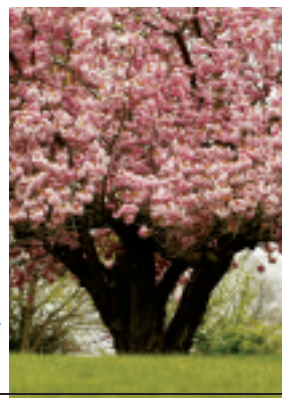


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**TITANIC CELEBRATION:** Some of the people on hand Saturday for the Titanic 100th-anniversary cake cutting at the Lady Minto Thrift Shop were, clockwise from bottom left, Molly Booth, Usha Rautenbach, Norm Page, Jean Williams and Erin Ellis Kelly. The cake was made by Embe Bakery, and a special Titanic-items silent auction continues at the Thrift Shop until April 28.

## COURT SERVICES Salt Spring court sessions reduced

Province cites low case load and lack of resources

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The cancellation of two monthly court sessions on the island has led some observers to wonder if chronic underfunding of B.C.'s court system has finally reached Salt Spring.

"The provincial government's approach to the justice system is troubling," said Michael Mulligan, a Victoria-based lawyer who has observed significant changes to the provincial justice system during his 14-year career.

Whereas British Columbia's judiciary can still pride itself on being fair and effective, Mulligan said, legitimate concerns have arisen when it comes to the time it takes to conclude cases.

In an address to the Canadian Bar Association's B.C. branch meeting in November, Chief Justice Robert Bauman said 59 per cent of adult criminal cases pending in the court system were over the 180-day completion guideline mandated by the court. Of those cases, 15 per cent, or 2,500, of adult criminal court cases had been pending for at least a year and a half.

Here on Salt Spring, the evidence is readily seen by the number of cases that

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## FIRE DISTRICT

# New fire hall process laid out at AGM

Eckberg, Hannah, Patterson re-elected to fire board

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Fire Protection District's new board of trustees is the same as its old board of trustees with no changes resulting from Monday's election.

As announced at the board's annual general meeting Monday night, Grant Eckberg (102 votes), Richard Hannah (94 votes) and Bruce Patterson (98 votes) were re-elected to the board for three-year terms. Newcomer Elizabeth Zook's 49 votes failed to earn her a seat.

Only 174 ballots were cast from an estimated 9,000 potential electors. Voting was limited to property owners whose name were listed on title.

Michael Schubart was re-elected as chair by general consent at the board's monthly meeting, which followed the AGM.

Discussion on plans to build a new Ganges fire hall on land donated by Brinkworthy property owner Tristar Communities dominated much of the AGM and the regular meeting. News that the Agricultural Land Commission has approved non-farm use of the land for the project allowed the board to set its next steps in motion, including the establishment of three related committees.

Schubart said the public would be invited to participate in the project through a consultation process.

"We're assuming the public has an opinion, and would like to express that opinion," he explained. He also invited people to submit ideas on what should happen to the current fire hall once a new one is constructed.

Questions from the public about the new building included several from James Savage, a representative of the PermaSteel building company. Savage asked the board to consider various building materials for the project and noted his firm, which is owned by Salt Spring resident Norm Elliott, had recently constructed a new

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## NEWSBEAT

### CONTROVERSY

# Villagers stage protest despite being misinformed about smart meter plan

Some residents maintain concerns

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Anti-smart meter activists convened in front of the Pioneer Village seniors' housing complex Friday morning to oppose any attempts to install the controversial technology — now or at any point in the future.

The protest was held even though smart-meter installation is not imminent, as residents mistakenly believed and told the Driftwood earlier in the week.

"I think it's very good that many people showed up and it seems people are committed to fight smart meters on the island," said Jacqueline Ménard, a Pioneer Village resident who

helped organize Friday's protest. "The [Pioneer Village board] is looking at it seriously, consulting with us and taking into account that there are many people who don't want [the meters] here for both health and financial reasons."

Earlier this week, Ménard reiterated residents' willingness to work with board members towards a solution to the smart meter issue.

"We, the residents of Pioneer Village, are grateful to our board for the good and regular maintenance they do on the grounds and residences of Pioneer Village. We are also thankful for the help they provide when problems arise in our units," she said. "We are certainly not looking at members of the board like our enemies. We would like them to be our allies and

establish a better working relationship based on communication, sharing of information and some consultation."

Residents of the 22-unit complex organized the protest earlier in the week over fears that electrical work announced late last week was a precursor to the installation of smart meters at the complex.

However, a BC Hydro spokesperson confirmed Thursday that temporary removal of metering equipment at Pioneer Village on Friday is not related to the installation of smart meters at the seniors' complex.

"It's got nothing to do with us," said BC Hydro's Ted Olynk. "It's routine work. The electrician for Pioneer Village requested us to remove the meters."

Olynk said meters must be removed during work on the com-

plex electrical system as a safety precaution. The original meters will be replaced once work is complete, he added.

Ménard acknowledged "the communication line did not happen clearly and efficiently, in spite of our efforts, at a time when it was crucial for us to get accurate information about the April 13 electrical work."

Organizers continued with Friday's protest to show that residents oppose any attempt to install smart meters. At least 14 people who live in the Lower Ganges Road complex say they oppose BC Hydro's smart-meter plan due to health concerns and the possibility of higher electricity costs.

"There are several residents with various health problems, problems which could be exacerbated by the electromag-

netic radiation generated by smart meters," Ménard said. "Needless to say, these residents were very stressed at the prospect of preparatory ground work for the installation of smart meters."

Olynk said BC Hydro is not scheduled to start widespread installation of smart meters on Salt Spring until late 2012. The work will be preceded by a formal notification process, he said.

Gary Stunder, an electrician with Thunder Electric, told protesters and media assembled at Friday's protest that the work involves "grounding the duplex meter bases," part of routine maintenance work to increase the units' safety.

"It's not a big conspiracy," Stunder said. "This has nothing to do with smart meters."

## Criminal court cases just getting longer

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commonly take more than a year to process.

According to Mulligan, the situation is getting worse as funding cuts, combined with stronger mandatory minimum sentencing implemented

by the federal government, extend cases and strain the system.

"When there is a minimum sentence associated with an offence, the result is that there is no incentive for an accused person to plead guilty," he said. "This produces more trials, which require significantly more time in court than when people plead guilty."

More court time means more funding in a political climate that has seen significant cutbacks to everything from Legal Aid to the number of judges.

"Essentially what has occurred is that the provincial government has elected not to appoint a sufficient number of

judges to replace judges who have become senior and only sit part time, in order to save money," he said.

The result, he added, is longer processing time for criminal court cases.

"Cases can now take a year or more to be completed when a trial date is set immediately," Mulligan said. "In an attempt to cope with inadequate resources, cases are now routinely overbooked, which results in trials being routinely adjourned."

A decision by the Office of the Chief Justice earlier this year to cancel Salt Spring's monthly court sittings in May and December is a sign the island may no longer be

immune to the same kind of pressures that have resulted in the closure of 24 rural courthouses since 2002.

As a result of May's cancellation, for example, a total of seven cases were adjourned until the next court date, in June. The two-month delay will inevitably place extra stress not only on those charged but on the victims and families of all those who are engaged in the process.

According to Gene Jamieson, a spokesperson for the Office of the Chief Justice, cancellation of Salt Spring's sessions is a result of a lighter than usual case load and a need to "ensure the best use of court time."

"The court is always concerned about delays in proceedings and appreciates the stress experienced by those affected," he said. "However, court cases in criminal matters require the availability of judges, Crown counsel, defence counsel and witnesses."

Although Premier Christy Clark has announced plans to implement "justice system reforms" within the next several years, critics like Mulligan feel it will only detract attention from the impact that government cuts have had on the system.

As well, he added, Legal Aid lawyers have withdrawn service to protect the cuts.

## Architect and manager chosen

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emergency centre and fire hall on Saturna Island.

Savage also asked questions about estimated building costs, but Schubart said no plans have been drawn up so these have not been

estimated.

The chair fielded other questions about the process leading to the selection of the Johnson Davidson architect firm and construction manager Hans Hazenboom. Hazenboom will manage the building process with opportunities for subcontracting open to tender, once a building design has

been accepted.

Now that permission to use the land has been approved, the board will initiate the process to subdivide the property from the parent Brinkworthy parcel, which will include surveying the land and getting layout approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

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### NORTHERN GATEWAY PIPELINE

## Islanders turn out in droves for Oil Free Coast event

MP Elizabeth May calls for 'separation of oil and state'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A proposal to build the 1,175-kilometre Enbridge Northern Gateway twin pipelines and the prospect of more tankers travelling along British Columbia's coast is about as poor a mix for Canada's long-term interests as oil and water, according to Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Elizabeth May.

"We have this craziness that British Columbians are being told this is in the national interest and we must accept a project which is clearly against all of our interest," May told a crowd of nearly 100 people assembled for Saturday afternoon's Oil Free Coast event at Meaden Hall.

"This is not about Canada exporting a Canadian product or opening up Canadian markets, this is about Canada becoming a resource-based colony for a new super power.

"This is about China's oil going through China's pipeline to China's tankers for overseas production."

May said \$12 billion in direct oil sands investment from China's main state-owned petroleum companies, SINOPEC and PetroChina, make it abundantly

clear who stands to gain if unrefined crude begins to flow across the province's north to Kitimat, where it will be loaded onto ships bound for ports in China and the United States.

"If we allow the tanker traffic to go from the B.C. coast, we are also exporting about 45,000 jobs to China for refining bitumen crude," May said in response to rhetoric that the pipeline project is a sorely needed driver in hard economic times.

"None of this makes any sense. I think we're dealing with a time where what's really at stake is the notion of responsible government and real public policy or fake democracy in what is essentially an 'oligarchy,'" she said. "I think we desperately need a separation of oil and state."

Whereas May served participants a sense of the project's political background, it fell upon veteran sea cap-



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Members of Salt Spring's Raging Grannies sing against the prospect of increased oil tanker traffic off B.C.'s coast, at Saturday's Oil Free Coast event.

"This is about

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ELIZABETH MAY  
Leader, Green Party of  
Canada/Saanich-Gulf  
Islands MP

tain, boat builder and ecotourism operator Brian Falconer to offer the crowd a sense of the project's potentially devastating consequences.

Falconer has lately become involved in the Northern Gateway project's joint review panel, a process that collects public comments about the proposed project in communities across the province.

Part of his research involves combing through and reviewing application documents submitted by industry to the federal government as part of the

approval process.

In the case of Transport Canada's TERMPOL Report, produced to outline the level of risk associated with shipping crude oil through the waters off Northern B.C., Falconer said his research led him to classify the work as "astounding," "deceiving" and "absolutely pathetic."

Despite assurance from Enbridge that the report represents "a very positive step forward in the public review of the project," Falconer told Saturday's crowd the report provides "misleading information" about the risks associated with ship-

ping crude through the B.C. coast's notoriously challenging conditions.

"So many people in this world cannot imagine the threat of having these gigantic oil tankers. These things exist almost everywhere in the world and everywhere in the world where these things exist and where they travel, this does not exist. This is the rainforest, the ocean, the shores of Haida Gwaii and the shores of the central coast," he said.

"There is no place where I've sailed in this world that has the richness and abundance of this coast, so for

all of us, the thought of (an Exxon Valdez-like spill) happening is simply unimaginable."

As more people from across the political spectrum begin to see the number of problems associated with the Northern Gateway proposal, Falconer said, it's crucial people continue to talk about the issue, especially with those who do not share their opinions.

"Even very conservative people who I am not normally aligned with are starting to get it," he said. "Talk to people who you know will disagree with you. Talk to people who think this is a good idea and tell them about what the cost is, tell them about the economics."

For others, like event emcee Jack Rosen, it all comes down to a realization of what's on B.C.'s doorstep before it's too late.

"It is a pristine area and it is just ridiculous that we, in Canada, do not appreciate it as much as we should," said Rosen, a kayak guide and owner of Island Escapes who has paddled through the area several times. "In British Columbia, we need to appreciate what we have and how important this Great Bear Rainforest is to British Columbia."

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## News briefs

### Post office is hiring

Canada Post officials say a hiring process has been initiated to fill two positions at the Ganges post office that have not been staffed since January.

The two part-time jobs will offer fewer hours than they did when they were last staffed, but spokesman John Caines said service levels will not suffer.

"We'll actually be adding staff hours on Saturday so there can be a second person helping out, so we'll improve service that day," Caines said. The vacant positions are

expected to be staffed within two to four weeks.

### Paper awards

The Gulf Islands Driftwood picked up two first-place and two second-place awards at a provincial community newspaper competition Saturday.

A John Cameron longboarding photo earned first prize in the sports photo category for papers under 25,000 circulation, as did the Day in the Life of Salt Spring Island project for best photo essay.

The paper also earned a second place for best overall paper among 13 papers in its circulation category, and Aqua magazine came second for special publications in the

under 25,000 category.

Driftwood editor Gail Sjuberg also won a slightly used copy of a Hunter S. Thompson book for being the first person to do a "tebow" as part of an award acceptance speech—a challenge put out by the B.C. Reporter Reporter blog site.

### Class offers kind acts

Students in the Salt Spring Centre School's leadership class will be trying to make community members happy this weekend with a number of free events and services.

This year's leadership theme is "Random Acts of

Kindness." The Grade 4-6 students have been challenged to create events that bring some happiness or help to people in the community.

On Saturday, April 21, one of the groups will perform a flash mob in Centennial Park several times between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. They will also have a free ice cream stand.

On Sunday, April 22, a second group will offer a free dog wash and dog walking afternoon. People can bring their dogs to an outdoor tent at Rainbow Road pool and have their dog washed from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Students will also take dogs for a walk at

the dog park or around the neighbourhood. Students have received some basic training from dog grooming and dog washing professionals.

### Boats lost and found

A Collins Road resident reported her new 13-foot, open yellow Ocean's plastic kayak missing from her waterfront home close to Bader's Beach on Thursday, April 12. Anyone with information about the whereabouts of this kayak should call the RCMP at 250-537-5555.

Anyone missing a red Coleman canoe, found Thursday

on St. Mary Lake, should also contact the local detachment for details.

### Bad driving

Salt Spring RCMP members have been busy this month with traffic enforcement. Officers have issued 64 written warnings and 29 violation tickets since the beginning of April.

In the coming weeks local detachment members will be increasing their focus on distracted drivers who continue to drive while holding electronic devices such as cell phones. There will also be an increased focus on the minority of drivers who are not buckling up.

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## NEWSBEAT

## SPORTS FACILITIES

## SSTA fundraising campaign nets unusual donation

Member's contribution shows a dollar can still go far

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A generous donation has served up plenty of excitement for Salt Spring Island Tennis Association members who continue to raise funds for the island's new indoor tennis facility.

Earlier this month, the tennis club's eldest member, 90-year-old Joseph "Sepp" Kandler, was in the process of doing some spring cleaning when he decided to part with something the tennis association considers "the most original and unusual donation" it has ever received.

"To be honest, I just wanted to get rid of them," Kandler said in recent interview. "It was just in the living room and I didn't want to look at it anymore."

Kandler's donation, valued at approximately \$500, is a collection of uncut mint-condition US \$1 bills. The package includes a limited edition collectors' sheet of 64 uncut and untouched US \$1 bills and nine souvenir edition folders, each of



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

From left, SSTA president Erica Ross, vice-president Fernando Dos Santos, member and dollar-bill donor Sepp Kandler, and SSTA board member Doris St. Germain.

which contains four uncut bills in a leather-bound jacket.

Instead of watching the bills collect dust in his living room, Kandler and his spouse Melitta elected to pass them along to help the SSTA pay for the new indoor tennis facility under construction at Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club.

"I am looking forward to playing in this new facility," said Kandler, who's been playing tennis since he moved to Canada in the 1950s. "If you want to play tennis, you want to be dry, safe and have reliable access. This is a wonderful location here.

