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CYCLING FESTIVAL

Island catches Velo Village fever

Nearly 500 attend roster of weekend events

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Organizers of this past weekend's Velo Village conference are lauding the event as a major coup for improved cycling infrastructure, bicycle safety, the island's reputation and at least one newly engaged couple.

As many as 500 cyclists are believed to have participated in shows, workshops, concerts and talks as part of cycling-related festivities that culminated in Ganges on Saturday afternoon.

The celebratory spirit peaked on Saturday morning as 250 cyclists rode onto BC Ferries' first bike-only ferry between Swartz Bay and Fulford Harbour. A fun ride that saw about 50 additional cyclists join the ferry load continued through Fulford to Stewart Road, along Beddis Road and into Ganges where they congregated at ArtSpring for the afternoon. Encouraging and enthusiastic supporters and brightly coloured bicycles decorated with signs that proclaimed "bikes are forever," "Share the road," "Cycle safe" and "pedal power" encouraged cyclists along the 15-kilometre route.

Other participants arrived at different times. "I would say the mood was almost giddy," said Jan Rabson, who spent much of Saturday manning the free bike valet service outside ArtSpring. "The weather went from horrendous to fantastic and everyone seemed elated by accomplishing the ride to Ganges and being a part of a well-attended event with a lot of positive energy."

Rabson estimates approximately 300 cyclists used the free service to park their bikes and

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A young cyclist is surprised to see a photographer in her path as she makes her way from Fulford to Ganges on the Velo Village fun ride on Saturday. More photos, Page 4, and on the Driftwood website.

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CANADA DAY

Roy Lamont: 97 years a Canadian

Islander reflects on a Canadian near century

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Roy Lamont starts his 2006 memoir by saying his mother and father should have named him Lucky.

In the 97 years Lamont has spent as a young prairie boy, air force commander, business man, husband and father, rancher, farmer, world traveller

and eternal bon vivant, Lamont has been lucky to have "picked the most wonderful parents," lucky to have always had the courage to step out and try something new, and lucky to have experienced what he considers some of the proudest moments in Canadian history.

Born in Swift Current, Sask. in 1915, Lamont has experienced the dawn of a new frontier, the desperation of the Great Depression, the trials of the Second World War and opportunities that appeared during the postwar boom. In so many ways, Lamont's life has traced the nation's struggle to mix a colonial

past with the vibrant and ever-changing national consciousness that's come to define the country.

In 2006, Lamont decided to share the many events in his storied past in a self-published limited edition book called 90 Years a Canadian. The book includes pictures, maps, souvenirs, letters, reports, cards, notes and comments from his friends and acquaintances. The product offers his perspective on some of the best and worst times of Canada's history.

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NEW FIRE HALL

Dollar worries tops at open house

Partnerships with other services urged

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A public meeting held by the Salt Spring Fire Protection District Monday night yielded few design ideas on what a future fire hall should look like, while financial responsibility quickly emerged as a top public concern.

"It's all about money, and we've heard that," fire chief Tom Bremner said at the end of the meeting.

"We're trying to build a functional building that is right for Salt Spring."

Bremner said after the meeting that the board of trustees and Salt Spring Fire-Rescue officers were expecting to hear some suggestions for the new site, such as whether the property should include green space and whether it should be a finished building or a shell with room for future growth. Instead, participants seemed open to fire service suggestions if they proved cost effective.

The full house of close to 40 participants heard that no decisions have been made and no borrowing costs determined in this early stage of the process, since the district only just received permission to use the agricultural land for non-farm use. Fire trustee Richard

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Lamont's Canada Day party legendary

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During the early 1970s, Lamont and his late wife Mollie moved to Salt Spring and established Fitz-Roy Farms in the Cranberry Valley. As the years passed, Lamont became an important fixture in the island's agricultural sector and the broader community, as evidenced by his early work with local police to create the restorative justice initiative, an innovative program that continues to help at-risk youth.

So busy were Lamont's early years that he only found time to acquire his high school diploma in 2001, at 86 years of age, at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Lamont continues to lead an active and healthy lifestyle alongside his partner and friend Muriel Hornell, a routine that includes seeding this year's crop of potatoes and assisting other island-based agriculture initiatives in the lands that surround his homestead on Toynbee Road.

An open door and willingness to help those in need have led many who know



Roy Lamont at his Toynbee Road home. Lamont, friends and neighbours will be celebrating Canada Day as usual at his Cranberry Valley property.

PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Lamont to proclaim: "All roads lead to Roy's house," a saying that's especially true every summer when Canada Day comes around.

While he's never really needed a reason to celebrate, for the past 22 years Lamont's Canada Day parties have become a fixture for friends, family and neighbours throughout the Cranberry Valley and beyond. The event is an opportunity to

talk, laugh, sing, dance and raise a glass to the country Lamont was lucky enough to be born in, fight for and call home for so many years.

Most of his neighbours and friends no longer require an invitation to the familiar event, but signs are still posted to nearby mailboxes every year in case people forget.

In 2011, when Lamont toyed with the idea of can-

celling his annual Canada Day bash, some of the neighbours rose up and threatened to show up on his doorstep ready to party regardless.

Needless to say, this year's party must and will go on as Lamont prepares to celebrate the country's 145th birthday on Sunday afternoon.

"Why not?" Lamont said. "It's a great country and I want to have a party."

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Firefighters wish list presented to meeting

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Hannah suggested gathering all the criteria for a new hall, as determined by the community and fire service members, and then ask the archi-

fects to come up with several options.

Participants discussed some of the fire hall needs presented by the Salt Spring Firefighters Association, whose members held a brainstorming session on May 22. Firefighters came up with a top-10 list of components they would like to see at the new hall, starting with energy efficiency and environmental responsibility.

Ideas such as solar energy, geothermal heating and water collection came under this heading. Meeting participants felt these items should be subject to a cost analysis for different periods of time.

Trustee Ron Chamney responded to a question about LEED certification by saying there are no funding ties that require the environmental building standard, and that paying for the certification is expensive. However, he said the

goal would be to build the new hall as close to LEED gold standard as possible.

"I think we should not make money the dominant factor," Hannah said at another point, after noting the new building is envisioned to last for the next 50 years or more.

"I think we should take care of the environment when we build this new fire hall."

The firefighters' wish to include a commercial kitchen at the site also came under discussion. Association president Travis Guedes explained the crews cook meals together once a month and that industrial equipment would hold up much better than regular home supplies. Trustees also noted the need to make food for the community in emergency situations such as earthquakes or snowstorms, and to supply firefighters

working around the clock as happened at the Bullock Lake resort fire in 2007.

Meeting participants agreed that including other island emergency services on the same site made sense and heard that Salt Spring Ground Search and Rescue and the Emergency Operations Centre have sent in letters of interest.

How to deal with the old hall was also a hot topic, with several participants suggesting the "prime real estate" could fetch a significant amount of money. Michael Schubart, chair of the board of trustees, said a commercial assessment done in 2008 put the property value at \$800,000, but noted that market conditions have changed since then and would likely do

so again before the process got to that point.

Trustees said they would get full public input into how the community would like to see the old fire hall property used before making a decision.

Another public open house will most likely take place after the summer due to Monday's successful turnout. Individuals are invited to contact firefighter Mitch Sherrin at msherrin@saltspringfire.com to add their names to an email list to receive updates and information.

A question and answer sheet on the process is available at the fire hall and in the news section of the Driftwood's website at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com.

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FERRIES

Scheduling error just one factor in ferry frustration

Connectivity at Swartz Bay remains a top ferry issue

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

There are few things more frustrating than having all your plans upturned by forces beyond your control, and when the plans involve a particularly special outing and the force at work is BC Ferries, frustration can easily turn to fury.

That's what happened when Salt Spring parents Erin Porter and Jesse Fisher watched their 10-year-old son Lukas miss playing centre mid-field in an off-island soccer tournament. He then missed attending a Vancouver Whitecaps game with his team.

They were especially incensed because it appeared their son had missed his day, after getting up at 5 a.m. to catch the 6:15 ferry from Fulford, because a deckhand hadn't bothered to do the same.

In a letter to BC Ferries, Porter and Fisher ask that their son receive a personal apology from the deckhand. They also request compensation for the trip they didn't get to take, because of losing the ability to connect Lukas with his team at the Swartz Bay terminal in time to catch the boat to Vancouver.

"We think it would go a long way for your public relations to have coupons readily available to hand out for people who get stuck. It doesn't make it all go away, but it shows that you are willing to help in some way," they state in the letter.

But information from ferry staff, confirmed by BC Ferries communications director Deborah Marshall this week, reveals that the deckhand who arrived late was not to blame for keeping the Skeena Queen from departing on time. Marshall explained that employees in the staffing pool are provided with printed schedules, but changes are made by telephone.

"We changed this employee's schedule



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO BY ERICK LUNDY

Vehicles line up at Fulford Harbour, some bound for Tsawwassen via Swartz Bay but without a strong chance of making the next sailing.

from stand-by to morning shift and did not confirm this update with the employee. We made an error in not properly notifying the employee," Marshall said, noting the company schedules 11,000 shifts each week.

"While this was an unfortunate incident, these situations are rare."

Chris Abbott, a Howe Sound Queen deckhand who was recently elected as president of the BC Ferries and Marine Workers Union, said as a regular employee his shifts were the same every week, but he is not aware of a systemic problem.

"The staffing pool has a flexible schedule that changes a lot. It is quite a complex situation," he said.

"All sorts of things do come up — and if anyone's late it's very visible."

Abbott noted that if one person is sick, a domino effect of shift changes may take place to ensure proper crewing. In addition, vessels are staffed to minimum requirements; if one person doesn't make a shift, the ferry can't just leave with existing crew, but must wait for someone who is trained and certified in the missing position.

While the situation may not be what they first believed, Porter and Fisher's letter points to a greater issue that has dogged Salt Spring residents, the local Ferry Advisory Committee, and BC Ferries for years.

Porter and Fisher point out that since the first sailing from Fulford is at 6:15 on Saturdays, there is no other option for those trying to make the 7 a.m. from Swartz Bay. And because the company ends ticket sales

10 minutes before departure, and requires through-fare foot passengers to exchange their ticket for a boarding pass at the ticket counter, the early morning exchange is virtually impossible.

"Why there is not a guarantee of making connections from Fulford through Swartz Bay to Vancouver baffles us. The timing already doesn't make any sense, and we have missed that connection multiple times over the years, which really is unnecessary," Porter and Fisher write.

The company's inability to guarantee connectivity between ferries on route through Swartz Bay has outraged countless travellers, and was once again a topic of discussion at the biannual public meeting with BC Ferries and the Salt Spring FAC in May.

The difficulties of making the connection by car was the subject of a presentation by islander John Woodward, who pled for and suggested ways to improve the situation for drivers, while several FAC members weighed in on the difficulties both drivers and foot passengers face.

Salt Spring FAC chair Harold Swierenga said he has some hope the ferry corporation will implement a loading system that would allow through-fare drivers to leave the ferry first, giving them a better chance of getting back to the terminal from the highway turnaround.

"It wouldn't guarantee connection but it would give you a better chance," he said.

A turnstile system being piloted may ease the situation for foot passengers.

Possible solutions are still just potentials, however, and not envisioned to take effect until another good stretch down the road. In the meantime, passengers will likely continue to experience missed-connection frustration.

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News briefs

Plant sale for animals

The Save Salt Spring Lamb Fund is grateful for a partnership with Fraser's Thimble Farms that will see a portion of this weekend's plant sales donated to the new island abattoir project.

On Saturday, June 30 and Sunday, July 1, 10 per cent of plant sales at the Arbutus Road nursery will go to the fund. The special offer does not apply to sale priced items or hardware, and Groupouns cannot be accepted.

According to Margaret Thomson, the abattoir construction phase is almost finished.

"Meat animals will at last have a place to go close to home for processing, avoiding the ferry journeys and added stress and expense of recent years," she said.

Family Place accredited

The Family Place program, operated by Salt Spring Island Community Services since 2002, has achieved a five-year accreditation from the B.C. Association of Family Resource Programs.

According to Commu-

nity Services, the standards cover service delivery and participant rights, program planning, physical environment and administration.

Family Place provides supports and services to families with young children including drop-in groups, education events, structured play and activity groups and services such as the toy library and clothing exchange. Recent developments at Family Place include expanded pre-natal education and support, and a new summer program that goes into effect next week.

A few years ago Family Place

moved from Community Services property to 120 Park Dr. to enhance accessibility and convenience for families.

Museum opens

The Bittancourt House Museum at the Farmers Institute will be open to the public this summer from July 2 until Aug. 30.

The hours will be from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday until Thursday with the museum closed Friday and Saturday. The museum displays artifacts illustrating the lives of the early settlers on Salt Spring as

well as many photographs of homes and people from the late 1800s until the early 1900s.

School groups are welcome to arrange a visit by phoning John Fulker at 250-537-4895. Once again, Heritage Day will be set up on the grounds around the museum, with this year's event on Sunday, July 22 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

With ongoing demonstrations of crafts, live music, food and many other activities, this will be a fun event for people of all ages.

Admission to both events is free, with donations always welcome.

FOR THE RECORD

A June 20 court story incorrectly stated that no accidents or injuries resulted due to actions of an impaired driver who pleaded guilty in Ganges Provincial Court.

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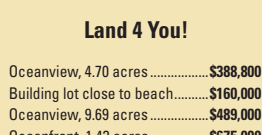
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Some of the 250 cyclists who came to Salt Spring on the bicycle-only Skeena Queen take their dedicated space on Beaver Point Road on Saturday morning. Note the gumboots strapped to the pack of the cyclist on the far right.



