing), leaving the province to pick up the difference.

On Bowen, policing costs have consistently represented just under four per cent of the community's total expenditures (after the provincial grant for communities of under 5,000 residents) since transition funding from the province ran out in 2007.

In an incorporation situation here on Salt Spring, the municipality would be responsible for 70 per cent of the RCMP's total costs. When the island's population rises above 15,000, the municipal portion of the police budget would be 90 per cent.

On an operations level, changes would shift the responsibility for the budget from the province's "general contract" with unincorporated areas to the municipal government. The difference is that local representatives could determine staff levels and set priorities as they occur over the course of the year, a feature some islanders believe would aid the perpetually understaffed local detachment.

When it comes to roads, incorporation means the municipal council can prioritize roadway improvements, but it also means councils are left with the bill for any road maintenance and improvements they undertake.

On Bowen Island, a community with 128 lane-kilometres of unpaved and paved roads, the 2010 budget for roads, drainage and infrastructure reached roughly 12 per cent of total municipal expenses.

Here on Salt Spring we've got 265 lane-kilometres of roads, 52 kilometres of which have been repaved in the past decade, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure told the Driftwood. Back then, the \$1.1 million cost to maintain roadways was partially subsidized by the provincial government. A current restructure study would offer updated information.

Greater responsibility, Frinton said, may come at a price but also results in more control and more efficient service delivery across the board.

"Some functions have improved quite dramatically," he said of Bowen's experience. "The takeover of water districts was fraught with difficulties, but the systems are now more robust, still have neighbourhood representation, and are more aligned in terms of quality control, operational standards and equipment."

The negative experience some Salt Spring water districts have recently had with the CRD — at present our only management option if an infrastructure upgrade and provincial-federal funding is required — suggests that's one area that should see improvement through incorporation.

Furthermore, according to a list of items developed by the Salt Spring Island Restructure Committee, a mayor and council could have a greater influence on provincial ministries and outside agencies when it comes to lobbying for islanders' interests.

Under the current system, local Trust committees can "advocate on behalf of island communities in regards to policies of other levels of government," giving them the admirable but thankless and often unrecognized role as defenders of local interests, whether it be on the subject of ferry fares or locally produced food.

In its Considerations Related to Salt Spring Becoming a Municipality document, however, the island's past restructure committee notes that "a mayor's influence is much greater than the individual or collective influence of CRD and Trust representatives."

"Salt Spring's ability to influence decisions would increase with both the mayor and Trust advocating on our behalf," reads the report. "Additionally, UBCM, which Salt Spring would join [as a municipality and not just part of the Trust or CRD], provides a direct avenue to provincial ministries and other levels of government."

The report also predicts an incorporated area within the Trust would improve community involvement, focus and representation.

Specifically, "seven municipal council members would provide broader community representation and more viewpoints and perspectives than our current system with three elected officials."

And while broader political representation is lauded, it's important to note that on Bowen it's still meant plenty of hard work, heated negotiations and compromises.

"Public sentiments do not change as a result of incorporation," Frinton said. "The same polarities continue to exist and political expectations tend not to be fully met."

Incorporation on Bowen Island has, since 1999, come at a cost and failed to be a perfect system, but has resulted in several gains that today's council members feel are a step in the right direction.

Contemplating the restructure study

"At this point, the Restructure Program is fully committed for the upcoming three-year period."

That's how a spokesperson from the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development summed up the prospect of a restructure (incorporation) study for Salt Spring Island in an April 2011 letter addressed to Islanders for Self Government.

A similar story was heard not long after the election of trustees George Ehring and Christine Torgimson and Salt Spring Capital Regional District director Garth Hendren in November of 2008.

Even if the province was actively funding such studies, a government spokesperson said at the time, political circumstances on the island hadn't changed enough since 70 per cent of voters defeated incorporation in a 2002 referendum to justify the cost of a new study.

According to the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, the snub is nothing personal.

The "significant economic downturn" immediately following the incorporation of three communities in 2007, explained ministry spokesperson Jeff Rud on Sept. 8, is the main reason the province was encouraged to tighten its belt and pull back on any further studies.

While the cost for individual studies can easily top \$100,000, the province must also follow through with funds to ease the political transition if voters decide to proceed with incorporation.

Although funding under the restructure program is "fully committed" at this point, Rud did note the ministry "is hopeful that Restructure Program Funding will be available after the financial commitments have been made at the end of this fiscal year."

"We also anticipate there will be numerous requests for funding," he said. Ensuring the community is at the front of the line, noted the ministry, will require converting water improvement districts to one water service and "educating the community about different roles and responsibilities of the current service providers on the island."

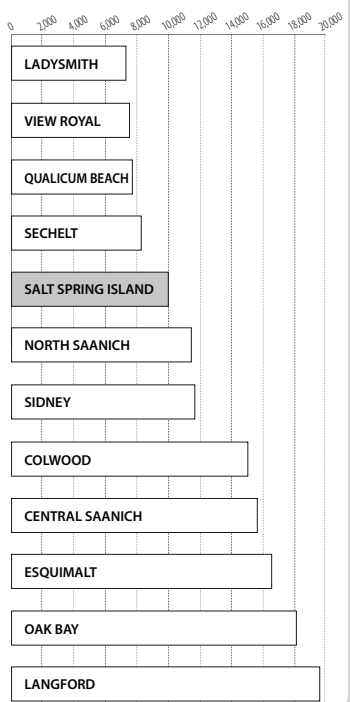
For Bob Bish, a former professor in the School of Public Administration at the University of Victoria, movement towards a restructure study always begins at the local level.

"The community needs to put together a committee of interested people," he said. "Sometimes it will include some already elected to an office, other times not. If the committee has credibility, the ministry provides funds to commission a study of the implications."

The study outlines major issues like roads and policing, and offers crucial forecasts for revenues and expenditures, including property tax rates necessary to fund the new municipality.

"I think it's pretty hard to find the relevant information upon which to make choices without the kind of incorporation study the ministry finances," Bish added.

POPULATION COMPARISON WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES



NEWSBEAT



PHOTO BY DEBRICK LUNDY

HOCKEY GREAT: Hockey fan Val Buesis poses with "Pocket Rocket" Henri Richard, an 11-time Stanley Cup champion with the Montreal Canadiens, at a signing event held at Country Grocer last Saturday. Richard was named one of the 100 greatest hockey players by the Hockey News and was elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1979. Richard was met by a large enthusiastic crowd of people who lined up to see and meet him.

Pool closed in Sept. but lots of trails open

Maintenance period is Sept. 3 to 24

BY KEES RUURS
PARC MANAGER

Fall may be around the corner, but there are still a great many recreational opportunities you can enjoy in the coming months.

Trails to consider

PARC'S trail crew has been busy upgrading and maintaining many short trails. These include the trail that connects Churchill Road and Long Harbour Road, the Dunbabin trail between (401) Stark Road and Robinson Road, the Reginald Hill trail that starts at the end of Morningside Road and the Fern Creek trail off of Isabella

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Point Road.

And that's not all. A new trail was constructed down to Madrona Bay from Long Harbour Road (go up Long Harbour 1 km and you'll find it on the right hand side of the road). At the end of Armand Way is a trail that connects to Mount Maxwell Provincial Park.

The Duck Creek trail system also saw some major improvements this summer and a new connecting trail was developed from across Mountain Park Drive into that park.

Finally, did you know PARC has a small park just beyond the Long Harbour ferry termi-

nal up Scott Point Drive on the right hand side? Welbury Park allows for a short hike down to the water's edge and provides a glorious view out over the water.

Leisure guide

The fall leisure guide was inserted into the Sept. 7 issue of the Driftwood. It will provide you with information about all the recreational opportunities here on the island. If you want an extra copy, just drop by the PARC office at Portlock Park or the Driftwood office in Ganges.

Picnic shelter

There's some construction going on behind the Lions playground in Portlock Park. The Lions Club and PARC are

building a brand new picnic shelter for parents watching either younger kids in the playground or older ones on the soccer field. And speaking of recent construction, don't forget that the resurfaced Fulford tennis court is now available for your use.

Pool maintenance

The Rainbow Road pool will be closed between Sept. 3 and 24.

When the pool is drained, repairs will be made to the tile. Some equipment will also be replaced and the rest of the facility will get a very thorough cleaning inside and out.

However, the pool's new winter schedule is already available at the pool or the PARC office.

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EDITORIAL

Rocking the boat

There's no denying, BC Ferry commissioner Gordon Macatee and deputy commissioner Sheldon Stoilen have had a choppy end to their summer.

Since the beginning of August, the pair has travelled to communities large and small along the length of coastal British Columbia to gather comments about what kind of impact rising ferry fares have had on families, businesses and the livelihoods of people in communities from Haida Gwaii to the Sunshine Coast.

The 16-stop coastal road trip was initiated in May when Macatee began his review of the Coastal Ferry Act in the wake of declining ridership and rising ferry fares.

Throughout the process, Macatee has been able to work under a provincial mandate to determine a better balance between the interest of ferry users and BC Ferries' financial well being.

THE ISSUE:

BC Ferries commissioner visit

WE SAY:

Speak up now

havoc on local economies and the cost of living.

On the Sunshine Coast last week, more than 100 ferry users crammed into a local community centre to voice thoughts about privatization, lowering fares, on-time performance, customer service and ferry schedules.

It was the largest gathering thus far but captured much of the same spirit voiced by residents in ferry dependent communities like Queen Charlotte City, Sandspit, Masset, Klemtu, Bella Bella and Ocean Falls.

On Thursday afternoon between 2 and 4 p.m., the BC Ferry Commission tour will stop by the Harbour House Hotel where each of us will get the chance to speak about what kind of impact rising ferry fares has had here on Salt Spring.

Since grumbling about fares is such a prevalent pastime on the island, most of us should have no problem making the commissioner's visit a noteworthy and memorable experience.

We've finally got an audience so let's not miss the boat.



Euthanasia case piques interest

BY JACK HALLAM

Those who have lived on Salt Spring for 10 or 12 years will remember the petitions that were circulated in support of clemency for Robert Latimer.

The first petition gained 400 signatures, the second a year later with the help of Dr. Brian Finnemore over 800, which would have been even higher if several pages of signatures had not disappeared. The petitions were sent to the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

This was a case of euthanasia and the Supreme Court of Canada in its final decision after describing Robert as a "loving father" had to uphold the cruel law as it was written.

In 1993, Sue Rodrigues' case for assisted suicide drew national and international attention. Most know that the decision of the SCC to not allow her to legally ask a physician to end her horrible suffering was a close five to four decision. The present Chief Justice, Beverly McLaughlin, voted with the minority. Justice Sopinka wrote of the Catholic doctrine of the "sanctity of life" and voted with the majority.

Those of us who know from personal experience the lengthy agonizing death of a loved one, in my case my grandfather whose moaning in the final stages of stomach cancer I can still remember 79 years later, also know that the present law that assisted suicide is criminal is cruel and reprehensible.

In B.C. we now have a similar court case to that of Sue Rodrigues. Gloria Taylor of Kelowna also has ALS and has lived longer than her doctor predicted, but is desperate to end her life before she reaches the horrible condition of Sue Rodrigues. The court case is called the Carter Case as it is brought with the help of the B.C. Civil Liberties association by Lee Carter and Hollis Johnson, who escorted Lee's mother to Dignitas in Switzerland last year where physician-assisted suicide is not illegal.

Dr. William Shoichet, who has written extensively on assisted suicide, has joined the court challenge on behalf of Gloria Taylor. The BCCLA will also have Dr. Georg Bosshard, a renowned researcher who

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wrote Euthanasia and the Law in Europe.

A similar court challenge in Quebec on behalf of Ginette Leblanc (age 47), who also has ALS and has lost the use of her legs and is losing the use of her hands, is expected to be initiated soon with the help of a prominent civil rights lawyer named Rene Duval.

Most thinking and informed people are aware that assisted suicide is now legal in Montana, Washington and Oregon and in Belgium, Holland and Switzerland. Public opinion in favour is probably strongest in Switzerland. Recently in Zurich in the German-speaking part, a referendum was held to make assisted suicide illegal. It was defeated by a resounding 85 per cent!

Last February here in B.C. a new organization, the Farewell Foundation for the Right to Die, was formed. Its founding director Russel Ogden accompanied the Carter family to Zurich, Switzerland last fall. It has been granted intervenor status in the Carter case. Its position differs from the BCCLA in that it doesn't believe a physician has to be present to assist someone who, after careful consideration, wants to die.

Why does this interest me so much? I have been a member of the existing Right to Die Society for nearly 30 years. It has recently joined with the other Canadian organization Dying with Dignity, but the Farewell Foundation may prove to be the most valuable in helping those of us who plan our own exit.

In my case, with multiple and increasing health problems I've told my closest relative and several friends that I would like to make my final exit near the end of 2012.

Although he is a major disappointment, I hope Obama is re-elected in November 2012 and would die knowing there may still be hope for the declining American empire. If defeated, I would not want to be around on the same continent with a Tea Party-influenced Republican government.

The writer is a retired university professor.

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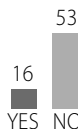
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"I have never lived in a more engaged community, where people so passionately look after each other and the place they love." GEORGE EHRLING

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What's your favourite part of the Fall Fair?


TYLER IRWIN

The sheep and the bunnies.


BOB WEEDEN

Ripe tomatoes on display in the exhibitors' hall.


GEORGE SIPOS

That's easy — it's the pies!


JENNIFER LANNAN AND GERARD

The exhibits in general and entries from people's gardens.


MELINDA DIVERS

I think it's ultimately the community feel that it brings with it.

Letters to the editor

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

Positive health-care experience

Recently, while on vacation on Salt Spring, I had reason to experience our health care system first hand. Due to a cardiac medical emergency, I was transported by ambulance to Lady Minto Hospital's ER and then the following day to Royal Jubilee Hospital's cardiac short-stay unit.

We hear many negative comments about health care in this country and are so aware of the difficulties and restrictions under which our health care professionals have to operate; however, I have nothing but the most positive things to say about the wonderful care I received. From first responders and ambulance attendants, to nurses and

doctors, to radiology and lab technicians, I couldn't have been in better hands in both hospitals. I was treated with compassion, good humour, kindness and the highest level of professionalism.

As I continue to rest and recuperate on Salt Spring, my heartfelt (pun intended!) thanks to all of those dedicated medical professionals involved in my care and successful treatment at a truly frightening and stressful time.

WENDY SHEPPARD,
WATERDOWN, ONTARIO

Don't make roads worse

It's nice to see the issue of bicycling on Salt Spring in the news once again.

As a regular cyclist on Salt Spring roads, I enjoy reading and learning the opinion of others on this subject. And while I appreciate the efforts

of local cycling groups and the island pathways group, there is still much that could be improved. The pathways are great for certain things, but not for cycling along a slow speed. And now a major section of Beddis Road — one of the roads often touted by many as a nice cycling road, great for tourists and commuters alike — has been turned into a giant pathway and is more dangerous for cyclists than before. Should we not be taking advantage of road improvement projects to also improve roads for cyclists (widening/adding shoulders, painting markers on the road) rather than making it worse?