"It should be a real attraction for more people to come out and play."

According to Fernando Dos Santos, the SSTA's vice-president, the club has amassed approximately \$250,000 of the project's \$500,000 cost. Although some members have agreed to provide the club with a low-interest loan to make up the difference, Dos Santos said, fundraising continues in hopes to minimize borrowing.

During the past five years, the SSTA has raised more than \$50,000 with such initiatives as the upcoming Bids and Bites bridge luncheon on April 28 and LobsterFest on June 10.

"With this and other money saved from the operation of the bubble [at Portlock Park], funds are in great shape to start the project," he said.

Workers began to pour the structure's concrete foundation on Friday and everything is on track to have the facility completed by the end of summer.

"We're totally on target, which is amazing since that never happens," Dos Santos said.

"If everything is perfect I'd say mid June, but things are never perfect so realistically we're saying mid July."

When it opens to the public later this year, the indoor tennis facil-

ity will be available for use by Salt Spring residents and visitors for a fee of \$24/hour.

"It will be a public indoor tennis facility, available year round to the entire community and created without one penny of public funding," he said. "Its continuing opera-

**"We're totally on target, which is amazing since that never happens."**

FERNANDO DOS SANTOS,  
SSTA vice-president

tion will add nothing to the tax burden of our residents."

The SSTA welcomes individual and corporate donations. Tax receipts are available for contributions above \$500. For more information, contact the SSTA at info@saltspringtennis.ca. Kandler's donation will be among auction items at June's LobsterFest event.

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## ACHIEVEMENTS

## Island gymnast earns #2 finish in B.C.

Darby McIntyre lands double-medal performance

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Whereas most people might think twice before participating in a gymnastics

competition on Friday the 13th, 12-year-old Darby McIntyre soared as the province's best competed at the B.C. Artistic Gymnastics Championships in North Vancouver.

McIntyre placed second overall in the Provincial 3 Tyro category after the day's bars, balance beam, vault

and floor competitions.

McIntyre, who was still within striking distance of a top-three finish after mediocre performances on vault and beam events, flew past her competition in the field of 20 by earning a silver medal on bars and a first-place finish in the floor program.

McIntyre's mother, Kim, called her daughter's floor score of 13.3 "near perfect."

"It was extremely exciting to watch. She was very pleased," she said.

McIntyre spends up to 20 hours a week training with a Duncan gymnastics club and attends Salt Spring Island Middle School.

## COMMUNITY

## Couple thanks benefactors

Drew and Lisa Watson enjoy new home

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring couple who faced imminent homelessness at the start of 2012 is ready to thank the many people who helped make an impossible-sounding situation turn out right.

Late in 2011, Lisa and Drew Watson learned they would have to leave the home they'd rented for 14 years because it had been sold. For most people this would be both inconvenient and unsettling — but for the Watsons it amounted to a major crisis. In their early 60s, both are surviving on disability income. Drew uses a wheelchair and needed to find a home with wide-enough ramp capabilities and navigable hallway space.

In addition, both are smokers, they own a dog, and Drew had amassed major equipment for his ham radio hobby. Even if they found a place the Watsons had no idea how they would move or even pack up all their belongings with their significant physical limitations.

With their Feb. 1 eviction deadline looming, the Watsons reached out to the Driftwood to publicize their plight. They received an unbelievable response.

"We got so much support from the community — it was just incredible," Lisa said this week.

"This island is just amazing. The people here just offered," added Drew. Drew and Lisa have now lived in

a 3,000-square-foot home with fantastic views of Ganges Harbour and Third Sister Island's Chocolate Beach for two months. As caretakers they pay a much-reduced rent, and expect to stay put for at least a year while their Vancouver-based landlords make the renovations necessary to bring the house up to code.

The Watsons owe their find to Melissa Grace and Chris Kodaly of the B-Natural School of piano, who recommended the couple to homeowners Wally Irwin and Lance Rossington after reading the Driftwood story.

Other community members who reached out include their dear friend and "unofficial family member" Todd Van Norman, who lives in Chemainus but spends a few days each week helping out on Salt Spring; fellow dog walker Rob Pingle, who helped pack up hard-to-reach items from the attic; real estate agents Kelly Regen and Mike Hardy; and former neighbours Fred and Marianne Hobbs.

Terry Bieman of Search and Rescue dismantled Drew's antennas, BC Hydro crews took down his radio tower, John Quesnel moved the couple's wood shed, and TNT Tree Services and Gord Lee the Tree Guy contributed their skills.

Rosie Gietz and her crew from Rosie to the Rescue cleaned the Watsons' old house and helped move their belongings. Volunteer firefighter Jim installed wheelchair ramps at both homes. Other support came from family friend Per Svendsen, Ryan at Country Grocer, Tristan at Telus and Randy at Five Star Moving.

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## NEWSBEAT

## SCHOOL BOARD

# No change to four-day week next year, but future options being considered

Board agrees to review in 2013-14

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Gulf Islands schools will continue to offer a "compressed calendar" based on a four-day instructional week in the coming school year, but school trustees have agreed to consider other options in the future.

Salt Spring trustee Kathy Page introduced a motion at the school board's monthly meeting last Wednesday that calls for an independent review of the four-day week, a search for other possible alternatives and a new consultation process for the 2013-14 calendar. The motion was passed by a majority vote.

Page noted that not all families have been happy with the change to a four-day week, and that Policy Statement 100 commits the board "to meet

the educational needs of all students in the district, and to continuously evaluate and assess itself."

"I think what I'm trying to do is to start a conversation, rather than say what I think we should do," she explained during discussion.

Page said after the meeting that quite a lot has changed in the eight years since the four-day week was implemented, including new teaching methods and technologies that could allow new calendar configurations. And changes to the funding formula have benefited the Gulf Islands district this year, making the financial environment seem a bit more friendly.

"I think it's exciting, actually, that we can look at it again," Page said.

"I'm trying very hard just to find a way of looking at how to meet everyone's needs," she added.

"I don't want to take away anything from anyone that's working."

During discussion of the motion, Pender Island trustee Pete Williams noted there had not been a calendar review since early on in the four-day week history.

"It's not a bad idea to have another one," he said.

Susanne Middleditch, trustee for Saturna Island agreed: "It would be fruitful to have a fresh look at something that's been going on for a while."

Support for the idea also came from parent Rob James, who attended the meeting. He said that while recent research suggests the four-day week could actually benefit education, to date the district has collected no data on whether the change has had a "deleterious," "neutral" or "preferential" effect on local students.

"Eight years in, the board does not have any robust evi-

dence either way," he said. James also said he would like to ensure that instructional hours are being used properly in the compressed calendar.

Concerns that a review would be costly, when underfunding and the threat of program closures led the board to implement the four-day week in the first place, were eased when district superintendent Jeff Hopkins revealed he had already extended an invitation to BC universities to take on the project.

He said a masters or Ph.D. student would be the ideal person to undertake an independent study that was ethical and rigorous. Trustees agreed the review should be budgeted for and completed within the 2012-13 calendar year.

Post your comment to this story online at [www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com)

## WATER COUNCIL

# Water Council joins outcry over feds' plans to gut Fisheries Act

Officials urged to base decision on science, not politics

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When retired biologist John Sprague worked as the federal government's scientist in charge of water pollution research in New Brunswick during the '70s, things were quite different from what they are today.

Back in those days, discharge from pulp mills and the raw peelings from the local frozen vegetable factories were common sights along the St. John River.

"The rivers would flow green with pee pods and red with carrot peelings," Sprague said.

As the person in charge of pollution research, Sprague was kept busy as companies, communities and individuals were given plenty of leeway within the hundred-year-old fisheries and pollution control laws of the day.

"You practically had to carry a bucket of dead fish into court to get a conviction," Sprague said of the period's loose regulations.

As population pressures mounted and scientists provided a clearer picture of how different ecosystems are connected, more people began to call for a holistic Fisheries Act that could protect fish by protecting their habitat.

Sprague said the federal government of the day's decision to include habitat protection in the 1976 Fisheries Act was a major step forward.

As far as Sprague is concerned, recent news the federal government proposes to rewrite part of the Fisheries Act to exclude the habitat requirement essentially turns the clock back 40 years.

"This just flies in the face of all ecological principles," he

said. "Taking out the habitat protection requirement is a very regressive move."

The proposed changes were leaked to the media by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in March. The new wording would prohibit activities that would cause an "adverse effect" on "fish of economic, cultural or ecological value," whereas the existing law bans activity that results in the "harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat."

"The government

seems quite ruthless

about the needs of the people."

ALEXANDRA MORTON  
Independent scientist, whale researcher and activist

Since news of the proposed changes was leaked, scientists and environmental groups throughout Canada have raised the alarm in opposition to the plan.

"My reaction was disbelief that it would ever pass," said Alexandra Morton, a well-known advocate for the preservation of wild salmon stocks along the B.C. coast. "Now, I am not so sure. The government seems quite ruthless about the needs of the people."

Morton, who will speak on Salt Spring during a free public event on April 23 (see story on Page 7), said she believes the feds are motivated by a desire to fast-track industrial development.

She encourages anyone who is concerned about the issue to "hound" elected representatives.

"If enough people show up,

anywhere things change," she said.

The Salt Spring Water Council Society, a local group dedicated to the protection and preservation of the island's potable drinking water supply, is among the latest groups to join the fray.

"Canada has an international reputation for its natural features, including pristine lakes and rivers," reads a letter the group sent to Prime Minister Stephen Harper on April 14. "We urge your government to preserve those features and our reputation by maintaining a strong Fisheries Act. That act must be based on the best ecological advice from scientists in that field."

The Water Council letter argues the proposal to remove habitat protection from the Fisheries Act will have damaging consequences for fish life and the waters and environs in which they live.

"We urge your government and its departments to adopt a proper ecological approach, and recognize that all the many components in a living system are necessary for its preservation," reads the letter. "In a water body, that applies to the substrate which contains the water, to the quality of the water, and to all the plants and animals that interact with one another and with physicochemical conditions, thus providing a complex food-web."

In the words of Water Council coordinator Peter Lamb, it all comes down to a single simple premise.

"You can't protect the fish if you don't protect the habitat," he said.

A statement released to the media by the office of federal Fisheries Minister Keith Ashfield says policies in the Fisheries Act are under review to "better reflect Canadian priorities," but "current speculation over the changes is inaccurate."

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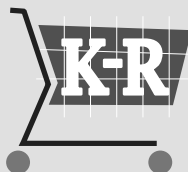
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## NEWSBEAT



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

**READY, SET, GARDEN:** Gardeners, non-profit group members and Parks and Rec reps participate in a grand opening ceremony at the new Rainbow Road Allotment Gardens, located on PARC property behind the pool parking lot, on Saturday.


  
**Islands Trust**

**NOTICE**  
**MAYNE ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE**  
**MA-TUP-2011.1**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee will be considering a resolution allowing for the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit pursuant to Section 921 of the *Local Government Act*. The proposed permit would apply to Lot 17, Section 9, Mayne Island, Cowichan District, Plan 15114.

The purpose of this temporary use permit would be to permit a residence located at 774 Charter Road on Mayne Island to be rented to the public on a short term basis as a short term vacation rental. The permit could be issued for up to three years and the owner may apply to the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee to have it renewed once for up to an additional three years.

The general location of the subject property is shown in the following sketch:



A copy of the proposed permit may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing April 13, 2012 and continuing up to and including April 23, 2012.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 922(5) (c) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the Proposed Permit may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Mayne Island, B.C., commencing April 13, 2012. Also, attached for your convenience is a copy of the proposed permit.

If you have any questions or comments please contact the Planner, Gary Richardson at (250) 405-5157; for Toll Free Access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867 before 4:30 p.m., April 23, 2012. Written comments may be mailed to Islands Trust, 200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC V8R 1H8; faxed to (250) 405-5155; or emailed to [information@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:information@islandstrust.bc.ca) before 4:30 p.m., April 23, 2012.

The Mayne Island Local Trust Committee may consider the issuance of the permit at the Mayne Local Trust Committee Meeting being held at 1:00 p.m., April 25, 2012 at Mayne Island Agricultural Hall, 430 Fernhill Road, Mayne Island.

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

Kathy Jones, Deputy Secretary

# No shortage of talent to enjoy from new Salt Spring position

The following is a new column from Driftwood publisher Amber Ogilvie, who joined the paper in January.

Salt Spring Island is "the best place on earth."

It is hard to believe I have been at the Driftwood for three months. They say time flies when one is having fun, so this must be the case.

A career in any industry is filled with continual learning, and I have learned more than a few things from the staff at the Driftwood. This is not a big surprise. During my first 90 days I received notification that the Driftwood will be the recipient of several provincial and national industry awards, 11 in total. It is an honour and a privilege to work with this talented staff.

There seems to be no shortage of talent on this island, from our incredible artists to our dedicated business and service community leaders.

**Robert Steinbach**, owner of Moby's and our Chamber of Commerce president, is a man with many talents, some of which you may have read about in our latest Aqua edition. Two that were not included: he has penned a couple of books and is also a marathon runner.

Altit Investment Counsel hosted a Chamber luncheon at the Harbour House earlier this month. Not only was **Cecil Baldry-White**, the president & CEO of Altit, both an interesting and informative speaker, he was kind enough to draw my name as door prize winner of the Blackberry Playbook. Thanks so much, Cecil.

### RUN & FUNDRAISER

## Stage set for 5th annual Earth run

Georgia Strait Alliance benefit

Islanders can head outside and do their part for Earth month by taking part in a casual run for people of all ages on Saturday, April 21.

Event organizer Juliette Laing said she's already received interest from occasional runners and members of the island's Salt Spring Sneakers running club who are keen to be a part of the event. Runners and walkers of

all abilities are encouraged to take in the sweeping sea views along the roughly eight-kilometre return journey between Fernwood Road and Fort Street, near Walker Hook.

Anyone who wants to participate in the run should meet at the Fernwood Dock before 9 a.m. on race day. The cost to participate is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Laing said she has a variety of T-shirts and hats available to participants on a first-come, first-served basis.

All proceeds will be donated to the Georgia Strait Alliance. As the only citizens' group focused on preserving the entire Salish Sea, Laing said she figures the GSA is a natural choice.

"They are the only ones that do that work so I've stuck with them," she said.

Through her Juliette's Hair Studio and in conjunction with Aveda products, Laing has embarked on a series of international and national fundraising efforts for

corporate functions and general fun.

Word has it that **Bruce's Kitchen** will be moving to a new location in Grace Point Square on Monday, April 23, offering more space, a liquor license and adding dinner to the menu. Chef Bruce makes all his meals from scratch and uses locally grown products. Stop in and enjoy some B.C. wine with your dinner.

Lots of fun and interesting things are always happening on our beautiful island. I have recently become a member of **Michele Akerman's Small Town Chicks**, a group that offers a great networking opportunity for business women here on Salt Spring Island.

My family (partner **Paul Zolob** and daughter **Kaylee Lapierre**) is seriously working on getting settled. We've bought a home on the island (sadly the unpacking is still not finished, I wish Paul would pick up the pace).

One of our star account managers, **Leanne Brunelle**, will be taking a short break this year from building ad campaigns, making apps and giving music lessons to take a walk down the aisle with husband-to-be **Graham Foulkes**.

We have added a new member to our staff family — "**Venus**" — you will hopefully see her soon, now that **Stefan Heine** with Pretzel Motors has finally returned from his tropical vacation. She is a baby blue 1975 VW van.

Indeed, I am very happy to be living in the best place on earth.

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Amber Ogilvie

### TITTLE-TATTLE TALES

# NEWSBEAT

## THEATRE ARTS

# GISS improv team inspired by games

High school team earns top-10 in Canada spot

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of Gulf Islands Secondary School's senior improv team are back at home after an intensive week of cultural experience in Ottawa for the national tournament games earlier this month.

Improv coach Jason Donaldson said the trip from April 2 to 9 included visits to museums and galleries in addition to a full schedule of training workshops and performances among Canada's top 20 high school improv teams.