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Liam Lenihan, left, and Luca Mouammar create pedal-powered smoothies for sale in Centennial Park.

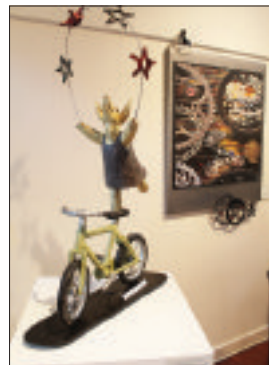


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A scene from the pART Project art show at ArtSpring.

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At left, the crowded bike parking lot at ArtSpring on Saturday afternoon. See the Driftwood's website at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com for a slideshow of more photos from the Velo Village event, attached to the Velo Village story.

Cycling festival impact assessed

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wander around the Ganges core on Saturday afternoon.

Onlookers noted the facility was probably the largest bike rack ever deployed on the island.

"Everyone had a smile on their face and the atmosphere was joyous," wrote Jean Gelwicks of Island Pathways in an email that followed the event. "There was very light motor traffic on the route, which was exactly what we wanted. We need to thank the community for this."

Robert Steinbach, president of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, said he's yet to assess the event's full impact on the island's economy but said any efforts to encourage tourism and promote Salt Spring far and wide are appreciated by chamber members.

John Rowlandson, the event's team lead, was blown away by the continental and even global reach the Velo Village event has had.

Friday's rural cycling conference attracted people from across North

America, Europe and Australia; a global parade of cycling enthusiasts braved the horrendous weekend forecast to board Saturday morning's ferry; and many of the pieces auctioned as part of the pART Project are on their way to private collections in off-island homes.

"Everybody was grinning, couples were kissing. It was a magical kind of thing."

JOHN ROWLANDSON
Velo Village team lead

The event, which is believed to have raised more than \$22,000 for World Bicycle Relief, provided valuable exposure for island artists and Salt Spring's reputation as a community that fosters creativity and the arts.

"We wanted to demonstrate the

value proposition to local people and businesses. We want them to see that this is real, that it's part of a new economic model," he said. "Our job was to build it so that people felt comfortable in coming to the island."

Rowlandson said he knows of at least one couple who got engaged on the ferry as hundreds of people danced and sang their way along the 35-minute journey to music by Salt Spring's Fabulous Flakes band.

"There was this crazy vibe," he said. "Everybody was grinning, couples were kissing. It was a magical kind of thing."

The greeting by residents assembled in Fulford, he said, was nothing less than euphoric.

"Everybody was blown away, dozens of people were crying with joy," he said.

Emergency personnel said no incidents were reported as a result of the Velo Village, a success made possible thanks to a stellar traffic management plan.

"We were prepared because we had help from so many great people," Rowlandson said.

NEWSBEAT



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

PAVING THE WAY: Tennis association president Erica Ross and vice president Fernando Dos Santos oversaw paving at the island's new indoor tennis facility at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club on June 20. The facility is scheduled to open before the end of July.

BUSINESS

North Pender bank to close on Dec. 7

Replacement financial institution being sought

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

After nearly 25 years of service in the Gulf Islands, the "world's local bank" says North Pender's lone bricks-and-mortar financial institution will close its doors for good by the end of this year. "We no longer feel it's viable," said Sharon Wilks, HSBC's assistant vice-president of public affairs. Although it isn't a full-service banking institution, HSBC's Pender Island agency offers basic deposit and lending service to island customers six days a week. As the island's only on-island financial institution, the Bedwell Harbour Road location is the one opportunity for clients to get face-

to-face banking without having to travel off island. Wilks said she's optimistic many of the bank's existing clients will transition to online or telephone banking and be able to travel to Vancouver Island to access a broader range of banking services. "For other needs, we are happy to see [our clients] at the larger centres," Wilks said. Closure of the Pender branch, HSBC's only such agency in Canada, is part of wider cutbacks that have affected HSBC employees and customers around the world. Approximately 500 HSBC employees in Canada learned they would be laid off when the company announced plans to close its consumer finance business in March. Wilks said the Pender closure is unrelated but linked to the bank's

overall restructuring plan. She could not provide the number of jobs lost on Pender.


"It was a great shock when HSBC announced that it

was closing," DOROTHY MURDOCH
Pender Islands Chamber of Commerce

"It was a great shock when HSBC announced that it was closing," wrote Dorothy Murdoch, a Pender Islands Chamber of Commerce board member, in an email. "It certainly will affect many people,

especially businesses and seniors who are not used to internet or telephone banking." Murdoch said she is hopeful another financial institution will fill the void left by HSBC's departure since the agency's third-party management team from Pender Island Realty is still on the island and willing to do the work. Rob Southey, a realtor and owner of Pender Island Realty, said the closure coincides with HSBC's decision to "streamline operations" around the world. "The closing date is not until Dec. 7, by which time Pender Island Realty hopes to have another banking institution ready to carry on this valuable service," Southey wrote in a statement that followed HSBC's decision. "We look forward to an early announcement in this regard."

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ARTS & NATURE

Bateman centre secures Vic home

Revamped CPR Steamship Terminal to open in spring 2013

The decision to locate the Robert Bateman Centre in one of Victoria's most historic Inner Harbour properties gives the Salt Spring-based artist hope that an appreciation and understanding of the natural world can be spread to a broader audience. "Needless to say, this is a dream come true, but it is far beyond any wildest dreams I could imagine," said Robert Bateman in a statement that accompanied Thursday's announcement.

"The location and the building are beautiful, but it is the opportunity to share a lifetime of joy in nature that is the real value." Under the terms of an agreement signed between The Bateman Foundation and the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority, the Robert Bateman Centre will occupy the third and fourth floors of the historic CPR Steamship Terminal once renovations are complete early next year. Through the display and interpretation of Bateman's art, The Bateman Foundation supports educational programs that promote lifelong engagement with nature, especially for youth, policy-

makers, families and First Nations. The foundation is currently based at Royal Roads University. The new site will include approximately 5,000 square feet of gallery and educational space, offices and a ground-floor retail outlet on Belleville Street. "Signing the Robert Bateman Centre is a significant milestone for the CPR Terminal revitalization initiative," said Curtis Grad, GVHA president and chief executive officer during last week's announcement. "We are honoured to have such a renowned artist showcased in this iconic heritage building."

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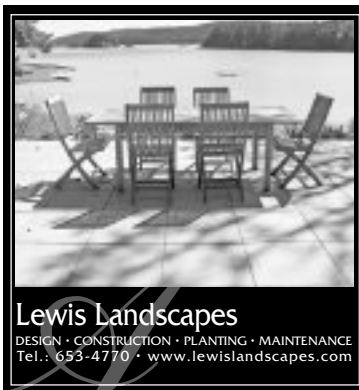


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NEWSBEAT

SERVICE

Johnstons off on humanitarian trip

July 1 fundraiser at car show

A Salt Spring family is holding a fundraiser on July 1 to help offset costs of a year-long humanitarian trip to the island of Borcay in the Philippines.

Beginning in August, Shannon and Clay Johnston, and kids Rory (age 14), Kiara and Shayce (both 13) Johnston, will be volunteering at a school for the impoverished. With 170 students and 30 staff, Shannon Johnston, a long-time teacher within School District 64, will be taking over the reins as principal.

"The school caters to the local population of children who have very little or

were left behind by their parents," says the family in a press release.

Clay will act as the school's business manager while the three Johnston teens will be volunteering in the classroom and starting up various sports programs.

"This is a great opportunity for us to show the kids what 98 per cent of the rest of the world is really like. Not everyone is walking around with iPhones and watching 50-inch-screen TVs."

All five Johnstons are donating their time and energies and giving up salaries for the year, with 100 per cent of housing and living expenses covered by the family.

People can contribute to the Johnstons' costs by buying



PHOTO COURTESY JOHNSTON FAMILY

Clay, Shannon, Rory, Kiara and Shayce Johnston will spend a year in the Philippines volunteering at a school for the poor on the island of Borcay. The family is holding a barbecue fundraiser at the Canada Day car show to help offset costs of the mission.

a burger or hot dog at their stand at the July 1 car show at the

SIMS/hydro field.

Anyone wanting more information

about the trip can contact the family directly at 250-537-2129.



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HOLIDAYS

Island full of Canada Day fun

Chamber launches expanded festivities

The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce is confident a wider range of events and activities during this year's Canada Day long weekend will have something special for people of all ages and interests.

The celebration kicks off well before the big day with the opening reception of the Fine Art Signature Showcase exhibit between 5 and 8 p.m. at ArtsSpring on Friday, June 29.

Look for plenty of antique and classic cars throughout the Ganges area on Saturday, June 30 from 2:40 p.m. as drivers "cruise" through Ganges, and "do the loop" along Vesuvius Bay Road, Sunset Drive, North End and Beach roads, then Walkers Hook, Robinson and Upper Ganges roads.

People should keep those

engines running for Saturday night's nostalgic 1950s-styled sock hop dance at the Lions Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$10 per person and the best-dressed dancer in 1950s-era costume will receive a wine basket.

Then on Sunday, July 1, the 11th annual Salt Spring Show and Shine classic car show runs at the hydro field off Rainbow Road from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free to the event hosted by the Salt Spring Car Club in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce. It's also part of a multi-day classic car tour with stops in Sidney, Chemainus, Duncan and South Cowichan.

Canada Day also features a special edition Sunday market, live music and Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Elizabeth May cutting the cake along with local trustees Peter Grove and George Grams. People can try to guess the number of soccer balls inside the Honda Fit display car for a chance to win a float-

plane trip to Vancouver aboard Harbour Air Seaplanes.

Look for a free program that includes a description of the fire department's long-standing involvement with the familiar Canada Day fireworks display at Ganges Harbour. The pamphlet also includes information about the techniques used to time the blasts and create different colours.

Children can get a goodie bag, hot dogs, pop and cookies before Sunday night's fireworks show at the Thrifty Foods Kidz Zone. The event, held at Rotary Park between 8 and 10 p.m., includes face painting, a kite-flying contest, outdoor games and many more activities to pass the time before the main event gets underway at Ganges Harbour at dusk.

For more information, visit www.saltspringchamber.com or stop by the Visitor Centre (121 Lower Ganges Rd.) to pick up a detailed program.

ISLANDS TRUST

Trust Council takes oil export stand

Only one trustee opposed

Islands Trust reps want the federal government to support phasing out all crude oil shipments from ports along Canada's West Coast.

"Our communities are deeply concerned about the risk of oil spills that could irrevocably damage coastal environments, economies and communities," said Sheila Malcolmson, chair of Islands Trust Council, in a statement that followed Trust Council's June 13 decision.

In a subsequent motion, Trust Council members voted to oppose any further pipeline projects that could result in more oil tanker or barge traffic.

Representatives voiced specific concerns about Kinder Morgan Canada's Trans Mountain pipeline between Northern Alberta and Burnaby, and Enbridge's proposed Northern Gateway pipeline across Central British Columbia. Some members who attended Trust Council's quarterly meeting on North Pender Island suggested the federal government should focus on renewable energy projects and domestic energy security instead of exporting unrefined oil products.

Among the 24 trustees at the Trust Council table, only Paul Brent, a member of the Saturna Local Trust Committee, opposed the motion.

Brent voiced concern about the threat of an oil spill in waters that sur-

round the Gulf Islands but feels Trust Council's "unconditional opposition" makes no allowances for risk mitigation.

"Why not say 'we are opposed to pipeline expansion unless steps are taken to reduce the threat of a spill below current levels?'" Brent wrote in an email. "An outright ban is more easily dismissed by senior government, whereas a thoughtful and measured statement is more difficult to challenge, and adds to our credibility."

"It is also questionable whether it is appropriate for a local government, whose mandate is land-use planning, to use scarce resources to waste in on national energy policy," Brent wrote. "What would my constituents say about this

of their local government tax dollars, as I fear we've not actively sought their input prior to making this decision?"

In another vote, Trust Council members authorized the four-member Executive Committee to represent the Islands Trust during a public engagement process for the Kinder Morgan Canada project and asked Malcolmson to speak to the Northern Gateway Joint Review Panel on behalf of the Trust.

According to information presented at the 11 meeting, expansion of Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline would increase oil and bitumen shipments from Burrard Inlet through the Salish Sea from 69 tankers in 2010 to approximately 300 tankers by 2017.

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NEWSBEAT

HEALTH CARE

Mayne health centre gets LMHA funds

Emergency room to be expanded

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the Mayne Island Health Centre Association board were on Salt Spring Monday to receive a \$25,000 donation from the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society for their emergency room expansion project.

The Mayne Island group initiated its fundraising campaign last September with a \$100,000 target. Salt Spring's contribution put the successful campaign above and beyond that goal, which will allow the board to purchase new equipment for the expanded centre.

MIHCA chair Cilla Brooke said the Mayne Island board has never worked with the auxiliary group before but had an invitation from a member to send in an application for funding. The auxiliary raises funds at the Lady Minto Thrift Shop to benefit health care needs throughout the Gulf Islands.



Mayne Island Health Care Association members join Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary board members at a Monday meeting at Lions Hall, where LMHA donated \$25,000 to the Mayne group's health centre expansion project.

PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

"We just wrote a letter telling them about the project and we got this magnificent gift, which we're absolutely thrilled about," Brooke said.

"It's not a huge project, but we needed the money for it."