NATHAN CARDINAL,
BEDDIS ROAD

Share responsibility

With Sept. 11 having just been marked, I would like to

direct readers' attention to the events that took place on that date 38 years ago.

On Sept. 11, 1973, Salvador Allende, the democratically elected president of Chile, died (some say committed suicide), as his palace was being attacked by planes and tanks during a coup mounted by General Augusto Pinochet; a coup which marked the beginning of a vicious 17-year-long dictatorship.

Allende's party was socialist, something not to the liking of the government of the United States. Following their foreign policy of interference and aggression (often leading to outright invasion) in countries whose politics are perceived to be against their own interests, and after years already spent subverting democracy in Chile, on that Tuesday in September, Pinochet, armed by the U.S., was in a position

to mount a coup, overthrowing Allende and his government. Highly conservative estimates put the number of civilians killed at 3,200, while approximately 30,000 were tortured, and tens of thousands more made homeless or exiled.

Pinochet's regime was only one of several U.S.-backed military dictatorships which were installed or supported in Central and South America alone (most noticeably in Nicaragua, Guatemala and Argentina), but the destruction of Allende's government was exceptional, in that Chile had had a reputation as a country with the most stable democracy in Latin America.

The role of the U.S. in the events of Sept. 11, 1973, and the violent oppression that followed, not surprisingly continue to fuel hostility into the present. This is partly due to the fact that in

order to attain the democracy Chile enjoys today, any search for justice for the victims of Pinochet's regime had to be abandoned.

Of course, no country, including Canada, remains without blame, but the sheer magnitude of the terror inflicted by the U.S., both in the death and destruction meted out, and in the number of countries interfered with due to misguided self-interest, is unparalleled in history.

Perhaps a deeper understanding could help the citizens of this still great nation to accept their full share of responsibility for the brave new world we all find ourselves in, and to learn that all lives are valuable, not only those of people born in the United States.

R.M. DUPUY,
MOUNTAIN ROAD

MORE LETTERS continued on 10

Supersizing wildlife could solve tourism woes

As I write this week's column, my wife and I are in the middle of our annual late-summer, three week road trip holiday around B.C. in our '76 Dodge camper van. We have driven up to the north of Vancouver Island, taken the Discovery ferry to Bella Coola, cruised along the Chilcotin Plateau, travelled up to the goldfields of the Cariboo, and are now exploring the dry hills of the Thompson-Okanagan.

Everywhere we go we have experienced the world-famous wildlife of British Columbia. We've marvelled at the pods of orcas and humpback whales in Queen Charlotte Sound, and the hundreds of coho salmon leaping in the bay at the entrance to Bella Bella as they wait for the tide to come up so they can move up the creek to spawn. We've stood face-to-face with a grizzly sow as she eyed us from atop a log no more than 30 feet away on the Bella Coola River.

We pulled the van over at a bridge across the Cottonwood River just east of Wells in order to watch a black bear and her two cubs graze alongside the riverbank. Later in the trip we saw more bears in the parched hillsides over-looking the Nicola Valley. There was a massive bull-moose standing on the side of the road on the highway leading to Barkerville and a herd of sure-footed bighorn sheep grazing at Junction Sheep Range Provincial Park near the confluence of the Chilcotin and Fraser rivers.

What we saw more than anything else, however, were European tourists (in the

hundreds) piling out of their eco-tour buses or their giant RV rental units in hopes of lining up the "perfect wildlife shot" with their digital cameras. Outfitted with the latest in high-tech camping gear and clothing, and equipped with outlandishly expensive cameras, tripods and lenses the size of the muzzle from the cannon of an M1 Abrams tank, these visitors from abroad (but mainly Germany) had spared no effort or expense to capture in pixelated form their romantic visions of "western wilderness."

This has all been a rather long-winded attempt to get to the focus of this week's topic. For some years now, the Salt Spring economy has been devastated by the shrinking tourist presence coupled with the effects of the global recession and the weakening U.S. dollar. All segments of island society have suffered as a result of this figurative belt-tightening. Wouldn't it make sense if we were to shove our collective foot in this Euro "eco-tour" door?

Shouldn't we be promoting Salt Spring wildlife opportunities? Ought we not to cultivate all possibilities to enhance our area as a centre for viewing large mammals in their natural habitat? What do we do instead? Every time a bear or cougar swims over to our "not so wild" shores, we lock our dogs, cats, and children indoors and dis-


Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

patch our local animal control authorities to shoot it.

Granted, any critter that decides to swim over to Salt Spring instead of taking the ferry like everybody else is nonconforming and probably in contravention of some bylaw or other. What we need to do is overlook such minor transgressions (possibly a small fine would suffice) and encourage the beasts to "come on over." We should be breeding the suckers instead of killing them.

Think about it. The more bears, cougars, wolves and moose we get, the greater will be our share of the Euro tourist dollar. If things go well, we could all be driving Hummers and Beemers, spending our winters in our private Swiss chalets in the Alps, and flossing muesli out from between our well-polished teeth.

Even if breeding the wilder wildlife doesn't quite work out, there are other options available to us if we exercise our creative juices.

For instance, take our regular cuddly little island sheep. We could buff them up with steroids or develop them "au naturel" by making them work out non-stop at North End Fitness until they bulk to the size of a bighorn. We could then get our talented island potters to fabricate huge earthenware horns to attach to the heads of these Terminator sheep to make them look like

the real thing. And of course we could re-instate our old free-range policy so that the sheep could stop excited tourists at every bend in the road (although, admittedly, ICBC accident claims might increase proportionately).

Likewise, our puny black-tailed deer, which serve more as a nuisance to drivers and gardeners alike, could be force-fed left-over food that, until now, has been thrown out by the numerous island restaurants and cafes. Once "supersized," the deer could be fitted with large racks welded together from old metal axles and transmission parts rusting away in the yards of our auto wreckers. We could then pawn them off as Gulf Island Moose to the unsuspecting Euro tourist. And for those few tourists not carrying huge photographic implements, another market could be developed for the sale of postcards of cutely posed "wild" island critters.

As you can see, there's no end to the possibilities and the sky's the limit. Nobody asked me, but we could solve our economic woes if we just apply a little old-fashioned ingenuity to what has up to now seemed an insurmountable problem. With a bit of tweaking, even our new virulent pest, the small but ubiquitous bunny rabbit, could be made to look like B.C. versions of the feared African rhino and/or hippo.

What have we got to lose? It's time we ditched the image of tie-dyes and Birkenstocks and entered the new age of "the Wild Island Kingdom."

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Unsolved mysteries

Sept. 11 was the 10th anniversary of the destruction of the World Trade Centre in New York, and now the invented stories about it being a "conspiracy" are ripe with innuendo to baffle the brains of the ignorant and intelligent world-wide, and most of all in the U.S.

Now there is the notion that Osama bin Laden was the chosen villain of the piece. But in fact I believe it was an "inside job" and the design of its architecture was created to cause this disaster since in the rubble were found explosives never before with what is known as "unreacted nano-thermite" in it. So of course it becomes another unsolved mystery, since Osama bin Laden was captured by U.S. forces. Who then fed him to the sharks?

Now it is claimed the initial death toll of 3,000 has been raised to 5,000 as rescue workers developed cancer from inhaling the dust from the rubble.

Just a note here on the number of London inhabitants who perished in World War II during the Nazi blitzes — it was at least 20,000. An equal number of the German population perished during the Royal Air Force raids on Berlin. For me now at age 82 years of age as an ex-Londoner these events that occurred when I was 10 to 15 years old are never forgotten.

But was since the beginning of the 20th century have obliterated over 200 million of the human population. So in fact I am one of the more fortunate "survivors" who then in turn helped increased the Earth's population by six descendants. Such is life on this good planet.

No wonder aliens from other planets tend to give us a wide berth. Nevertheless we continue to breed and populate this planet. Now we hope and pray we can create enough edible substances and H2O to keep us alive and well.

As Marx noted, "Progress is indeed three steps forward for each two backwards, but one step forward nevertheless." So maybe my family members will figure that out by their 82nd birthday.

The best of luck to you all.

R.G. O'NEILL,
GANGES

Cycling support

The co-signatories to this letter are writing to welcome all the recent attention given to cycling on Salt Spring by the Driftwood and its various contributors, most recently columns by Steve Peterson and Meghan Howcroft.

The themes are similar and echo the lamentable and downright dangerous state of cycling infrastructure on SSI. It is of course easy to call for bike lanes on our island; the challenge is in getting them funded and built.

Driftwood readers may know that a 1992 MOU between the Trust and the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) calls for bike/pedestrian lanes to be installed on "major rural" roads on Salt Spring including Ganges Hill in conjunction with MoTI paving projects.

We may have a couple of factors working in our favour at the present time:

- the SSI Transportation Commission (SSITC) now exists, giving

an important voice to islanders on transportation infrastructure;

- Island Pathways has forged a coalition "Partners Creating Pathways" dedicated to expanding the Ganges Urban Pathway Network;

- the launching of the Bicycle Working Group (BWG) in 2010 as an offshoot of Island Pathways gives a voice to cyclists on SSI;

- there is a new team at MoTI with new people at the managerial level with a fresh perspective on SSI;

- our CRD director Garth Hendren and the CRD general manager Bob Lapham are very much engaged on the bike file;

- our MP Elizabeth May has expressed a personal interest in the SSI bike file.

We do not suppose for one minute that progress is going to be quick or easy. The financial climate in Victoria right now after the HST fiasco is going to be all the more difficult. But we need to chip away and to try to keep Salt Spring on MoTI's radar.

The SSITC and CRD expect to build bike lanes in North Ganges next year. But we need a concerted effort to start work on the Fulford/Vesuvius link as part of the Salish Sea Regional Trail. SSI taxpayer support may be an important element as well as MoTI support.

We must act collectively and we need to rally around the BWG consensus to focus our efforts for improved cycling on Ganges Hill as a first priority or all this excitement and welcome support in the Driftwood will have less real impact than is warranted.

We urge interested individuals to join Island Pathways (parent of the BWG) and to write to the transportation commission. Working together, we can make a difference.

DONALD MCLENNAN,
CHAIR, SALT SPRING ISLAND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

BRENDA GUALED,
CHAIR, BICYCLE WORKING GROUP,
ISLAND PATHWAYS

Generous islanders

We are writing from Kigali, Rwanda, to give an appreciation to the generosity of Salt Spring Islanders whose continual support to projects in so many countries in sub-Saharan Africa is amazing. In particular, we are grateful for the donations that have helped ease the lives and circumstances of Rwandans over the past year.

SOLID made a donation to two projects. One was to provide nutritional assistance to babies of HIV positive mothers in Butare. The funds were given to a youth NGO committed to responding to HIV/AIDS, and implemented by a young HIV positive medical student. SOLID also financed the production of CDs for a dynamic and emerging singing group of Batwa (the indigenous and historically marginalized forest dwellers of Rwanda).

Another island group, Seeds for Malawi, has contributed to two projects in Kigali this past year. They donated to a social program run by the Kigali Genocide Memorial, where we work. This program assists genocide orphans and widows (many raped and HIV positive), and the donation eased difficult life circumstances.

Seeds for Malawi also provided funding to a Kigali orphanage for an initial planting of vegetables on a plot the orphanage had been gifted outside the city

but had been unable to develop. In addition to an improved diet, the children now have an opportunity to spend time in a rural environment.

Islanders also contributed to the orphanage through donations we solicited directly. These funds enabled the orphanage to rebuild latrines after massive flooding destroyed the steep wall behind the orphanage and buried the original latrines. You also helped the youth have a fantastic Christmas party!

So thank you all. What a generous community!

MAGGIE ZIEGLER
PHIL VERNON
SALT SPRING

Art vandals

As the initiator of the Inside Out Project here on Salt Spring Island, I wanted to express my disappointment and surprise at seeing the defacement done to the portraits of the Grade 3-4 students of Fulford Elementary School.

Of the 14 large portraits posted around the island, only five escaped it, three being in Fulford Village, and the other two out of reach.

In leading the children to participate in a world-wide art project, I never imagined that their images would be given so little respect.

These children are members of our community, who put themselves in a vulnerable position to make a statement about wanting a bike path on the island. So it was sad to see this result.

The portraits are a form of controlled graffiti and as such some response may be expected, but to deface rather than have creative response to them was really hard to see, and confusing for the children to witness.

Though the act was probably done out of thoughtlessness by individuals unlikely to read this letter or the previous Driftwood article describing the project, the students have creatively decided to engage in a dialogue and respond with further graffiti to the posters.

They had fun with that!

In defense of the students I want to thank them for putting themselves out there and taking a risk for something they believed in and thanks for all the wonderful and positive feedback from the community the project received.

JANE MACKENZIE,
SALT SPRING

Search

My name is Ian Campbell and I'm from Rouyn-Noranda in northwestern Québec.

My friends and I are desperately searching for an old friend named Philippe de Chevroliere. He disappeared in the Vancouver area last winter after a trip over there and we never heard back from him.

Then I saw his picture on your website. So, I got the idea to contact you, if you can help us to find him again and maybe tell him to contact me back. We will help him to pay his trip back to his hometown.

Here's the picture of Philippe de la Chevroliere with his sitars, on this link of yours:

www.bclocalnews.com/vancouver_island_south/saltspringislanddriftwood/community/128290688.html

Contacting you is the only hope we have to get in touch with him. We hope some one can get in touch with him and tell him about us who want him back in his hometown.

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from Dr. Richard Hayden

Some thoughts on toothbrushing.

I can't see any reason to use a hard tooth brush on natural teeth. Soft is best.

Plaque is soft it is not necessary to scour it off, it will wipe off. Scrubbing too hard will wear away your teeth and your gums.

Tooth brushes don't last forever! Every few months get a new one.

If you can't help yourself and you scrub too hard, don't use tooth paste every time you brush as it is very abrasive.

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OPINION



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FIRE EXTINGUISHED: A car fire called in from the Lady Minto parking lot last Sunday received prompt attention from Chris Cormack, centre, of Salt Spring Fire-Rescue, who happened to be on scene doing community work. The fire was quickly put out with a handy extinguisher. Seen here also are firefighters Mark Wyatt, left, and Mitchell Sherrin.

SOS needs to redirect its focus

BY DR. JAN MACPHAIL

As a 26 year resident of Salt Spring and family doctor working at Lady Minto Hospital I repeat my June 1, 2009 plea for the SaveOurSurgery "SOS" folks to redirect their focus and energy.

A surgeon is not essential to guarantee that Lady Minto stays open offering comprehensive medical care.

The decision, made locally and supported by VIHA, to move forward without surgery here was/is not political. It was made because that is the best option for caring for people who live here. It's rather ironic that the SOS committee is politically motivated.

Hopefully all SSI residents want to support our hospital. I believe that most people, including the SOS committee, want to optimize local health care.