"The accomplishment feels like a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for these students. It's pretty unbelievable to take eight students from the Gulf Islands to the National Arts Centre," Donaldson said.

"All the teams were staying at the same hotel and it was a bee-hive of activity."

The GISS senior team, made up of Grade 11 and 12 stu-



Members of the GISS senior improv team meet with Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Elizabeth May in her office in Ottawa while the team was in the nation's capital for national championships earlier this month. Team coach Jason Donaldson's children Ryland and Gavin also came along.

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dents, was invited to attend the national games on the strength of a performance video the team sent in as a "wild card" application. The students easily proved themselves deserving of their spot at the national level, with a third-place finish in a storytelling round and a 10th-place finish overall.

"Just to contend at that level is pretty cool and to compete with the top 20 in the coun-

try is awe-inspiring," Donaldson said.

"This is improv so there's no planning for anything — you just use the training and experience you've got and hope it works out this time."

Although the team did not advance with the top-five teams after their first night of competition, the Gulf Islands students did receive some important recognition when team member Jonah Grindler received the

Spirit of the Games award. His win was partly based on the compelling nomination letter written by team member James Twaites.

Donaldson described the award as being similar to a good sportsmanship award, but said the recipient also embodies all the requirements of the artistic format.

Donaldson and the improv team are thankful for tremendous community

support from businesses and individuals on Salt Spring, Mayne and Pender islands, who helped them achieve their fundraising goal of \$12,000 in just three weeks. Salt Spring's John Lefebvre was an especially generous sponsor.

"I'm very proud of where we finished, and I want to thank the community for making that happen for these local kids," Donaldson said.

## WILD SALMON

# Morton to address hazards of fish farms

Wild salmon crusader to speak on Salt Spring Monday

Islanders have an opportunity to keep the Earth Day spirit flowing when renowned fish farm opponent Alexandra Morton makes a rare stop on Salt Spring Island on Monday, April 23.

Salt Spring's Jane Dalton has organized the event with assistance from dozens of community sponsors who have stepped up to host the free talk and silent

auction.

"I organized this event because I care about what's going on in the fish-farm industry — it's just tragic," Dalton said.

"In all the time I've supported [Morton], I've wished I could do something here. She is very well supported on Salt Spring and I think the event is going to be spectacular."

Morton, a marine biologist based in the Broughton Archipelago, will share news of her recent participation in the Cohen Commission public inquiry into the decline of Fraser River

sockeye salmon stocks, and the discovery of a European strain of infectious salmon anemia virus (ISAV) in wild fish samples taken from the Pacific coast.

"I will be speaking about the fight for wild salmon," Morton said in an email.

Morton's work to highlight problems associated with fish farming in B.C. waters has galvanized entire communities to debate the environmental and economic problems associated with fish farms on the coast.

"People need to hound their elected representatives. One message is not

enough," Morton said. "It suggests we are not in a democracy to have to do this, but I think that is a very big issue. I think democracy is window dressing and we need to fight to protect it."

The lecture will be followed by a silent auction of donated goods and services from a variety of island retailers. Morton's talk begins on Monday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church on Hereford Ave. Doors open at 7 p.m..

For more information or to donate auction items, contact Dalton at 250-538-2201.

## WILDLIFE

# Two of Canada's top ecologists share decades of wilderness study

Mary and John Theberge on April 27

BY BOB WEEDEN  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

On Friday, April 27 the Salt Spring Island Conservancy hosts John and Mary Theberge, two of Canada's pre-eminent ecologists and educators, to share with islanders their stories and findings from almost five decades of wilderness research.

The Theberges have logged tens of thousands of hours in Canada's magnificent back country, mostly on foot or in canoes, watching wild birds and mam-

mals. When something fell from the south end of a wolf travelling north, Mary or John might well have picked it up to find out what had gone in the wolf's north end a few hours before. If a warbler warbled in Algonquin Park on any given day in May in the last 30 years, chances are that the Theberges have a recording of it. And if a half-frozen ptarmigan tried to keep her chicks warm in an Alaskan snow squall, she could have had John and Mary, also half frozen, for company a few feet away.

They got around. They saw, recorded, modeled, and experimented, all the better to understand what was going on in nature.

They discovered, marveled and developed a mature, impassioned love of wild country. They taught in countless school and university venues, wrote books and articles, and testified at hearings, knowing that what they were privileged to experience could light the tinder in youthful or indifferent souls.

John and Mary shaped much of what they learned into a book, *The Ptarmigan's Dilemma*, published in 2010.

Their public talk called *Wildland Explorations* begins at 7 p.m. in the Community Gospel Chapel.

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EDITORIAL

## Stepping up to help

**A** good measure of any small town's strength is the ability and willingness of its volunteers.

Here on Salt Spring, volunteers are engaged in virtually every facet of island life, from emergency response, seniors services and local government to education, recreation and housing.

On a national level, about 12.5 million Canadians, or roughly 47 per cent of the country's population aged 15 and over, volunteered for charitable and nonprofit organizations in 2010.

Despite regional variations, the overall number of volunteers and hours spent volunteering in the community continues to trend upwards.

And although it's hardly surprising that most of Canada's volunteer hours are clocked by retired seniors, it may come as a surprise that younger Canadians registered the highest rates of volunteerism.

As anybody who has given their personal time and skills to a local board, committee,

**THE ISSUE:**

National Volunteer Week

**WE SAY:**

More reasons than ever to take part

association or society knows well, the work is often thankless and never ending. Before you know it, that desire to help out can become an all-encompassing commitment that can create friction with work, family and a consistent dinner hour.

It's no wonder Canadians list "time" as the

number one reason they choose not to volunteer.

Thanks to services like volunteersaltspring.com and the new Salt Spring Serva calendar (see our story on Page 22), however, islanders have more chance than ever to get into the spirit and become more aware during National Volunteer Week, from April 15-21.

Whereas the Volunteer Salt Spring site has been the go-to source for would-be volunteers on the island for years now, the Serva calendar aspires to offer engagements that fit people's schedules by giving users an option to choose specific tasks based on their schedule and interests.

Potential volunteers should always be aware that donating one's time isn't usually a simple matter of raising one's hand or showing up unannounced, though. Most groups do have an interview and screening process to determine if the willing individual is an appropriate fit.

But for all of you who are thinking about volunteering, the sites are definitely worth a browse.

As for those of you who've already stepped up, thanks for everything you do.



## Wanted: Velo Village volunteers

BY JOHN ROWLANDSON

For almost 25 years, Island Pathways has demonstrated local demand for safe, seamless cycling on Salt Spring Island. This year we're pulling out all the stops to take us to the next level.

And you know what it will take? A Village. We're calling it Velo Village — a three-day celebration of cycling fueled by local visionaries, values and volunteers.

The vision is an island where bike lanes link ferry terminals in Fulford and Vesuvius, where all island cyclists feel safe on the roads and where off-islanders feel welcome. It is an island where businesses cater to cyclists and where cyclists stay, rest, play, eat, drink and bring home locally grown, designed and crafted goods.

The values are simple: sharing, collaboration and recognition that we're not alone. As extraordinary as Salt Spring Island is, we're in the same boat as most rural places. There are narrow winding roads with little or no shoulder surfaces. There are hills and blind corners. Some motorists drive too fast and some cyclists interpret our bucolic setting as an opportunity to stray from rules of the road they usually mind at home.

So we know this situation must change. We know we can't do it alone. We know we have to stand shoulder to shoulder with other rural places to demonstrate and promote the community benefits for increased commuter, recreational and competitive cycling.

And so we did our homework and we reached out. What to know? What to find out? What to say? Who to say it to?

First, we put all we learned into a summary of what's important about rural cycling and what outcomes we hope

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to achieve. It's got a name now: the Salish Sea Statements on Cycling and Rural Mobility.

Then we sent this statement to 159 municipalities and regional districts in B.C. We asked them to support provincial investment in rural cycling infrastructure. And week by week... They have. To date, elected representatives from more than 30 communities have said, "Count us in!"

Salt Spring, Quesnel, Gabriola, Tofino, Lumby, North Pender, Fernie, Port Clements, Ladysmith, North Saanich, Metchosin, the Districts of Mackenzie and North Cowichan, and so on... all agree. They are volunteering their support for the vision and values behind Velo Village.

**Community**

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Community leaders are signing on for safe cycling in rural places. They want the signs, the cycletrucks and the strategies that close the gaps that separate city cyclists from their country cousins. And, on June 22nd when we have a braintrust here for the Cycling and Rural Mobility Conference, we'll share solutions, connect the dots and start taking the next steps.

As the first cyclists venture into our Velo Village this June, we know you'll be there with us waving, wayfinding, supporting, encouraging, coordinating and helping. So far more than 200 Salt Springers have given something: time, ideas, bikes, facilities, snacks, products and more.

This is all to say that the Velo Village volunteer is our most precious resource. We'll need plenty of help to support the hundred of cyclists we expect will come. Why? Because it really does take a village!

*The writer is on the organizing committee for Velo Village.*

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Do you volunteer?**

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Monday at midnight or clip this box and drop it at our office before Monday at 4:30 p.m.

Yes  No

**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Should secondary suites be legalized on SSI?**



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# IslandVoices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

**"You practically had to carry a bucket of dead fish into court to get a conviction."**

BIOLOGIST JOHN SPRAGUE ON PAST ENVIRONMENTAL REGS

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked: How will you mark Earth Day on Sunday, April 22?**



**RACHEL HUGHES**

*Celebrating my son's birthday. We'll have to have an Earth-themed party and use reusable plates.*



**LORNE TIPPETT**

*We're going to work in the garden, go for a walk and visit the Earth Day festival in town.*



**DAVE DAVIES**

*Working in the yard trying to deal with the annual issue of catching up after winter.*



**CHRISTINE GODLEY**

*I live a pretty green lifestyle every day so I'll just be doing my normal stuff.*



**SETH GOETZKE**

*I'm going to drive the ambulance without the lights and siren. Oh God, please don't print that, Nancy's going to kill me.*

## Letters to the editor

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

### Sandberg family thanks

My family and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful residents of Salt Spring for their support, kindness and generosity in our time of need. Special thanks to Joe and Cindy Toutant for their amazing and constant fundraising efforts.

Thank you to everyone that supported the bake sale and silent auction. The wonderful businesses and people that donated to the auction; Jim and Sabine, Scott Royal, Casey Jarmin, Persnickety's, The Wine Cellar, Tony Kaye, Ron and Suzanne, your kindness has been overwhelming.

Big heartfelt thanks also to Windsor Plywood, Island Savings, Country Grocer, Co-op, TJ Beans, Island Comfort Quilts, Embe Bakery and the Lions Club, and all the amazing people who donated at the bank, Windsor and Mid-Island Co-op as well.

To everyone who was there for us, our kids, pets

and chickens here and in Victoria, we can't thank you enough. This has been an extremely difficult time for our family and it would be so much harder without your love, support and kindness.

**DON, ANGELA, JORDYN AND KYRA SANDBERG, SALT SPRING**

### Post-pipeline scene

Imagine this: you wake up one morning in your beautiful waterfront home waiting to hear the cry of the gulls and the answering kingfisher, but there is a strange silence and a terrible smell.

You look out and to your horror there is a thick goopy mass covering the rocks and the beach. You see 12 dead harbour seals covered in black floating in the slimy kelp. A dead eagle whose feathers are coated is hung up in the thick mass.

For as far as you can see there is a black stinking mass of oil covering the once pristine shoreline, the purple starfish, the barnacles, sea anemones and mussels. You

gasp in disbelief and phone the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, but apparently no one works in the fish habitat department after the recent outbacks.

You call the coast guard to see about cleanup, but Canada has no infrastructure in place to deal with oil spills. However, if you want to come down to the office on a Tuesday you can buy some pads which will soak up diesel fuel.

You call the local wildlife centre, but the volunteer who works there says they cannot deal with dead animals.

You call the Islands Trust but the staff is out mapping the streams on the island try to determine if they are fish bearing and they have no mandate to deal with oil spills.

You call the provincial government and the federal government and eventually find a human to talk to, but they say the only hope is to declare your area a disaster and that may make some funds available. Talk to your MP or MLA.

You call your insurance company, but unless your home is damaged you are not

covered. Finally, in exasperation you call your friendly real estate agent who sold you your million-dollar home but she has no interest in listing the property.

Is this fear mongering from an eco-terrorist? I think not. This could be a reality if the Northern Gateway project is allowed to proceed.

Are you part of the growing voice to stop this wholesale giveaway of our resources without due discussion, and allow tankers to ply the most pristine coastline on the planet? Get involved before it's too late.

**SUSAN PANTNER, KING ROAD**

### North to Southey

This is in response to Birgit Bateman's April 4 "We're not Nanaimo" letter.

Ah! Ferrying into Fulford, enshrouded by trees and pastoral scenes — wait, what's this? Bizness: a restaurant, bakery, funky shops, but it doesn't last a blink.

Up the country, a stone church. Reckon farmers got

a lot of praying to do. Then the harbour — various waterfowl afloat keeping sad eyes on the abandoned pub. Bummer. A community hall, and two more little churches. This must be a spiritual place.

Dead chickens for sale; eggs and beef too, but look, live chickens on the right and more live chickens on the left, protected by a canopy of prayer flags.

Frollicking new-born lambs and vineyards too. This is seriously rural. Lots of sheep seem to have their own studios. Up the country; north, a boat repair shop, mid-isle? Guess farmers need to have their boats fixed somewhere.

Star Barks? What's this? A new-age coffee shop for dogs? Store — an animal supply store, gravel and soil too. Do farmers buy dog and cat food, or do they live off the land? Well, the store's too close to the road, too visible, tear it down and put up a pasture (but leave the gravel and soil sales; we all need that stuff).

Up around the bends, a cute little farm house replete with cars, pick-ups, RVs and a

boat! And half a dozen varied species of animals, meandering in the front yard. Way cool!

Down the rollicking road, heading north to Southey. Ah, a rural trailer park; a golf course — do farmers have time to whack and chase balls? A lumber yard — oh, best hide it out on Beddis Road. A straight stretch — homes — then down the long snaky hill, enclosed by homes holding the folks who provide the rural service industry.

What pastoral sights await at the bottom? Nope! Five acres of concrete — a bakery, eateries, gasoline, a fire hall, alcohol sales, a hardware store (farmers need hardware stuff), but this won't last. I'll soon be through it; and according to the well-dressed farmer in his Ferrari, once I pass the big shopping centre on the outskirts, it will be pastoral heaven once more.

Ob-la-di, ob-la-da. Life goes on.

**JIMI CRAIG ANDERSON, SALT SPRING**

MORE LETTERS continued on 10

# Stanley's a cure for Canada's low self-esteem

The hockey story that isn't a hockey story this year is not the struggling Vancouver Canucks, but the Maple Leafs' full-page ads in Toronto newspapers publicly apologizing for their abysmal performance.

The wheels came off in the home stretch, where Toronto lost 12 out of their last 17 games, sealing their fate.

They have every reason to apologize. The Maple Leafs are the most valuable team in the league, worth a cool \$521 million in 2010. One would think with those deep pockets, the hockey team would at least be a contender. But nooooo. They haven't even made the playoffs in seven years — the longest drought in the league.

And making the playoffs isn't all that hard. There are 30 teams in the NHL. Over 50 per cent of them go to the playoffs — 16 out of 30. The most profitable team in the league, the Toronto Maple Leafs, couldn't make the top 50 per cent? If you want to talk about actually hoisting the Stanley Cup, the Leafs haven't tasted that since 1967, the year of the Montreal world's fair, 35 years ago. The fans have every right to a grovelling apology.

The take-home here is not merely about the Maple Leafs' horrible showing. They certainly

weren't the only Canadian team to go home early. Of the 30 teams in the National Hockey League, seven are in Canada. Of those seven teams, five are now watching the playoffs on TV along with the rest of us. Three out of the five worst teams in this year's NHL are Canadian teams. The last Canadian team to win the Stanley Cup? The Montreal Canadiens in 1992, two decades ago. Canada's sport? Maybe we should switch to curling.