The expansion will extend one wing of the community health centre by 17 feet, adding 400 square feet of space that will include a dedicated emergen-

cy room, storage and a washroom. Brooke said almost all of the island's 1,000 residents have used the centre at one point or another, and 15 people work there, including a doctor, a nurse practitioner, nurses, counsellors, physiotherapists, paramedics and an ambulance crew.

The emergency room had become overcrowded with non-emergency related

equipment, furniture and supplies because of the multi-purpose use.

"It's not a huge centre, but it is quite busy," Brooke said.

"We thank the Salt Spring auxiliary group from our hearts—we're truly, truly grateful."

Brooke said the fundraising campaign will wrap up for good in August and the board hopes to start construction in September.

In addition to the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary grant, the centre received great support from island residents and groups like the Mayne Island Lions.

A donation matching program in December was very successful, with an anonymous individual's plan to match gifts up to a total of \$10,000 fulfilled in just a few days.

TRANSPORTATION

Opinions sought on car-stop project

Two test routes now fully operational on Salt Spring

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With two routes already up and running for nearly a month, organizers of Salt Spring's new car-stop program are keen to gather community comments to gauge the new project's success.

The pilot project, implemented by Transition Salt Spring and the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission in early June, saw installation of nearly 20 "car-stop" signs between

Ganges and Fort Street near Walker Hook and between the downtown core and the end of Beddis Road.

The car-stop program, which has met wide-scale success on Mayne, North Pender and South Pender islands, arose to give motorists a safer place to pick up and drop off hitchhikers headed to specific destinations.

Transition Salt Spring member Elizabeth White urges Salt Springers to comment on the project during the one-year pilot. Information is needed to determine if the current routes are successful and if there is a need to expand the program.

"We'll have to track the progress and figure out at the end if islanders like it," White said.

Donald McLennan, chair of the island's transportation commission, said volunteers want to raise awareness about the car stops and let people know how to use them.

"There's a lot of curiosity about the program, but a lot of education needs to go on about what a car-stop system actually is," he said.

Neither drivers nor passengers need worry about liability issues since the program is a volunteer-run operation that requires no registration or membership

dues, he said.

Based on anecdotal evidence collected during the project's inaugural month, McLennan said he's received strong support from car-stop users and property owners who live near the stops.

"It isn't 100 per cent, but clearly the majority is very positive."

For more information about the project or to offer feedback, visit transition-saltspring.ning.com or contact White at 250-537-2616.

Post your comment to this story online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com

TRANSIT

Bus party celebrates Salt Spring ridership before fares increase

Thursday party at the Ganges Visitor Centre

BC Transit celebrates its dedicated Salt Spring customers with a special event on Thursday, June 28.

From 12 to 1 p.m. at the Ganges Visitor Centre, people can pick up stickers and safety lights, and enjoy cupcakes and home-grown fruit.

BC Transit chief operating officer Mike Davis, Salt Spring

CRD director Wayne McIntyre and Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission chair Donald McLennan will be on hand to greet the public.

The celebration marks the first anniversary of local expanded service that saw Sunday and statutory holiday runs added, plus better bus connections to ferry terminals.

As a result of changes, Salt Spring ridership jumped 29 per cent from 63,649

in 2010/2011 to 81,787 in 2011/12.

This year BC Transit is introducing a \$5 day pass for Salt Spring.

As of July 1, the day pass can be purchased from CRD-endorsed vendors on the island.

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EDITORIAL

Riders have spoken

It's fair to say reactions were mixed when Velo Village organizers announced plans last year to flood the island with 1,000 cyclists on a busy summer weekend.

Given the island's narrow roads, congested Saturday traffic and challenging topography, it's no wonder many of us questioned what event organizers were trying to peddle by calling Salt Spring a "bicycle heaven on Earth."

More islanders than usual probably chose to avoid the downtown core on Saturday and emergency crews were placed on special notice as though complete chaos accompanied by a full infrastructural collapse and mass casualties were inevitable.

While no such thing in fact occurred, the naysayers may not have been so far off the mark.

THE ISSUE:

Velo Village

WE SAY:

Perseverance pays off

Riding a bike has become a more dangerous proposition in virtually any city, town and neighbourhood in the province. Statistics compiled by the BC Coroners Service, Capital Regional District and ICBC indicate the level of cycling accidents across the province rose by 14 per cent between 2007 and 2011. At 21 per cent, the Vancouver Island region experienced the highest surge.

Event organizers obviously missed the memo or chose to ignore it since the dismal province-wide trend would be enough to make just about anyone keep the bike in the garage.

Or perhaps organizers knew exactly what they were up against; perhaps that was the entire point of Velo Village. Maybe the event was a way to demonstrate the benefits of changing the way most of us perceive our bicycles, to look at them as vehicles for commuters as well tools to ensure better health and a cleaner environment. Maybe there was no mass chaos this weekend because there were so many cyclists out there.

Velo Village may not have brought over the thousand cyclists that were initially expected or resulted in the construction of a single bike path over the weekend, but the event's success should serve to show everybody that Salt Spring Island can possibly be a cycling heaven on Earth if enough people want it to be.



Canada needs cultural royal family

BY JOHN BATEMAN

As a child my favourite holidays were always the "receiving days" such as Christmas and Easter. For most of us however, the "It's better to give than receive" idea was hammered into us so hard that we eventually believed it to be true and our priorities shifted.

Now I consider Remembrance Day to be the most important day of the year, followed of course by Canada Day. I am a fierce patriot. My belief is that if you were born Canadian or you have become a Canadian, you won the lottery. There is really no better place to be on earth.

One of the things that does bother me about our country, however, is our apparent obsession with defining who we are. What does it mean to be Canadian? I know, we have all been beaten over the head by this question. The CBC has assembled so many "culture" panels on this subject that I am beginning to think they are only in it for the money.

The question of our identity has seemingly become akin to other legendary unanswerable questions such as, "What is the sound of one hand clapping?" and "What's the difference between Liberal and Conservative?" Although my opinion on this question has been formed through anecdotal experience, I believe that Canadians prefer to be defined by what we are not.

We are not American. When Canada achieved its independence there were no glaring rockets or bursting bombs. I have always disliked the idea of the United States as our protector. I actually see them as a sibling that, as in life, we didn't choose. We were brought together by the fluke of birth and for the most part we get along, or at least pretend to at family gatherings. We squabble, play with each other and have the decency to talk behind each other's backs in front of each other's faces.

VIEWPOINT

The United States is a simple dissociation to foster. War mongering and Americanization have made it easy to point to the south and say, "They did it." Not so easy is our somewhat precarious relationship with our "mother," Britain. Canada didn't leave the colony in a hail of bullets. We simply said, "We are moving out" and Britain said, "Fine, just don't call and ask for money."

That was the end of that, right? For the most part it was, with a few exceptions, including the fact that we still have the Queen on our money and we pay her way when she visits. I hate to be a stickler, but I find it hard enough knowing I pay Harper's salary let alone foot the bill for a monarch whose wealth can only be described as abstract. I suppose I can take solace in the fact that as taxpayers, we aren't responsible for floating the royals' lavish lifestyle.

I know the argument is that they are diplomats that travel the world as cultural representatives of Britain. They generate tourist dollars and champion causes.

The key there is that the Royal Family ultimately represents Britain. That fact leads me to wonder if our association with the monarchy has hampered our ability to find a solid identity as a country. Maybe we need to appoint our own cultural royal family to go forth and represent Canada and exemplify the Canadian identity. Off the top of my head: Rick Hansen, Joni Mitchell, Michael Cera, Moses Znaimer. Who would you choose? Something to think about on Canada Day.

As a postscrip, I better add Robert Bateman to my list. After all, he is a monarchist and I will be spending my Canada Day at his place.

Yes, says the writer, he is Robert Bateman's son. Don't ask him again.

I believe
 Canadians prefer
 to be defined by
 what we are not.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Was Velo Village worth all the effort?

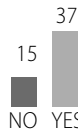
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Is the Kings Lane rezoning a positive thing?



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IslandVoices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"It's a great country and I want to have a party!"

ROY LAMONT

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What is your birthday wish for Canada?



CHRIS HERMARY

More fireworks.



BRIAN BAUERLE

That [the government] stays solvent and keeps that Canadian dollar strong.



CHRISTIAN STEPANIUK

I hope we break away from the United States and gain more independence.



HARRY WARNER

My wish is that the gentleman in Ottawa decides to retire.



SHARON OWEN

That all the soldiers will come back home to be with their families.

Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less.

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Felt the love

Saturday's now-famous bike-only ferry was absolutely fabulous! Framed by hundreds of leaning bicycles, the music played on and the grins were huge.

Later in the day the buzz was that a couple got engaged on the ferry. Wow, Salt Spring! Way to feel the love!

MARGARET O'HARA,
FULFORD

Velo Village congrats

I am guessing that the Island Pathways team and their many, many volunteers are resting easier now that the Velo Village event has been a success, in spite of the weather challenges!

I would like to add my congratulations to all the organizers, volunteers, presenters, entertainers, BC Ferries, CRD staff, the estimated 500 riders, 300 from off island; all made the event very special. Even the transportation plan organized for the event was recognized as an example to follow.

It is sometimes risky to single out one individual, but in the case of the Salt Spring Velo Village event it was John Rowlandson. John had a vision and through his charisma (and maybe a little pushing), hard work and a great supporting network, the vision became a reality. From the world-class speakers, to the bicycle-only ferry complete with a Salt Spring band, the amazing sculptures built with bike parts, to the Friday night gala, there was both energy and enthusiasm for the support of rural cycling.

The Capital Regional District was pleased to have been a Velo Village supporter, along with many others. I enjoyed hearing the conference presenters, who covered a wide variety of cycling topics, including bicycles as tools for social and economic change in third-world countries, cycling events as clean and green business generators, and for the improvement of health, to name a few. The material was both educational and entertaining.

All in all, Velo Village was an excellent complement to the recent announcements that Salt Spring will now be included in the Capital Region's Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan and the North Ganges Transportation Plan will begin construction this fall. An exciting start!

May the future see a more extensive and safer cycling network on Salt Spring and across the province.

WAYNE MCINTYRE,
CRD ELECTORAL AREA
DIRECTOR,
SALT SPRING

Why no protest?

Regarding Ganges village: When the new Mark's Work Warehouse building got started, I remember a group of protestors and a petition in an effort to halt the project. The reasons, I was told, were that to tear down the old buildings would alter the "ambience" and "feel" of old-time Ganges. But now that the building is completed, you have to say that it looks quite sharp.

And:

- It was built almost exclusively by local trades and workers.

- Fits in well with the look of the village.

- Absolutely no cost to the taxpayers.

Now, take a look at the new library.

- Built almost exclusively by off-island trades and workers.

- Does not maintain the "ambience" and "feel" of old-time Ganges.

- Hands have got to be deeply into the public purse for this baby.

But part of my concern is this — no protestors. What's going on, Salt Spring? Have you lost your fighting spirit or what?

Or do you just have a problem with private enterprise?

JIM MCCLEAN,
SALT SPRING

Dysfunctional ferry system

While BC Ferries runs a deficit and blames the economy for their woes, they fail to appreciate that a portion of their ridership decline is the result of a failure to listen and improve service for islanders.

Read this example as BC Ferries wants to close Long Harbour. When we board a ferry in Fulford on a throughfare to Tsawwassen, we are forced to leave the ferry system and terminal area in Swartz Bay prior to connecting to the next ferry. Very risky.

BC Ferries officials tell us to make a reservation for the Swartz Bay leg of the voyage. "Then you will get to the front of the line." Not true! While airlines are able to schedule connections and terminals that facilitate connections, BC Ferries refuses to configure its terminal area to allow timely connections for customers already on their vessels. Crazy!

There is a simple solution. Tsawwassen-bound cars should be put in the first-off lane on the Fulford ferry. The terminal already has an exclusive traffic lane that takes cars right by the ticket booths. A simple terminal modification is all that is needed. Customers could then be put directly into the Tsawwassen line-up without the five- to seven-minute circuitous drive.

As drivers buy their through-fare tickets elec-

tronically, the ferry traffic control could know the exact number of vehicles with tickets to the mainland on the next sailing.

Instead of seeking constructive input for service improvement from the local Ferry Advisory Committee, BC Ferries uses the committee as an opportunity to belittle its customers. Rob Clarke, a \$500,000-per-year executive, is sent here and he spends his time telling advisory board members that their constructive advice is not worth considering. What a farce.

Is BC Ferries going to be allowed to strangle Salt Spring residents and our economy? Yes, the economy; if fewer people come to visit thanks to BC Ferries, what happens to our critical tourist industry?

It is time for our elected officials to represent us by giving BC Ferries some strong marching orders or pull their plug by turning the corporation over to competent service-oriented executives.

CURT FIRESTONE,
SALT SPRING

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Zenith Flash-Matic: father of the couch potato

How long have we had TV remotes to play with? Ten years, you figure? Twenty, maybe? You're way off.

TV browsers were around before most of the people reading this column were born. Before man walked on the moon. Before the Toronto Maple Leafs won their last Stanley Cup, even. We're talking Mesozoic here.

The TV remote has been around since 1955 when a Chicago inventor named Eugene Polley invented it. Polley's prototype wasn't exactly the sleek plastic pellet with 11 dozen buttons that we're used to losing in the couch pillows nowadays. His invention looked like a ray gun from sci fi special effects. It had a pistol-grip handle and a trigger and it was called the Zenith Flash-Matic. It wasn't pretty, but it did the job.