But is the SOS helping island residents? Fear-mongering clamour with incessant demands to reopen the operating room is completely out of touch with the reality of current conditions. Yet SOS blasts on, apparently valuing the work and opinion of a surgeon more than that of any of our non-surgeon medical professionals (GPs, psychiatrists, radiologists, internal medicine specialists, midwives).

I don't understand why people weren't appalled and outraged when the SOS chairperson insinuated that Lady Minto's doctors know less than she does about what we need to do our work (Driftwood, January 26, 2011). "SOS activism" shows an unbelievable lack of appreciation for local physicians, our experience and our contributions to local

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health care and planning.

Many communities in Canada are actively recruiting doctors, doing everything possible to keep their doctors and are delighted when local physicians participate in health care planning. Anyone with relevant experience knows that rural hospitals depend on family doctors. We know what we need and do the best we can with what we have.

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An analogy may clarify our situation (an impending crisis in my opinion). Think of Lady Minto Hospital as a bus that belongs to a fleet of buses run by VIHA. VIHA supports our bus. Sooner or later most islanders need a bus ride, perhaps transferring to another bus off-island.

The Ministry of Health maintains the roads. The LMH bus driver (Bill Relph) and associate driver (Dr. Shane Barclay) care about passengers, are

very experienced and know the roads well. For smooth, safe driving in all weather they rely on a huge, sometimes invisible crew of amazing people: staff in admitting, health records/IM/IT, social work, pharmacy, administration, physiotherapy, the unit clerks, activities aide and mental health team. The work of everyone in every department is crucial. VIHA provides gas; the LMH Foundation sometimes tops up the tank. We have deluxe cushioned seats because of the hard work of LMH volunteers and the LMH Auxiliary.

Our bus has four wheels. Nursing staff and midwives keep one tire inflated, swiftly and expertly patching holes. Housekeeping, maintenance and dietary staff find air for the second tire. Lab and X-ray departments arrive day and night to keep another tire inflated.

Volunteer family doctors keep the fourth tire inflated. We are NOT VIHA employees. We are NOT required to do this and could just ride our bicycles (offices). We help with the bus because that is best for islanders who might need a ride. Like every department, without us the bus cannot run. We're grateful when specialized doctors (surgeons for example) help, but we can and do work without them. The local family doctors keep the fourth tire inflated. That's only a small part of our work. Our tire leaks. A few of us are exhausted.

Several family doctors are thinking of giving up, perhaps moving, as others have done. Several GPs live but don't work here.

They can work near or far in communities that show more appreciation. Elsewhere family doctors work shorter hours doing less challenging work with less responsibility and MUCH better pay.

In continuing with the analogy, this "bus" does not have an air conditioner (operating room). The SOS lobby insists that the bus needs an air conditioner to be safe.

Fourteen local doctors have said our bus doesn't need air conditioning (January 19, 2011, Driftwood, "Doctors' opinion on surgery"). SOS is blowing hot air onto an air conditioner that doesn't work, and that won't make the air conditioner work. It just raises the temperature inside the bus while the tires go flat. Redirected, that hot air could help keep the bus running and tires inflated.

As a community, please stop demanding air conditioning. Instead, show that you value the work of everyone who works on the "bus." Lobby politicians to spend money on what the "bus crew" say they need to look after the real patients who come through Lady Minto's doors.

Thank Dr. Barclay for establishing a multi-doctor clinic (King's Lane helps with our tire) and for his ongoing contributions to Lady Minto: keeping our dysfunctional emergency room functional, attracting several visiting specialists and securing funding for innovative pilot projects that expand the services available to all of us.

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OPINION

Ehring proud of accomplishments, but won't run again

BY GEORGE EHRLING

After considerable thought, I have decided not to seek re-election as a trustee for Salt Spring Island in the Islands Trust.

This was not an easy decision because I think our community faces many challenges, and lots of work remains to be done. Many, many people have encouraged me to run again, and I certainly appreciate their support and kind words.

I have decided to make my announcement now, in order to allow members of our community the time to give serious consideration to running for office, and so I could thank my colleagues on Trust Council at our meeting here on Salt Spring for their dedication, vision, and collegiality during my six years as a trustee.

The things that politicians accomplish in office are always collaborative efforts with their communities and their colleagues, so I take very little personal credit for the things that we've done together during the last six years. But I will look back with satisfaction on many achievements.

Starting near the beginning of my first term, over 100 volunteers worked together for three years to eradicate gypsy moths successfully from our island.

We avoided the chemical spraying that would have removed the organic certification on a number of farms in the Fulford Valley, killed off numerous other species of butterflies and moths, ruined our reputation for organic agriculture, and had uncertain effects on human health. Nowhere else has a community undertaken such a successful, large-scale, chemical-free program.

Together, we crafted a new official community plan, which involved hundreds of volunteers and their shared vision, including a new section that recognizes the imperative of climate change.

We have included ambitious and challenging targets for the reduction of greenhouse gases — an effort that will require concerted effort and cooperation, but this may be among the most important things to

try to accomplish. The OCP should give good guidance and serve our community well for many years to come.

This was not an easy decision because I think our community faces many challenges, and lots of work remains to be done.

We have made important strides on our most pressing social issue: providing safe, affordable housing for people with a wide range of incomes. Thanks to the very generous donation by the Murakami family, that housing project is in place and working well.

Other efforts are underway. To be sure, we are a long way from "solving" our housing problem. I don't know if we ever will. But we now have a collaborative Community Affordable Housing Strategy in place, and as this term ends, a new housing council is in the process of being formally established. We are moving forward, in a manner still finally

to be decided, on the legalization of suites, which I support in principle and which should provide much-needed housing for low-income earners while helping many seniors and other home-owners to remain in their homes.

We have made great strides in restoring the importance of agriculture and enhancing food security on our island. The Area Farm Plan we completed in 2008 envisioned three key goals: creating an Agricultural Alliance, forming a farmland trust, and establishing community infrastructure to support agriculture.

The alliance is hard at work. A farmland trust has been formed, and should soon be managing the community amenity of 60 acres of land in the Fulford Valley. Efforts are well underway to establish an abattoir, a food-processing centre and a community composting facility.

In recent years, community members have established watershed management plans for Cushoon Lake and St. Mary Lake.

These plans are designed to protect irreplaceable watersheds, and need to be taken seriously. Growth, development and land disturbance in these areas in particular must be limited and undertaken cautiously.

Few islanders see the work of the water council and the Climate Action Council, both of

which received public support from the Local Trust Committee and the participation of both local trustees and the Capital Regional District director. I urge whoever is elected to these positions to carry on the funding they have received through the years, and to participate fully in their activities.

The sharing of knowledge and expertise, and the public education they provide, are very important and helpful.

The land use decisions the LTC is asked to make are sometimes controversial, partly because of the sense of ownership many people in our community feel toward our island.

These decisions are always based on carefully weighing the benefits to the community and the applicant, as well as the protection of neighbourhoods and the environment.

Sometimes they are difficult decisions, but despite the reputation the LTC may have, in my time in office, nearly 95 per cent of the applications we received have been approved. In no small part this high level of success is due to the thoughtful, professional planning advice applicants receive from the Trust staff as they work through the process together.

We say over and over that "we are a special place." It's true, of course, and that reality deserves much more than just lip service.

If we are to remain a special place, we need

to protect it. Members of the LTC are called "trustees" for a reason. They are trustees of our collective future, meant to leave not an impact, but a legacy. I hope that our community chooses their trustees carefully.

We must never lose sight of the fact that we are part of a federation — a group of small, precious island gems and the waters that surround them, wisely brought together more than 35 years ago with a far-sighted governance mandate unlike anywhere else in the world.

In that federation, Salt Spring is the big kid on the block, the "have province," and like those wealthier provinces in the Canadian federation, there are always those who don't want to share our resources and think the poorer cousins should live on their own.

I hope we on Salt Spring will continue to be more generous of spirit and resist that temptation. Participating fully in that federation makes us all stronger and better equipped to face our collective challenges.

At a personal level, I am disappointed that together we have not accomplished as much as I had hoped we would.

But the work of governance is never complete at the end of a term, and now others will have the opportunity to serve their community.

Before closing, I want

to thank in particular my fellow Salt Spring trustees Peter Lamb and Christine Torgimson.

I could not have asked to serve with better people. Their values, dedication, commitment, hard work and collaboration have made a very demanding job very much easier. I owe them both a great deal of gratitude.

Finally, I want to thank the people of Salt Spring for their advice and feedback to me personally over the years, but most especially for their care of their island home. I have never lived in a more engaged community, where people so passionately look after each other and the place they love.

Sometimes that passion drives people to behave toward those they disagree with in abusive and disrespectful ways. I hope they will learn to rise above that, for it does them a disservice and can tear a community apart, ruining the very thing so many people are trying so carefully to build.

I have said many times, even as an elected official, that it is not the governments but the thousands of volunteers on this island, helping out in their own ways, who make our wonderful community work. May it continue to be so.

George Ehring has served as a Salt Spring Island Trustee for six years.

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Islander recalls John of God experience and encourages others to see him in NY

BY LISA-MIRIAM CHERRY

You may have seen him on Oprah, you may have read about him in her magazine, you may be one of many Salt Springers who have been to Brazil to be healed by him.

"John of God" or Joao Teixeira de Faria (or Joao de Deus — the Miracle Man — as he's known in Abadiania, Brazil), is coming to town.

Well, not exactly our town — but just a blink-of-an-eye away, in New York State's lush Hudson Valley where the renowned Omega Institute has been lucky enough to snag him for three days each year. There, about 5,000 lucky people throng to sit in his trance-like healing midst, and in the healing energies of the long-gone, invisible saints channelled in.

Why the news? Well, a few years ago, I was sitting in Salt Spring Books, using a computer, when I happened to see a man next to me online, viewing photos of beautiful Amazon scenery and a white-cloaked man.

"Who's that?" I asked, ever-curious. "John of God... You should see him," he declared. A few similar auspicious incidents, and I was on the hunt

... for funds to fly there, for the three weeks suggested to stay, for a guide who would show me the way. All to see a renowned Catholic healer who apparently channels in hundreds-of-years-old saints, who then heal the masses in their midst. Physical, spiritual, emotional healings; whatever one needs.

Just ask Fenton Loyola, an islander who had the luck to go to Brazil for psychic heart surgery eight years ago. After a bypass surgery in 1993, a cardiac infarction, and eight stents inserted into his coronary arteries, he was told he'd need a heart transplant. That's when he took the leap to Brazil.

"This is when I decided to go see John. Although I can say there has been no significant improvement to the muscle tissue," he says. "I haven't had further deterioration either, as predicted by the cardio team. Also, I haven't been hospitalized since seeing John. I'm grateful for that!"

Catholic, Jewish or Muslim — one sees all types visiting John of God. And, while not everyone is cured of his or her cancer or multiple chemical sensitivities (the reason I went to see Joao

last fall), many are healed or at least to varying degrees. I went to be healed of lead poisoning, I left with a healed tailbone and concussion — both of whose chronic pain faded away in a couple days, just by my sitting in a room full of saints invisible to my eyes.

A few months of also drinking the blessed water most patients buy, I was finally sleeping through the night and my friend's arthritis disappeared, as she reports. A six-year-old boy with Down's Syndrome (brought by his Orthodox Jewish mother), still appeared the same, as did the nine-year-old girl in the wheelchair, but who knows, as not all healings are visible to the naked eye.

I'm returning this year, but hotel rooms are fast running out. Grab your's before they're all gone! It runs Sept. 25-28. (The Omega Institute www.omega.org in Rhinebeck, NY, 1-877.944.2002. As of print date, rooms were still available in nearby Poughkeepsie — the Holiday Inn or Marriott Inn offering daily shuttles to Omega.

Lisa-Miriam Cherry is a Salt Spring resident.

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OPINION

RANTS and Roses

A bouquet of burgundy roses to Salt Spring Vineyards for having the wonderful regular Sunday afternoon concerts at their beautiful winery. We have really enjoyed the local talent, great wines and fun times with these excellent hosts. M&M

Dozens of yellow daffodils to the BC Hydro crew who re-attached the numbers to the Terry Fox banner so all of Salt Spring would know the date, which was Sept. 11! The Terry Fox Committee

An armful of sweet-scented roses to Eileen Wittewaall for her many years of service on the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society board of directors. Her enthusiasm and dedication to preserving and protecting Salt Spring's lakes and watersheds is an inspiration to us all.

A huge bunch of smiles and roses to Debbie at Thrifty's. Thanks for going over and above. Mary Lynn Devereux

Multiple bouquets of generous blossoms to the people that made the ArtSpring Treasure Fair picnic event such a success. To Salt Spring Vineyard for the location, wine and music, to Li Read for a full picnic basket prepared by Bruce's Kitchen and to the serving wench, Lauretta. From the Treasure Fair team

Armfuls of red and yellow roses of thanks to St. Clair McColl, Mark and all the dedicated crew at Salt Spring Air, and to Debbie, Charlotte and Jane, Thrifty's florists, for fine professional service and invaluable personal qualities. Bouquets of the same go to Gabrielle Page, marriage commissioner extraordinaire, and to Sayori Tajima, make-up artist. Your contributions helped make the Kodaly wedding the truly joyous occasion we all enjoyed. Thank you.

As the final days count down on the chalk board, a sadness looms. A firetruck full of roses to Bruce, long standing honorary mayor of Fulford. You are without a doubt the most generous, community-minded, hard-working, fun-loving true island character we have had the immense pleasure of knowing. You make a difference every day and the people of the village, the south end and the island at large will miss you so! Wishing you the very best. Peter Allan and Lynda Monk

Brightly coloured rainbow vines of roses to Tim, John and Kelly of TJ Beans for helping SIMS PAC out with our coffee for our first day meet and greet! As always... we love you guys!

Red and yellow roses gilded with cuttlefish-textured yellow gold to Martinus for his extraordinary ring creation for the Kodaly wedding ceremony!

Masses of rambling (and swimming and camping) roses to PARC staff Carin Perrins, Tracey Shaver, Sandra Crandall, Susan King, Kirk Harris, Joe Clemente, Wayne Goruk, Justin Byron and Xavier Smith for getting so much work done and keeping PARC running so efficiently during Manager Kees Ruurs' unexpected and necessary absence. We appreciate your collective effort. Thanks from PARC commissioners.

A Bouvier-size bouquet of roses to Gail for her assist with the office move. E&J (plus Sasha)

Thanks by a single blue rose to the chalk art that is spreading love, making this a special and unique village. When I inquired "who?" to many it brought a smile. MD

A dozen large red roses to the organizers of the Terry Fox Run. Each year it gets better and it is because of all of the work that this small group does. This is such an important cause and it is very important that we keep Terry Fox's legacy going and the search for a cure. Merv Anderson

Multicoloured roses to the red-coated Mounties for standing under the rainbow of Pride.