This isn't a story of shattering the myth of Canadian supremacy on the ice — a myth we cling to as a source of national pride, like maple syrup and Tim Hortons. (Ironically enough, Tim Horton was a defenceman for the Toronto Maple Leafs and was on the roster the last time the mighty Leafs won the Stanley Cup.) The old chestnut that our Canadian teams may not fare well but our boys dominate the league — well, that just doesn't hold much water anymore. In the current year, only about 52 per cent of the players are from the True North Strong and Free. The top scorer in the 2011 season was our own Canucks' Dan-



**Peter Vincent**

### HEAD TO HEAD

iel Sedin, followed closely by his brother Henrik — both hail from, er, Sweden.

No, this is a story about "The Apology." The Maple Leafs management has taken the art of the apology to new heights with these full-colour, full-page advertisements in Toronto's papers. In case we didn't get it,

management followed up the apology with individual emails to every season ticket holder followed up with a solemn promise to personally answer any and all phone calls from fans hungry for a greater pound of flesh than that offered by their public self-flagellation.

Having infiltrated various social circles in the United States, I have found this endearing, self-effacing, passive-aggressive trait is as much dyed into our tartan as the use of the semi-word "eh" to my Yankee friends. Once I began monitoring my own speech, I was stunned at how many "sorrries" per conversation were coming out of my pie hole, more often than not followed by the inevitable "eh."

Obviously, Canadians should not be harbouring low self-esteem issues. Our economy is the envy of most every country on the plan-

et. Our army is not mowing down our citizens in the streets. Elizabeth May, female and Green, just became the first of her party to warm a seat in the House of Commons. Sadly, it is her Green party that has begun a letter-writing campaign to the United Nations, entitled "We're Sorry, World," thus promulgating that Canada-wide low self-esteem that continues to haunt and taunt.

So how do we turn the corner? How do we step out of the shadows? Well, a made-in-Canada Stanley Cup would be a great start. After all, Lord Stanley bequeathed the cup to Canada, not to those other 23 clubs sporting zip codes. As of this writing, the Mighty Canucks are trailing three games to zip in their series against the Los Angeles Kings and the Ottawa Senators, the last team to make the playoffs, is knotted at one game each with the New York Rangers. If one of these teams comes through, not only will it end the Stanley drought, but may put an end to this sort of smug mirrh.

Q: What does a Canadian say when you step on his foot?

A: Sorry.

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### MORE LETTERS

#### Market mayhem

I want to commend the Saturday market manager and his eager deputies for averting a potential crisis at the Saturday market on the Easter long weekend.

Had they not turned away the two little girls with their card table and Girl Guide cookies, who knows what chaos might have resulted? There could have been Boy Scouts selling jackknives made in Taiwan, for instance. Perhaps (and I shudder at the thought) even Sea Cadets selling nautical items from far offshore.

I remember when Harry Warner brought his farm gate to the market to protest the lunacy of bureaucracy run amuck.

I was hoping a Girl Guide leader would chain herself to a market tent in protest, but no. Therefore it's up to us, dear reader. Let's man (or woman) the bastions of freedom, democracy and common sense.

And to Bruce of Bruce's Kitchen, who rescued the girls by offering them a spot to sell their cookies in front of his restaurant, I commend you. All hail, Bruce!

**MARY LYNN  
HETHERINGTON,  
SALT SPRING**

#### Don't miss Collegium

Memo: April 2013; ArtSpring; The Victoria Collegium.

This group performs once annually at ArtSpring. On Sunday from 2 to 3 p.m., 25 lucky attendees were treated to an astounding selection of music performed by nine gifted, young musicians, plus one most impressive adult piano accompanist, all from the Victoria Conservatory of Music.

Ranging in age from 11-17 they played solo selections for violin, piano, viola and guitar, and part of a quintet for piano and strings. Each was astonishing. Don't miss this next year!

**RON HAWKINS,  
SALT SPRING**

#### Special people

My family has been visiting Salt Spring Island for the past few weeks and would like to compliment a group of islanders we have met.

Our daughter Shannon has been a Special Olympics athlete for 18 years in the sports of bowling, figure skating and track and field, and has competed at national and provincial levels.

While on Salt Spring, Shannon was able to join the group that regularly bowls at Kings Lane Recreation. We have felt overwhelmed by the warm

welcome we received and would like to thank everyone for making us feel so welcome.

The Special Olympics and Choices programs seem to be doing very well here and all involved should take their left hand or their right hand and pat themselves on the back. It takes special people to do what they do.

**ROLLY MOQUIN,  
TERRACE BAY, ONT.**

#### Better approach to fisheries

The following letter was sent to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and filed with the Driftwood for publication.

Re: Potential amendments to Section 35 of the Fisheries Act.

The Salt Spring Island Water Council Society of British Columbia acts as a co-ordinating body for promoting the preservation and improvement of water resources on our island. As such, we are concerned with protecting the quality of our surface waters which provide much of our drinking water supply and therefore we are also concerned with regulations providing that protection.

In that respect, we are writing from our concern about media reports that there is a plan to remove habitat protection from the Fisheries Act. We strongly oppose any such action because, in the experience of our members, the present habitat protection in Section 35(1) of the Fisheries Act is critical for protecting not only fish life, but also the waters and environs in which they live. We recognize that an aquatic habitat which protects fish also provides surface water of good quality for human use.

In our experience, agencies of provincial and regional governments also tend to base their protective activities upon a foundation of the federal Fisheries Act. We have seen this during a recent process of designing local regulations to protect riparian areas on our island.

Accordingly, we strongly urge you to retain the wording of Section 35(1) as it currently exists.

Members of the Water Council were dismayed with reports that a proposed revised version of Section 35(1) would refer only to fish species considered of "value" by humans. We urge your government and its departments to adopt a proper ecological approach and recognize that all of the many components in a living system are necessary for its preservation. In a waterbody, that applies to the substrate which contains the water, to the quality of the water, and to all the plants and animals that interact with one another and with physico-chemical conditions, thus providing a



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Relaxing at Sunflower Farm during Sunday's Blossom Festival Farm & Garden Tour are, from left, Tom Jahns, Elizabeth Gay, Carol Johnson, and Nico the dog. Earth Day Farm and Garden Tours continue this Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. See Pages 13-15 for info about this weekend's SS Blooms events.

complex food-web. It is not possible to protect a fish species without protecting the other components of its habitat. For example, simple erosion silt, which is common in Canada, can destroy the spawning grounds of fish and hence the fish population.

Canada has an international reputation for its natural features, including pristine lakes and rivers. We urge your government to preserve those features and our reputation by maintaining a strong Fisheries Act. That act must be based on the best ecological advice from scientists in that field.

**GEORGE EHRLING,  
PRESIDENT, SSI WATER  
COUNCIL**

#### Ken's next mission

It was with surprise but not shock that I learned of Ken Rouleau's passing, after he battled Lou Gehrig's Disease for the last two years. Interestingly enough, he signed off on Friday the 13th.

Ken had such a wonderful blend of mind and spirit. You'd be hard pressed to find a more well read person in his age group than him. It was truly fascinating to have met a person who studied law, philosophy, religion as well as being well versed in politics and activism.

Ken was one of the first people I met when I moved to Salt Spring almost 10 years ago. I frequented the bookstore he managed and eventually ran, and we became friends and natural allies. He and I ran a radio show on CFSI for the last two and a half years and it really was a true partnership. We didn't always agree, but there was never, ever any drama between us — always a high degree of respect.

In fact, there were

many times I would look over at him and just be in awe of how much knowledge, wisdom and compassion he possessed. And bravery, plus his strength of will to continue being an activist even when his symptoms limited his movement to only being able to move his toes to type on his iPad. Yes, that's right — he was still posting on Facebook and his regular monthly column in the Fishbowl magazine by typing with his toes! Unbelievable.

He was unstoppable. Add to that he had a huge heart. I really learned so much from this strong but gentle man.

And I trust that the ether has been waiting with open arms to embrace this soul's return and give him his next mission, whatever it might be. Ken, you will be missed, but you've given all of us something truly special. It's been a pleasure and an honour to have known you. With love,

**DAVE CAMPBELL,  
SALT SPRING**

#### Oh Ken

The following is a poem written by one of Ken Rouleau's friends and caregivers:

ken is flying over  
paris skies  
i wipe your salty pain  
away  
your elegant arms  
splayed tenderly upon  
throne arms made of  
foam  
hissing arias  
as your nose piece  
shifts,  
the air tube  
dangles  
like some innocent  
bystander  
while your morse  
code eyes  
invite me to come  
closer  
to the white starred  
galaxy  
that lies just beyond  
your teal blue sofa  
**MAUREEN PHELAN,  
FRIEND & CAREGIVER**

OPINION

# Ken Rouleau says goodbye

Well-known Salt Spring resident Ken Rouleau was diagnosed with ALS, a fatal neurodegenerative disease, in August 2010. According to the ALS Society of Canada, 80 per cent of people with ALS die within two to five years of diagnosis because they are unable to breathe or swallow.

Rouleau, 43, passed away around 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening. He was with his partner Christina Siegers, son Dorian and friend Brian Nash at the time.

Nash and Ken were co-workers as adult caregivers

My Friends, Reading this means I have passed on from this body and am seeing Life through new eyes.

I have been blessed in this life and have become a better person and soul for meeting each and every one of you. Truer words I could not speak, so please feel them deeply.

My wish for you, all your relations, our country and planet is that we come into balance and belonging together, into peace and Right Action through good conscience and our common wisdom. That we be well for

ourselves and act with our children and grandchildren in mind — act for seven generations ahead, as our elder indigent cousins wished for us.

I leave this earth plane at a tenuous time in history, and cannot be here for the family I love, but if there is work to be done on the other side, know I will engage in good on all our behalves.

Please don't let our country be privatized and decimated for the corporate-globalist agenda. Please don't let our natural world be ruined for short-term profit and

with the Choices group.

"He is probably one of the wisest and most compassionate people that I've ever met," said Nash. "He also had that ability... you felt like you were a friend of his even if you didn't know him that well. He had the ability to make people feel like they were important to him... because he was able to relate to people on so many different levels. I certainly felt that."

Rouleau asked that the following letter be published in the Driftwood.

small-minded ideology. Please don't let our dwindling Democracy die or be sold. Bring your personal gifts forward to help make our ECO truly home for us all. I trust you do this already, but I ask again as your friend.

Thank-you Salt Spring Island for being my home and true community, generous, loving, brilliant and embracing; birthplace of my beautiful son and adopted home to my amazing extended family.

Thank you Canada for being my nation. For being a society to inspire and aspire to, a great country not to lose, and

reclaim for the better of all. You have been homeland to 11 generations of my family and I hope for 22 more.

Thank-you Earth for being alive and for my life. Please keep treating us better than we treat you.

Thanks for the journey Universe! Best gift God ever gave me; it came with the love and life together with all of you my friends, my family.

Share the Love, shine your Light. Wonder. Joy. Delight!

See you all next time.  
Ken Rouleau

## RANTS and Roses

### Rants

A dozen "fresh roses" to the couple in the older brown and beige station wagon who dumped seven boxes of garbage at the Lady Minto Thrifty Store at noon on Saturday, April 14, very near the "no donations today" sandwich board. We have Hercule Poirot on the case. M. Monro

### Roses

A big bouquet of spring roses, maybe a bit muddy but truly beautiful, to all the friends and neighbours that came to the work party at Falcon Farm. This community continues to amaze! Thanks and hugs to Ben, Tony, Bruce, Randy, Mike, Len, Terry, George, Alec, Ian, Conrad, John, Rob, Gord, John, Al, Paul, Rhonda and Mike.

The GISS boys volleyball team sends thank-you roses to Country Grocer and Thrifty Foods for supporting the team through raffle sales at both of the stores. A cord of wood has been won by Jeff Jones of Meyer Road. Thank you to all who purchased tickets and contributed to our team!

Community roses to the Sparks, Brownies and Guides for remembering Meals on Wheels clients with your special seasonal cards. Always a delight and so very much appreciated by everyone! With thanks, Catherine

A baker's dozen of roses to our wonderful cookie baking grandmothers. Thank you for supporting the youth of GISS's Global Awareness Group by contributing to the success of their first Scrabble tournament. Proceeds from the event will be donated to Salt Spring's Grandm(o)thers to Grandmothers chapter of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Ultimately your baking will support grandmothers raising their grandchildren in Africa. Thank you. The highlight of the day? The English as a Second Language students, who loved playing Scrabble and really enjoying the treats and cookies. SOLID board & Global Awareness

Roses and rainbows to Embe Bakery for making such a wonder-

ful birthday cake for Ruby... It really made the day special! Thank you!

Thank you to Arthur Black, Jan Rabson, Jason Donaldson, John Dolman, Henry Baade, Mitch Howard, Murray Shoobraid, Shilo Zylbergold, Sue Newman, Therin Gower, Dave Phillips, Nick Slavok, Kaitlyn Temmel, Paisley Conrad, Owen Twaites, Dean Crouse and Ray Collieran for donating your stories and songs to Bedtime Stories for the Damned. It was a beautiful evening and I am sure I have been told by more people than were in the audience how moved they were by each and every one of you. The improv team is very grateful for your support. What better way to support improv than telling stories? Bob Twaites

Plumaria-scented dreams to those concerned citizens who turned out on Friday to support seniors who do not wish to have the effects of smart meters in their lives. Thank you so much. DS

Wild "Raincoast" roses to the many people and groups who contributed to Saturday's Oil Free Coast event, including Zoe C., Jack R., David D., Chris D., Larry A., Salt Spring Coffee, Country Grocer, Dave Vollrath, the Raging Grannies and our excellent speakers and generous, caring audience. See you again for the May 5 Connect the Dots 350.org event! Jan

For Art's Sake art show and entertainment weekend: Long-stem roses to the artists, volunteers, musicians and dreamers, the Hastings House, SS Adventure Co., Harbour House, Studio One, Driftwood, Amanda and IWAV, SS Arts Council, SS Literacy, SS Community Services Society and Yellow Submarine, Copper Kettle, SS Books, Pegasus Picture Framing, Embe Bakery, Country Grocer, Upper Ganges Liquor Store, The Local, Pharmasave, Steffich Fine Art, Island Escapades and Arthur Black. It was a stunning and powerful show.

A big bouquet of colourful roses to the following businesses and community members for their contributions to the annual IODE Spring Fashion Show and Lun-

cheon: Nathan Gauld and staff at the Harbour House Hotel, Marlene McLaughrie, staff and models from Mouat's Clothing Co., Spa by Lenice, Studio One, Rainbow Road Pool, Twang & Pearl, Gail's Hair, Harlan's Chocolates, Uptown Pharmasave, the Driftwood and members of our chapter. We thank you for your help in making this a fun and successful event once again. IODE HMS Ganges Chapter

White truckloads of red roses to Rick, who crawled under the truck to retrieve my groceries, and to Chris, who cheerfully acknowledged that "accidents can happen." Thanks, I'll pass it on. Andrea

The GISS Improv team owes a huge debt of gratitude to the following donors who, through the Gulf Islands Educational Trust fund, sent us to Ottawa when we earned a chance to compete in the Canadian National Improv Games. It was the educational opportunity of a lifetime and without these kind people, it never could have happened. A rose by any other name would be: John Lefebvre, Dr. David Beaver, James Longley, Frances Yates, John Cameron, Pender Solstice Theatre, Dr. Holly Slavok, Dr. M. Sadouski, Windsor Plywood, Jill Thomas and Stan Mulder, Dr. Lynn Fels, L.K. Grott Consulting, Louanne Twaites, Therin Gower, Maisie Donaldson, David and Tanis Beaver, Karen Mouat, Lynne Fraser, Doria Moodie, Michelle Grant and Patrick Cassidy, John and Margaret Moore, Connie Moulton, and the District 64 PAC. People like Linda Jones, Ron Cooke and Oni Freeman, Jill Tarswell and Kristin Shoobraid were caught being conspicuously generous at our various concessions and they too have our thanks. One last rose goes out to the Driftwood; you just can't have a community without a community newspaper! Next week we will be thanking our prize box donors as well!