Well . . . sort of. Polley's ray gun worked a bit like a flashlight. The viewer pointed it at one of the four corners of the TV screen and pulled the trigger. The top left-hand corner of the screen contained a photo cell

that would turn the TV on and off. You aimed at the top right hand corner if you wanted to go to the next channel; the bottom left-hand corner if you wanted to go back to a previous channel; and the bottom right-hand corner if you wanted to mute out what Polley called "those noisy TV commercials." Or perhaps I've mixed up the corners. A lot of viewers did, which was one big complaint about the Flash-Matic. Another was the fact that the TV photo cells frequently reacted with ordinary sunlight to change channels, go on and off, or mess with the volume, all on their own.

It wasn't perfect, but it was revolutionary. Eugene Polley modestly suggested his invention was "the most important invention since the wheel."

Well, hardly — but it was a major influence on television productions and the way we watch the box.



Arthur Black

WIT & WHIMSY

Before Polley's Flash-Matic, viewers who wanted to adjust the volume or change the channel were forced to put their feet on the floor, levitate to a vertical position, walk across the room and interact with the TV manually. Humans, being the lethargic creatures we are, often elected to put up with whatever drivel was emanating from the screen, rather than, you know, actually get off our lard butts and move.

The result was some astonishingly mediocre television fare (anyone remember the Arthur Godfrey show?) Eugene Polley's Flash-Matic changed that. It allowed viewers to be discriminating AND lazy. We swiftly developed into a species with the attention span of a fruit fly. Horatio flapping his gums on CSI Miami? Zap it in favour of the Nature Channel. Oops, a 'pollution special' — boring! ZAP! Check ESPN. Uh-oh — Jeep commercial. ZAP.

The Flash-Matic is no longer with us, but its heirs and successors are. Back in its day

Flash-Matic had to contend with no more than 12 channels, maximum. Today's browsers navigate a universe of hundreds of channels, not to mention computer games, the Internet and our personal music library.

No need to get off the couch at all, really. We hardly need our legs anymore. Perhaps over the next millennia or two our DNA will morph and mutate so that those massive, now useless thigh and calf muscles get diverted to where they'd really be of use — in our thumbs.

Eugene Polley won't be there to see it. He died last month at the age of 96, still convinced that he'd made a seminal contribution to human civilization. "The flush toilet might be the most civilized invention ever devised," he told a reporter, "but the remote control is the next most important."

Um, actually Eugene, there are those among us who wouldn't have minded if that first remote control had been accidentally flushed down the toilet.

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Trust policy statement plan

I believe that Gulf Islands Alliance members are correct in identifying that the Trust policy statement needs to be reviewed and amended ("GI Alliance pushes for stronger Trust through policies," June 20).

I also believe they are correct in identifying population growth as a threat to the natural environment.

For those reasons I am in favour of trying to assess the carrying capacity of our islands and limiting population growth to within that capacity. At the same time we must use current best practice to "green" our built environment and our infrastructure to minimize our ecological footprint. By doing so we increase our capacity to accommodate modest, sustainable growth without adversely affecting the natural environment that supports us all.

If we view the natural environment as "natural capital," it becomes evident that we have to learn to live off the interest without eroding that capital. We can best do that through policies that assist us to maximize our investment interest. That necessitates both protection of the natural environment and further, judicious investment in the built environment. It is the latter which helps us to increase our rate of return.

On the policy statement itself, although I believe it needs to be reviewed, I voted against the March 2012 Trust Council proposal to use gas tax grant funding for a review for two reasons:

- It was clear both from correspondence received and from the weight of opinion at the public information meeting we convened that our community did not support it;

- Staff resources that would require to be dedicated to a policy statement review would necessarily be at the expense of other important community issues.

The Islands Trust Act defines the policy statement requirements very clearly in clause 15 (2). It:

(a) must be a general statement of the policies of the Trust Council to carry out the object of the Trust;

(b) may establish different policies for different parts of the Trust area.

I support a policy statement review that respects these requirements of the Islands Trust Act.

Clause 15(2)(a) is specific in demanding the policy statement be general in nature. This suggests to me that the policy statement should not be directive.

Clause 15(2)(b) is a legislated invitation to celebrate our diversity and to avoid a cookie cutter, one-size-fits-all approach to trust policy. Accordingly, my favoured approach would be for each local Trust committee, in consultation with their community, to prepare policy for their area and for Trust Council, with staff's assistance, to coordinate those Trust area policies into a general statement that complies with the terms of the act.

GEORGE GRAMS,
SALT SPRING TRUSTEE

Velo gift

I just got back from the Velo Village Saturday community day. How can I thank everyone for such a wonderful, wonderful event?

The Politics of Happiness. That is the title of a wonderful article by the former mayor of Bogota, Enrique Penalosa, about how he created parks and made Bogota a more pedestrian and bicycle-friendly city when he was mayor — and the crime rate went down. He explained that his aim was to build a city where children would thrive: "Children are a kind of indicator species. If we can build a successful city for children, we will have a successful city for all people."

With the Velo Village "bicycle heaven on earth" weekend, Salt Spring got a taste of how a community can come together to become more child and people-friendly.

As a long-time cyclist, it felt like a gift to me. When I first read John Bateman's "Do we really want to encourage cycling on Salt Spring?" column (May 30 Driftwood), I didn't guess he was speaking tongue-in-cheek. I know many people who would agree with John's comparison that one would feel safer doing chainsaw work in a bathing suit than venturing out on Salt Spring roads. There are, I'm sure, many people who might wish cyclists would give up, since our presence makes narrow roads even more tricky. So what a treat it was to have the equivalent of a "gay pride" parade for cyclists. As I watched the hundreds of cyclists start their way from the Fulford ferry to Ganges, tears were rolling down my cheeks. Today, cyclists were not an irritant; we belonged!

Thank you, John Rowlandson, for having this vision and seeing it through to reality. My mom heard a story that shows how your attitude made this wonderful success an inevitability. Someone pointed out that they were predicting rain for the Velo Village weekend. You said this would not dampen the event; it would help keep motorists from coming over to Salt Spring, thus helping to cut congestion.

And thank you to the many other volunteers, including my brother, Greg. It was lovely seeing him treated to a hero's welcome each time he pedaled past some of the traffic-directing volunteers who were implementing the safety plan he and Ted Harrison drew up.

Last but not least, thank you to the many people who are not into cycling but who support those of us who use a low-carbon means of travelling. Your actions are an embodiment of the ideal of community-building.

JAN SLAKOV,
SALT SPRING

RANTS and Roses

Barrow loads of organic fertilizer to the ladies who regularly every season donate stunning daffodils, peony plants and cuttings to the Lady Minto Thrift Shop. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is greatly appreciated. JW, Thrift Shop Committee

A bouquet of wine-coloured roses to Joanne and Dev at Salt Spring Vineyards for again hosting a fabulous community event at their solstice celebration on June 17. Terrific wine, terrific place, terrific time.

Roses to the following for their generous donations to the Gulf Islands Marine Rescue Society marine garage sale: Nils Christensen, Harbours End Marine, Mid Island Marine, Moutat's Home Hardware, Barnyard Grafix, Salt Spring Yoga Centre, Gulf Islands Water Taxi, Moby's, Salt Spring Auto Parts, Gyle Keating, Matriarch Maintenance, Tar and Feathers Shipwrights and the estate of Richard Legallou. Roses too to all the people who donated items for the sale, as well as to the many people who came

to the sale and cleared us out.

A dozen scrumptious roses to Thrifty's for providing refreshments for the Respectful Relationships Youth Team for their weekly training meetings this past year. Much appreciated. SWOVA

From Fulford to Vesuvius and everywhere between, carloads of roses and carnations, daisies and lilacs to Salt Spring's Rainbow of Kindness: Richard Murakami. Thank you so much for helping so many! D&K

A gigabyte of rose pixels to Howard Fry for his beautiful contribution to the pART Project show. Your images brought Salt Spring artists to the world! Thanks!

Roses of thank you in advance for the return of two new packages of computer labels sold by mistake on the morning of Tuesday, June 19 at the Lady Minto Hospital Thrift Shop — needed for a family picnic.

A bouquet of white roses to all who supported my decision to adopt

a rescue dog, with special thanks to Hans, Marte and Melissa (SPCA), Dave and Sacha, Pauline and Ross. When I wavered in the face of hostility and a betrayal of trust, you were there with your wisdom and sincerity. Phil and Huxley

Full sets of country roses to Catherine and her wonderful committee for a fabulous weekend of dancing, eating, learning and socializing at Simply Scottish 2. Our guests from off-island were pleased and impressed, and it was a very enjoyable experience for all. Thank you so much for the time, energy and co-operation that went into planning, organizing and presenting this truly memorable event.

The hugest bunch of roses imaginable for our entire wonderful community for helping us make Velo Village the most terrific, successful, safe and FUN event. The Velo Village conference attendees said the conference was a rich experience. The pART show at ArtSpring was beyond excellent, raising over \$22,000 for bicycles for Africa, and

the first B.C. cycle-only ferry fun ride cyclists said they could not believe how organized the ride was and how terrifically welcoming our community was. They were all pumped and smiling. It was perfect and it took a community to make it so! We love our community! Island Pathways Board

A field full of Scots roses to all club members, family and friends, local businesses (see ad) and the following, who donated their time and talents to keep 127 Scottish Country Dancers happy: Jeremy Sibley, Ganges Visitors Centre, Betty, Stan Wilkes, Daniel, Patrick Beattie, James Leslie, Lynell and Rick Vipond, Enid and George Turner, Pat Rogers, Tom Graham, Jane Sinclair, Fraser Hope, Donita Cooper, Jim Spencer, Margaret Spencer, Sheena Bull, Trudy Sloan, Jill Louise Campbell and Mark from the high school cafeteria.

A blossoming bouquet of multi-coloured roses for Tania Aguilu for spearheading the kids' talent show at SIMS. For donating endless hours, coping with changes and challenges, and showcasing an awesome line-up of talented SIMS students to fundraise for new computers for our kids. Thank you! Parents and teachers at SIMS

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| Wed. June 27 | Thurs. June 28 | Fri. June 29 | Sat. June 30 | Sun. July 01 | Mon. July 02 | Wed. July 04 |
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| <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Shawn Earle & Christine Eggert. Clarinetist Shawn Earle and pianist Christine Eggert perform at Music Munch. All Saints. 12:10 PM</p> <p>Laila Garsys. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 PM</p> <p>Open Mic. With host Richard Cross. Moby's Pub. 8 PM</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Arthur Black Book Celebration. Book reading & signing of Looking Blackward with Arthur Black. ArtSpring. 7 PM</p> <p>Salt Spring Garden Club. Gary Lewis of Phoenix Perennials speaks on Avoiding the Summer Doldrums with Great Plants for Summer and Fall. Community Gospel Chapel. 7 PM</p> <p>Wednesday Market. United Church Meadow. 9:30 AM to 2 PM</p> | <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Chamigos. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 PM</p> <p>The Modern Grass. Halifax-based bluegrass, gypsy, jazz band. Moby's Pub. 8 PM</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>BC Transit Rider Appreciation. Stickers, safety lights, cupcakes and home-grown fruit, plus special guests. Ganges Visitors Centre. 12 noon.</p> <p>Green Drinks. Moby's Pub. 5 PM</p> <p>Elizabeth May. Small Town Chicks presents Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Elizabeth May. Steffich Fine Art. 7 PM</p> <p>Sacred Economics. Showing of Sacred Economics film and video-feed conversation with author, teacher, speaker Charles Eisenstein. Community Gospel Chapel. 7 PM</p> | <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Synergy. Live music in the gazebo. Salt Spring Vineyards. 2 to 4 PM</p> <p>Vaughn Fulford & Oscar Riley. Raven Street Cafe. 6 to 8 PM</p> <p>Shirley Valentine. Grace Jordan returns in the beloved one-woman play, this time as a fundraiser for Tree Sisters. Mistaken Identity Vineyards. 7:30 PM. Greek tapas by Moby's served between 6 and 7.</p> <p>Sunyata. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 PM</p> <p>Barefoot Thieves. Moby's Pub. 8 PM til late.</p> <p>Dance to Swing Shift. Dance to the big band sounds of Swing Shift. Fulford Hall. 8:30 PM</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Book Launch: Houses Made of Wood and Light. Reception for book about architect Hank Schubart, by Michele Dunkerley. Gallery 8. 5 to 8 PM</p> <p>Fine Art Signature Showcase. Opening reception at ArtSpring. 5 to 8 PM (See Exhibits, below)</p> <p>SRhythms. Class led by Shauna Devlin. Ganges Yoga Studio. 7 PM</p> | <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Shirley Valentine. See Fri. listing.</p> <p>Potluck Dinner and House Concert. Featuring Alberta artists Jimmu Crack Corn and Amy Thiessen. RSVP to martin.loriz@gmail.com. Dinner from 5 to 7 PM; Music at 7:30 PM.</p> <p>1950s Sock Hop. Music by DJ Mummy T. Prize for Best-Dressed in '50s theme. Lions Hall. 8 PM</p> <p>Canada's Eve Dance With Kemal Evans Band. Plus DJ Afro, visual light show and more. Fulford Hall. 9 PM</p> <p>Barley Bros. Salt Spring Inn. 7 PM</p> <p>Synergy. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 PM</p> <p>The Left. Moby's Pub. 8 PM til late</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>The Life and Art of Ina D. D. Uthoff. Book launch hosted by Mother Tongue Publishing. Part of Fine Art Signature Showcase events. ArtSpring. 8 PM</p> <p>Peace Circle. To mark the 30th anniversary of Vancouver's Walk for Peace. Bring small stone for use in ceremony. GISS. 1:30 to 2:30 PM</p> <p>Saturday Market in the Park. Centennial Park. 8:30 AM to 4 PM</p> <p>SSTA Wimbledon Tournament. Portlock Park courts.</p> | <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Jose Sanchez Cuban Party Band. Live music in the gazebo. Salt Spring Vineyards. 2 to 4 PM</p> <p>The Barefoot Thieves. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 PM</p> <p>The Coalition. Moby's Pub. 8 PM til late.</p> <p>Shirley Valentine. See Friday listing.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Canada Day. Activities include annual classic car show with live music, prizes, food. (10 AM to 3 PM)</p> <p>Kid Zone with games & more at Rotary Park, 8 to 10 PM. Fireworks in Ganges Harbour at dusk. Support harbour cleanup. Bring donations and deck chairs for the best view of the fireworks on Salt Spring Island from our floating barge at SS Marina (Moby's) while listening to music by The Barley Bros. 7:30-9pm.</p> <p>Canadian Printmaking, 1910-1960. Art talk by Ian Sigvaldason of Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art. Part of Fine Art Signature Showcase events. ArtSpring. 12 to 1 PM</p> | <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Phoenix Lazare. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 PM</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>The Language of Composition. Art talk by Stefanie Denz. Part of Fine Art Signature Showcase events. ArtSpring. 12 to 1 PM</p> <p>Tues. July 03</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Open Stage With Dave Jacques. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 PM</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Tuesday Farmers' Market. Centennial Park. 3 to 7 PM, with demo by chef Rosemary Harbrecht at 4 PM; music by Sweetwater Revolver from 5 to 7 PM</p> <p>Canadian Art at the Cross Roads: Keeping Fine Art Alive in a Changing World. Discussion led by Marsha Lederman, western arts correspondent for the Globe and Mail. Part of Fine Art Signature Showcase activities. ArtSpring. 7 PM</p> <p>Why Artists Create. Art talk by Gillian McConnell. Part of Fine Art Signature Showcase events. ArtSpring. 12 to 1 PM</p> | <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Charlotte Cumberbirch and Sonia Wheaton Dudley. Contralto Cumberbirch and pianist Dudley perform for Music & Munch. All Saints. 12:10 PM</p> <p>Gene Grooms. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 PM</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Wednesday Market. United Church Meadow. 9:30 AM to 2 PM</p> <p>Paddle & Play. Family Place event. Vesuvius Beach. 10 AM to 1 PM</p> <p>An Overview of the Figurative Sculpture in Western Art. Art talk led by sculptor Thomas McPhee. Part of Fine Art Signature Showcase events. ArtSpring. 12 to 1 PM</p> <p>Art Night Artists' Roundtable Discussion & Potluck. Part of Fine Art Signature Showcase activities. ArtSpring. 6:30 PM. 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EXHIBITIONS