Roses to all of the incredible supporters of this year's Pride celebration—from all the generous donors, to everyone who hung the Pride flag (a special thanks to the fire department), to the dedicated volunteers—you are amazing Salt Spring! Thank you for once again showing how inclusive, supportive and celebratory we are of our GLBTQ community! Amy Phillips for GLOSSI and the Pride Committee

A large bouquet of roses and my heartfelt thanks to all members of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Gulf Islands Unit 25 for their valuable assistance in the celebration of life for my husband Pieter H. de Vink. I would also like to thank the Legion for the use of their hall and Thrifty Foods for the catering. Amarah, Roger, Joanne, Evelyn and Val many, many, thanks. Pauline B Guenette - de Vink.



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TIME TO REFLECT: Terry Fox Run participant Stella Pingle pauses before heading out on her bike. See related story and photo on page 25.

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ELSJÉ HANNAH

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Criticism: stating one's complaints as a defect in one's partner's personality, i.e., giving the partner negative trait attributions. Example: "You always talk about yourself. You are so selfish."

Contempt: statements that come from a relative position of superiority. Contempt is the greatest predictor of divorce and must be eliminated. Example: "You're an idiot."

Defensiveness: self-protection in the form of righteous indignation or innocent victim-hood. Defensiveness wards off a perceived attack. Example: "It's not my fault that we're always late; it's your fault."

Stonewalling: emotional withdrawal from interaction. Example: The listener does not give the speaker the usual nonverbal signals that the listener is "tracking" the speaker.

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Either way you may be due for service and repair after a long trip, or check ups to avoid problems before heading out. The days are getting shorter and lighting systems need to work perfectly. Heaters will soon be used to keep the windows clear and wipers will be working overtime. Check your oil change schedule, you may need to take care of winter servicing soon. It's a little early to think about snow tire installation but give a thought to what tires you will use and possibly buy early to avoid the rush later in the fall.

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Financial Planning

Green and Growing...

This year's Fall Fair theme, "Green and Growing," is of course about agriculture and plants, but for us in the financial planning business, we cannot help but see the similarities between growing trees and how we help our clients.



MARKUS WENZEL

Warren Buffett put it simply as:

"Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago."

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I look forward to seeing you at my booth at the Fair this weekend, where you will have a chance to win \$100 worth of trees!

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Real Estate

MAKING AN OFFER & Time Clauses Part II



JAN MACPHERSON

Price, completion dates, and the deposit & subject conditions are fundamental elements of any contract. Ask your agent to provide you with the "ideal" closing dates for the seller - maybe the price will be better if the timing meets the seller's requirements.

Typically, subjects are in place for two weeks and these may include a legal review of documents, arranging insurance and financing, and being satisfied with house, boundary, septic, woodstove and water inspections.

Many offers contain a "time clause" that is subject to the sale of the buyer's home. Once an accepted time clause offer is in place, the seller can accept another offer, subject to the collapse of the time clause offer. Once a second offer is accepted, the first buyer then has typically 72 hours to remove all subjects and proceed with the purchase or withdraw.

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PRIDE

MUSIC: Salt Spring's Jose Sanchez keeps the beat alive as musicians move into the Centennial Park bandstand, following Saturday's annual Pride Parade in Ganges.

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COMEDY

Geezers tour election platform

Trust Us at ArtSpring on Sept. 24

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Comedic duo Sid Filkow and Arvid Chalmers are back on stage this month and adding their names to the mysterious list of potential Islands Trust candidates.

"Nobody's running so the Geezers are thinking of doing it," Filkow said.

"We're pushing through for truth and reconciliation by coming up with a few ideas that will work for everyone."

With strong support from their alter egos Swami and Maggie — who are ready to manage their campaign — the Geezers are ready to share their ideas to reduce animosity and restore unity to the island.

The night of laughter is here for one night only at ArtSpring during a Gulf Islands tour, and is set for Saturday, Sept. 24 at 8 p.m.

During an exclusive interview with the Driftwood, Filkow and Chalmers teased out a few of the potential details of their election platform, although they admitted the platform may need wheels to escape bylaw infringement.

One of the top issues the Geezers will identify in the upcoming campaign is increasing the number of trustees on Salt Spring since there are only two while

Pender has four.

One solution is to have two trustees on Salt Spring who will exchange terms with two from Mexico. General Costilla de Puerto, mayor of a small Mexican town, is a potential candidate if immigration works out.

Another idea is to separate Salt Spring, similar to the process that divided North and South Pender, by digging a trench from Ganges Harbour to Booth Canal.

The important issue of "how utopian would you like your utopia to be" will be addressed, possibly by changing riparian rights to utopian rights.

The Geezers are not happy about about developments such as the mobile abattoir project on Fulford-

Ganges Road.

"How can an abattoir be opening up two doors down from where the coffee company was going to be?" asked Chalmers.

"The Swami is very upset about that — a vegetarian bean was rejected and meat was accepted," Filkow added.

"I think that's part of the Swami's thing. If his people get in, he's going to have it revoked."

Traffic patterns in downtown Ganges are also on the agenda. The Geezers recommend getting rid of all stop signs, since that's where all the problems occur. There are also ideas to make B.C. Ferries more profitable. The Geezers further stated they are opposed to charging farmers' market participants the same tax rate

that permanent downtown business owners pay.

Their show will also address some timely but less political issues, such as aging and the slippery slope to dementia, religiosity on the island and a "juicy" current affairs program.

"If people don't want their affair mentioned on stage they'll have to slip us a wad of unmarked bills," the Geezers stated.

All declared candidates for the Trust elections are invited to attend and participate in the question and answer portion of the show for a refund of their ticket price. The cost is \$16 (US\$32). Tickets are available at the ArtSpring ticket centre or online at www.artspring.ca.

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Jane Eyre

Gary Fukunaga's Jane Eyre is, by my quick count on imdb.com, the twenty-first iteration of Charlotte Brontë's novel on film or television. I haven't seen any of the others, and I'll admit that my own involvement with the novel is restricted to a survey course taken sometime in the late 1990's, but nonetheless let's take a shot at a review of this version.

For those of you completely ignorant about the plot (see: myself, about three hours ago), Jane Eyre (Mia Wasikowska) is the titular heroine. After attending a strict boarding school and teaching a few years there, Jane is hired on to be the governess at the oh-so-Gothic Thornhill Manor.

Thornhill's owner is the brooding yet handsome Rochester (Michael Fassbender). It's pretty much love at first sight, though there are all manner of things standing in the way of the couple: nineteenth century morals, English social codes, Jane's virginity, Rochester's grumpiness, and something that goes bump in the attic.

You probably have one of two responses to this. One, you're in full swoons and now day-dreaming of someone who either is or reminds of you of Alan Rickman. Two, you're cringing at the thought of yet another BBC/Merchant Ivory/Oscar Bait period piece featuring furtive glances and frustrated desires. Either way, sadly, this version of Jane Eyre isn't going to work.

Quite simply, Fukunaga's Jane Eyre is too slow for mainstream audiences and too dumb for those who actually read the book. Since "too slow" is pretty self-explanatory, I'll expand on the latter comment.

Firstly, Michael Fassbender and Mia Wasikowska are just too attractive for their roles. Wasikowska might qualify as "plain" but it's a pretty damned perfect plain, if you get my drift. And after watching Fassbender strut around as the confident, slickly-dressed Magneto in the latest X-Men film, it's impossible to see him having Rochester's chronic self-doubt.

Secondly, even without reading the novel (lately), it's clear to me that the film glosses over much of the source material's depth in favour of pretty scenery and romantic interchanges. It was difficult for me to care for the simple fact that I didn't know who these people were. Really, this Jane Eyre needed to be at least half an hour longer - two hours is just not enough to do one of the great classics of English lit any justice.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



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BACK IN CLASS:
 Salt Spring Elementary School Grade 1 students James Schure, left, and Ben Stocks start off the school year with an art project as they returned to class last Tuesday.

RECITAL

Early organ music at Simply Organic

Don Conley prepares treasury from England, Italy, Germany, France

Music Makers of the Anglican Parish slips into the fall season with the beginning of a new series of Simply Organic recitals, with organist Don Conley at the consul.

"Conley re-established the series last September, since when he has both charmed music lovers not only with his delightful sense of humour and presence, but also his accomplished play-

ing and knowledge of the genre," states a press release.

The concerts fall on the third Wednesday of each month, the first being Sept. 21, and take place in All Saints church, which houses the only pipe organ on the island.

The free music begins at 10:10 a.m. and is followed by freshly made muffins and coffee in the hall overlooking Ganges Harbour, where patrons can enjoy meeting Conley and have some leisurely company all for \$2.

Wednesday's recital is titled A Treasury of Early Organ Music and will consist of music from

the 15th to 18th centuries, from England, Italy, Germany and France by a host of composers.

Listeners will be able to fly through the centuries and hear how organ music grew from simple modal melodies to increasingly complex harmonic structures and rhythms — from simple plainchant melodies to the mighty toccato — from pious hymns to frolicking dances.

"You will see how different countries in Europe added their own style. Who knows, at the end you may be enticed to get up and dance a jigue."

CRAFT

Weavers and Spinners celebrate spider month

Show and sale follow public installations

Most people have probably noticed that spiders seem to go crazy in September, spinning miles of gossamer fibre and constructing elaborate webs.

In answer, Salt Spring's arachnophiles — aka the Weavers and Spinners Guild — are celebrating spider month with their own fibre installations.

Islanders should watch for colourful constructions of yarn and fabric popping up magically around the island. Like Arachne's webs, they may be in your face, but in a much nicer way.

"We may not actually love spiders, but weavers and spinners do envy their skills," the guild members state in a press release.

"So, we can understand why jealous Athena, Greek goddess of wisdom and craft, turned super-weaver Arachne into a spider, dooming her to spin and weave forever."

The guild's month-long celebration will climax with an exhibition and sale of beautiful things made on Salt Spring from the world's fibre sources: sheep, goats, rabbits, llamas, alpacas, silk worms, cotton, flax, and bamboo . . . but probably not spiders.

Everyone is invited to ArtSpring on October 1 and 2 to discover the wealth of handcrafted articles ranging from fleece and hand-spun yarn to towels, linens, clothing and accessories.

To join in the fun, anyone who who spots a fibre installation should snap a picture or write a description and bring it to the sale.

The first spotter will have his or her keen eye rewarded with a small gift. For a bigger reward, join the guild. The group meets at ArtSpring every Thursday morning from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ART REVIEW

Eric Klemm captures nature's thrust in Forever Green exhibit

At Pegasus Gallery to Oct. 1

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Internationally recognized photographer Eric Klemm is sticking close to home with his latest series of work, an exploration of nature's vital force called Forever Green.

On display at Pegasus Gallery this month, the series contrasts the temporary existence of man's creations



One of Eric Klemm's photographs from the Forever Green series.

with the natural world's relentless drive to expand.

Klemm's images, taken around Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, are simultaneously alarming and hopeful.

They are evidence that something's been happening when we're not looking, and that despite our best efforts to control and restrain it, greenery will take any slight chance to retake its territory.

Coming on the heels of his Italian Journey series (which recreated Goethe's journey from Carlsbad to Rome in the fall of 1786), Forever Green takes a view of the world at the farthest remove from Venice at dawn. In fact, in many of the photos Klemm seems set at capturing humans' most depressing architecture: single story forms rising against swaths of cracked pavement are a repeated motif.

In contrast to the faux brick siding and cement ring planters are the shrubs and trees that were meant to be ornamental, and have escaped their predetermined shapes and locations for a wild life of their own. The shaggy, reaching branches are

EXHIBITIONS

Artepelago shows new work

Attachments exhibit opens Sept. 23

Artists and art lovers will come together Friday, Sept. 23 for a celebration of "attachments" at historic Mahon Hall.

"As the doors swing open at 6 p.m., 32 local artists will be on hand to showcase their work created specifically for this exhibit in a wide variety of media and approaches including painting, photography, sculpture, fine craft, works on paper and installation," a press release states.

The exhibit is being organized by the art night group Artepelago, a loose association of island artists that meets with a monthly potluck art salon at various homes and studios to socialize and critique each others' work.

According to press material, many

slightly ominous in their ability to conquer wires, walls and even other trees.

This feeling is underlined by the absence of people in all but one of the images, where tiny figures are dwarfed by a bridge spanning overhead. Even here an entire support pillar and beam have been wrapped in ivy, threatening to pull down the artificial sky above.

In these shots of bleak, nondescript streets where human endeavours such as a fast food restaurant or a bank have apparently been abandoned by their creators, the aesthetic calls to mind a staged narrative in reverse — a Jeff Wall without the actors.

In other views, Klemm's focus is more on the formal considerations of line and pattern, as seen when nature is still conforming to human shaping.

A couple of these types are pleasing for their abstract nature, especially one of a seemingly solid green wall shot off kilter from below.

The tight cedar form with beveled edge juts out against a benign blue and white sky, while an incongruous flowering plant interrupts the geometry in the immediate foreground.

In another hedge view, Klemm frames the shot to emphasize the intersection of lines in hedge, street, sidewalk and boulevard. Geometry dominates most of the image, but is challenged by the untamed foliage shrouding a house in the background.

A shot of the Sylvia Hotel in Vancouver seems a strange fit with the series, mainly because the building is not unattractive and its beach setting is pleasant. But if imagining what the scene would look like if the ivy covering the building was removed, the message is the same: give nature an inch and it will surely take a mile. Like Klemm, I imagine, I find that idea reassuring.

Klemm has printed a special exhibition run to fit with Pegasus Gallery space. One each of the images are available in the 20 by 20 inch display size. The photographs are also available in editions of 10 in the regular, larger format.

are well known artists including Diana Dean, Nicola Wheston, Ian Thomas and Ron Crawford, while others are new to the scene.

They have come together to share a common spirit and goal: to showcase their work as a group under this year's theme and show title, Attachments.

While the work will be restricted by theme, as one exhibitor remarked, "The work will be as diverse and dynamic as the people of Salt Spring."

Once the dust of the opening settles, Attachments will continue daily from Saturday, Sept. 24 until Sunday, Oct. 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Different artists will be in attendance each day.

A show schedule and information about the exhibitors can be seen on the group's website at www.artepelago.ca.

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WORLD MUSIC



Vancouver's Tambura Rasa promises an "electrifying" performance at Beaver Point Hall on Friday, Sept. 23.

Lively dance band storms BPH

Tambura Rasa on tap Sept. 23.

Salt Spring Islanders will be treated to some electrifying flamenco and world fusion music when Tambura Rasa performs an all-ages show Sept. 23 at Beaver Point Hall.

Known for its superb musicianship, high-energy stage performances that get the crowds dancing and a unique blend of cultural styles,

this Vancouver quintet is nominated for a 2011 Western Canadian Music award for best world music CD.

Ivan Tucakov, on guitar and vocals, comes from a Serbo-Croatian background, but was raised in Turkey, a melting pot for global culture.

He is flanked by his counterpart Michael Fraser, a gypsy rockstar on the fiddle, Trevor Grant, a jazz rock drummer, John Bews on bass and Robin Layne on percussion.

"A dynamic blend of world fusion, exotic, mysterious and exciting, they are a true feast for the senses," noted Yellowknife Folk Festival director Lynn Feasley, adding that their performance there was "a festival highlight."