Copper roses to the folks who have already given their pennies to the Coppers to Copper Kettle drive. Copper Kettle will be at Country Grocer on Tuesday, April 24 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. collecting coins. Please and thank you. Every penny counts!

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### Small Town Chicks presents Rochelle Nittikman.

Retired Supreme Court Master describes the story of her life. A facilitated networking activity follows. ArtSpring. 7 PM. Info: michele@smalltownchicks.com.

## Thurs. April 19

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Cowboy Ted hosts Open Mic Night.** The Local Bar. 6 PM. **Big Dave McLean.** Final Home Routes house concert of the season. Oloriz home. 7:30 PM. Doors at 7.

### ACTIVITIES

**SSI Weavers' and Spinners' Guild Program.** Discussions and work sessions on making name tags for members. Multi-purpose room. ArtSpring. 10:30 AM.

## Fri. April 20

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Billie Woods.** Live music. Harbour House Hotel. 6 PM. **Mike Alviano.** Live music. Tree House Cafe. 6 PM. **StageCoach Showcase and Alice in Wonderland.** Theatre school year-end production. ArtSpring. 7 PM. **Ash Grunwald.** Electronic artist from Australia mixes elemental junkyard soul. Moby's. 9 PM.

## Fri. April 20

### ACTIVITIES

**StoryTime at the Library Annex.** Rhyme Time: Read Aloud Like a Cloud. 1 PM. **Salt Spring Vineyards Blossom Festival Weekend.** Winery blossom tours, new spring releases and special blossom wine creations at Salt Spring Vineyards. 12 to 5 PM. **Cutthroat Trout Presentation.** Biologists Mike McCulloch and Warren Cooper talk about native Salt Spring species. Lions Hall. 7 PM. **Dances of Universal Peace.** At Ganges Yoga Studio. 7:30 PM. **Red Hot Swing on Salt Spring.** Victoria teachers offer beginners lesson and dance. Mahon Hall. 8:15 PM.

## Sat. April 21

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**David Hallam.** Live music. Tree House Cafe. 6 PM. **English and Van Wyck.** Live music. Harbour House Hotel. 6 PM. **Mark Nordine.** Live music. Raven Street Cafe. 6 PM. **StageCoach Showcase and Alice in Wonderland.** See Friday's listing. **Back on the Rock Orchestra & Choir Concert.** Performance of Haydn's choral masterpiece The Creation, and more. All Saints. 7 PM. **Barley Bros.** Live music at the Salt Spring Inn. 7 PM. **MaMufe.** California group performs at The Morningside. 7 PM. **Blues Cheese On The Lake.** Sweet Water Revolver and Rhythm Method play at the Beach House at Cedar Beach Resort. Tickets 250-537-7161 or at the door. 7:30 PM. **Maurice.** Rock/dance artist with opening act Broken Down Suitcase. Moby's. 9 PM.

## Sat. April 21

### ACTIVITIES

**First Annual Kite Festival.** Prizes and family fun. Bring your own kite and fly in your gumboots at low tide. Drummond Park. 11 AM to 2 PM. **Daniela Elza Book Launch.** Mother Tongue Publishing launches Vancouver poet Daniela Elza's debut book of poetry 'the weight of dew'. The Porch Gallery. 4:30 PM. **Salt Spring Vineyards Blossom Festival Weekend.** See Friday's listing.

## Sun. April 22

### ACTIVITIES

**Earth Day Party in the Park.** Live entertainment, food vendors, kids' crafts, and more, plus guest of honour MP Elizabeth May (speaking at 12:15 PM). Centennial Park. 10 AM to 3 PM. **Earth Day Farm & Garden Tours.** 10 AM to 4 PM. Pick-up list at Ganges Visitor Centre. **Ganges Harbour Clean-up.** Centennial Park at 11 AM. **Free Yoga for Every Body.** Half hour sessions with Shannon and Nomi. Centennial Park. 11 AM and 1 PM. **Salt Spring Vineyards Blossom Festival Weekend.** See Friday's listing. **Free Dog Washing and Grooming.** SS Centre School leadership class. Rainbow Road Dog Park. 1:30 to 4:30 PM.

## Tues. April 24

### ACTIVITIES

**Coppers to Copper Kettle.** Penny drive at Country Grocer. 10:30 AM. **SSI Liquid Waste Committee Meeting.** Portlock Park portable. 2 PM.

## Wed. April 25

### ACTIVITIES

**SS Seniors Services Society AGM.** Salt Spring Seniors Centre. 2 PM.

## Sun. April 22

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**StageCoach Showcase and Alice in Wonderland.** See Friday's listing, except the time is 2 PM. **Back on the Rock Orchestra & Choir Concert.** See Saturday's listing. 2 PM. **Frogapalooza.** Musical event and live and silent auction with Julia Beattie, Richard Cross and awesome dance tunes. Fundraiser for Tree Frog Daycare. Moby's. 6:30 PM. **Diana English.** Live music. Harbour House Hotel. 6 PM. **Sunday Night Jazz with Derrick Milton & El Zocalo Band.** Raven Street Cafe. 6:30 PM.

## Mon. April 23

### ACTIVITIES

**Dr. Alexandra Morton.** Presents the latest news from the Cohen Commission (public inquiry into the decline of Fraser River Sockeye). With silent auction. SS United Church. 7:30 PM. **Salt Spring Arts Council Open House.** An invitation to art workshop instructors to learn about the 2012 Studio Workshop program. All are welcome. Mahon Hall. 10 AM.

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### EXHIBITIONS

- **Gallery 8** presents its third anniversary celebration with the Symbolically 8 spring exhibition of new work by gallery artists running **daily to May 12**. See the Driftwood's show review on **Page 17** of this paper.
- **Duthie Gallery** presents Familiar Landscapes, New Paintings by **Stefanie Denz**, every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through **April** or by appointment (250-537-9606).
- Artist-photographer **Maureen Milburn** and photomontage artist **Sam Lightman** show Behind the Masque: Two Views of Venice in the **ArtSpring** lobby until **April 29**.
- **Rachel Page** shows her photography pieces, which are digitally modified on metallic paper or canvas, at **Island Savings** until mid **June**.
- **Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art** presents an exhibit of bronzes by Canadian artist, writer and philosopher **Sorel Etrog** — who designed the Genie award.
- **Gillian McConnell** shows a selection of paintings in the lobby and restaurant at the **Harbour House Hotel** through **June 15**.
- **Carol Adam** has works hanging at Salt Spring Books.
- **Barbra Edwards** shows paintings at Marketplace Cafe.
- **Avril Kirby** shows new photos at Penny's Pantry through April.
- **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. Unthoff, Gary Sim, LeRoy Jensen, Gordon Caruso and Peter Haase.
- See **Lyman Whitaker's** wind sculptures at **Grace Point Square**.
- See the **sculpture garden** outside of **Mahon Hall** in Ganges.

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## Kite fest, Earth Day party and more farm & garden tours on tap

**T**he final weekend of the April Salt Spring Blooms festival is flowering with a full palette of events and activities perfect for celebrating spring. The many gifts of the earth can be admired, enjoyed and even cultivated through new and returning favourite community events.

Friday evening is the time to romp through the garden of the imagination with StageCoach Theatre School's year-end showcase at ArtSpring, featuring a musical version of Alice in Wonderland and other works. Marvellous sets, costumes and acting will transport audience members straight to a nonsensical but magical world — just don't accept any offers to play croquet.

Those with other plans Friday can still catch the fun at two other performances, Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon.

Saturday's famous Market in the Park will offer some surprise treats for visitors courtesy of some local students. Meanwhile Drummond Park, located at the head of Fulford Harbour, will

host the island's first annual kite festival. Participants are invited to bring their kites and their gumboots for some old-fashioned family fun out on the tidal flats. Activities take place between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Sunday is Earth Day and Salt Spring is no stranger to recognizing this global event. The fourth annual Earth Day party at Centennial Park features music, craft activities, "freecycling," and other activities from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Green Party leader and local MP Elizabeth May is the guest of honour set to speak at 12:15.

While at the park, why not take part in a clean-up effort in Ganges Harbour? Or relax with some free yoga at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. for your efforts.

Earth Day farm and garden tours are also in the works for Sunday, with nurseries, farms and vineyards open for public enjoyment. Pick up a list of participants at the Ganges Visitor Centre, or see the list on the [www.saltstourism.com](http://www.saltstourism.com) website under "Island Events" and "Salt Spring Blooms in April." Salt Spring Vineyards will offer special tastings of blossom creations from noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

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Salt Spring Kite Festival  
Drummond Park in Fulford

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21 FROM 8-4**  
Salt Spring Saturday Market in the Park

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21 AT 4:30 PM**  
Book Launch - *The Weight of Dew*  
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**APRIL 22 FROM 10-3**

**Party in the Park**

Elizabeth May and activities  
Clean-up & beautification

**FRIDAY TO SUNDAY APRIL 20-22**

**Stagecoach Theatre School**

Year-End Showcase

**"Alice in Wonderland"**

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7:00pm Performance, 2:00pm Sunday Matinee

**SUNDAY APRIL 22 FROM 10-4**

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**LIVE THEATRE**

## StageCoach Theatre finale showcases young talent

Alice in Wonderland and original works at ArtSpring this weekend

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

StageCoach Theatre School students who've been in training since last September are putting themselves in the public eye with an acting, singing and improvisation extravaganza at

ArtSpring from April 20 to 22.

A theatrical presentation of Alice in Wonderland is the senior group's final play, using a script adapted by director Adina Hildebrandt to bring out the best elements of several different productions. The play also includes some well-known music, recognizable to the audience and performed by the student players.

Hildebrandt, who along with Maggie O'Scalleigh has been

the creative force behind the school for the past three years, said the play will showcase students who will be graduating from the school this year.

"It's kind of an astonishing thing to see how far they've come in a relatively tiny amount of time. We have quite a few students that have been with us for quite a few years now — their voice and acting skills have improved so much and they're ready to really shine,"

she said, adding the tale provides diverse material for these students to sink their teeth into with comedy, dramatic elements and darker turns.

"This is a fine, mature ensemble. They're ready to go out with a bang," Hildebrandt said.

The show also reflects the general growth and maturation of StageCoach as a school, with more involved sets than previously seen and some wonderful costumes by Michele MacKenzie.

"We've gotten more ambitious as time goes on, and I think it will show," said Hildebrandt.

The weekend showcase contains much more than the Alice play, however. Students in the lower classes will have their time to shine in a varied program that takes place before the intermission.

The musical theatre class will perform three songs, including Michael Jackson's Thriller with choreography by Naomi Jason. The junior class will perform an original piece called That's Dangerous; the intermediate group will present The Ego Monster, and the improv class will "regale audiences with their lunacy."



Audience members are invited to flex their writing muscles during the event with a silent auction of fabulous prizes donated by local businesses taking place in ArtSpring's lower lobby throughout the weekend.

Three show times will help ensure no one misses out on the theatrical showcase. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children aged 13 and under. Advance booking is encouraged.



PHOTOS BY JEN MACLELLAN

At top, from left, are Alice in Wonderland actors Gina Klemm, Hannah Grant and Maja Nordine, while above, from left, Ajna Nugent Garfat and Zeanna Trussler are Tweedledum and Tweedledee. StageCoach kids were in costume at the market on Saturday promoting their April 20-22 year-end show that runs at ArtSpring.

### Salt Spring Concert Band

*Dawn Hage, Music Director*



## Magic Mountains

Saturday April 28  
ArtSpring 8PM

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### The David Halliwell Retrospective



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## BOOKS

## Author's steampunk mystery gets huge \$\$ response

Funding pledges near \$60K

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

If Salt Spring writer Jordan Stratford was wondering how the public might respond to a smart kids' book about Victorian girls, his fundraising campaign on the Kickstarter website has blown any doubt clear out of the water.

Just two weeks into a four-week campaign, Stratford's book *Wollstonecraft* has already received pledges that far exceed his \$4,000 goal — to the tune of 1,600 per cent. As of Monday afternoon the book had 1,843 backers pledging almost \$60,000.

Kickstarter describes

itself as a platform for the public funding of creative projects. Featured projects must meet their funding goals within the deadline, protecting people from contributing to something that's not going to go ahead, and giving creators a good idea if their product has the necessary market interest to succeed.

Stratford's idea, a mystery written specifically for the eight to 12 age group, puts the adventure in the epicentre of the "steam punk" trend, in 1826 London.

"This is a pro-math, pro-science, pro-history and pro-literature adventure novel for and about girls, who use their education to solve problems and catch a jewel thief... If Jane Austen wrote about zeppelins and

brass goggles, this would be the book," the Kickstarter page states.

**"I kept coming back to these characters and their world."**

JORDAN STRATFORD  
*Wollstonecraft author*

The fictional story centres on two real historic figures: Ada, a daughter of Lord Byron who would grow

up to write the world's first computer program, and Mary, who would grow up to write *Frankenstein*. In Stratford's slightly doctored timeline, the girls meet while studying under the same tutor, form a detective agency — named after Mary's mother, the feminist writer Mary Wollstonecraft — and solve the crime.

Stratford has many career paths that he simultaneously pursues, with screenwriter among them. (He's also authored non-fiction books like the recent publication called *A Dictionary of Western Alchemy*.)

He originally plotted out a series of *Wollstonecraft* stories with the idea of creating an animated TV series. Having completed his first novel earlier this year, he

revisited the idea as a novel aimed at his nine-year-old daughter's age group.

"I kept coming back to these characters and their world," he explained.

"What people are responding to are the personalities of these real characters who shaped popular culture and the world we now inhabit."

Stratford said the incredible bypassing of his initial funding goal has opened the project up to all kinds of possibilities, and he is working with his sponsoring public directly to learn what they would like to see.

"It's extremely interactive. As people are increasing the budget, I've asked them where they want to go, and the answer has been, 'more.'"

With the extra funding support, Stratford has expanded the concept from a single book to a trilogy, has a paperback printing planned and has committed to writing a short story and a teachers' guide. He's already been approached by major publishers and film studios; everything from tablet games to colouring books are future possibilities.

"We'll see what the budget is first and will commit to what people have asked for," Stratford said.

"All those other opportunities will follow."

More on *Wollstonecraft*, including incredible cover art by Salt Spring artist Claire Robertson, can be found at [www.kickstarter.com](http://www.kickstarter.com). Donors have until April 30 to make a contribution.

## ART REVIEW

## Gallery 8 artists deliver spring creations

Group show on until May 12

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The third annual Symbolically 8 exhibition opened at Gallery 8 this week with many new works attesting to the creative power of a high calibre group of artists.

Much like putting on a fancy set of clothes to celebrate a gala event, the new pieces were created especially with the gallery's third anniversary in mind and represent some of the best work the artists have to offer.

Famed painter Carol Evans has a new original watercolour on exhibit, one of the few large-scale works she produces each year. Her trademark ability to somehow reproduce sharply realistic water, light and reflections in an unforgetting medium are borne out once again in the sweeping beachside landscape *Fury Cove*.

Evans and her husband Bryn King spend several months each year sailing B.C.'s coastal waters, and her love for the pristine northern islands is clearly evident in her work. The tragic side to her most recent painting, and the reason for its inclusion now, is the landscape Evans depicts may not exist as seen for much longer: the area is threatened by

proposed crude oil shipping.

Bly Kaye's *Beach Access* is a more intimate view of a beloved place. Her watercolour/paper collage technique also contains the elements of light, water and reflection, but her close-up view puts the viewer more completely into the scene, while her softer focus imparts a dreamy evocation of place.