- The 3rd annual Fine Art Signature Showcase** features peer-reviewed work by 40 invited Salt Spring artists from **June 29** through **July 7** at **ArtSpring**, with an opening reception on Friday, June 29 from 5 to 8 p.m. Vote for people's choice award! Exhibit open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Plus a number of FASS arts events from June 30 through July 6. (See What's On calendar above.)
- Duthie Gallery's Night Gallery** re-opens **June 30** with a new Summer Lights show of recycled light installations by Victor Quesada and Sean Casey. The Night Gallery is open nightly in July and August, Thursday to Monday, from 9 to 11 p.m.
- A show of new work by **Daniel Tibbits** opens at **Gallery 8** on Saturday, June 30. Reception with the artist from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- See **20 rare works by AJ Casson** and the **Group of Seven**, plus new work from **Randolph Parker** daily at the **Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art** daily until July 12.
- ArtCraft's first Showcase** exhibit of the season is fall of the Dove, a joint show by **Joyce and Nick Bantock**, running daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., along with **ArtCraft**, in **Mahon Hall** through **July 11**.
- Sculptor **Peter Allan** and painter **Heidi Van Impe** present **Shadows & Light** at **Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** daily to June 28.
- Form & Reflection** is a show of sculpture and paintings by **Michael Dennis** and **Richard Ciccimarra** at the **Duthie Gallery**. Gallery open Thursday through Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. From **July 1 to 3**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the public is welcome to watch **Michael Dennis** at work in Duthie Gallery's first artist-in-residence program.
- Janet Dwyer** Photography Show and Sale runs June 30 through **July 2** at 234 **Fairway Crescent**, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Jose Campbell, Caroline Withers** and **Wendy Wickland** showcase their paintings in the **ArtSpring** lobby for the month of **June**.
- Painters Guild** members shows their artistic abilities at **Mark's Work Wearhouse** in **June**.
- Danica Lundy** shows paintings and prints at **Barb's Bakery & Bistro** through **June**.
- Oil paintings by **Dulcynea Wilson** are at the **Country Grocer Roasters Cafe** through **June**.
- Shari Macdonald** has new photos at **Penny's Pantry**.
- 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.**
- See **Lyman Whitaker's** wind sculptures at **Grace Point Square**.
- See the sculpture garden outside of **Mahon Hall** in Ganges.

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EXHIBITIONS

Randolph Parker: a new perspective



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Randolph Parker with work now at Pegasus Gallery.

Group of Seven also on exhibit

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art kicked off its summer exhibition season and 40th anniversary in considerable style, pairing Canada's most famous artists with a landscape painter who could be called their heir.

Salt Spring's Randolph Parker has been making a name for himself with his panoramic Canadian landscapes for over three decades, and like many other painters, lists the Group of Seven as an undeniable influence. "They permeate and trickle into the Canadian subconscious, and being born in Huntsville, it was all there," Parker said.

The artist grew up seeing the group's paintings in local homes, and even received tips on brushstrokes from A.Y. Jackson himself during a Grade 11 field trip to the McMi-

chael Collection in Kleinburg.

When he graduated from high school, Parker was determined to focus on painting and set off for a paddle-in cabin at the edge of Algonquin Park. While there he practised painting on wooden panels, just as the Group of Seven did, and tried to match their ability to create a full painting in just an hour.

During the process he learned to give up his desire for high realism and photographic reproduction. Instead of trying to get all the details, he began to understand how the Group of Seven used colour, major shapes and forms to make a visual impact.

"It's interesting how loose you have to be. The whole group developed the ability to have a spontaneous, interactive relationship with the paint, and still have an image come out," Parker said.

After understanding the Group of Seven tech-

nique, Parker went on to paint an entire series of tests in other artists' styles to understand their work and move toward developing his own style. At one point he was extremely influenced by critical theory and painted full-blown abstractions in heavy oil paint. But he realized that other artists working under the same theories were all producing work that looked basically the same. That drew him back to landscapes.

"Once I jettisoned out of the painting all the sentimental, nostalgic aspects, then I was just focusing on pure landscape," Parker said.

His method of creating a rolling perspective — drawing the viewer's eye on a visual journey wildflower by wildflower, leaf to leaf — proved so successful he continued the series for more than 20 years.

A recent radical alteration in perspective has caused Parker to change his approach, in a way he

feels is akin to the Group of Seven's effort to show Canadians a new way of seeing. Parker got a taste for the long view during an eight-hour helicopter trip over the prairies, a perspective that combines looking forward along the horizontal axis with looking down from above.

Instead of looking at a landscape as a view from close-up grasses and flowers to a distant mountain or lake, Parker noticed the patterning and abstract elements in the wider view. He also took note of the interconnection of the components, such as the shape of an entire lake, how rivers connect to it and how mountains shape it.

"Finally it's a new vision, a new way of seeing things. I would hazard a guess that if the Group of Seven could have been up in helicopters they would have changed their style."

Parker's new vision includes innovative ideas such as the dual vanishing point that informs Prairie Perspective. Like his previous work, the landscape encourages the viewer's eye to travel, but this time it's following the criss-cross pattern of farmers' fields in from a distant mountain range.

Parker has kept his painter's licence to interpret the view to his liking, thereby saving his landscapes from being a photo-like attempt to reproduce an exact view. In Prairie Pastoral, opposing stripes of vivid green and yellow are interrupted by the organic curves of rivers and ponds, with wistful blue waters echoing the distant sky.

Many of Parker's larger works in the series are at

a concurrent exhibition at the Mayberry Gallery in Winnipeg. The small-size views at Pegasus were purposely selected to complement the Group of Seven originals, a surprising number of which are on hand for the show.

Pegasus Gallery is open daily for the summer. The show runs to July 11.

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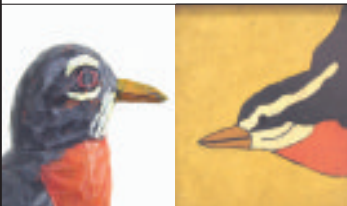


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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

LIVE THEATRE

Jordan returns as Shirley Valentine

Fundraiser for Tree Sisters
starts June 29

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Island actress Grace Jordan is bringing back one of her most popular roles this summer for a fundraiser benefitting global reforestation.

Shirley Valentine, set for five nights in the lush grounds of Mistaken Identity Vineyards, is the perfect way to greet summer, with the local winery doubling for sun-soaked Greece and Jordan's practised art sure to bring home the laughs. The middle-aged Liverpool woman who finds romance in Greece after leaving her taciturn chips-and-eggs-loving husband at home is an enduring comic favourite.

Jordan's decision to revisit the character, and to bring her back to benefit a serious cause, is actually the result of some serious mid-life maturing. Recent experiences have helped her create a deeper and more complex Shirley, while learning about Tree Sisters inspired another run at the famous Willy Russell script.

"I'm excited because it sparked in me knowledge that I am a steward of the earth, and ultimately we all are, and this is how I can help," Jordan said of the women's organization dedicated to reforestation, sustainable living and feminine empowerment.

GALLERIES

Lighting magicians spark Duthie Gallery

Night Gallery season
opens this Saturday

Duthie Gallery's Night Gallery reopens Saturday, June 30 with a new Summer Lights show of light wizardry featuring work by Victor Quesada and Sean Casey.

Quesada and Casey are two bright young Vancouver designers and lighting magicians,

whose recycled light installations can be seen from 9 to 11 p.m. on Thursdays through Mondays in July and August at the gallery on Churchill Road.

Quesada is a masters' graduate from CalArts specializing in industrial light and magic. He is currently relighting the old Vancouver Stock Exchange Building.

Casey (erstwhile of Lions of Winter) is an interior designer

and co-creator with Quesada of their unique and sophisticated "lighting" installations.

"Their dazzling new site-specific works in the sculpture park make use of the towering trees and understory foliage," explains a Duthie Gallery press release.

"The sculpture park at Duthie Gallery has doubled in size this year, with an extended network

of trails and with new work by Michael Dennis, Brent Comber and new sculptor to the gallery, David Robinson. Dennis' colossal figures and Comber's massive Shattered Spheres are astounding to see in the daytime, while at night, illuminated, they are awesome."

For more information, see www.duthiegallery.com or call the gallery at 250-537-9606.



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY
Grace Jordan in a 2010 Shirley Valentine show.

"What they're doing is truth."

Jordan last staged a one-night performance of Shirley Valentine two and half years ago for Haiti relief, raising \$5,500 that was matched by the government. When thinking about whether or not to bring the play back, she realized her life's turns over the intervening period had brought her closer to Shirley than ever before. Her eldest daughter had graduated from high school and was travelling the world, and her husband left the family for one year to live with his son.

"Shirley's projection onto men has always been a problem for me, but I did the same

thing when Tim left," she said.

"I've always wanted to really shine in this role and now I realize his leaving was the greatest gift... It's not about projection and blame, it's actually about self-actualization. Falling in love with the self is the underlying message.

"If I can really embody that fear and then be the woman I feel has transcended that, I think it will be an extraordinary event, for me and for the audience."

Jordan said although the show is frequently attended by groups of women, she always enjoys seeing men in the audience. She feels the script carries universal messages, even if the sole character is a woman. She's also had a change of heart about how she sees Shirley's relationship evolving after the play. A feeling of absolute rupture has changed to allow for forgiveness and even friendship.

"I think the challenge for humans now, especially for people who are finding themselves, is remaining compassionate and remaining open hearted, and understanding that humans can change," said Jordan.

Shirley Valentine runs June 29 to July 1, and July 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at Mistaken Identity Vineyards, 164 Norton Rd. Cost is \$25, including a glass of wine, or \$15 for youth aged 12 to 18 who are accompanied by an adult. Tree Sisters will receive 50 per cent of the proceeds.

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FUNDRAISING

Portrait photographer sheds light on S.H.I.N.E.

Portrait fundraiser runs until July 18

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Although the loss of some major funding in 2011 had administrators of the S.H.I.N.E. Program singing the blues, islanders have begun to pick up the slack and keep the popular performing arts program inspiring, enlightening and educating Salt Spring's youth.

Among the latest people to chime in with some financial assistance is Mary Holding, an island resident who has combined her love of the arts and photographic expertise as part of a fundraising event launched this week.

In exchange for a \$50 contribution to the S.H.I.N.E. Program, Holding offers donors a full-service portrait session valued at \$250. The offer includes a custom family portrait session, 8x10 fine art print and a 30 per cent discount off her regular-priced photography products.

"I thought of S.H.I.N.E. because I want to support the arts and know they're in need of money," she said.

Holding said she knows several young islanders who've flourished in music and other performing arts thanks to generous course subsidies offered through the program.