"Their sound was big, luscious and melodic and they got the audience moving and grooving. Their ability to combine traditional flamenco style guitar with contemporary dance beats in a simple and gettable

way make them irresistible on the festival dance floor," said another reviewer.

Special guest DJ Indigo Matter complements the show. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door, which opens at 8 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at Salt Spring Books in Ganges or Morningside Organic Bakery, Cafe and Bookstore in Fulford.

For more information on the band, check out its website at www.tamburaras.com.



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ART

Island artists collaborate on new promotion

2012 calendar now available

Salt Spring residents and visitors have a different way to show off the place they love, thanks to the collaboration of 12 island artists and new company Blue Heron Publishing.

According to a press release, familiar views and favourite personal nooks are all celebrated in the Salt Spring Island Artists Perpetual Calendar, along with a quote and information from each artist.

To create the project, Suzanne Heron, owner of Blue Heron Publishing, approached Salt Spring artists who she felt expressed a love of their island home in their work.

"Salt Spring is one of the richest places in Canada in the artistic ability to fill us with wonder in nature," says Heron.

"There is an opportunity to promote the artists, and Salt Spring as an amazing place to visit and live. I hope people see this as a way to be reminded of the beauty of the island all year round."

The calendar features art by Sav Boro, Jacqueline Breault-Spiess, Diana Dean, RM Dupuy, Curtis Golomb, Susan Haigh, Garry and Bly Kaye, Jacqueline Meredith, Samantha Sanderson, Gail Sibley and Nicola Wheston. The artists work in watercolour, oil, acrylic and pastel.

"It appears that my paintings have become a documentation of my Salt Spring surroundings and I appreciate the opportunity to share my vision with others through this calendar," said Garry Kaye, whose Apple Tree in Winter is the featured picture for December.

Retailers on Salt Spring told Heron that a well-priced artistic gift item would be well received.

"There's a niche that isn't filled, and this is something different," said Adina Hildebrandt of Salt Spring Books.

The calendar is available for sale through island retailers, galleries and accommodations. Blue Heron Publishing, begun in Victoria in 2011, specializes in art that connects people with the places they love.

EXHIBITIONS

Konig, students say it their way with art

Two-day show at ArtSpring
Sept. 23 and 24

Saying It Our Way is the theme of the 10th annual art show featuring Val Konig and her students at ArtSpring.

Press material explains that most of the pieces in the show were painted by students, who studied the techniques of Impressionist masters and applied them to local settings.

Jim Crawford's carefully executed botanicals are Four Island Farms inspired acrylic paintings, composed at "plein air" workshops this summer. At Thistledown Farm on Wright Road, students painted the spectacular view of Mt. Baker, asking themselves how Paul Cézanne might have approached it.

At Sacred Mountain Lavender on Musgrave Road, students spent a day taking photographs, sketching and painting the lavender fields, echoing the one-point perspective of Pissarro's cityscapes.

Red Wing Farm on Robinson Road was the location where yellow ochre fields of hay inspired paintings by Nicola Bell.

Monet was the inspiration for a painting of the waterlilies on Bullock Lake by Konig. At Green-spring Farm, many painted a large cactus that thrives against the side of a south-facing red barn. A fifth workshop in watercolour was held in Konig's studio where students followed a step-by-step process to paint still life.

Visitors to the exhibition will be asked to select their favourite painting for the People's Choice Award. The winning artist will receive an art book entitled Finding Your Visual Voice by Dakota Mitchell or a hard-covered sketchbook.

The show will run Friday, Sept. 23 and Saturday, Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at ArtSpring's multipurpose gallery. All are welcome to an opening reception on Friday from 3 to 4:30 p.m.



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CRD

Notice of Advance Voter Registration & Availability of List of Registered Electors 2011 General Local Election

Public notice is hereby given that **Advance Voter Registration closes on September 27, 2011** for Capital Regional District (CRD) Lists of Registered Electors for:

- Juan de Fuca Electoral Area
- Salt Spring Island Electoral Area
- Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area (Galiano, Mayne, North and South Pender, Saturna and Piers Islands)

CRD Lists of Registered Electors are used for voting for Electoral Area Directors, referenda, School District Trustees and Islands Trust Trustees in the CRD.

Electoral Qualifications

Resident Elector - If you are 18 years or older on voting day (November 19, 2011), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months and in your community for 30 days (the residency qualifications are set out in the *Local Government Act*), you are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector.

Non-Resident Property Elector - If you are 18 years or older on voting day (November 19, 2011), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the local community for 30 days, do not qualify as a Resident Elector, you may vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector provided that you: a) have registered on or before September 27, 2011, or b) register at the time of voting (note that *Certificates to Register as a Non-Resident Property Elector* are no longer required).

The following information is required at the time of application:

- a recent land title registration of the real property (may be obtained at the Land Title Office) or property tax notice, showing the names of all the registered owners,
- 2 pieces of identification (one must have a signature), and
- in the case of more than one owner of the property, a completed consent form, signed by the majority of the owners, designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property

Please Note:

- Only one Non-Resident Property Elector may vote per property regardless of the number of owners.
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- Individuals who are on title with corporations are not entitled to register or vote. Individuals who own an undivided interest in land on which the balance is held by a corporation are not entitled to vote.

You may register on voting day if you meet the elector qualifications set out above. For information about registering as a Resident or Non-Resident Property Elector call 250.360.3129. Port Renfrew and Gulf Island residents may call toll free, 1.800.663.4425, local 3129.

List of Registered Electors

The preliminary Lists of Registered Electors will be available, upon signature, for viewing at the CRD offices listed below from 8:30am - 4:30pm, Monday - Friday, unless otherwise noted. You may also call the offices to enquire whether your name is on a CRD List of Registered Electors:

- Legislative Services - 250.360.3129, 625 Fisgard St., **Victoria, BC**
- Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Planning & Building Inspection - 250.642.1500, #2 - 6868 West Coast Rd., **Sooke, BC**
- Building Inspection - 250.629.3424, 4605 Bedwell Harbour Rd. (Driftwood Centre), **North Pender Island, BC** (8:30am - Noon)
- Building Inspection - 250.537.2711, #206-118 Fulford Ganges Rd., **Salt Spring Island, BC**.

Following the close of Advance Voter Registration and beginning Tuesday, October 4, 2011, until the close of general voting, a copy of the final Lists of Registered Electors will be available, upon signature, for public inspection at the CRD offices listed above.

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Objection to Registration of an Elector

An objection to the registration of a person whose name appears on the List of Registered Electors may be made to the CRD Corporate Officer, PO Box 1000, Victoria, BC, V8W 2S6, in accordance with the *Local Government Act*, until 4:00pm on October 14, 2011. An objection must be made in writing, may only be made by a person entitled to be registered as an elector of the CRD, and can only be made on the basis that the person whose name appears has died or is not qualified to be registered as an elector of the CRD.

Dated this 4th day of September, 2011
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Sip & Savour Salt Spring unites growers, food producers, chefs and vintners from Salt Spring Island and growers and chefs from neighbouring Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island with BC vintners to create *mélanges a trois* of culinary magic.

Friday Gala Wine-Pairing Dinner

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Seating is limited, and tickets are \$160.00 inclusive, per person.

Saturday Grazing Experience

1:00 to 4:00 pm

Harbour House Hotel's Oceanview Orchard

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 - over the phone: 250.537.8320
 - in person: Salt Spring Chamber and Visitor Centre, 121 Lower Ganges Road

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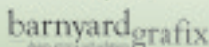
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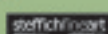
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EXCHANGE

Salt Spring student begins year of study in Jakarta

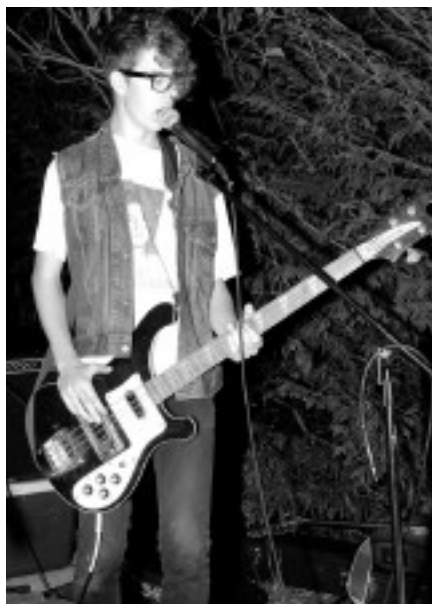


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Owen Hooper seen playing a private party on Salt Spring in July.

Young musician fits in at his new home

Gulf Islands Secondary student and musician Owen Hooper has settled in to a new class this fall, but he won't be taking the local school bus.

He also won't be taking the means of transportation he probably thought he would be on — such as the rapid transit systems of Japan.

As the latest GISS student to take advantage of the Rotary Youth Exchange program, Hooper had wanted to study in Japan.

But on March 11, the earthquake there changed his dreams permanently. Officials in Japan figured they had enough on their hands trying to rebuild the country after a 9.0 earthquake and tsunami and weren't in a position to accept foreign exchange students.

Rotary officials asked Hooper if he had a second choice, or if he wanted to cancel the trip all together. He responded that he would gladly go anywhere and accepted the opportunity to visit Jakarta, Indonesia.

Hooper's one dilemma was that being a musician, he wanted to bring his guitar, but shipping costs were so high he decided to leave the instrument at home.

To his amazement when he landed in Jakarta, he found his Rotary host family is full of musicians. Two of his host family brothers play in a band that is famous all over Indonesia.

"Much to Owen's delight, there were 12 spare guitars in the house, more than enough to keep him busy," says a Rotary press release. "Owen is already jamming with his new brothers and will undoubtedly fit right into the band that tours Indonesia."

As Hooper wrote in a recent blog post: "I can't say I have ever met friendlier people than my host family, they are all incredibly talented musicians, with incredibly warm hearts."

"I can't say I have ever met friendlier people than my host family, they are all incredibly talented musicians, with incredibly warm hearts, things seriously couldn't be better than this!"

OWEN HOOPER
Rotary Exchange student

Things seriously couldn't be better than this!

"It's time to eat . . . Although my host family constantly tells me I don't have to join in on the [Ramadan] fasting, I'm trying my hardest to go along with it anyway, it just seems like such a magnificent idea. The idea of fasting for a month and then celebrating . . . and starting anew for a year. Our Christmas celebrations could really learn a thing or two!"

Friends can keep up with Hooper's Indonesian adventures by going to <http://apakabar.tumblr.com/>.

Every year, more than 8,000 students are involved in the Rotary Youth Exchange through a global network of community volunteers.

Rotary club members are business, professional, and community leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

More than 33,000 clubs conduct projects to address today's challenges, including illiteracy, disease, hunger, poverty, lack of clean water, and environmental concerns. For more information on Salt Spring's Rotary Club contact president Mike Garside at 250-537-5527.

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Workshop teaches Salt Spring residents how to keep brains healthy

Healthy aging is important for everyone, says the non-profit Alzheimer Society of B.C.

"And it is essential not to forget the health of your brain as well," says Christin Hillary, the society's regional support and education coordinator for Salt Spring Island.

To help island residents, the society will run an informational workshop called Heads Up: An Introduction to Brain Health, on Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The two-hour session will stress the importance of actively protecting and maintaining good brain health, offering practical strategies and goals for improving the health of your mind, body and spirit.

Anyone interested in brain health is welcome to attend.

The workshop takes place at Salt Spring Seniors' Services Society's main room, 379 Lower Ganges Road.

For information and to register call 250-537-5004 or e-mail HYPERLINK "mailto:chillary@alzheimercbc.org" chillary@alzheimercbc.org.

Heads Up is partially funded by the Province of B.C., Provincial Employees Community Services Fund, Pfizer Canada Inc., Frank and Yvonne McCracken Foundation, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc., RBC Foundation, and ALACS Fund through the Victoria Foundation.

For more information on dealing with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, call 250-537-5004 or visit the society website at www.alzheimercbc.org.

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Wed. September 14

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Wednesday Night Live. Open stage hosted by Stephanie Rhodes at Moby's. 8 p.m.
Sue Newman Trio. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Liz Wiltzen: Shapes, Values and Colours. SSI Painters Guild workshop at ArtSpring. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Info/register: www.ssiartistsguild.com.
Islands Trust Council. Quarterly meeting of trustees from 13 islands at Community Gospel Hall. 9:45 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.
SSI Historical Society Meeting. The History of the Islands Trust, presented by Peter Lamb. Tea/coffee to follow. Central Hall. 2 p.m.
SD#64 Board of Education Meeting. School board office. 1 p.m. To view agenda: www.sd64.bc.ca/board_meetings.html.
SSI Studio Tour Group AGM. Lions Hall. 7 p.m.

Thurs. September 15

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Stephanie Rhodes and Billie Woods. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
Simone & The Soul Intentions. Shipstones. 7 p.m.
Open Mic. Thursdays at The Local Bar. 6 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

BC Ferry Commissioners meeting. Salt Spring's visit in a series of public meetings in coastal communities to gather input on the impact of BC Ferries' fares and service. Harbour House Hotel. 2 to 4 p.m.
Girl Guide Registration Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders. Community Gospel Chapel. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Info/register: Gail Temmel 250-653-4613.
Islands Trust Council. Quarterly meeting of trustees from 13 islands at Community Gospel Hall. 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Prenatal Classes. VIHA child, youth and family classes begin. Info/register: public health office, 250-538-4880.

Fri. September 16

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Jukebox Social. Dance/rock at Moby's. 8 to 11 p.m.
Simone & The Soul Intentions. Shipstones. 7 p.m.
Barefoot Thieves. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Infinite Ease. The Alexander Technique meets yoga, with Bruce Winstone. Fridays at SS Centre of Yoga. 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Info: 250-538-0088.

Sat. September 17

ACTIVITIES

Planet Music. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
The Barley Bros. Salt Spring Inn. 6 p.m.
Adults. Dance/rock at Moby's. 8 to 11 p.m.
Morningside Music. Various artists every Sunday at Morningside Organic Bakery Cafe and Bookstore. 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Fall Fair. Annual two-day event at the Farmers' Institute on Rainbow Road. 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Kalu Rinpoche Returns. KDOL Mt. Tuam Meditation Retreat. Register online at www.kkc-kdol.org. www.paldenshangpa.net.

Sun. September 18

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Alan Moberg. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
Simone Lamers & Mike. Live at Salt Spring Vineyards, 2 to 4 p.m., plus complimentary wine and food tastings, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Fall Fair. See Saturday's listing.
Kalu Rinpoche Returns. See Saturday's listing.

Mon. September 19

ACTIVITIES

Prenatal Yoga with Shannon Cowan. Certified Doula and Kundalini Yoga teacher. 150 Suffolk Road. 9:30 a.m. Info: 250-537-HUGS. www.dharmatmayoga.com.
Taoist Tai Chi Intro Class and Open House. All Saints Anglican Church. 7 to 8 p.m. Info: Stephanie 250-537-1721.
Kalu Rinpoche Talk. Free Your Heart and Free Your Mind. GISS. 7 p.m. Info: www.paldenshangpa.net.

ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Morning Market. United Church Meadow. 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Tuesday Farmers' Market. Centennial Park. 3 to 7 p.m.
SSI Prostate Cancer Support Group. Discussion and get-together at the Farmers' Institute. 1:30 p.m.

Wed. September 21

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Wednesday Night Live. See last Wednesday's listing.
Simply Organic. A Treasury of Early Organ Music from Don Conley at All Saints. 10 to 11 a.m.
Beautiful Wild Animals. Treehouse Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Liz Wiltzen: Shapes, Values and Colours. See last Wednesday's listing.
Heads Up: An Introduction to Brain Health. SS Seniors. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Info/register: 250-537-5004 or e-mail chillary@alzheimerbc.org.
Belly Buddies: Birth Talk Uncensored. Topic is The Language of Birth. Hosted by the SSI Doula Collective at Family Place, 120 Park Drive. 6:30 p.m. Info: www.ssidoulas@gmail.com.
Empire of the Beetle. SSI Conservancy and SS Forum present author Andrew Nikiforuk. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m. Info: www.saltspringforum.ca.
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EXHIBITIONS

- **Eric Klemm** — Forever Green. New photographic series premier at **Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art** runs daily until Oct. 1.
- The **2011 Pride Art Show** fills the walls of **Art Spring** and **TJ Beans** for the month of September. See images from **Walk With Pride**, a one-year photographic project to capture pride events around the globe.
- **Gallery 8** presents **Symbolically 8**, new work by gallery artists, daily until Oct. 1.
- **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.
- **Morley Myers Summer Show** runs at #7-315 Upper Ganges Rd. (**Merchant Mews**).
- **Duthie Gallery** on Churchill Road is open Thursdays through Mondays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Fridays through Sundays from 8:30 to 10 p.m. for the **Summer Lights** night exhibition until Sept. 18.
- **Wendy Wickland** shows paintings and mixed-media works at **Country Roasters Cafe** in **Country Grocer** through September.
- A selection of local artist **Sav Boro'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. Uthhoff, Gary Sim, LeRoy Jensen, Gordon Caruso and Peter Haase.**
- **Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** welcomes **Khadreja McCall**, a much experienced artist and art teacher, with her new photography-based digital art.
- Photographer **Curt Firestone** has images from his **Morning** series hanging at **Bocados Bistro**.
- See **Lyman Whitaker's** wind sculptures at **Grace Point Square**.

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People & Community

TERRY FOX

Islanders 'do it for Terry' at annual event

Participants step beyond 2010 effort

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Sunny skies shone on the smiling faces of more than 175 runners, walkers, joggers and rollers who took part in Sunday's annual Terry Fox Run.

"It was a great atmosphere with inspiring speeches and inspiring music," said Catherine Bennett. "It was a fantastic event."

The clear hot conditions were very different from the wet and cold course participants faced in 2010, and the numbers reflect that difference.

Figures compiled by Tuesday morning, indicate this year's event attracted about 30 more registered participants than the 2010 run.

Fundraisers collected over \$7,500 for cancer research, exceeding last year's total of \$5,000.

Special thanks goes out to each and every volunteer, business sponsors and the event's special musical guests that inspired participants along the way, say organizers.

"Participants included babies in strollers to seniors well over 80 years old and

HEALTH

SSI Therapeutic riding marks first decade

Volunteers at heart of SSTRAs success

Salt Spring's Therapeutic Riding Program caps a year of 10th anniversary celebrations at this weekend's Salt Spring Fall Fair with a call for volunteers, a request for donations and a chance to win a gigantic stuffed toy horse.

Barb Rankin, one of the about 20 volunteers who help makes SSTRAs sessions possible, said her biggest goal for the weekend is to spread the word and encourage others to step forward and participate in an amazing program that helps islanders with physical, intellectual or emotional challenges develop skills, get exercise and stay healthy.

"If everybody gave a little, we could continue for another 10 years," Rankin said. "The main thing is that we need volunteers."

By giving people of all ages the opportunity to work with horse sover the course of the SSTRAs' 10-week sessions, up to 36 participants ranging in age from kindergarten stu-



PHOTO BY DERRICK LINDY

Participants in Sunday's annual Terry Fox Run set off on one of three routes.

everything in between," Bennett said. "There were walkers, skateboarders, runners and even an elliptical bike."

"We had over 30 volunteers who helped put the event together, taking registration, flaggers and waterers, the pipe band, massage therapists and the fire department keeping us all on track."

Guest appearances included Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Elizabeth May, entrepreneur, community activist and former Victoria mayoral candi-

date Rob Reid, and Dr. Ron Puhky, a strong proponent of a holistic approach to cancer prevention. The event was emceed by fire chief Tom Bremner

Activities were centered outside Salt Spring Island Elementary School, with one-kilometre and 10-kilometre courses stretching along Park Drive and Atkins and Rainbow roads.

The Terry Fox Run takes places in communities across Canada and around the

world every September to raise awareness and funds for cancer research. Since Fox attempted to run across Canada in 1980, events have raised well over \$500 million.

Fox ran 42 kilometres a day through the Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario until cancer ended his cross-country run on Sept. 1 near Thunder Bay, Ontario. He had run more than 5,300 kilometres in 143 days and inspired millions around the globe. Fox died on June 28, 1981.



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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

EVENTS

Inside story of Sip and Savour

Farmer John Wilcox discusses upcoming festival

BY LES BROST
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

When you meet John Wilcox, you can tell right off the bat that he's not a modern industrial farmer.

Yes, he's baked nut-brown from the warm Gulf Island sun, and he's a lean, mean, working machine despite his grizzled grayness. His eyes are the tip-off.

These are not the bland, accepting eyes of today's corporate farmer. They are the sparkling, challenging eyes of a hell-raiser, a been-there, done-that veteran of the food wars with the scars to prove it.

John has worked on all sides of the food industry. He's been an Agriculture Canada staffer, international development worker and had a few other agricultural incarnations before his current gig as proprietor of Duck Creek Farm on Salt Spring Island. He's also a man with a lot on the go this time of year.

So why is a flinty-eyed guy like John backing the Sip and Savour festival? Because the September 23-24 festival is backing local food production, and that's vitally important to him. He sees national food security as the most important issue of our time.

Wilcox says, "We need to re-create a national food supply in Canada. My lifetime experience has taught me how hard it is to create policies that really emphasize local food economies. It's always been traded off to the benefit of international traders."

Wilcox didn't arrive at Salt Spring



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

John Wilcox of Duck Creek Farm.

and Duck Creek Farm by accident.

"I looked for years for a place that wasn't going to be overrun by industry. Here on Salt Spring, we can really focus on producing excellent food for our customers," he says.

Duck Creek Farm's signature crops are garlic and basil. Garlic has been a staple for 20 years, and Wilcox's favorite variety is Portuguese Red. It's a month earlier than most other garlic, and produces a good-tasting garlic with uniform cloves.

So what will "success" at Sip and Savour look like for Wilcox? The question brought a twinkle to his eye.

"Success will come from the ability of guests to unite with local food producers and chefs in a festival atmosphere. At Sip and Savour food will unite us all, and

that's why I'm backing the event," he said.

"It's a bottom-up example of what can be done when a community takes charge of its own destiny."

Next weekend's Sip and Savour event unites growers, food producers, chefs and vintners from Salt Spring, along with growers and chefs from neighbouring Gulf Islands, the Cowichan Valley and Saanich Peninsula, with BC vintners in mélanges a trois of culinary magic.

The adventure begins Friday evening from 6:30 onward with the Gala Wine-Pairing Dinner, as talented local chefs present a magnificent seven-course meal paired with Salt Spring wines. Seated under a giant marquee in the gardens of the Hastings House, guests will experience the finest fresh ingredients from the gardens, farms, and waters of Salt Spring. Seating is limited, and only 120 tickets will be sold at \$160 per person, including taxes and gratuity.

The magic continues Saturday afternoon from 1-4 p.m. as the Harbour House Hotel's ocean view orchard is transformed into a foodie's dream-grazing experience. Sipping fine B.C. wines and savouring samples of local and regional foods, guests will reap the rewards as vintners, chefs, and growers work together as trios, sharing each other's gifts to create tasting plates. Cost is \$49 per person.

For \$199, guest can attend both events. Tickets and information are available at www.sipandsavoursaltspring.com, or call 250-537-8320.

A word of caution — please act soon to avoid disappointment, as tickets are limited.

Capital Regional District



Notice of Nomination 2011 General Local Election

Public Notice is hereby given to the electors of the **Juan de Fuca, Salt Spring Island and Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Areas** in the Capital Regional District that nominations for the office of **Electoral Area Director** will be received between **9:00am, Tuesday, October 4, 2011 and 4:00pm, Friday, October 14, 2011.**

During that period the nomination documents shall only be received during regular office hours, 8:30am - 4:30pm, Monday - Friday, excluding statutory holidays, by a person designated by the Chief Election Officer at the **Capital Regional District, Legislative Services Dept., 5th Floor, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, B.C.**

Should anyone wish to file nomination documents in other than office hours, arrangements may be made by phoning the Chief Election Officer at 250.472.0059.

Representation for the Electoral Areas will be as listed below and shall be for a 3-year term commencing December 2011 and terminating in 2014 after the election held in accordance with the legislation in the Local Government Act (2014):

- **Juan de Fuca Electoral Area** **One Director**
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Dated this 4th day of September, 2011
Thomas F. Moore, Chief Election Officer

FITNESS

Wed. a.m. Nia takes off at Still Point

New fall spot
and time

Regular Wednesday Nia classes will be offered at a new spot and time when they resume on Sept. 14 led by Shelley Lawson.

Classes are now at Still Point Studio in the Harbour House Hotel on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Lawson, a Nia white belt, is also teaching on Sundays and Tuesdays on Galiano Island in the Garden Room of the Galiano Inn at 10:30 a.m. and on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. at the Activity Centre in Galiano Community School.

Nia brown belt Arleen Sadler also started an eight-week session in Ganges at the Side Door Studio on Tuesday, Sept. 13, which has full registration.

Nia is a fitness program that combines dance, martial and healing arts.

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

EVENTS

Zen retreat this month

Sept. 22- 25

The Salt Spring Zen Circle, which practices in the Zen lineage of Shunryu Suzuki-roshi — author of Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind — is offering its annual September retreat.

Called sesshin, which means "to touch the heart and mind," the retreat will be led by Peter Levitt, poet and Zen teacher who has practised Zen for 40 years. Beginning and experienced meditators are encouraged to attend this non-residential retreat, and free billeting for off-islanders is available.

"When you do something, you should burn yourself completely, like a good bonfire, leaving no trace of yourself," said Zen master, Shunryu Suzuki.

As a Zen Circle press release observes, "When the signs and traces of human activity are apparent everywhere, it can be a challenge to commit to a practice that asks us to leave no trace. But, if we are going to change the condition of our planet, and learn to live on it fully with equanimity and joy, leaving no trace may be just the approach we need.

"Usually our minds are distracted, busy and full of thoughts, but while we practice zazen (sitting meditation) where we 'just sit,' our minds become calm and clear. Then, instead of going about our lives in a manner that is ego driven and confused, this calmness and clarity abounds. And there is more. A clear and calm mind helps us to take care of what is right in front of us completely, with our whole being totally concentrated on what we do, until we discover the great joy of living like a good bonfire that burns all the wood to ash."

This traditional Zen retreat, held at the beautiful Gatehouse and gardens on Stowel Lake Farm, begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22 and ends at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 25. Some attendees may have day jobs that require them to be at work on Friday, so a special approach to help them integrate the retreat with their work will be offered.

Tasty vegetarian meals and snacks are provided. The cost is \$120. Donations for the teacher are gratefully received. To register, email acolburn@verizon.net or to learn more, call Judith Daylen at 250-537-2062 or check http://mahasangha.blogspot.com/.



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SET FOR THE FALL FAIR:

At left (top), Kaitlyn Lazzarotto, age 10, shows off the Chateau Minvielle Trophy for the Largest Big Leaf Maple Leaf brought into the Salt Spring Fall Fair. Kaitlyn has revisited her secret location this year in hopes of maintaining her 2009 and 2010 title at this year's event, which runs Saturday and Sunday at the Farmers' Institute. The prize is sponsored by maple syrup producer Paul Minvielle.

At left, below (from left), 4-H executive members Anna Rithaler, Sarah Rowse and Shael Lampard will be giving demonstrations at the 4-H barn throughout the fall fair weekend. The youth-run club creates leadership projects in areas such as horse training, raising rabbits and caveys and photography.



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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

FARMING

Abattoir fundraising effort nears its preliminary goal

Chicken tractor raffle set for weekend's fall fair

The next big opportunity to support the abattoir will be at the Salt Spring Fall Fair on the Sept. 17-18 weekend. Supporters should look for the tent with the "chicken palace," a mobile coop contributed by the Salt Spring Poultry Club.

"Designed and built by Michael Hogan, with a generous contribution from Harry Warner for materials, this is a chicken's dream home," said Margaret Thomson, chair of the Salt Spring Livestock Producers' group.

Beautifully constructed from cedar (a natural bug repellent) and measuring 6 X 5 feet and 5 feet high, the two-level A-frame can hold three or four full-size hens or six to eight bantams. A draw by donation will take place at the end of the fair (suggested donation \$10). The estimated cash value of the chicken tractor is \$850.

Many other donated items will be available at the fair through a silent auction. Items such as a Christmas turkey from Ruckle Farm, a dinner prepared in your own home by chef Bruce Wood, a cord of firewood and many other exciting local goods can be bid on at the Agricultural Alliance tent.

For details of how to donate or for more information about the abattoir project, see the current projects section on the Agricultural Alliance website at www.plantofarm.org, visit the display



PHOTO BY JULIE MILLS

Mobile coop builder Michael Hogan with his grandson, Coley.

at the Saturday market or come and see the group at the fall fair.

Agricultural Alliance members report the mobile abattoir project is moving into high gear with an initial design approved by the B.C. Centre for Disease Control.

Final approval of the plans will follow when detailed drawings are provided by the trailer manufacturer.

Organizers say work could begin by mid-October with the abattoir operating early in the new year if all goes according to schedule.

Local designer and project manager Brent Baker (whose previous projects include Murakami Gardens and Country Grocer) has been appointed

as the construction manager for the abattoir at 1449 Fulford-Ganges Rd., using funds from VanCity's Envirofund grant. All publicly donated funds will go towards the cost of the abattoir buildings and site preparation.

"The community has been amazingly supportive and generous," said Thomson.

Less than \$30,000 is needed to reach the preliminary goal of \$350,000.

Donations of \$50 or more qualify for a charitable receipt. The project would also welcome the donation of a travel trailer to be used as the employee lunch and change room.

Further details are available from Thomson at 250-537-4669 or windrush@telus.net.