Kaye has recently been much absorbed in dealing with thickets of individual grass stalks in her work. This obsession claims a piece of her attention here, taking up much of the left side of the panel from the immediate foreground up.

The backdrop that frames the grass stalks is quietly reflective water, with larger swaths of colour fields and delicately nuanced elements, including a just-glimpsed red house. Although I say this every time I see her new work, this piece truly shows Kaye at the top of her masterful abilities.

Carrying on with the theme, Julia Lucich brings her sense of colour to another landscape in *Last Glimpse of Fall*. Brilliant and radiant blue is the dominant tone in this view of water and sky. The lovely composition is divided by a low strip of burnished trees on the far shore, and framed by closer trees and their reflection. The glasslike water is broken up by



Janis Woode's *Table 8*

textured shadow, and reflected scenery has an impressionist touch.

Working in three-dimensional space, Heather Kocis reproduces life in miniature with *King Street Alley*. Her plywood and plaster constructions have the sensibility of richly textured paintings, with light and colour effects just as strong as her clever reproduction of city scenes. This is a narrow snapshot of an old brick apartment building brought to life, producing a visceral connection to a particular place instead of the mediated knowledge produced by the camera.

Michael Robb's *Crotius* has a layered impact that's typical for this artist: the chimeric welded-steel being contains elements that are humorous, familiar and slightly disturbing all at the same time. In this case, double smiling eel heads project from a poultry-like body on skinny splayed legs.

The dynamic thrust of heads and forelegs stretches the sculpture forward, carrying through a horizontal line of back and outstretched tail. Feathery wings fountain upward from the centre, colonizing the upper portion of space with whimsical appeal.

Janis Woode combines rusty motorcycle transmission gears and car cam shafts with polished glass in her playful functional sculpture, *Table 8*. Rising on a single (but multipart) leg from the pedestal, the welded gears drop from the table's undersurface like stalactites. Seen from below, the effect is that of a giddy reversed candleabra, while from above the linked collection of gears is like a bouquet of industrial wildflowers.

Many more interesting new paintings and sculptural works are on exhibit in the feature gallery upstairs.

The show is on daily at the Grace Point Square gallery through May 12.

## FESTIVALS

## Spark Fest gala supports mentoring project

Music and dessert menu on tap April 29

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A gala evening of music, performance and lush desserts is in the works when Spark Fest 2 hits the Orchard Room at the Harbour House Hotel on April 29.

The second annual event is both a celebration and a fundraiser for SVOVA's Pass it On project, which unites high school girl mentors with Grade 8 counterparts. While last year's event was an outdoor festival, this time around project facilitator Kate Maurice has a more glamorous idea in mind.

"We're trying to create an intimate event for women, showcasing their voice and giving back to the community," Maurice said. "It's a night to celebrate women, but it's definitely an event anyone can come to and support."

Maurice meets weekly with the 16 Pass it On participants to discuss the issues that come up in their mentoring relationships with the younger girls. These issues lead to discussion of their own problems and interests, with everything from sex, drugs, diet and self-confidence coming to the table.

"The regularity of the meeting and the intimacy makes so much room for conversation. I can take it all and bring it to a point — it's sort of structured, open conversation," Maurice said. "It's so powerful to meet in the group every week and have these discussions."

In her second year as facilitator, Maurice has opened the circle of mentorship by inviting women from the community to speak with the Pass it On group. Celeste Mallett-Jason of Ganges Yoga Studio, market entrepreneur Zoe Dubien and Graffiti Theatre director Rebecca Nygard are among those who came in and spoke about the paths their lives have taken.

Maurice sees Spark Fest as a way to widen the mentoring circle — more through community participation than just raising funds. The evening includes free desserts created by the Harbour House chefs and performances by local talents such as Phoenix Lazare and Naomi Jason. The spotlight event will be a one-hour set by the up-and-coming Vancouver band *Hey Ocean*.

Ticket holders are encouraged to dress up in their swankiest garb. Pass it On girls will be out to meet the crowds and to offer virgin margaritas and martinis.

Tickets are \$25 and available at Salt Spring Books, B-Side Clothing and the SVOVA office. All performers are donating their time and the Harbour House has donated its space to the event. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with performances beginning at 7.

"To have the community support us and allow us to continue the program means so much to these girls," Maurice said.

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## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## FUNDRAISER

# Adults have fun for the kids at Tree Frog's annual fundraiser

Fantastic Frogapalooza unfolds at Mobys this Sunday

Tree Frog Daycare invites the public to Frogapalooza, a combination of concert and silent and live auction on Sunday, April 22.

Local talent at Frogapalooza includes Julia Beattie, Richard Cross and a lineup of great dance tunes.

People are encouraged to arrive hungry at Mobys because some food and bar proceeds will go to Tree Frog Daycare.

Auction prizes collected so far range from artwork to event tickets to gift certificates for restaurants, spa services, building supplies and more. A complete list is available for perusal on the [www.treefrogdaycare.com](http://www.treefrogdaycare.com) website under the "more" section.

Dave Phillips will be the evening's auctioneer and MC, "which should result in both some big laughs and great deals," says press material.

There will also be a raffle draw,

50/50 tickets and a chance to buy vouchers for Alex's Gourmet Falafel and Fries, where all proceeds will benefit Tree Frog Daycare.

The evening is an adult-focused event, so people should book their babysitters before putting on their dancing shoes and bidding brain and heading down to the 'Palooza.

All proceeds from the evening will be used to support and improve the ongoing operation of Tree Frog Daycare on South Ridge Road.

Events like Frogapalooza allow Tree Frog to build its resources and continue to develop the high-quality programs that are offered to the children in its care.

Tree Frog Daycare is a non-profit, licensed daycare which provides quality, affordable care for children from newborn to five years old. Tree Frog has been in operation for almost 20 years.

Frogapalooza tickets (\$10) are available at both Pharmasave locations, at Tree Frog Daycare and at the door.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.



PHOTOS BY JEN MACLELLAN

**ALL-OUT ART:** Participants in the April 13-15 For Art's Sake art show and entertainment weekend at Mahon Hall included, clockwise from top left, artist Norm Page, Macie Lee-Harman (with her artwork and accompanying poem), Hannah Martens' Warhawk No. 1 piece, and musician Palu Rainbow Song.

## CONCERT

## California's MaMuse stops at Morningside on concert tour

Live music and film nights return to south-end venue

This Saturday, April 21 at 7 p.m., The Morningside in Fulford is throwing open its gates to kick off its entertainment season with a special evening of music by California sensation MaMuse.

The concert is a special stop on their Integration of the Awkward CD release tour up the Pacific Northwest.

"If you haven't experienced a live music night at The Morningside yet, you're in for a treat," states press material about the

event. "Imagine 40 to 50 people cozied up on handmade benches in a cob cocoon, sipping the island's best chai and demitasses, experiencing the magic of world-class musicians up close and personal.

"Only in its second season of offering live music, The Morningside's Saturday nights have quickly become a legend on and off island. Strong supporters of local talent, performers have included Johnny MacRae, Silva, Beautiful Wild Animals and James Mujuru."

Off-island guests have included buckman coe, Tanya Divine, Bocephus King and Autumn in the Oak Tree. Often three performers take the stage

every Saturday night, although an incredible total of 17 passed through on one weekend last summer.

In addition to live music, The Morningside also offers film nights and talks, so watch the website ([morningsideorganic.com](http://morningsideorganic.com)) for their events calendar.

Seating is limited, so The Morningside has also launched online ticket reservations on its website. Otherwise, tickets are available in person at the organic cafe, bakery and bookstore on Morningside Drive, or people can call 250-653-4414 for more information. To hear next week's performers MaMuse, visit them at [www.mamuse.org](http://www.mamuse.org).

## WRITING

## Mother Tongue launches new book of Daniela Elza poetry on Saturday

Salt Spring publishing company at forefront again

Mother Tongue Publishing is launching 'the weight of dew' — a debut book of poetry from Daniela Elza of Vancouver — at an event on Salt Spring this Saturday.

The Mother Tongue studio/The Porch Gallery at 290 Fulford-Ganges Rd. will host the event

beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Elza will read from and sign her book, and cake and coffee will be served afterwards.

"In the weight of dew, Daniela Elza's remarkably elegant debut book of poetry, we are taken on a literal, metaphorical and philosophical journey from the city, inland through (mostly) British Columbia," explains press material.

"In the miles and meditations Elza's poems travel light, with the shape of me nameless." The weight



Daniela Elza

not only visually but philosophically. They gently ask questions about our existence. Use language to investigate belief. Use metaphor to awaken consciousness. Beautifully transforming us through the alphabet of her knowing."

Seating for the April 21 gathering is limited, and people are asked to park on the road.

The event is co-sponsored by the Canada Council for the Arts and The Writers Union of Canada.

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Capital Regional District



## Notice of Public Information Open House Phase 1: Construction of Bikes Lanes and Walkways on Lower Ganges Road

As you may be aware, installation of bike lanes and a paved pedestrian walkway is being planned alongside Lower Ganges Road from Atkins Road to Kingfisher Cove. These improvements will form Phase 1 work, as identified under the North Ganges Transportation Plan. This is a "Public Driven" project championed by the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission and is coming to fruition in partnership with the BC Ministry of Transportation and the Capital Regional District (CRD).

Construction of sections of walkways and bike lanes is anticipated to start in July 2012 and end in December 2012.

As a resident, you may be particularly interested in attending a public information meeting to learn more about the project, talk to the trail designers and familiarize yourself with the construction schedule.

**Location:** Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island  
**Date:** April 24, 2012  
**Time:** 4:00 - 6:00 pm

We hope you are able to attend this information meeting to find out more about this exciting project. If have any questions or concerns please contact:

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# People & Community

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

## IODE fashion fundraiser gets full house again

Twenty-four models wear Mouat's Clothing fashions at April 12 event

A sell-out crowd attended the 2012 version of the IODE Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon at the Harbour House on April 12.

Guests were welcomed by IODE president Florence Wiseman, with the fashion show co-ordinated by IODE member Debra Olson, and Mouat's Clothing Co.'s Marnie McAughtrie. Makeup support came from Spa by Lenice and hair styling by Studio One.

According to Lucile Adderley, the local IODE chapter's

communications officer, models Ann Earl, Ann Alexander, Melissa Howard, Susan de Stein, Pauline McCarthy and Sharon Bywater displayed over 24 stunning spring outfits from Mouat's Clothing Co.

IODE HMS Ganges Chapter, part of a national organization, has 25 members on Salt Spring and is the longest established women's charitable group on the island.

"The fashion shows have taken place for more than 25 years and have been a major fundraiser, supporting many community needs such as snack foods for schools, the food bank, school library books, Transition House, Greenwood, and others," said Adderley.



IODE Fashion Show models, from left, Susan de Stein and Melissa Howard, at the Harbour House Hotel. For more photos, see the Gulf Islands Driftwood's Facebook page.



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**PERSONAL GROWTH**

## Inner wisdom and resources available through local grief recovery program

Next SS Hospice session starts May 8

BY JACKIE TRUSCOTT  
 DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Grief is different for everyone, and it's unpredictable. Just when you think you're over a loss and can stand on your own two feet again, a moment of anger, a friend's kind words, or even a familiar piece of music can tumble you right back into a pool of tears and self-pity.

Barbara Dams had already grieved the deaths of both her parents when her husband, Hans, died. She had a strong spiritual practice and for the first year she thought she was doing fine. When grief hit her hard in the second year, she knew that once again it was time to enroll in

the Grief Recovery Program. Dams first experienced talking with a group 25 years ago and again during two encounters with breast cancer. That was when she discovered the power of sharing your feelings with people who had similar experiences. It is also when she developed a spiritual practice that has strengthened and supported her ever since.

For the last six years Dams has co-ordinated the Salt Spring Hospice Grief Recovery Program where trained and experienced facilitators offer opportunities for people to share feelings with others in a gentle group setting. To some, the idea of speaking openly with strangers is terrifying at first, but most people are surprised at the strength they possess

without even knowing they had it.

**When grief hit her hard in the second year, she knew that once again it was time to enrol in the Grief Recovery Program.**

Dams says that the interaction between herself and the people she meets is reciprocal. The inner wis-

dom and insights that arise support everyone, and the inner resources that people discover and access through these groups are so amazing that they can change every facet of a person's life and lead them forward with a new perspective.

Whether someone you loved died six months or 16 years ago, the Grief Recovery Program is open to everyone. It runs for six weeks twice a year and can also be repeated. If the timing is not right and you are unable to complete it, there's always another session. It is never too late.

The next session starts on Tuesday, May 8. For information, contact Salt Spring Hospice at 250-537-2770 or Barbara Dams at 250-653-4945.

**GARDENING**

## Annual spring plant sale is just around the corner

SS club's famed event is on April 28

The Salt Spring Island Garden Club work party elves have been busy preparing for the annual spring sale — set for Saturday, April 28 beginning at 1 p.m. at the Farmers' Institute.

People should come early to avoid being disappointed, as everything goes quickly.

Tables of special note at the event are:

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**NEW CAR REVIEW**

## Honda Pilot: rugged family hauler flies high

More to this van than ability to schlep kids around

**BY NEIL MOORE**  
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WHEELSTALK.COM

With today's smaller families, unlike those of decades past, the glut of seven- and eight-passenger vehicles on the road seems to defy common sense.

I'd chalk much of it up to convenience over genuine need, but regardless of motivation, buyers are still snapping them up as quickly as these behemoths can slurp down barrels of overpriced gas.

As an auto journalist, I'm often asked for a recommendation. Which, for me, is pretty straightforward if your family markedly exceeds the Stats Can 3.1 member average.

I'd say go for the minivan. Why?

It has nothing to do with style, driving dynamics or any pretence of ruggedness — it's all about function. These bland domestic haulers have all kinds of space, and three rows of comfortable seating.

Not so with most mid-size SUVs, where the third row barely works for kids. And small ones at that.

I've tested many seven- and eight-passenger sport utilities, and my

common complaint is the lack of foot and leg room in rear, leaving knees jammed under chin for those of us over five feet tall. And don't get me started on the gymnastics required to climb into the back.

But there are exceptions, like the 2012 Ford Explorer. At its launch last year, we even stuffed a six-foot-two journalist into its third row — and he survived.

Another exception — my tester for the week — is the 2012 Honda Pilot. It will also seat eight, although seven is better, but there's far more to this big, blocky SUV than its ability to schlep a pile of kids to soccer practice.

For starters it's a Honda. Setting aside the gripes from Consumer Reports about the all-new 2012 Civic — which I still think is a pretty good vehicle — this one fact is a comfort to many buyers, giving them assurance of build quality and future resale value. Even wonky vehicles like the Element enjoy added cache because of the nameplate.

And I will add that even ignoring the Pilot's tight seams, precise fit and decent quality materials, the build quality of this vehicle shines through in other ways: the solid "thunk" on closing the doors, the stiffness of its

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# ISLAND WHEELS

## Rugged Honda Pilot takes flight

**HONDA**  
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unit body construction, and absence of squeaks and rattles when driving over uneven pavement.

But this reputation doesn't come cheap. A base front-drive Pilot — the one you probably wouldn't buy because who the heck wants a 2WD sport utility? — starts at \$34,820. And in top-of-the-heap Touring trim, you'll pay \$48,420, plus freight and taxes.

That sounds like a lot — and it is — but much of the competition in this segment is equally steep. For example, the Nissan Pathfinder starts around \$38K, climbing to nearly \$48K for upper trim — and that doesn't include a rear DVD entertainment system or navigation. Ditto that for the top-tier CX-9 and Traverse LTZ, which once you add these goodies climbs to nearly \$50K for the Mazda and even higher for the Chev.

The Ford Explorer is less expensive, starting at \$30K and climbing to the mid 40s, but that's also without nav and rear entertainment.