The idea for a fundraiser came to her as Holding contemplated the launch of a new business, following a 12-year hiatus from her career as a professional fashion photographer in Milan and

Montreal.

"I sort of fell into the visual effects world because I was quite tired of being broke," she said.

After more than a decade working on visual effects for television shows and movies like *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, *Chloe* and the 2006 Gemini Award-winning television movie *Terry*, Holding is eager to spend more time behind the lens.

Holding said she cherishes the opportunity to provide S.H.I.N.E. supporters with iconic photographs to commemorate family, friendships and special occasions for decades to come.

"So many people have images on their computer. I want make [photography that is] special and beautiful, something that will be in the family for a hundred years and gain meaning as time progresses."

Rob Grant, executive director of Salt Spring Community Services Society, said he hopes to see more islanders take Holding's lead to help the program make up an estimated \$30,000 annual shortfall.

"It's a real win-win for the kids and for the arts community," Grant said.

The \$50 portrait certificates are available in Ganges at Salt Spring Books, Salt Spring Coffee Company Café and TJ Beans. For more information about Holding, visit her website at www.maryholding.com. More details about the S.H.I.N.E. Program are available through Community Services at 250-537-9971.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

VISUAL ARTS

Nine-day arts feast with SS Showcase

Exhibit, guest speakers, art salon and more

Salt Spring artist Michael Robb is just one of many people excited about the upcoming Fine Art Signature Showcase.

The exhibit opens Friday at ArtSpring and features new work by 40 invited island artists in a peer-reviewed show.

"What I'm looking forward to on Friday is the quality, innovation and individuality that exist on Salt Spring. I'm quite excited."

Robb has seen first hand the development and progress of art on Salt Spring, including the halcyon days of the Alliance of Salt Spring Artists in the mid-'90s.

In 2004 he was also involved in the establishment of Art Night, a gathering of artists for a monthly art critique, "something you would see at art departments where faculties organize students for an art critique once monthly."

Robb feels Art Night had a

positive effect on its participants.

"There was a high level of dialogue and people were developing over a period of time due to the local interactions amongst artists."

Now the public has an opportunity to participate in Art Night, one of several events punctuating the nine-day Fine Art Signature Showcase.

Other art events include the Saturday night book launch of Mother Tongue Publishing's *The Life and Art of Ina D. D. Uthoff* at 8 p.m., followed by an art salon, Canadian Art at the Cross Roads: Keeping Fine Art Alive in a Changing World, on Tuesday, July 3. Marsha Lederman, *The Globe and Mail's* western arts correspondent, will lead a discussion on how Canadian arts have been affected by the economic recession, changes in government support and changes in media coverage since 2008. The event begins at 7 p.m. and is co-hosted by the Salt Spring Forum and Salt Spring Fine Art.

Art Night takes place on Wednesday, July 4 at 6:30 p.m.

with details available by contacting Michael Robb at mhrobb@telus.net. A potluck is part of the evening, and people need to bring their own eating utensils.

"What I'm looking

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MICHAEL ROBB
Salt Spring artist

On Friday, July 6, the Salt Spring Arts Council is sponsoring Dinner in the Gallery, a \$50-a-plate sit-down dinner featuring fresh barbecued sockeye salmon. Call 250-537-0899 or email ssartscouncil.com to book your seat. Seating is limited to 50 people.

At noon daily, bring your

lunch for a guest speaker series in the gallery space featuring the following art enthusiasts:

- Sunday, July 1, Ian Sigvaldason: Canadian Printmaking 1910-1960

- Monday, July 2, Stefanie Denz: *The Language of Composition*

- Tuesday, July 3, Gillian McConnell: *Why Artists Create*

- Wednesday, July 4, Thomas McPhee: *An Overview of the Figurative Sculpture in Western Art*

- Thursday, July 5, Bob Leatherbarrow: *Glass — Between a Rock and a Shiny Place*

- Friday, July 6, Janet Dwyer: *Photo Scanography*

Steffich Fine Art owner Matt Steffich is organizing the Fine Art Signature Showcase. The opening reception takes place Friday, June 29 from 5 to 8 p.m.; the exhibit opens daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Salt Spring Arts Council, the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, Hastings House and Salt Spring Air are sponsoring the FASS exhibit.

For more information, see www.saltspringfineart.ca.

Dinner in the Gallery



ARTSPRING

Friday July 6, doors 6:30pm, dinner 7pm

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MUSIC & MUNCH

Four visiting musicians bring best to All Saints

Two duos on tap

Music and Munch audiences are in for real treats when visiting performers put on free recitals today (June 27) and on Wednesday, July 4.

The June 27 event features clarinetist Shawn Earle, with Christine Eggert on piano.

Earle is a clarinetist, chamber musician and music educator who has performed throughout North America and Europe with various orchestras and chamber ensembles, as well as delivering solo recitals. His repertoire ranges from traditional to contemporary and he is dedicated to the creation and performance of Canadian music.

Earle received a Master of Music degree from the University of Victoria in 2007, where he studied under Patricia Kostek. He also holds a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Music degree from Acadia University in Nova Scotia. Eggert completed her masters in music (piano performance) with Eugene Skovorodnikov at UBC in 2010. She also holds an ARCT and a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance from the University of Alberta.

She maintains an active studio schedule at the Vancouver International School of Music and a private studio. She has several ensemble partnerships and works with singers at UBC.

Eggert and Earle will perform works by Saint-

Saens, Gougeon, Honnegger, Schumann and Beethoven.

Then on Wednesday, July 4, a duo from Montreal takes the stage.

Contralto Charlotte Cumberbirch is originally from Coquitlam, B.C., but has called Montreal home for the past seven years. She is a member of several chamber ensembles in the Montreal area and teaches and studies voice. She has a Master of Music degree from the Université de Montréal.

Accompanist is Montreal-born Sonia Wheaton Dudley, who completed a Doctorate of Music in performance at the Université de Montréal. She is a classically trained pianist whose interests have led her to perform both solo and chamber music, while at the same time she enjoys improvising in a variety of styles. She is a founding member of Ensemble QAT, a prize-winning contemporary music quartet that has just returned from a successful tour in France.

A powerful concert is promised — light classical songs that are reflective, sometimes irreverent, dark and funny. It contains a great deal of Kurt Weill, some tunes popularized by Edith Piaf and cabaret songs by Britten.

Free music for all M&M recitals begins at 12:10 p.m. in All Saints church and is followed by an optional, delicious light lunch, tickets for which are purchased before the concert at a cost of \$5.50.

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Opening Reception Friday, June 29 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
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Schedule of Events:

(All events take place in the gallery at ArtSpring Centre for the Arts)

- **Saturday, June 30 at 8:00 pm.** Book launch: *The Life and Art of Ina D.D. Uthoff*, hosted by **Mother Tongue Publishing** as part of the **Unheralded Artists of BC** series. **Author in attendance.**
- **Tuesday, July 3 at 7:30 pm.** **Marsha Lederman, Western Arts Correspondent with the Globe and Mail**, will engage in a salon style conversation about art.
- **Wednesday, July 4 at 6:30 pm.** Art Night, join a group of Salt Spring artists for a round table discussion of the show. Email Michael Robb at mhrobb@telus.net for more details.
- **Friday, July 6. Dinner in the Gallery. Doors at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm.** The **Salt Spring Arts Council** is sponsoring a \$50 a plate sitdown dinner in the gallery featuring BBQ fresh sockeye salmon, glass of wine, local strawberry shortcake, among other local dishes. **Dine amongst the art while supporting the SS Arts Council.** Call **250.537.0899** or email: info@ssartscouncil.com to book your seat. Seating is limited to 50.

Guest Speaker Series

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ISLANDERS

Cormacks say goodbye after 23 years with local Community Gospel Chapel

Send-off for family held Sunday

BY GAIL NEUMANN
 SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Chris and Marlene Cormack, pastors of the Community Gospel Chapel, answered the call to Salt Spring on April 28, 1989.

Earlier this year, Pastor Chris announced his resignation from the church, effective at the end of June. The Cormacks have served tirelessly while they raised their family and became an integral part of our community. While the church will feel a huge loss, they are sending the Cormacks off with their blessings.

The Cormacks moved here with their preschool daughters Kimberly and Carmen and soon added a son, David. Since then they have been a gentle and respectful influence on island life.

When they arrived on Salt Spring the church was 18 strong, including the Cormack family. They met in a small church on Drake Road. Although the young people already had a weekly sports night, Chris and Marlene were veteran youth pastors and soon formed a youth group and began outings to special events.

The demographics of the island in the early 1990s attracted young families. The Cormacks welcomed the influx and many parents brought their children to the church, adding energy and life. Children soon outnumbered the adults.

Marlene Cormack and another young mom started Kinderym when there were few local resources for families. The women pooled their toys in the back room of the tiny Drake Road Church and improvised with a playhouse made from a watermelon crate and a table turned into a slide. Kinderym grew, toys became more sophisticated and the playgroup con-



Chris and Marlene Cormack.

PHOTO BY GAIL NEUMANN

tinues to be a well-used family resource.

The congregation quickly outgrew the Drake Road location and in September 1996 began to hold Sunday services at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

In 1997 an arsonist burned the Drake Road church to the ground, destroying musical instruments, the church library and meeting spaces. The church continued to meet in the high school and spread out to the PARC portable for Kinderym and the Baptist church for office space.

Fire insurance and the sale of the Drake Road property allowed the congregation to purchase land at 147 Vesuvius Bay Rd. for a new church. A ramshackle cottage on the property was used by the fire department for practice, a second church fire.

In April 1999, under the direction of Pastor Chris, and with a donation of the outside structure, construction of the new church began. The building opened in August of 2000. The 12,000-square-foot building had an auditorium that could seat

275 people.

Thanks to the leadership of the Cormacks the church grew in spite of the arsonist's intent. Pastor Chris thanked the Lord first for his provision but also all the local suppliers, contractors and volunteers for their help.

On Oct. 22, 2000 the church was dedicated and a pastors' conference of the Apostolic Church of the Pentecost, met in the new premises that week. On Jan. 7, 2001, the church celebrated its 40th anniversary.

Since the building opened it has been used to serve the community for Kinderym, an emergency reception centre, youth activities, including visiting young people offering free labour and vacation bible school, BC Ferries workers' training, Brownies and Guides, Salt Spring Conservancy presentations, elections, garden club meetings and much more.

In 2002, Pastor Chris was asked to lead a firefighters' funeral for Lieut. Tony Head. Pastor Chris was subsequently invited to become the fire department's chaplain. He found that he loved

working for the fire department and he quickly volunteered to train as a new recruit while continuing as chaplain. He showed great aptitude and soon rose to his current rank of captain.

The church celebrated a 50th-year reunion in May 2011. The walls were lined with pictures and notes of remembrance. Many people, some of them former leaders, came back to the island to see old friends and celebrate the jubilee.

Pastor Chris has worked tirelessly running the church, teaching on Sunday mornings, leading home groups, leading youth group activities, counselling, encouraging people to attend camp, serving on a missions trip to Guatemala, and more. He has performed countless weddings, funerals, baby dedications and baptisms. Marlene has served at his side, putting in long hours in youth work, Kidz Zone, music, decorating, helping with special events, producing a church recipe book and much more.

When asked what his legacy is, Pastor Chris says that when he looks through the church directories over the years he remembers the people who came and grew and changed. When the Cormacks first came it was with a heart to see God raise up people from our little island to take the message of the gospel to the four corners of the world. Now there are more people from the church serving out in the world than in the building. That is his legacy.

"It has been a great joy to raise our family here, to serve the church and our community," he says.

The Cormacks are trusting God for their future, which may include full-time firefighting for Pastor Chris. He says, "God's will is always the best."

The church celebrated Chris and Marlene's term as pastors at an event on June 24.

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SOCIAL ISSUES

'Sacred Economics' ideas explored

Thursday night with Charles Eisenstein

A stimulating evening is in store for islanders with the showing of a film called Sacred Economics and a remote video-feed conversation with Charles Eisenstein.

Sacred Economics is a short piece by Ian MacKenzie and Velcrow Ripper, and MacKenzie will be in attendance at the Thursday, June 28 event at Community Gospel Chapel.

Eisenstein is a teacher, speaker and writer focusing on themes of civilization, consciousness, money and human cultural evolution.

According to the Salt Spring Monetary Founda-

tion, which is sponsoring the event, "Eisenstein's books — The Ascent of Humanity and Sacred Economics — as well as his other essays and blog posts on web magazines have generated a vast online following. He speaks frequently at conferences and other events, and gives numerous interviews on radio and podcasts. Writing in Ode magazine's 25 Intelligent Optimists issue, David Korten (author of When Corporations Rule the World) called Eisenstein "one of the up-and-coming great minds of our time."

"Sacred Economics traces the history of money from ancient gift economies to modern capitalism, revealing how the money system has contributed to alienation, competi-

tion and scarcity, destroyed community, and necessitated endless growth. Today, these trends have reached their extreme — but in the wake of their collapse, we may find great opportunity to transition to a more connected, ecological and sustainable way of being."

Eisenstein graduated from Yale University in 1989 with a degree in mathematics and philosophy, and spent the next 10 years as a Chinese-English translator. He currently lives in Harrisburg, Penn. with his wife and three sons.

His book Sacred Economics will also be available for purchase at the event, which begins at 7 p.m. Admission is by donation.

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

SERVICE CLUBS

Salt Spring WI members take in 'alive and well' convention



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Salt Spring Women's Institute members who attended the national WI convention in Sidney.