Islands Trust - Local Trustees

Notice of Nomination | 2011 General Local Election

Public Notice is hereby given to the electors of **Galiano Island, Mayne Island, North Pender Island, Salt Spring Island, Saturna Island and South Pender Island Local Trust Areas** that nominations for the office of **Local Trustee** will be received between: **9:00am, Tuesday, October 4, 2011 and 4:00pm, Friday, October 14, 2011.**

During that period, nomination documents shall only be received during regular office hours, 8:30am - 4:30pm, Monday - Friday excluding statutory holidays, by a person designated by the Chief Election Officer at the **Capital Regional District, Legislative Services Dept., 5th Floor, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, B.C.** Should anyone wish to file nomination documents in other than office hours, arrangements may be made by phoning the Chief Election Officer at 250.472.0059.

Representation for the Islands Trust will be as listed below and shall be for a 3-year term commencing December 2011 and terminating in 2014 after the election held in accordance with the legislation in the Local Government Act (2014):

Galiano Island	Two Trustees	Salt Spring Island	Two Trustees
Mayne Island	Two Trustees	Saturna Island	Two Trustees
North Pender Island	Two Trustees	South Pender Island	Two Trustees

Candidates shall be nominated in writing by two duly qualified electors of the Local Trust Area in which the candidate is running for office. The nomination documents shall be in the form prescribed in the *Local Government Act* and shall state the name and residence of the person nominated in such a manner as to sufficiently identify such candidate. The nomination documents shall be subscribed to by the candidate. At the time of filing the nomination documents, the candidate shall also file with the Chief Election Officer or a person designated by the Chief Election Officer a written disclosure, as required under the *Financial Disclosure Act*.

Further information on the requirements and procedures for making a nomination and copies of all forms are available at:

• **Capital Regional District**, Legislative Services Dept., 5th Floor, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC Tel: 250.360.3128 or toll free 1.800.663.4425, local 3128 for Gulf Island residents;

• **Islands Trust**, #200-1627 Fort St., Victoria, BC Tel: 250.405.5188;

• **Islands Trust**, #1-500 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, Tel: 250.537.9144;

• or by calling the Chief Election Officer at 250.472.0059.

Dated this 4th day of September, 2011
Thomas F. Moore, Chief Election Officer

The following constitutes the designated Island Local Trust Areas for the purpose of electing local trustees to the Islands Trust:

Galiano Island Local Trust Area - Galiano, Ballingall, Charles, Gossip, Julia, Lion Islets, Parker, Retreat, Sphinx, Wise, Lot 145 Whaler Bay.

Mayne Island Local Trust Area - Mayne, Curlew, Georgeson

North Pender Local Trust Area - North Pender, Boat Islet, Fane, Roe Islet, Lot 31 A & B Colston Cove, Lot 50 Grimmer Bay, Lot 176 Otter Bay, Lot 32 Bedwell Harbour, Arbutus, Brethour, Chads, Coal, Comet, D'Arcy, Forrest, Gooch, Goudge, Hood, Imrie, James, Knapp, Portland, Pym, Rubly, Rum, Sidney, Tortoise Islets.

Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area - Salt Spring, Acland, Bright, Buriel Islet, Channel, Deadman, Goat, Grace, Hall, Hawkins, Idol, Isabella, Jackscrew, Mowgli, Norway, Piers, Prevost, Red Islets, Russell, Secretary, Secret, Sisters - First, Second, Third, Wallace, Lot 73 Long Harbour, Lot 349 Ganges Harbour, Lot 222 Long Harbour, Lot 344 Stuart Channel.

Saturna Island Local Trust Area - Saturna, Anniversary, Belle Chain Islets, Cabbage, Java Islets, King Islets, Lizard, Pine, Samuel, Trevor Islet, Tumbo, Lot 65 East of Samuel.

South Pender Local Trust Area - South Pender, Blunden Islet, Skull Islet.



LECTURES

Journalist talks about pine beetle epidemic at SS Forum event

Andrew Nikiforuk on tap Sept. 21

Since 1998, the pine beetle has destroyed more than 675 million cubic metres of pine in British Columbia.

Despite billions of public dollars spent on control efforts, the beetle continues to prey on forests, eviscerating both the environment and its dependent communities.

Andrew Nikiforuk, an award-winning Canadian journalist and author of *Empire of the Beetle*, visits Salt Spring on Wednesday, Sept. 21 to discuss the epidemic and its consequences.

Invited by The Salt Spring Island Conservancy and the Salt Spring Forum, Nikiforuk will explain how science, logging, public policy and a hundred years of fire suppression led to the beetle taking hold on Canada's west coast. His talk will also explore the lessons such outbreaks hold, and what can be done to prevent similar environmental disasters in the future.

Following the presentation, the audience can participate in a Q&A session in which the author will draw on first-hand accounts from the entomologists, botanists, foresters and rural residents he spoke to during his investigations.

Nikiforuk will also be available to sign copies of *Empire of the Beetle*.

The event starts at 7:30 p.m. at ArtSpring. Tickets are \$10 for Salt Spring Island Forum members, \$15 for non-members. Tickets are available from: Salt Spring Coffee, Salt Spring Air, Salt Spring Books, Moutat's and Morningside Café.

Copies of *Empire of the Beetle* will be available at Salt Spring Books prior to and after the event. For more information visit www.saltspringforum.ca.

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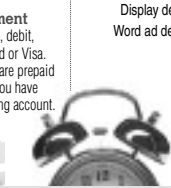
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CELEBRATIONS

Richard Hayes and Laraine Fernandes-Hayden welcomed
Darley Sabine
 into the world
 on 05/11/11 at 8:00 am.
 August 27, 2011
 She weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL Meeting of the Tuned Air Choral Society (Deb Toole's Viva Voce! choir), Thursday, Sept. 29, 8pm, SSI Baptist Church, 520 Lower Ganges Rd.

ASTROLOGER MICHAEL O'CONNOR visiting Salt Spring Island from Sept 26 to 30. In-person readings. Evening Presentation, "Gardening in-tune with the Sun & Moon"-Community Gospel Hall - By Donation. Reserve now. 1-888-352-2936 or email to sun-starastrlogy@gmail.com

BOOK LAUNCH Reading & Celebration for This is the Moon's Work: New & selected poems by Diana Hayes. Sat Sept. 24, 8 pm Lions' Club. Doors Open 7:30. Admission Free, books for sale - \$19.95. Celtic fiddle music by Wesley Hardisty. A Mother Tongue Publishing event.

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MEADEN HALL
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7PM THURSDAY
September 15, 2011
Early Bird, 6:30 pm

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Annual General Meeting
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PIANO TUNER coming to Salt Spring Sept 28 to Oct. 2. Book appt. 604-732-7863 or silverwoodpianos@shaw.ca www.silverwoodpianos.com

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Doltheiser/Dakin
 Suzanne and Axel Doltheiser along with Karen and Richard Dakin are pleased to announce the wedding of their children James and Tyler, July 9th, 2011, in a beautiful ceremony at the Dakin Residence on Salt Spring Island, B.C. We wish you two a long and happy life together and many siblings for Maximilian.

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Call Stephanie 250-537-1721

KALU RINPOCHE RETURNS

Sept. 17 & 18 - KDOL Mt. Tuam
 Meditation Retreat
 Register online at: www.kkc-kdol.org

Sept. 19 - 7pm at GISS - by Donation
 Public Talk: "Free Your Heart and Free Your Mind"

Visit Kalu's website:
www.paldenshangpa.net

September 2011 Workshop

AN INTRODUCTION TO BRAIN HEALTH

Healthy aging is important to everyone, and it is essential not to forget the health of your brain as well!!

Wed. Sept. 21, 2011 • 1:30-3:30 pm
 Main Room, SS Senior Services
 379 Lower Ganges Road

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Shipley, Robert Leslie
June 20, 1933 - September 4, 2011

Our beloved Bob leaves to mourn his wife Lois and five step children and their families, twelve grandchildren and two great grandchildren, his sister Kathleen and nieces Lea Anne and Lori and their families. From his birthplace in Simcoe, Ontario, his engineering career took him throughout North America, from Yellowknife to Nashville to Los Angeles. He retired for the last 11 years on Salt Spring. Of the many aircraft Bob helped to produce, the B1B Bomber and the C17 Cargomaster stand out.

*My dearest Bob -
 One, or the other must leave
 One, or the other must stay
 One, or the other must grieve
 That is forever the way.
 That is the vow that was sworn
 Faithful "till death do us part"
 Braving what had to be borne
 Hiding the ache in the heart.
 One however adored
 First must be summoned away
 That is the will of our Lord
 One, or the other must stay.*

Bob wished cremation, no service and his ashes scattered on his favourite trail and rock and in his family plot in Ontario. If you wish, donation can be made to the Bessy Dane Society, whom we thank for their compassion, or to B.C.S.P.C.A. Caregivers at Lady Minto, we can't praise enough and Dr. David Woodlee, you are the most thoughtful and kind doctor ever.

Joan Edna Milton
June 30, 1923 - September 4, 2011

Joan, born in London, was a wartime nurse who cared for her patients with compassion, sensitivity and humour. She enjoyed a brief career as a ball room dancer after the war, but was proud and happy to give up both careers to be a full time mum once her first son was born. In 1957, she immigrated to Ontario with her husband Ron and two sons, Michael and Derrick. Joan and her husband moved to Salt Spring in 1991 to be closer to their youngest grand children, Margo and Shayla. Joan was disappointed that she had watched from a distance as her older grandchildren, Jennifer and Robert had grown up. Joan worked for a variety of charitable and community organizations both in England and Canada. Her greatest love was for children, but her love of animals, music, dance, theatre and travel was evident in her varied activities. She was very active in the Scout and Guide organization, setting up many packs and troops on 2 continents, as well as organizing at the provincial level. She was instrumental in creating live theatre in Aurora and was active in many organizations such as Royal Canadian Legion, the Humane Society, the SPCA, Seniors for Seniors, Central Hall, and more. Even at 88 she was still leading a sing-a-long regularly at Greenwood's. Joan's strong will, never ending curiosity and sense of humour will be missed by all who knew her.

MEMORIAL AND CELEBRATION OF JOAN'S LIFE
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GREENWOODS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Thursday September 29, 2011
TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Lady Minto Hospital meeting room (the portable)
Crofton Road, Ganges, Salt Spring Island

MEMBERSHIP: Persons who have reached 19 years of age, who reside in the Gulf Islands – namely Salt Spring, North Pender, South Pender, Prevost, Saturna, Samuel, Mayne and Galiano – who have made written application for membership in the Society. Memberships for the Society can be obtained at the Greenwood's Care Facility.

VOTING PRIVILEGES: Members in good standing who annually renew membership prior to the commencement of the annual meeting, are entitled to vote. Persons who have applied for membership during the past membership year (which extends from the conclusion of the last annual meeting until the commencement of the current annual meeting) are eligible to vote providing their membership application before August 31, 2011.

Please join us for our 31st AGM!!

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The BC Ferry Commissioner will hold public meetings in the Gulf Islands.

Salt Spring Island, Thursday, September 15,
2:00 – 4:00 pm, Harbour House Hotel,
121 Upper Ganges Road

Galiano Island, Friday September 16,
10:00 – 11:30 am, Galiano Community Hall,
141 Sturdies Bay Road

Pender Island, Friday, September 16,
2:00 - 4:00 pm, Anglican Church Hall,
4703 Canal Road

Mayne Island, Saturday September 17,
2:00 – 4:00pm, Mayne Island Community Hall,
Felix Jack Road

Saturna Island, Saturday October 1,
1:00 – 3:00 pm, Saturna Recreation and
Cultural Centre, 104 Harris Road.

The Commission is appointed under the Coastal Ferry Act to regulate fares and service levels of the ferry operator, BC Ferry Services Inc. on 25 saltwater routes. The Commission is independent of both the provincial government and BC Ferries and is presently conducting a review of the Coastal Ferry Act. Public input is invited.

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Notice of Intent to Dispose of Waste or Other Matter at Sea

Notice is hereby given that Salt Spring Island Sailing Club of 152 Douglas Road, Salt Spring Island, BC

Name of company or agency address intends on this 12th day of September, 2011 to apply to Environment Canada for a Disposal At Sea Permit under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, to load 12,000 m³

Quantity in cubic metres (m³) or tonnes (t) of dredged material

Dredged material, inert inorganic geological matter, fisheries waste, organic matter, vessels, or bulky substances at load site: 152 Douglas Road, Salt Spring Island, BC

Address or co-ordinates of load site to dispose of at sea at: Porlier Pass 49°00.20'N 123°29.90'W

Name and co-ordinates of disposal site by the following method: Self dump, or hopper scow

End discharge, hopper scows, pipeline or other It is proposed that loading and disposal activities will begin on:

December 1, 2011 and will terminate on: February 15, 2012.

Start date End date

For further information regarding these activities, please contact:

Gary Morrison, Salt Spring Island Sailing Club, 152 Douglas Rd, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2J2 BC 250-537-4879

Name, address and phone number of responsible officer of the company

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District

Residents within the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District are hereby advised that the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection Trustees will be giving final reading of the 2012 Fire Budget at our next public meeting, held at:

105 Lower Ganges Rd. Monday, Sept. 19, 2011 at 7:30pm.

All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

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A History of the Islands Trust presented by Peter Lamb

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Check out our Website for more information

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"Saying It Our Way" featuring Val Konig & Students

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FOR THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS

The Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District, by means of the Finance Committee Chairperson, Grant Eckberg, will be proposing the following, "Notice of Motion" at the monthly Fire Trustees meeting which will be held at the Ganges Fire Station, starting at 7:30 pm September 19, 2011

Notice of motion:

After considering the comments from the public at our last regular meeting regarding the proposed draft budget for 2012, and reviewing the subsequent revised draft budget prepared by management, I move that the Trustees adopt a budget by-law for operations and capital items in the amount of \$2.3 million, to be raised through taxation.

Overseers Anonymous 250-931-5555

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This Week's Horoscope

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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
 Paying closer attention to the details, you want to clear the clutter and make improvements. With an eye for beauty, you notice the colors now. At worst, you are blinded by the dark red hue of anger sparked by family conflicts. Though others want peace, you may be in a rebellious mood.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)
 Breaking through old blocks and lines of resistance is a current theme. You want to shake things up and make some needed changes and improvements. The focus is strong on home and family and this trend will continue.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)
 A strong focus upon your home base, living space and/or your core and center continues. You want to feel healthier and need to identify what and perhaps who is in the way. It may also be some of your own habitual attitudes and lifestyle patterns.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)
 Big changes continue to shake your world. Looking back the shifts began last year. This cycle will continue through the New Year and probably well into 2012. Currently, a mix of errands, communications and applications... are keeping you busy.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)
 Balancing with play is a priority now. This is the official last week of summer and squeezing the juice out of it feels important. Yet, you also feel the pressure to be more practical. Life is an ongoing learning process and it is important that you are a good student.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)
 Taking some key leads and initiatives will feel right now. Securing a healthier financial life may be a prime motivation. The time is right to invest for the future. Meanwhile, many new realizations towards a greater degree of self-awareness are ideal.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)
 A period of rest, retreat and perhaps work behind the scenes is coming to completion. If you have not taken any time out, now is a good time to do so. Tuning into the rhythms is a key to health and rejuvenation. Excessive will and/or worry versus allowing and flowing wastes energy. Balance wilful self-assertion with graceful acceptance.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)
 Initiating new connections, alliances and perhaps friendships is the call now. In order to trust, like and even love others, you must establish the same within and for yourself. Trying to hold on to what once was is an ego reaction and implies fear.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)
 The window of opportunity to be seen and heard by others in positions of authority is closing, but there is still time. Knowing what you want is also important. Who has the leverage, time and/or resources your want and need?