Indeed, the Pilot is somewhere mid-pack when it comes to price. But it is, however, slightly outmuscled by its competition. At 250 hp and 253 lb/ft, it is bested by Traverse, Explorer, Pathfinder and CX-9. And the Pilot gets a five-speed automatic, whereas the others get an extra gear.

Still, Honda's 3.5-litre, 24-valve, SOHC, i-VTEC V6 delivers reasonable kick, launching this two-ton sport utility with authority and tak-

ing it to 100 km/h in about 8.8 seconds. That's pretty quick for such a large vehicle.

It's also bad for fuel economy, but to the company's credit, they've included variable cylinder management (VCM) to help with this matter. VCM can shut down two or three cylinders, depending on load, contributing to a reasonable 12.3/8.2 litres/100 km city/highway rating.

This was a winter test, and for me, straight-line acceleration, cornering ability and other performance indicators were less important than the Pilot's stability and road-holding in slush and snow. It is in these conditions I found Honda's Variable Torque Management four-wheel drive system (VTM-4) to be more than capable.

VTM-4 normally drives the front wheels (for better fuel economy), but under slippery condition or when accelerating hard, can send up to 70 per cent of torque to the rear. This system, in combination with standard Vehicle Stability Assist with traction control, works seamlessly to keep the Pilot pointed where you want it to go. You can also lock all four wheels, but this is limited to 30 km/h and only needed when you're really bogged down.

Cargo capacity is another area where the Pilot gets high marks. Even with all seats in place, you still enjoy a substantial 589 litres, which is more than the trunkspace of a full-sized sedan.

In the Pilot, Honda scores even higher in terms of content. Even the base model comes extremely well-equipped: 18-inch alloy wheels, tri-zone

automatic climate control with second-row HVAC, tilt and telescopic steering with cruise and audio controls, acoustic windshield, Bluetooth interface, seven-speaker 229-watt AM/FM/MP3/WMA/CD audio system with subwoofer.

Honda claims the Pilot for 2012 has sleeker styling and an all-new front fascia with an "aerodynamically refined exterior (that) emphasizes a sophisticated crossover style."

Sounds like a bunch of designer-speak to me, but I'll admit that the front end is different, although with its bold grille, short overhangs and big, beefy wheel arches, it looks no less trucky than the 2011.

Which isn't a bad thing for a sport utility.

One that's definitely worth a closer look if you're seeking comfortable, yet rugged family transportation.



The 2012 Pilot's exterior highlights "a sophisticated crossover style."

### HONDA PILOT TOURING 2012 AT A GLANCE

- BODY STYLE:** Mid-sized sport utility
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## PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

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## National Volunteer Week an ideal time to look outward

Local participation rates are high

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

National Volunteer Week is in mid-stride with events planned across Canada from April 15 to 21 recognizing the people who donate their most valuable resource: their time.

"This is the time to celebrate and thank all the people who make the community such a great place," said Bob Rush, who is a member of the Volunteer Salt Spring steering committee.

"Giving time is such a precious gift — it's so much easier just to write a cheque."

Members of Volunteer Salt Spring (itself a volunteer organization that helps individuals connect with suitable volunteer situations) report that in this land of boards, committees and nonprofit groups, volunteerism is alive and particularly healthy.

A report from Statistics Canada puts the number of Canadian

volunteer hours at 2,068 million in 2010, with 324.4 million of those coming from B.C. Though it is not possible to measure what Salt Spring's contribution to the total was, local participants figure the island's volunteer rate almost doubles the national average of 47 per cent.

"The percentage of people who volunteer is very huge," Rush said.

"It's an involved, caring and volunteer-oriented community. It may be as high as 85 per cent."

For those people just getting started in volunteer activity, Rush points to national organizations as a possible resource. The opportunities listed on the national websites won't have much local relevance, but a fun online quiz (find it at <http://getvolunteering.ca/get-tools/volunteer-quiz>) is just the way to get in the mood.

What Kind of Volunteer Are You? measures "VQ" by asking participants to choose the best answer out of six possibilities.

The questions themselves are an inventive and fun way of



BOB RUSH

learning more about yourself. Would your dream career be a critically acclaimed rock star or an attorney who saves the wrongly accused? Would you rather invite

Ghandi and Bono to your house for dinner or David Suzuki and Jane Goodall? What's your dream vacation?

The answers you give will ultimately categorize you as one of six types of volunteers, with advice on which type of situation might suit you best: from Type A multi-tasker ready to take it all on, to the roving consultant who suits short-term, specific needs.

On the local level, Volunteer Salt Spring has existed on the island since 1997. It operates mainly as a virtual office and provides the online space where would-be volunteers can shop around for their ideal positions.

Now in its seventh year running at [www.volunteersaltspring.com](http://www.volunteersaltspring.com),

the website receives around 25 to 30 visits per day for a total of 850 to 950 a month. The organization also puts on workshops with the Parks and Recreation Committee on various topics.

A quick glance through the alphabetical listing will bring nearly an entire A to Z of opportunities, starting with ArtSpring and ending with the Wall Climbing Gym. Whether land and marine rescue is your passion or you'd rather sit on the board of a local theatre school or daycare, there is definitely something for everyone.

### New Volunteer Calendar Launched

One islander is hoping to match up potential volunteers with places that need them through a new online calendar service.

Gaurang McIntyre has created the Salt Spring Seva calendar that shows what kind of volunteers Salt Spring organi-

zations need on specific days (and sometimes times) of the week.

With a motto of "Connecting those who want to serve with those who need to be served," it can be accessed at:

[www.destinationom.com/saltspring\\_seva/](http://www.destinationom.com/saltspring_seva/)

McIntyre said the calendar makes sense because he knows many people want to volunteer but don't want to go through the effort of tracking down the organizations and seeing if volunteering would work for their schedule, "so once this quick reference is made it will help people decide what free time they have and what they are wanting to volunteer as."

The calendar shows needs for certain days of the week, as well as a section for organizations that could use volunteers at any time.

People from groups needing volunteers can look at the site and then email [destinationom@gmail.com](mailto:destinationom@gmail.com) with information on any volunteer options they may have.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

## Rainbow Road Pool program creates new volunteer positions

Volunteer Salt Spring has details on other available posts

*The following is a column of volunteer opportunities from Volunteer Salt Spring, the island's virtual volunteering centre, which can be accessed at [www.volunteersaltspring.com](http://www.volunteersaltspring.com). It will run periodically in the Driftwood.*

Without new volunteers, many island organizations would eventually fold. That would be a shame. They provide a wide range of services that some of us may need some day.

Maybe you're already using some of them, and taking them for granted.

Most island organizations have difficulty recruiting new volunteers on their own. That is why Volunteer Salt Spring was formed a few years ago. It was designed to assist those willing to offer their services.

It does so by operating a web site that lists a wide range of current volunteer opportunities. A sampling of them follows below. More complete descriptions of each, as well as for several dozen other current listings, can be found by going

to [www.volunteersaltspring.com](http://www.volunteersaltspring.com).

- The Rainbow Road Pool is starting up a new volunteer program and is currently looking for volunteers to help out at the front desk with greeting customers and cashier duties, and for maintenance and cleaning helpers. Volunteers will earn points towards their swim pass based on hours worked.

Contact: Julie Howard at 250-537-1402 or [jraddysh@recreation-excellence.com](mailto:jraddysh@recreation-excellence.com).

### VOLUNTEER CALL

- RCMP Victim Services needs volunteers to assist the program coordinator in providing support for victims of crime. This includes crisis intervention, emotional support, information, trauma debriefing and court preparation.

Contact: Katie Watters, Victim Services Volunteer, 250-537-5555, or [victimservices@ssics.ca](mailto:victimservices@ssics.ca)

- The Salt Spring Public Library needs volunteers for the circulation desk and as spare shelvers, a manager for its children's programs and presenters for StoryTime. Contact Lyda Smith, volunteer coordinator,

250-537-4666, or [sidlyda@shaw.ca](mailto:sidlyda@shaw.ca)

- Big Brothers/Big Sisters is currently looking for positive role models to spend just one hour a week with elementary students from now until the end of the school year. Make a big difference in a little person's life!

Contact: Christine Golder, mentoring coordinator, toll free at 1-877-475-1114 ext. 49, or [christine.golder@bigbrothersbigsis.org](mailto:christine.golder@bigbrothersbigsis.org)

- Salt Spring Senior Services Society has an ongoing need for volunteer drivers with their own car to drive seniors to and from medical appointments both on Salt Spring and off island (generally Victoria) during the day Monday through Fridays, and around Salt Spring for other needs and appointments.

Contact: Anne John, coordinator, 250-537-2323 (home) or 250-537-2323 (Senior Services Society)

- Lady Minto Hospital Residential Care has an immediate need for volunteers an hour or two a week to help with various activities, such as arts and crafts, Bingo, Scrabble, cards, one-on-one visits, bird-house building, and decorating for various holidays and seasons.

Contact: Barbara Brindamour, Lady Minto Hospital, 250-538-4809 or [email\\_barbara.brindamour@vih.ca](mailto:email_barbara.brindamour@vih.ca)

### DUPLICATE BRIDGE

## Blooms of bridge players multiply

Mitchell movements result

BY JILL EVANS  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Boing! It's spring. And duplicate players are springing to life, what with seven full tables showing up on April 2, and six and a half on April 9, resulting in Mitchell movements both days.

On April 2, Liz and Oleh Mycyk were the

### BRIDGETRICKS

North-South winners, and had the highest overall score. Second N-S were Flo Laundry and Carol Ann Fried, with Joanne Elizabeth and Jill Evans in third place.

Top of the East-West group, and second overall, were Charles Kahn and Judy Norget, with Paul Retallack and George Laundry next

in line, followed by Gillian Mouat and Jennifer Quick in the third spot.

April 9 saw the East-West players bouncing to the top of the heap, with Jean Elder and Mike Ryan occupying first place E-W with the highest overall score. Boodie Amott and Jacquie Stevulak took second place E-W, and Flo Laundry, partnered this time with Lynn Thorburn, came third.

The North-South winners were the Retallack-

Laundry pair, with the Elizabeth-Evans (that's two people, not one lady!) pair in the second spot, edging out the Mouat-Quick partnership. This was visiting Mike Ryan's last game here for a while and he would be welcomed back if he decided to return from Ontario some day.

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



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### NOTICE

#### SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SS-TUP-2011.2

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will consider a Resolution to issue a Temporary Use Permit pursuant to Section 921 of the *Local Government Act* for Strata Lot B, Section 78, South Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Strata Plan VIS6760. The purpose of the Permit is to allow retail sales.

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



The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will consider the proposed permit at a meeting starting at 9:30 AM on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at Hart Bradley Hall (Lions Club), 103 Bonnet Avenue, Ganges. Please refer to the posted agenda available on the Islands Trust Website at the beginning of that week for an indication of where this application is to be placed on the agenda. A copy of the proposed permit and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee can be inspected at the Salt Spring Island office of the Islands Trust between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing Friday, April 13, 2012 and continuing up to and including Monday, April 23, 2012. Enquiries or written submissions concerning the proposed Permit may be directed to the Islands Trust at:

1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2N8  
Tel: 250-537-9144 Fax: 250-537-9116  
Island Planner Justine Starke at 250-538-5602  
Email: [ssinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:ssinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca)

All applications are available for review by the public. Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review. However, those persons who choose to make written submissions by email prior to the time and date provided above ought to require confirmation of receipt of their email and, in any event, the risk that an email is not received lies with the sender.

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**Ken Rouleau**

JULY 15, 1968 - APRIL 13, 2012

Ken Rouleau passed away peacefully Friday, April 13, 2012 as a result of a long brave battle with ALS. He was survived by his son Dorian; partner Christina Siegers; Mother Helen Rouleau; his father Ralph Rouleau, and wife Maureen; oldest brother Mark and family; sister Janice Williamson and family; and Brother Greg and family.

There will be a celebration of Ken's life held in the Japanese Garden by ArtSpring; Sunday April 22 at 12:00pm. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the ALS society or to the Salt Spring library.

Christina would like to personally thank all caregivers, friends, and family who provided care and support for Ken, Dorian and herself through this time. A special thank you to Samantha Wilson for all that she gave and to the amazing community of Salt Spring Island.

And thank you to Ken for touching so many hearts. We Love you Kenny.



**Betty "Jean" Stark**

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APRIL 29, 1946 - APRIL 9, 2012

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Al will be lovingly remembered by Carole, his wife of 39 years, and his children Devon (Steve), and Alan Jr. Al will also be forever remembered by his sister Marguerite Lee, 1 niece and 2 nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents Ted and Daisy Gear. Al was born on Salt Spring Island, BC, on April 29, 1946. He graduated from Gulf Islands Secondary School and then began a diverse working life which included the marine industry as a mate/master and a marine surveyor, allowing him many adventures along the BC coast. Al also worked in real estate; he owned the Vesuvius Store on Salt Spring and spent many years in the residential construction business.

Al took pleasure in life from many different things, he loved spending time with his wife, kids, friends, his pets, community projects, trapshooting, woodworking, road trips, history, reading, gardening, and he enjoyed good food. Volunteering his skills and his time was important to Al; he was a life member of the Salt Spring Island Farmers Institute, a member of both the Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club, and the Forest Grove Rod and Gun Club, and Ducks Unlimited. He was also a 25 year member of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Al enjoyed a brief retirement in the home that he built in Lone Butte, BC located in the Cariboo, a place that he loved.

A Celebration of Al's life will be announced at a later date.

Those who desire may make a memorial donation in Al's memory to the BCSPCA, Box 1948, 100 Mile House, BC, V0K 2E0. [spca.bc.ca/100milehouse/](mailto:spca.bc.ca/100milehouse/)

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*Margaret Evelyn (Archibald) Rithaler*

June 29, 1927 - April 3, 2012

Margaret is remembered by family and friends as a strong-willed, but compassionate and caring spirit, always going out of her way to meet the needs of others.

Margaret Evelyn Rithaler passed away peacefully after a valiant battle with Alzheimer's Disease, on April 3, 2012 at 3:00 pm, just as the sun shone through the clouds, surrounded by her loving family at Lady Minto Hospital, Salt Spring Island, B.C.

Margaret was predeceased by husband Edward Powell Rithaler in 1991. She is survived by her two sons, Paul and Mark (Loretta), daughter Cathé Karner, six grandchildren (Angela, Michael, Anna, William, Nicholas, Patrick), brother William Archibald (Pat), and an extended Archibald-Rithaler family.

Margaret will be greatly missed by all who knew her and the hearts and lives she touched. Margaret's family wish to acknowledge their gratitude to Dr. David Woodley, Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods staff for their care and support through her journey. Special thanks to Alyson Pilon, Pam Donnelly and Josie Roland for their compassion and friendship. A celebration of Margaret's life will be held on Friday, April 20, 2012 at 2:00pm at Ganges United Church, with tea to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Gulf Islands Early Learning Society in honour of Margaret's life-long dedication and commitment to teaching and education, or to Salt Spring Hospice.

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**ENJOY WORKING** for seniors? Heritage Place for Seniors requires a person with comfortable cooking skills and excellent cleaning habits to work as an Occasional. Preparing the evening meal for the appreciative residents of one of our housesite like cooking for a family. Set menu. No shopping. Join our team of caring sharing Homemakers. Candidate will require Food Safety TB Test, Criminal Record Check. Please mail or bring resume to: Office, Heritage Place, 120 Crofton Rd, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 1Y4.