Speakers, workshops and Red Dress Gala

Ten of 14 members of the Salt Spring Island Women's Institute attended the National Convention of Federated Women's Institutes of Canada held this year in Sidney.

The theme for the June 12 to 16 triennium was Coast to Coast — Women's Institute Alive and Well. It emphasized the heart and stroke focus on women's heart health with a unique challenge to WI members to walk across Canada, without leaving their community, by using a pedometer to track their steps during 2011.

According to an event press

release, the Mary Winspear Convention Centre in Sidney was a bustling site as WI members participated in both social and business sessions.

"The main hall was decorated with beautiful banners from each BCWI branch and district. Coffee breaks were unique in that the districts took turns offering snacks from their areas, such as fruit, grain breads and crackers, wild berry preserves, cheeses and much more."

Speakers included Peter Legge, an internationally acclaimed professional speaker and strong WI supporter; Linda Wegner, a workshop consultant with the Agricultural Institute of Management in Saskatch-

ewan; and Elaine Froese, who specializes in helping people in agriculture address business concerns. Froese encouraged her audience of WI women to be money smart.

Workshops, social events and a Red Dress Gala on the Saturday evening were other conference activities.

Attending from Salt Spring's WI group were Audrey Cottrell, Bev Byron, Sherrill Adshead, Bev Cartwright, Evelyn Lee, Pam Brentnall, Sharon Hawke, Jean Hedgecock, Angela Thomas and Margaret Reid.

Locally the WI women are also known at the Salt Spring Fall Fair and Apple Festival as The Pie Ladies.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Bridge plays follow bouncing balls of both victory and defeat

Bottle-of-wine prize left on table

BRIDGETRICKS

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Is anyone old enough to remember the sing-alongs at the movies? "Follow the bouncing ball" as it travels along the words and keeps time with the tune?

Well, bridge players do some bouncing too — up one time, down another, up again and hold it for a while, then plunk, and so on. It applies to the number of people who show up too.

After several sessions of increased tables, June 11 saw the downturn to five of them, going back to a Howell movement where everyone changes places. George Laundry and Paul Retallack reached great heights, with Liz and Oleh Mycyk not quite at that crest. Then boing! Vic Parks and Ted Baldwin sprang to third place, with Nick Beringer and Pat Sutherland popping up to fourth.

There was a new win-

kle to these games, in that the first pair to reach the pinnacle of a slam bid and made could claim a bottle of wine, but the cards on June 11 didn't cooperate so nobody gained the prize.

However, the numbers bounced up again on June 18 to seven full tables and Mitchell North-South and East-West divisions. Among the N/S players, Isabelle Richardson and Jean Elder shot up to the top, with Judy Norget and Charles Kahn jumping to second, and Terry Wilkinson and Blanche

Poborsa peaking to the third spot.

Holding their position again atop the E/W crowd were the Laundry-Retallack pair, with the Mycyks flying to second again. Andy Bryant and Gillian Mouat made the leap to third, and the cards did oblige this time so the slam pinnacle was reached and the wine went to the Mycyks and their six no trump bid and seven made.

For info about these games, please contact George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastorage@shaw.ca.

GLOBAL PEACE

Peace circle marks 30th anni walk

Walk for Peace in 1982 celebrated

Cherie Geavreau may not have been among the 35,000 people who participated in Vancouver's first Walk for Peace in 1982 yet the event continues to inspire her ongoing work for peace and a better world.

To mark the Walk for Peace's 30th anniversary, Geavreau and other members of Salt Spring's PeaceWorks! group will host a peace circle on Saturday, June 30 between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. at the Gulf Islands Secondary School's multi-purpose room.

"Everyone is welcome to sing, to play and to dance," she said. "We are gathering to express our solidarity."

By 1984, the Vancouver event attracted nearly 100,000 people who took a stand against war and the proliferation of nuclear weapons. The Salt Spring event coincides with a special anniversary walk in downtown Vancouver.

"I don't know who they are, but I love their steadfastness," Geavreau said of the original Walk for Peace organizers. "We walk beside them."

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Mom leaves to mourn and celebrate her life,
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In lieu of flowers, donations to the Jean Taylor
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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

A mood for fun, play and creativity is on the rise. The biggest challenge is deciphering which one of many activities to do next. Enjoying quality time with family and/or tending to things close to home remain top priorities. Completing projects feels important too and you are focused to do so. Get it done this week though because your practical focus will soon fade for a while.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

Activating new streams of income continues. Increasing your overall sense of security is motivating your focus. Discerning between short and long term needs and desires is likely. You are willing to make some investments, yet feel extra cautious and so feel the need to weigh things carefully. It may not be time to commit to long term commitments, yet.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

For the sake of security, increasing your net worth feels important, perhaps even necessary. You are willing to take a few risks yet would like to be able to get a sample of the input and outcome implied. Reaching out to gain support requires that you be willing to negotiate a fair deal for all concerned. Take a creative approach to strike a winning deal for all concerned.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)

The time has come to take decisive action. Dealing with others in positions of power and authority is part of the plot. You may not feel as confident as you like. The key is to be willing to give a lot, perhaps even more than you think you should. Consider all extra efforts to be their own form of insurance, even though the guarantees are not binding.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)

It is important that you look to the future now. Make plans and initiate communications to activate new leads, even if and perhaps ideally from behind the scenes. Exercise full diplomacy in all your dealings. The pace has been steady, perhaps even slow. Yet, it will soon speed up and you will feel moved to break through inner and outer lines of resistance.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

Increasing your reach to widen your scope of friends and allies continues. The time has come to increase your range of influence. It should feel easier to do so this week than last. Yet, you may already notice the changes in the natural flow of connections. Focus on your career, improve upon your reputation and make yourself accessible.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)

Seeing a bigger picture is a current theme. Looking to the future and taking a creative approach is implied. Doing inner work to confront any lingering fears has been an important theme. Soon the focus will turn to contend with outer opposition. This will lead you to get information and answers. Deciphering what constitutes wisdom versus knowledge is the deeper theme.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)

Decisions to take initiatives that reveal steadily changing perspectives will have an impact on your usual daily rhythms. You may be pulled in two or more directions. Going back to the way things were is less than likely. Yet, even the idea of it may feel good for now. Implement creative coping strategies to wait for clear signs about future directions.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)

The count down has been on for many and now it is time to take decisive action. Dealing with more people and situations is likely and this trend will continue. At best, your popularity is on the rise. At worst, you are uncertain about who your true friends are. Perhaps most importantly regarding the future, consider your health and what you can do to improve it.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)

Changes in your lifestyle are affecting some of your closest relationships. The opposite may also be true. These are leading you to concentrate and dig for ideas and answers. Your confidence levels may be wavering and you are challenged to keep an over active imagination in check. Asserting your will to make needed changes close to home is featured.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)

Awakening to new realizations about your self, the world and the future has likely been a steadily rising theme. Now it is time to at least consider doing something more deliberately about it. Your determination and will to take decisive action will rise steadily over the next several weeks. Weaving fun and social activity into your focus is likely and ideal.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

As if suddenly, you are getting more attention. Gatherings and cultural activities with friends will prove inspiring. With your confidences on the rise, the time is right to solidify your overall foundation. Taking a cooperative approach will work best. Who are those key contacts that can assist you to open new doors of opportunity?



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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEERING

Lots of new volunteering opportunities available

From arts to events to retail sales

The following is a sampling of current volunteer opportunities from Volunteer Salt Spring, the island's virtual volunteering centre. It runs periodically in the Driftwood.

Fuller descriptions of each, plus those of several dozen other worthy organizations looking for volunteers, can be accessed at www.volunteersaltspring.com.

ARTSPRING

Enjoy volunteer perks and incentives, plus a wonderful opportunity to meet people and take part in our Island's many diverse cultural events. ArtSpring is currently seeking ushers and box office volunteers. Excellent customer service and communication skills are essential for these positions. Training is provided, however, you should be comfortable working with

VOLUNTEER CALL

computers and cash for the busy ticket centre.

Contact: Taryn Hancock, coordinator of volunteers at 250-537-2102, or taryn@artspring.ca.

SALT SPRING ARTS COUNCIL

Meet and work with a great group of people and make valuable connections with the many arts communities on Salt Spring. The Salt Spring Arts Council is looking for a diverse array of skills — from a simple willingness to help, to more specific skills and experience such as skill with social media, interviewing artists, photographing events, working with children, planning and organizing events, greeting guests at

events, or even training other volunteers. Plus grant writing, computer work, design and organizational skills are of particular value. Mentorship or training will be provided as required.

Contact: Trish Wheeler, manager, Mahon Hall, at 250-537-0899, or info@ssartsCouncil.com

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber's "Gateway to a Strong Island Economy" program is establishing a pool of talented community-minded volunteers to help with various signature events throughout the year. Salt Spring Fine Arts Showcase, the Canada Day Festival, the Ganges to Friday Harbour Yacht Race, Salt Spring Show & Shine, and Sip & Savour Salt Spring are among the events where volunteer help is needed. Many other volunteer opportunities are also available.

Contact: Blair Howard, 250-537-25080, or volunteer@saltspringchamber.com

VOLUNTEER SALT SPRING

Volunteer Salt Spring is looking for at least two volunteers to join their steering committee and help promote volunteerism in our community. Big picture thinkers are needed, who are skilled at strategic thinking and planning, get along well with all sorts of people, and who are willing to play an active role in our organization and the community. Interviewing skills would also be an asset. Specifically, help is needed with planning for the future, planning and assisting with workshops and volunteer networking events, and reaching out to community groups to solicit their input. The committee meets every couple of months, and

members volunteer time as needed for activities. Ideally, one member would dedicate four to six hours a month for networking with various groups looking for volunteers.

Contact: Anne Williams, 250-537-2054 (evenings), 250-537-9902 (days), or requests@volunteer-saltspring.com.

SOLID

SOLID — the Salt Spring Organization for Life Improvement and Development — is looking for one to two keen volunteers who wish to dedicate up to four hours a week, to open the SOLID Exchange, offer retail sales of artisan handi-crafts and share information about SOLID's projects in Africa. There are also part-time and back-up positions available.

Located at 100-149 Fulford-Ganges Road (in Restaurant Row), the SOLID

Exchange is an effort to address global wealth inequality by creatively linking our island with African communities for exchange of goods, ideas and much needed resources.

There are a variety of handcrafted items for sale. All these crafts are purchased directly from the artisans at a living wage price. In the summer the SOLID Exchange will be open Sunday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers should have a love of learning and a passion for assisting communities less affluent than ourselves. Some experience with retail sales would be an asset but is not essential.

Contact: Meron Moroz, director, 250-537-2993 (evenings), or Meron. moroz@gmail.com, or Lynda Turner, volunteer co-ordinator, at 250-931-1214.

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- **Food Bank:** Open Tuesday, 11am - 4pm
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- **Recycle Depot:** Open Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm, 349 Rainbow Rd., 250-537-1200.
- **Seniors Wellness Programs:** Call Sharon Glover, 250-537-4607.
- **Emergency Mental Health Services:** Available 4 pm to midnight at Lady Minto Hospital. Call 250-538-4840
- **24-hr. Crisis Line:** Toll free: 1-866-386-6323. Caller is connected with the Need Crisis Centre in Victoria.

WORKSHOPS

Arts Council launches creative courses

Summer/fall program starts now

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Arts Council is bringing island artists together with creative learners this summer and fall with the second round of its Arts in the Community program.

A new brochure released this week, distributed to the Chamber of Commerce and local galleries, showcases a full range of workshops from local artists offering instruction in everything from the culinary to the visual arts. Kids day camps and adult intensives provide the place to explore creative potential, whether you're visiting the island or make it your home.

Painter and arts council board member Stefanie Denz said the organization is building on a good start after initiating the inaugural

program last September.

"The brochure was very well received. It looked good and it was proliferate with a variety of offerings," she reported.

Denz said the program — which seeks to gather the various creative workshops and opportunities on Salt Spring in one unified schedule — gained good attendance for around half of the workshops listed for the first session. To get the word out to more people, the arts council is revamping its website and distributing the brochure to other arts councils and chambers of commerce.

Starting the program in the summer should also help boost off-island attendance numbers. Denz said the goal of luring people to book cultural holidays on Salt Spring worked best for people with established workshops like ceramic artist Judy Weeden and master gardener Linda Gilkeson. However, the pro-

gram received a better than expected response from locals.

This year's program features the return of several of last year's most popular courses, including Weeden's slab pottery building (which sold out last time), fall cooking with chef Bruce Wood and artisan bread-making with Heather Campbell.

Denz is personally excited to see the first-time partnership between Nicola Wheston and Gillian McConnell, who are teaming up for the Art of Drawing. Another new offering is Community Healing: an African Cultural Experience with MaObong Oku. The Nigerian national, who is artistic director of Kokoma African Heritage Ensemble, will teach rhythmic dance and drumming as a way to find balance.

Children's offerings include four different weekend day camps with Jane MacKenzie, and a two-day

weekend workshop using the sun as a tool with Christoph Weeks.

The arts council will add more workshops to the schedule throughout the year and will issue a new brochure in January. During the process, the group will be gathering information to help guide its long-term dream of instituting a school of the arts on Salt Spring.

"It's great seeing what's out there and seeing what people want, as sort of a test ground for the school," Denz said.

The full brochure and registration info can be found on the Salt Spring Arts Council website under www.ssartsCouncil.com/programs.html, or registration can be made by calling 250-537-0899.

Artists interested in joining the program for the next brochure can also find an application on the website. The deadline for submissions is Nov. 17.