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)
 Paying attention to the details of the bigger picture is important now. This may require that you acquire new tools, skills and/or methods of approach. Making key investments for future considerations is likely.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)
 There is reason to say you are on an upward swing. Your confidence levels are rising. Yet, with the 'zig' there is also the 'zag' and you may also be feeling less confident give the state of the world. Knowing the difference between one's sphere of concern and scope of influence is wise.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)
 Creating a new balance on relationship fronts continues. This includes taking time out to play. Yet it also includes knowing which associations you need a break from. To evolve we require new stimulation and input.

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CROWDED HEADER: Sean Goddard and Colin Walde go head-to-head in front of the Fernwood goal in Men's Master B Soccer action on Sunday, Salt Spring FC Over-35s and the Fernwood Dragons tied the match 3-3.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

United bursts back into play for 5-1 win

Donaldson earns hat-trick

Salt Spring United's Division 2 women resumed play last Sunday, ready for a new slate of soccer action starting with the Castaways FC.

The local team came out strong after a second place finish in its division last spring, but did not underestimate the challenges of the first day back.

"It was scorching hot and we only had one sub, so we knew it was going to be tough," spokesperson Sue-Anne Donaldson said.

Despite the disadvantages, United jumped out early for a two goal lead. The first goal came after a chance created by Naomi Tweedle, who played a long shot from centre past the Castaways' defence. Donaldson, who was positioned alone by the keeper, picked up the shot and managed to get the ball through. Then Donaldson scored the game's second goal on a break-away.

The Castaways managed to put one back before the break to make it 2-1, but that was to be their sole

consolation of the game.

"We regrouped and started the second half strong, and got two quick goals in about 20 minutes," Donaldson said.

Rhea Davidson was first to score after the break, taking advantage of a nice passing play started by Tweedle and then putting the ball into the far corner. LeeAnn Norgard followed shortly after with a hard, low shot that proved too much for the Castaways' keeper.

The final goal completed a hat-trick for Donaldson, a nice start to the season for one of United's all star players of last year.

"There was a lot of strong performances from everyone," Donaldson said, naming new teammate Cara Goddrad and new keeper Alisha Renaud. Kirsty Girard had a game in midfield and Tweedle had a great game as stopper, she added.

Next up for United is a home game against Cordova Bay at the lower GISS field, 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18.

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SPORTS & RECREATION

CYCLING

Mary Waugh completes 10-week 8,000-kilometre trip

Cross-country dream

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It wasn't until she completed the final slog up Signal Hill overlooking St. John's, NL that Salt Spring's Mary Waugh fully realized what she'd achieved.

"I didn't think I'd feel such an accomplishment, but when I got there it was amazing," said Waugh, describing the final two-kilometre trek up a 17 per cent grade.

Looking out over the North Atlantic on a clear blue August day after months of riding, Waugh dismounted her bike one last time, having completed her long-sought dream to pedal from coast to coast across Canada.

Waugh, who is now in her mid-sixties, had already cycled between Vancouver and Ottawa as a young mother of three.

As an experienced cyclist, Waugh always imagined riding to the Atlantic but never seemed to have enough

time in her busy life as a mother and nurse.

Back in January, she decided to make the time and began training for her great cross-country adventure.

For six months, Waugh pedaled nearly 3,000 kilometres through any condition nature threw her way on trails and roads throughout the Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island, including three 160-kilometre, off-island day trips.

By the end of June, Waugh was ready to tackle the journey from

Vancouver to St. John's in a group of approximately 35 riders from around the world as part of the annual Tour du Canada, a classic semi-catered bike tour that's been running since 1988.

"I've always cycled and this is something that I've been hoping to do for a long time," she said.

For 10 weeks, riders averaged 130 kilometres per day as they rode through all the scenery and sights Canada's 10 provinces have to offer. Riders had one rest

day for every six days of riding and stayed in campgrounds or university residences along the way.

Except for ever-changing views, Waugh said, it didn't take long for her to fall into the routine of life on the road. During an average day, Waugh and the other riders would wake up at 6 a.m., eat, ride, eat again, ride a little more, eat, socialize and hit the sack, exhausted, by 9 p.m.

After a half dozen mountain ranges, fierce headwinds through the prairies, a seemingly impenetrable Canadian Shield and the subtle challenges offered across the Maritimes, Waugh has made one thing perfectly clear.

Never again, she said.

Although challenging and rewarding beyond expectations, Waugh said, the 10-week journey made it clear that one journey of a lifetime is enough for one summer.

As for next year, she said, a trip through Europe is already on the horizon.



Mary Waugh with her bike.

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Galiano Island Community Use Building Referendum

Public notice is hereby given that the assent of the electors is required with regard to:

- Bylaw No. 3792, "Galiano Island Community Use Building Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2, 2011"; and
- Bylaw No. 3793, "Galiano Island Community Use Building Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2, 2011"

Qualified electors of the Galiano Island Community Use Building Service Area within the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area in particular: Galiano, Retreat, Wise, Parker and Gossip Islands, will be asked to vote on the following question on **Saturday, November 19, 2011**:

Are you in favour of the Capital Regional District Board adopting both of the following bylaws:

- Bylaw No. 3792, "Galiano Island Community Use Building Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2, 2011" authorizing the Capital Regional District to establish a service to provide a library, community and local government use building and to raise a maximum annual requisition of the greater of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100,100.00) or \$0.165 per ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) of taxable land and improvements for the purpose of funding the capital and operating costs of the service; and
- Bylaw No. 3793, "Galiano Island Community Use Building Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2, 2011" authorizing the Capital Regional District to borrow an amount not to exceed SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$730,000.00) for the purpose of paying the net costs of planning, designing, constructing and equipping a new library, community and local government use building on Galiano Island. YES or NO?

Scrutineers

Applications to act as a scrutineer for those organizations for and against Bylaw Nos. 3792 and 3793 shall be received at the offices of the Capital Regional District (CRD), PO Box 1000, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm from **Tuesday, October 4, 2011 until Friday, October 14, 2011**. Application forms and information on the requirements and procedures for making an application are available at the CRD by telephoning toll free 1.800.663.4425 local 3129 or 250.360.3129 or at the address noted above.

List of Registered Electors

Beginning Tuesday, October 4, 2011 until Friday, November 18, 2011 a copy of the List of Registered Electors for Galiano Island will be available, upon signature, for public inspection at the CRD office listed below, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday. You may also call to enquire whether your name is on the List: CRD Legislative Services Dept., 5th Floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC, Telephone Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3129 or 250.360.3129.

Notice of Advance Voter Registration

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Dated this 4th day of September, 2011
Thomas F. Moore
Chief Election Officer

BRIDGE TRICKS

No Labour Day rest for SSI bridge troupe

Sign language not needed for present players

BY JILL EVANS

DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Life was tough for the civilian internees in China during WW II.

Here's an excerpt from an autobiographical book *Stone-Paper-Scissors*, written by four British sisters who had lived in Shanghai, one of whom stayed and was interned by the Japanese:

"In spite of all the chores [in the Yangchow internment camp] time still dragged. Some of us had managed to slip in a pack of cards amongst our effects so learnt to play bridge.

"We had one or two excellent players in camp who very kindly gave lessons, but when to play? It was decided that the only thing to do was to use our quiet time, between two and four each afternoon.

"We had to be very quiet and played in a kind of sign language which was rather fun. We made a fist for clubs, pointed to the ring finger for diamonds, the heart for hearts and made a digging motion for spades. Passing your hand quickly from left to right under your chin meant no trumps."

Well, now we have bidding boxes to keep things quiet (for a while), and far more comfortable surroundings.

On Aug. 29 there were five full tables and the winners were Felicity (Liz) and Oleh Mycky. Ruth Hopping and Jill Evans managed second place and Blanche Poborsa and Gerry Davidson were third — a pleasant farewell for Gerry, who was off back to Arizona after that. George Laundry and Paul Retallack came in fourth.

Sept. 5 was Labour Day but bridge didn't take a holiday. Jeff Bell and Brent Vickers took first place and there was a tie for second between the Blanche Poborsa-Gillian Moutat partnership and that of Joanne Elizabeth and Jill Evans. Third place went to Isabelle Richardson and Jean Elder, with Flo Laundry and Gisela Welsh in the fourth spot.

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SPORTS & RECREATION

SAILING

American claims Canadian one-metre title on SSI

'Little islanders' post strong results

A stalwart contingent of Gulf Islands-area racers provided serious competition to some of the best model sailboat racers in North America at the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club last weekend.

Twenty-five participants from across Canada and the United States contended with light winds, an influx of seaweed and the odd jelly fish during 50 races held over the three-day Canadian Radio Yachting Association's International One Metre National Championships.

"It was a light-aired competitive event but, with a sixth sense for seaweed, you'd do a lot better," said race officer Lawrie Neish on Monday.

Given the challenging marine conditions and some difficulties telling the difference between start signals and bongo drums in Ganges on Saturday, Neish said, the event went very well.

California's George Pedrick clinched this year's national title in Sunday's final, dethroning perennial

favorite Peter Van Rossem of Kingston, Ontario.

Hornby Island's Graham Herbert placed second and Van Rossem earned a third-place finish after winning a tie breaker with fourth-place's Jan Schmidt. Morgan DeWess and Salt Spring's Martin Herbert rounded out the top six finishers.

Neish said the light winds may have caught many of the event's veteran racers off guard and unprepared for the inconsistent conditions.

Herbert and Herbert topped a strong group of "little islanders" that's been making a name for itself as more folks become interested in the world of IOM racing.

The IOM class is the most popular radio-controlled racing class in the world.

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The weekend event marks the fourth time in six years the CRYA's IOM National Championships have been based on Salt Spring.

The island will host the event again in 2013.



Graham Herbert, of Hornby Island, places his boat in the water during last weekend's International One Metre National Championships. Herbert ended up winning second place overall.

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Core 5 - 5:30		Core 5 - 5:30		Core 5 - 5:30		
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- 8:30 amStart of livestock judging, continuing through the day
- 9:00 amCommercial Vendors and Exhibitors open
- 10:00 amHorse show opens...continues all day
- 10:00 amFree bus shuttle from town to/from the fairgrounds:
.....starts at the Tourist Information Centre
- 10:00 amFood Concessions and Games of Chance open
- ♪ 10:00 amSalt Spring Pipes & Drummers
- 10:30 amOngoing Demonstrations at the Demo Tent
- ♪ 10:40 amTara
- 11:00 amIndoor Sections Open - in the Main Building
- ♪ 11:20 amBach on the Rock
- ♪ NoonVaughn Fulford & the Folke Fiends
- ♪ 12:40 pmRamesh Meyers
- 1:00 pmClasses and demonstrations at the Horse Ring ongoing all day
- 1:00 pmZucchini Races
- ♪ 1:20 pmSweetwater
- ♪ 2:00 pmLisa Maxx
- 2:00 pmSheep Dog Demonstration
- 2:00 pmTractor Pull
- ♪ 2:40 pmLane 31
- ♪ 3:20 pmWesley Hardisty
- ♪ 4:00 pmThe Barley Brothers
- ♪ 4:40 pmSimone and the Soul Intentions
- ♪ 5:20 pmThe Mancubs featuring Nikkilicious
- 6:00 pmGates Closed

See you
at the
Fair!

The theme for this year's Fall Fair is "GREEN AND GROWING".
A perfect match for the theme of our Demo Tent, which is again this year,
"LOCAL FOOD - INCREASING PRODUCTION and PRESERVING."

SATURDAY

- 10:30 - 11:15....(Patricia Donnelly) Chickens 101.
.....The basics of back yard chickens.
- 11:30 - 12:15.... Paul Minvielle and Belinda Schroeder. How to harvest
.....your own maple sap and process it into yummy maple syrup.
- 1:00 - 1:45 Sharon Sullivan. How to keep your own honey bees.
- 2:00 - 2:45 Marsha Goldberg. Seed Saving, and the importance
.....thereof to your family, tradition and local food security.

SUNDAY

- 9:45 - 10:15..... Harry Burton. The Sweetest Apple Contest.
- 10:30 - 11:15..... Harry Burton. Judging of the "The People Choice"
- 11:30 - 12:15.... Linda Gilkeson. Year round gardening secrets
.....(with an emphasis on winter gardening techni
- 1:00 - 1:45 Chef Bruce Wood. (of Bruce's Kitchen from Res
- will demonstrate how to safely preserve your g
- 2:00 - 2:45 Chef Bruce Wood. (See 1:00 description)

Although all sessions may appeal to kids, we have placed a star (*) beside those that may have extra appeal to the younger

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Entertainment Schedule

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 18

- 7:30am Admission Gates open
- 9:00 am-10:30 am Admittance to the Main Building open only to
.....Special Needs and Greenwoods residents
- 9:00 am Commercial Vendors and Exhibitors open
- ♪ 9:15 am Alan Moberg
- 9:15 am Judging the Sweetest Apple Contest
- 9:30 am Pet Parade registration
- 10:00 am Horse Show opens...continues all day
- 10:00 am Pet Parade
- 10:00 am Free bus shuttle from town to/from the fairgrounds:
.....starts at the Tourist Information Centre
- 10:00 am Food Concessions and Games of Chance open
.....Ongoing Demonstrations: Check demo tent for up to date schedule.
- ♪ 10:00 am Richard Cross
- 10:30 am Indoor Exhibits open to all fairgoers
- ♪ 10:40 am Paul McGowan & Les Gumes
- ♪ 11:20 am Harry Warner & Friends
- 11:30 am Sheep Dog Demonstration
- ♪ Noon Terry & Arvid
- ♪ 12:40 pm Sweetwater Revolver
- 1:00 pm Farmer Vicky
- ♪ 1:20 pm The Garden Band
- 1:45 pm Longest lasting rose bloom announced
- ♪ 2:00 pm Cowboy Ted
- 2:30 pm Sheep Dog Demonstration
- 3:00 pm Rotary Club Muffin Madness
- 3:30 pm Zucchini Races
- 3:00-5:00 pm...Prize money & Trophies may be collected upstairs in the main building
- ♪ 2:40 pm Synergy
- ♪ 3:20 pm The Stack Sisters with Andy Hickman & Greg Pauker
- ♪ 4:00 pm Bill Henderson
- 5:00-6:00 pm All entries must be removed (not earlier)



Gates closed for another year!



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