**EXPERIENCED SERVICE** Provider for Chrysler dealership in Salmon Arm. Strong customer satisfaction skills. Able to work in a fast paced environment. Excellent wage/benefit package. Fax resume 1-250-832-4545. E-mail: [pat@brabymotors.com](mailto:pat@brabymotors.com)

**Holbrook Dyson Logging Ltd** Has vacancies in the following job: Heavy Duty Mechanic. Details can be seen at <http://rdlogging.com>. Fax resume to 250-287-9259



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TRADES, TECHNICAL

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HELP WANTED

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HELP WANTED

## WORKSHOPS 2012

Volunteers & Board Members of Non-Profit Organizations  
**VITAL INFORMATION ALL CHARITIES SHOULD KNOW**

**BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH SOCIAL ENTERPRISE**  
What this means for Volunteer Organizations

**Saturday April 28th from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm**  
Portlock Park Portable Room  
**Fee: \$20.00**  
Registration Deadline: April 25th

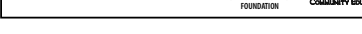
**Rebecca Pearson**, Vancity, Account Manager  
**Danella Parks**, Vancity, Community Development Manager

Social Enterprise is a tool to help build strong non-profits and healthy communities. Join us for an orientation to the world of social enterprise and explore what it takes to set up a revenue generating operation, such as a not for profit thrift store. The presentation will include common language, definitions, available resources and grants.

**REGISTRATION:** Forms can be downloaded online at [www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc](http://www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc) or by stopping by the PARC office M-F 9-4 pm. Course fee must be included with registration; payments accepted by cash, cheque, debit, or credit card.

**INFORMATION:** CRD Office at 250 537 4448 or [ssiparc@crd.bc.ca](mailto:ssiparc@crd.bc.ca)

Special thank you to:



**SUSTAINABILITY FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**  
Finances and Beyond

**Wednesday, May 2nd from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm**  
Portlock Park Portable Room  
**Fee: \$20.00**  
Registration Deadline: April 30th

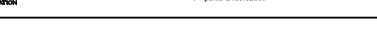
What is Sustainability? Community relevancy, program and service vibrancy, financial stability and adaptability (budgeting, cash flow, reserves) and planning the next steps.

**Lori Baxter** has been a leader for more than 25 years where she has developed a reputation for creative thinking, fiscal responsibility and professional integrity. For ten years she was Executive Director of the Greater Vancouver Alliances for Arts and Culture, and she has been an instructor at Capilano College, BCIT and Douglas College.

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## SUMMER DAY CAMP LEADERS

Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission is looking for innovative and enthusiastic leaders to create a fantastic experience for participants of its 2012 Camp Colossal summer daycamp program. Camp Colossal is a Monday to Friday program, that takes place in July and August with a focus on local outdoor activities and crafts for children in the 5 to 12 age group. The Camp offers a number of off-island day trips to venues such as the Shaw Discovery Centre and the Chemainus Theatre.

This is a bargaining unit position (CUPE Local 1989). Camp Leaders will be employees of the Capital Regional District (CRD) and are paid every two weeks at a rate of \$13.18/\$14.68 per hour plus 13% in lieu of benefits.

First Aid Certification, a Class "4" B.C. Drivers License and a clean driving record are mandatory. Lifeguard Certification is an asset.

Reply in writing, on or before April 20, 2012 including a resume and references, to:

Camp Colossal  
Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission  
145 Vesuvius Bay Road  
Salt Spring Island BC V8K 1K3  
Email: [ssiparc@crd.bc.ca](mailto:ssiparc@crd.bc.ca)



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### RENTALS

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### PETS REMEMBERED

## RENTALS

### HOMES FOR RENT

**1 BDRM TOWNHOUSE,** close to Ganges.. New kitchen, new bathroom, hardwood floors, patio, WD, storage locker. Avail. May 1, 2012, \$800/mo. Call 250-537-6860.

**2 BDRM** house with large office, modern, ocean views, near Ganges. Short or long term, electric heat and wood stove. Avail May 1. Suits responsible couple or small family with refs. \$1350 NS. 604-251-3508.

**2 BDRM MOBILE** home, large separate laundry room, with view of lake. Avail. May 1, \$850/mo. incl. util. Call 250-537-6860.

**ACROSS FROM** high school on Rainbow Road. Home recently renovated. Bright open kitchen/living room area. 1 large & 2 smaller rooms allow flexibility - bedrooms &/or den. \$1100 + util., WD, NS, NP, ref. Avail. Jun. 1. 250-537-2239

**BACHELOR SUITE** in Vesuvius. Full bathroom, fridge & hot plate, WD, includes Hydro & water, NS, NP, avail. Apr. 1, long term. \$700. Contact Island Explorer Property Management 250-537-4722.

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## RENTALS

### HOMES FOR RENT

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**PRIVATE ONE** bedroom, one bathroom home features a SW facing ocean view located only ten minutes from Ganges. Open plan with lots of windows, a sunny west facing deck, w/d, and private entrance. Includes hydro/cable, Wifi. Pets o.k. References required. Available May 1. \$1000/mo. Contact 250-537-7860

### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

**Residential Accommodation**  
The RCMP is inquiring as to the availability for lease of a 3 bedrooms, 1-2 bath detached house or duplex with parking on Pender Island.

Further information, contact us at (604) 264 3420.  
**RCMP Leasing - Pacific Region**  
Fax: (604) 264-2494  
Email: EDIV\_LEASING.Admin.EDIV.EHQ@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

This is only an inquiry as to the availability of space to lease and RCMP will not necessarily invite offers or lease any of the said space. RCMP reserves the right to invite offers for this or similar projects from any of the interested Lessors, any other Lessor or by way of public tender.

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## RENTALS

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**160 ROSS RD.,** Sat. Apr. 21, 10am till 12pm. furniture, houseware. Comm. list for details.

**215 MALIWEV,** Sun. April 22, 9am to 2pm. Desks, chairs, filing cabinets, patio furniture, books, plants, etc.

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# Women to deliver SOLID donations in Kenya in April

Karen Siu of West Vancouver and Rita Burbulevicus of Salt Spring.

many children face. With additional funds from SOLID and other Salt Spring sources, over 600 sanitary kits will be handed out to school girls. These basic but essential kits enable the girls to attend every day of school, despite their monthly menses. Items lovingly made by the Knitwits of Mead-owbrook will be handed out to new mothers in 20 to 30 layettes. The maternity and pediatric wards of the Kakamega hospital welcome the knitted dolls and toques as they take their new babies home. Using money raised by the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring and donations from SOLID, Burbulevicus and Siu will also ensure the installation of a modern rain collection system in a Kenyan school, meeting a desperate need in such a water deprived region. Finally, the volunteers will be providing bags of maize and beans to Grace Orphanage in Kakamega to get the children through the annual famine season. "These varied yet interconnected projects will surely keep Karen and Rita busy, and provide for a life-altering experience before they return home on May 27, bringing with them all sorts of unique African crafts for sale at the SOLID Exchange." SOLID welcomes all interest, volunteers and donations for its partnerships, and encourages people to come and visit the new SOLID Exchange location in Gasoline Alley for a delightful collection of fair trade and non-profit products. The shop is open Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**This Week's Horoscope** by Michael O'Connor  
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**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**  
All systems should be go by now. Your focus stands to be sharp, perhaps backed by a determination to make up for 'lost time'. Tending to a variety of tasks and interests is likely. Preparing the ground on each front rather than following through to completion on any one will feel right. Get clear on your objectives lest you initiate more than you can complete.

**Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)**  
Tending to matters behind the scenes has probably felt right. Now it is time to take more deliberate initiative. You likely remain in an expansive mood. Stimulating a variety of income streams and/or talents and other creative expressions will bring rewards. Joining forces and merging your goals and ambitions with those of others remains important.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)**  
An interesting spectrum of flows will keep things interesting. Budding friendships have been sparked. Desires for travel or at least trying new angles of approach are emerging. Yet, you may also be happy to lay low and enjoy some quality time behind the scenes for a while. With a busy summer cycle looming, replenishing your deep energy reserves is wise.

**Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)**  
The spark of new friendships and/or stimulation of latent talents continue to stir in your world. Your energy levels stand to be on the rise as a result. Yet, it is important that you be mindful of your health so decipher if your daily routine is supporting or thwarting your constitution. Doing so will increase your confidence levels.

**Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)**  
Something new is being activated in your career and/or public life. This will become increasing clear over the next couple of weeks. Reaching out to make new friends and connections may be necessary for success. Let your ambitions direct your focus with discipline. Follow through with all leads and aim to forge new alliances.

**Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)**  
A create cycle is being seeded and a variety of fronts. Acquiring new tools, techniques and knowledge is part of the plot. Making key investments may be necessary yet avoid frivolous spending, at least where larger investments are implied. Aim to boost your confidence levels by taking risks.

**Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)**  
The time has come to prepare the ground somehow. This includes accessing the resources of others, which could include knowledge. Doing inner work is also important. This includes clearing doubts and/or courageously facing any lingering fears. Changes close to home have been and will continue to bubble along so keep pace with them.

**Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)**  
Changes in your relationships are being seeded now. These stand to produce some very satisfying returns. They will likely coincide with and/or bring about distinct changes in your perspectives on things. You may also be challenged to choose between a variety of inspiring possibilities. Go for the ones they lead you into new territory.

**Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)**  
Establishing a more solid base will become more evident this week. This could include making healthy changes in your lifestyle. These stand to have a positive result in your relationships. Mixing work with pleasure may be an option or you could face the challenge of deciding between the two. Ironically, it is likely that you will feel like working.

**Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)**  
You are in the mood to make some creative changes. Taking an innovative approach will prove inspiring. Yet you may have to give more to situations that you bargained for. Still, the rewards will probably outweigh the efforts. Asserting your own position is probably extra important these days and you will.

**Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)**  
Changes on the horizon are rolling in. These will stimulate many new perspectives. Your confidences are probably on the rise and these are both fueling your ambitions and demanding extra efforts. You may also be feeling extra curious these days and want fresh input. Considering your options for the future to feel more secure is a priority.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)**  
Many new thoughts, ideas, and perspectives are taking root in your mind. Weighing your options feels right yet there is the danger that you have already and may yet scatter your focus. So, make extra efforts to get clear and what seems truly viable. Exploring a wider spectrum of possibilities is a good idea though, as long as you are willing to make the extra efforts.

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**RUNNING**

## Sneakers cap Island Race Series with 12th-place finish

Laing secures category championship

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A strong finish to the 2012 Vancouver Island Race Series on Sunday afternoon goes to show that whatever

the Salt Spring Sneakers may lack in numbers, the club certainly makes up for in spirit.

"Our half dozen stalwarts came through with excellent runs and Salt Spring was mentioned many times over in the awards ceremony for both the race and the series awards," said Lynn Thompson, the Sneakers'

team spokesperson, in a post-race report.

The small-yet-mighty Salt Spring team finished the eight-race series in 12th position out of 59 registered teams.

"We fell behind Lady-smith toward the end due to their higher entries," Thompson said. "They just put more entries at the

starting line than we did."

Those who did make it to the starting line for Salt Spring failed to disappoint as Rick Laing capped a tremendous series by placing first overall in his M60-64 race category. Laing finished the 10-kilometre event in Sooke with a time of 42:13.

"He was last seen heading

to Frontrunners to pick out a new pair of shoes — his prize," Thompson said. "Oh yes, and there was something about a pub as well."

Marion Young, who finished the race in 52:32, registered a personal best and moved up to seventh spot in the overall standings for her race category.

Catherine Bennett

crossed the finish line in 54:55, despite coming off several weeks of minimal training, and Thompson fought back a lingering cold to complete the event in 58:36. Jean Southgate finished in 1:10:01 and Kim Young crossed the line in 1:15:52.

"All in all a good day," Thompson said.

**LADIES GOLF**

## Women kick-start 2012 season with fashion show and lunch



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Fashion show participants with roses, and escorts at the opening day event.

Three divisions available for players

BY TRUDY SLOAN  
 DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The ladies 18-hole division of the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club hosted the opening day golf and fashion show event on April 10.

There was a fun golf team event followed by lunch and a fashion show.

Ladies captain Darlene Wellington welcomed all the ladies and thanked Merna Mickelson, our Zone 5 chairperson, for making a special trip to say a few words on the events planned for Zone 5 in 2012.

The golf team winners were Jackie Shrive, Shelagh Brady, Maryann Wiggan and Maureen Rowell with a -21.5 score. Second place with a score of 0 was Deb Hamilton, Susan Russell and Pat Lavender.

Closest to the line was Darlene Wellington. Lynda Joyce had KP on #2.

Club golf pro Steve Marleau donated 15 door prizes, including socks, a book called Naked On The First Tee and 30-minute golf lessons. Melanie Iverson, who we all know is a great golfer and does not need lessons, won a lesson.

The fashion show commenced after lunch with Franki Johnstone, Pat Sutherland, Maureen Rowell, Shelagh Brady, Deb Hamilton, Janet Butler and Karen Davies, escorted by Stephen Greenwood, Trevor Morissette and Don Nemeth also as models. The clothes were very sporty with wonderful matching jackets and shoes. Wellington thanked Marleau for organizing the fashion show and sending all the ladies home with a goodie bag. There was also a draw with many items, including hanging baskets with lovely flowers.

Wellington gave thanks to Jim

Burrows and Mitch Steeves of the Clubhouse Bar & Grill, who were very generous in providing two \$25 gift certificates for the restaurant as draw prizes, and to Tanya and Joanna for the table decorations.

The Monday night ladies are one of the three divisions. Even non-club members can join this fun group. They play nine holes and tee times start at 4 p.m.

The next two divisions are open to members of the club. The 18-hole division is on Tuesday mornings. They play a little more competitively and have great fun doing reciprocals with other clubs. The nine-hole ladies play Thursday mornings and have a fun game every month.

Consider joining one of these groups. The more you play the better you get. Also, you learn the golf rules and at the same time have a wonderful walk in the out of doors with a friend.

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**EARTH DAY**

## Earth Day festival puts focus on potential for real change

Every year people around the world mark Earth Day with events and activities to promote change.

Here on Salt Spring, the Earth Day Festival will for the fourth year present displays and information on environmental issues in a fun atmosphere with great live music, crafts and activities for all ages.

The Salt Spring Earth Day Festival will be held in Centennial Park on Sunday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year the event falls on the actual date of Earth Day which makes it particularly special.

Earth Day Canada's theme for 2012 is Take it Up for Earth Day, which encourages us to consider our daily habits and make changes to be more environmentally friendly.

"By taking responsibility for our own lifestyle we can set an example and 'be the change,'" states press material about Salt Spring's event.

This year's special guest is Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Elizabeth May, the first Green MP to be elected to the House of Commons.

May will be speaking and taking questions beginning at 12:15 p.m.

Musical performances from celebrated local fiddler Wesley Hardisty will get toes tapping, followed by the amazing Aussie blues musician Ash Grunwald.

"Both performers are fitting the festival into busy touring



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO BY DERRICK LINDY

A scene from last year's Earth Day Festival on Salt Spring: Morgan Richards with hand-made prayer flags. This year's version runs Sunday, April 22.

schedules because they recognize the importance of coming together for change."

A new feature this year sees the use of off-grid power thanks to James Cowan and his bicycle-powered generator. Participants can actually generate the power for the PA system, so people should plan to hop on one of the bikes provided to create some pedal power.

Non-profit groups West Coast Wilderness Committee, Transition Salt Spring, Tree Sisters and the Climate Action Council

Society will inform and inspire. Recycling and composting information will be provided by the Capital Regional District, with a chance to win one of their big black composting "machines."

Families will enjoy eco-crafts plus the Story Tent. New this year is "seed-bomb making."

"Come get your hands dirty and do some 'guerilla gardening.'"

There will also be a "freecycling" area where people can donate lightly used items in exchange for "new" treasures to take home. The popular "Knit-in" — where discarded yarns will be collectively turned into new creations — also returns.

A highlight of the day is the Ganges Creek and beach clean-up, hosted by GISS's EAGER club students. Beginning at 11 a.m., participants young and old can grab some gloves and garbage bags and then head out to explore the in-town creeks and do clean-up on the way.

People should dress accordingly with gumboots, gloves, etc. There will be other supplies on hand, as well as information on managing potential hazards.

The festival is a free, family-friendly event organized this year by Clare Cullen and Michael Lahay of Gecko Green Living, with lots of help from Mark LeCorre of Tree House Café, James Cowan and Mel Divers who made it possible for Ash Grunwald to be on the island.

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