TUESDAY MARKET

Harbour House chef and music at next Tuesday market gathering

Dine and Dance welcomes more island talent

Chef Rosemary Harbrecht and Sweetwater Revolver will be featured in week two of the Tuesday Farmers' Market's ongoing Dine & Dance Series on July 3 beginning at 4 p.m.

As part of the 2012 Tuesday Farmers' Market season, Harbrecht is collaborating with Bree and Charlie Eagle of Bright Farm to educate shoppers about eating food in sea-

son. Each week, Harbrecht will develop a recipe using seasonal food that is abundant in the fields. Samples and recipes will be available at the Bright Farm market stall at Centennial Park.

Harbrecht has been the pastry chef at Hastings House for five years and previously owned a bakery in Calgary.

Market goers are urged to bring a blanket and cozy up to the sweet sounds of Ashton and Rama of the lyrical duo Sweetwater Revolver at 5 p.m.

"Pack a picnic or order take-out and enjoy their sweet harmonies," states a press release

about the event.

Salt Spring Island's Tuesday Farmers' Market is a free event that is open to families and people of all ages. It is located in Ganges and takes place from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. every Tuesday from June through October.

"The Salt Spring Tuesday Farmers' Market encourages shoppers to enjoy a picnic in the park with live entertainment every week," states the release.

More information about the market is available by email at ssuesdaymarket@gmail.com.

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Sports & Recreation

CHALLENGE COURSE

Salt Spring's Living Strong team gets good and muddy



PHOTO BY ROD MCLEAN

The Living Strong Team muddy and dripping after triumphing in the "Kiss of Mud" and the "Arctic Enema." Page 1 skybox photo is of Valri Cunningham, also by Rod McLean.

Tough Mudder course demands teamwork

BY KAREN CURTIN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

"It was unforgettable." This was the general sentiment heard amongst the masses of people who took on the Tough Mudder, a 12-mile, intense obstacle course billed as "The Toughest Event on the Planet."

More than 15,000 people descended on Whistler's Callaghan Valley on the weekend, including the team from Salt Spring's own Living Strong Fitness Studio:

Sheena Bull, Valri Cunningham, Trina Aspinall, Lianne Fidler, Tom Berry, Karen Curtin and Rod McLean (team photographer).

The obstacles, originally designed by British Special Forces, are meant to either break you or bring your team closer together by forcing you to overcome your worst fears (heights, confined spaces, electrocution, fire and freezing cold water). But was the event as tough as they say?

The course was not insurmountable, but there were many people, myself included, dealing with injuries like cuts,

sprained ankles and wrenched knees.

Participants sign a "death waiver" before they start and must recite the Tough Mudder pledge — no whining being one of the promises. The obstacles, like the Arctic Enema, where you are immersed in a vat of ice and pink-dyed water, were shocking. The obstacles were disgusting (i.e. mud). Or they were awkward: how often does one climb over 10- to 15-foot walls or crawl through ice-lined culverts?

The course incorporated the difficulties of the landscape in its construc-

tion. Whistler's position as mountainous, forested and snow-packed in the upper elevations inspired such obstacles as an icy slide into a half-frozen lake, but a fire ban in the area meant that the "fire walk" challenge seen on the website was omitted. As the event name warns, there was plenty of mud, which you get to navigate while crawling under barbed wire or wading through expansive, thigh-deep bogs.

The ultimate goal of the Tough Mudder is made clear from the start: camaraderie and teamwork is more important than the individual, competition or bravado. As part of a team, everyone helps each other.

I saw people hobbling along while their teammates either carried, encouraged or waited for them. I saw total selflessness of strangers offering an encouraging word or a hand — an amazing experience.

The Toughest Event on the Planet is more than a physical challenge; it asks Mudders to connect as human beings. It tests loyalty, selflessness, critical thinking and perseverance. As long as you retain a sense of humour and are resilient, most people finish the course filthy but intact.

Living Strong team members are already looking forward to the next time!

Action photos are posted on Living Strong's Facebook page.

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SPORTS & RECREATION

DRAGON BOATING

Most Spirit Point Dragons stay dry at Paddlefest in Nanaimo

Semi-final win also part of the day

BY AUDREY DENTON
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Spirit Point Dragons had their second race of the season at Mafeo Sutton Park in Nanaimo. They left Salt Spring and journeyed up island under overcast skies with drizzle and cool temperatures. But as they entered the boat for their first race the sun came out and shone brightly and warmly for the whole day.

In their first race in the mixed recreational division, Spirit Point posted a time of 2:51:30, behind TD Draggin Tails and ahead of Prevail-

ing Wins. This time placed them in the Mixed Blue Division.

In the semi finals they posted 2:47:32 behind Save-on-Foods Dragonslayers and Mentor Mariners, and in the finals shaved off more time with a posting of 2:46:98, winning decisively over TD Draggin Tails and Prevailing Wins with more than a seven-second lead.

Sabine Georgy sat in as caller and kept a steady pace with her drumming. Paddlers for the races were new paddler Donna Ateah, Ware and Kaysia Hartwell, Carolyn Morgan, Julie van Soeren, Wendy Eggerston, Ann Marie Davidson, Melynda Okulitch, Carmelle Labelle, Christa Wohlfahrt, Dan Gellein, Andrea Smith, Audrey

Denton, Nova Elson, Shari Macdonald, and Janice Shields. Tom McKeachie and Andrew Okulitch alternated between paddling and steering.

As the team were docking in rough water after the second race, steersman Andrew Okulitch slipped while throwing the stern line. He tumbled into the waters of Nanaimo Harbour, but emerged smiling and unhurt and proceeded to paddle strongly in the final race.

The team appreciates the support of local businesses Harbours End Marine, Country Grocer, Royal LePage and Moby's Pub. New members are welcome. Contact maryrowles19@hotmail.com.

SWIMMING

Stingrays happy with best times

Next meet outdoors in Nanaimo

BY ERIN WAMSTEEKER
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Salt Spring Stingrays are well into their summer swimming season. With an astounding 30 new fresh-faced swimmers, the Stingrays have competed with 85 per cent best times at the last three swim meets.

The Stingrays competed in Courtenay this past weekend at their first outdoor swim meet. Rylan Burnet, who was out of the pool due to injury for the entire week before, took the lead and crushed his division-winning 50m backstroke in a time of 43.99. He also had two third-place finishes in the 50m freestyle and 50m butterfly.

The Courtenay

swim meet was the very first competition for Stingrays swimmer Hannah Grant, who had an amazing 100m breast stroke and 50m freestyle. She is eager to learn and has improved a ton to be ready to compete in her respective age division.

Burnet, Austin Bisan, Lukas Booy and Nick Koby had an exciting 200 medley relay on Saturday night. They raced hard but

were just out-touched at the end for second place. Next time they will catch Nanaimo!

This weekend the team travels to its second outdoor swim meet in Nanaimo. It will be a bigger competition with heats and finals, so check back next week for an update on how the team is doing.

The Stingrays are off to a great start and things can only go up from here!

ROWING

Rowers reach for recruits

Beginner courses offer instruction for all

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Anyone who wants to know how it feels to glide through the water with ease and grace can do so later this summer as rower Natasha Hollingsworth returns to the island with her annual learn-to-row program.

"One of the great things about the learn-to-row courses is that pretty much anyone can join," Hollingsworth said. "From ages 13 and up, any athletic ability, any age and any time commitment."

Over the course of five two-hour courses, Hollingsworth assists would-be rowers with everything from rowing stroke theory to getting comfortable on the water. The course includes tips to develop an efficient stroke, instruction on the correct way to use a rowing machine and an introduction to rowing a quad.

"The week of learn-to-row is more technical than physical, as it takes about that long to learn the basics of the stroke," she said. "It takes a week to learn the stroke and a lifetime to perfect it."

Hollingsworth, who rows with Queen's University in Kingston, Ont. during the school year, is among a new generation of young Canadians who've taken to rowing in unprecedented numbers. To her, the sport is a great way to stay in shape and get out on the water.

"It can be for people who just want to get outside and enjoy the fresh air with some recreational

activity, or people who want a new competitive sport," she said. "Rowing is one of the best overall sports for fitness and easier on joints than running."

"Most people think that you need to have strong arms to row; it is just the opposite, rowing is a leg and shoulder sport mostly — with help from pretty much every other part of your body."

"Rowing is one of the best

overall sports for fitness and

easier on joints than

running."

NATASHA HOLLINGSWORTH
Learn-to-Row instructor

Many beginner rowers who've taken Hollingsworth's course have joined the island's rowing club and have even begun to compete at the high school or masters level. Anyone who takes the beginners course can also sign up for a one-year membership with the local club for an additional \$90. Membership gives rowers access to equipment and a wide range of training opportunities.

Hollingsworth's learn-to-row courses run from July 16 to 20 and between Aug. 6 and 10. The two-hour daily classes start at 5:30 p.m. Registration costs \$110.

For more information, contact Hollingsworth at 250-221-0385 or natasha.hollingsworth@gmail.com.

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2011 highlights

- Donations and bequests totalled \$154,003
- The Community Endowment Fund grew to over \$4 million
- Over \$123,000 in grants given to 24 organizations for 27 projects
- \$30,000 in Shaw Family Bequest grants given to the Farmland Trust
- Workshops and information sessions to strengthen local organizations planned in partnership with PARC, Volunteer Salt Spring and the Community Education Society
- The Foundation completed its first year operating as an incorporated society

milestone funds and estate funds

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2011 grant recipients and their projects

In 2011, the Foundation provided over \$123,000 in grants for 27 projects, thanks to the generosity of residents and friends of Salt Spring Island. The grants include \$30,000 made possible by a bequest from the Shaw family.

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To replace ArtSpring's aging soundboard to improve the quality of sound for the many groups who use the island's professional theatre.

Bandemonium

To purchase music scores for the annual Community Sing-Along of Handel's Messiah led by Bach on the Rock in December at ArtSpring.

Centre for Child Honouring

To assist with the production and launch of the My Drawing—Our World children's art project in local schools.

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To purchase talking books.

Community Garden—Salt Spring Island Community Services

To help complete the second-to-last stage of SSIC's community garden by building additional raised beds, installing picnic tables and signage, and purchasing more hand tools for volunteers.

Croftonbrook

To help construct a greenhouse for the practical use and enjoyment of Croftonbrook residents.

Early Learning for Families—School District #64
To purchase and install a sink and dishwasher to assist with safe food preparation and prevent the spread of germs.

Family Place—Salt Spring Island Community Services

Two grants: To develop a safe, secure, age-appropriate play area for families with young children; and to help provide program materials and some furnishings for families participating in Family Place's Healthy Pregnancy, Healthy Birth, Happy Baby program.

Farmers' Institute—Bittancourt Museum

To help with the construction of a footbridge and the summer kitchen at the museum.

Farmland Trust

To help with the irrigation system and fencing for the Shaw Family Community Gardens, which are being developed on the Farmland Trust property in the south end.

Fulford Harbour Child Care Society—Roof Replacement Project

To assist with the replacement of the roof on the Tree Frog Day Care.

Frozen and Preserved Meals Program—Salt Spring Island Community Services

To establish a frozen and preserved meals program that will assist vulnerable people with planning and preserving low-cost, healthy meals.

Island Natural Growers

To assist with the purchase of equipment for processing poultry in the new abattoir facility.

Island Pathways

To assist with program costs for Velo Village, a Salt Spring Island event to be held before the Velo-city Global cycling conference in Vancouver in June 2012.

PARC—Salt Spring Island Minor Baseball Association

To install a portable outfield fence at Portlock Park to allow the Salt Spring Island Minor Baseball Association to meet the minimum standards of the BC Minor Baseball Association for hosting games.

Phoenix Elementary School

To assist in the development of nature trails and a native plant garden on school grounds.

Salt Spring Film Festival Society

To purchase a portable sound system that will be adaptable to any public venue on the island. The sound system will be used in conjunction with the projection equipment purchased with a Foundation grant in 2010. Other island community groups wishing to borrow the sound system and projection equipment may contact the Salt Spring Film Festival Society.

Salt Spring Island Cooperative Preschool

To purchase and install a washer and dryer at the preschool to enable it to reduce paper waste and become more environmentally responsible.

Salt Spring Island Historical Society

To develop a project proposal to determine an effective way of honouring the Cowichan people's historical contribution to Salt Spring.

Salt Spring Island Land Bank Society—Dean Road House

To provide building materials for the upgrade of one unit in the Dean Road affordable housing project and to purchase and install a washing machine.

Salt Spring Island Public Library

For three book trolleys and carpet for the children's reading circle.

Salt Spring Island Search and Rescue

To purchase an improved GPS tracking system that will allow Search and Rescue personnel to track the location of up to six search teams. This will make it possible for search managers to properly plan for and monitor the safety and efficacy of the search teams from the command vehicle.

Salt Spring Island Special Olympics

For multi-use uniforms for Salt Spring's Special Olympics athletes.

SWOVA (Saltspring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse)

To assist with two programs: The Pass it On—Health and Safety program will provide structured group and individual mentorship for "at risk" Grade 8 girls throughout the 2011–2012 school year. The Respect, Safety and Sexual Health for Youth program is for Grade 11 students.

Victoria Human Exchange Society

To upgrade furnishings and purchase emergency equipment for Grandma's House and Bittancourt Manor transitional houses for men and women.

Waterdrops Water Stewards Program—School District #64

To help develop a website in conjunction with this award-winning program designed to foster "water literacy." The website, available to all educators, will include a curriculum model that they can choose to adopt or adapt.



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