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A TOAST: Raising a glass to Fine Art Signature Showcase events at ArtSpring are, from left, Dinner in the Gallery "event master-minder" Susan Wetmore, Salt Spring Arts Council president Stefanie Denz and FASS "dictator" Matt Steffich. Steffich's Viewpoint on Page 8 provides a summary of the fine art festival.

ISLANDS TRUST

Secondary suites debate underway

Draft bylaw called 'a work in progress'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring got a step closer to creating more affordable housing options on Thursday as Local Trust Committee members gave first reading to a draft bylaw that proposes to legalize secondary suites in specific pilot areas on the island.

"This isn't a finished document by any means and I think we can polish it until the cows come home, but there's going to be further polishing in the process," said LTC member George Grams during Thursday's meeting.

Part of that polishing process involves an online survey, advice from the Trust's Advisory

Planning Commission and Advisory Environment Committee, and a \$2,000 communications strategy on the subject of proposed Bylaw 461. All of these will precede a formal public hearing on the matter.

In its present form, the current bylaw proposes to legalize secondary suites in "pilot area number one." The area includes properties within 600 metres of a public transit route except for properties within community water system supply watersheds, community well capture zones and all water improvement districts, except North Salt Spring Waterworks District. Suites are not permitted on industrial, commercial or community facility zoned land.

Secondary suites are subject to a maximum floor size of 968-square feet and the property owner must live in the property's main dwelling or suite.

The proposal would introduce secondary suites in a four-phase approach that could see an expansion of the original pilot area. A decision will be based on staff's evaluation of the pilot program. According to a staff report presented at Thursday's LTC meeting, specific challenges include legalization of existing suites, building code requirements, water use and enforcement.

SUITES BYLAW continued on 2

FIRE

Sparkler ignites resort trail brush

Hastings House and Moby's staff members praised for efforts

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Fire broke out on the back trail between Hastings House Country House Hotel and Moby's Pub on Saturday night after a birthday sparkler went over the steep bank toward the sea.

"A guest was celebrating his 65th birthday. When he thought the sparkler was extinguished, he tossed it into the bush," said Hastings House general manager Kelly McAree.

The sparkler's residual heat was enough to ignite the material on the cliffside between the path leading from the resort to a boat launch area and the rocky shore below. A giant fir tree that grows on the bank and extends high above the hotel's garden boundary became a conduit for the blaze.

The flames started approximately eight feet above the shore and reached as high as 30 feet at one point. Several cabins and the resort's dining room are situated just beyond the other side of the fenced path.

"It made it just about down to the bottom and burnt its way all the way back up," McAree reported.

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NEWSBEAT

FIRE DISTRICT

Fire board chairman Schubart resigns

"Bumpy road" to be overcome on route to new hall

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The chair of Salt Spring's Fire Protection District proved there's more than enough material to fuel an extra meeting a month, by announcing his resignation on the very first night of a newly instituted bi-monthly meeting schedule.

Michael Schubart began the board of trustees' extra public meeting on Monday, July 2 by stating he did not intend to renew his position on the board when it expires next spring and that he would immediately step down as chair.

Schubart said he resigned from his leadership role early to provide stability over the fire hall building process, which is in the preliminary stages of property subdivision, and not because of any dissension among board members.

Schubart is a former volunteer firefighter and has chaired the district's board of trustees for six and a half years in non-consecutive terms.

"I will have spent nine years on the board, and I just decided it would be important to have some continuity," he said in a later phone interview.

"[The fire hall project] has been 20 years in the making.

When I joined that board 10 years ago my primary purpose was to build a new fire hall for Ganges. . . I seriously hope the community will support the project," he said.

Trustees attending the meeting elected Bruce Patterson as interim chair so that business could continue. A permanent chair will be elected at the trustees' next regular meeting on July 16.

Although signs of discord have been evident at recent board meetings, Patterson attributed this to the group's awkward transition into a body with much more responsibility than it has been used to.

"I would describe it as stressful. Doing something by committee is always a difficult way of getting things done, so we're feeling the stress of the structure of the board overall," Patterson said, noting three new building committees have been added to the board's regular work in anticipation of a fire-hall project.

"This is a big thing. This is the biggest thing that's happened to the fire department since the creation of the fire department."

As an example of recent discussion that has slowed the board's regular business, trustee Mark Lucich and Norbert Schlenker, a member of the public, have questioned whether committee meetings ought not be advertised and open to the public.

According to an email sent to

the fire board by the Ministry of Community, Sport, and Cultural Development, which governs small community dealings, committee work does not need to be done in public as long as it is reported and voted on during regular public meetings.

Patterson, a former member of the Fulford Water District board and other groups, said no other body he's worked with advertises its committee meetings or holds them in public, and to require the district to do so would create a non-functioning board.

However, he acknowledged the need to strengthen board relations during the sensitive period of trying to win public support for the new hall.

"The board has a task to do. . . It's been a bit bumpy, and it may be a bit bumpy yet, but I'm quite confident we will get past it to move ahead."

The need is underlined by persistent community rumours that the district is set on building a hall that's way beyond its requirements. Patterson said those rumours date back to previous attempts under other boards to purchase land for a hall, and the costs projected at the time.

"The idea is that there's a drawing in a drawer somewhere, and we're just going to pull it out and slap it down without public process. [In fact] there's never been a drawing of a fire hall," he said. "We're also very sensitive

to community concerns about over-extending our tax base."

Schubart also scoffed at the idea of an existing fire hall plan.

"It's simply not true," he said. "I wouldn't have gone into the process if I thought it didn't have merit."

Schubart added that fire trustees have been elected with the mandate of deciding how the fire service should be conducted for the best interests of the community, not just now but in the future.

"If the trustees are too short-sighted or narrow minded, the community will pay for that in the long run," he said.

Patterson said there's little anyone can do to convince people who are into conspiracy theories that they don't exist. He categorized recent attempts to challenge Bylaw 109, the board's governing structure, as evidence that some people simply don't trust the process that allows a group of volunteers to make decisions about taxpayer dollars.

Patterson praised Schubart for his years of hard work, which included building a training ground facility, mediating employee relation troubles, and taking the lead on negotiating the latest union contract.

"None of us really appreciates the hundreds of hours Michael's put in on our behalf," he said.

"As much as I wish he didn't, I fully understand his decision to say, 'I've done my bit, time for someone else to do it.'"

COURT

Driver sentenced for fatal 2010 crash

Original charges reduced

The woman behind the wheel during a fatal Salt Spring Island motor-vehicle incident was sentenced to an 18-month driving prohibition and

40 hours of community service in a Victoria court appearance on Friday.

Laura Rann pleaded guilty to driving without due care and attention under the province's Motor Vehicle Act for her role in the Fulford-Ganges Road crash that killed

her friend Reid Parent on Nov. 14, 2010.

The Dodge Challenger she and Parent were in is reported to have been travelling more than 77 km/h before it failed to negotiate a turn near the top of Lee's Hill and slammed against a large

tree. Parent was killed instantly and rescue crews took about an hour to extricate Rann from the wreckage. The pair were reportedly on their way to a ferry when the crash took place at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Court heard that Rann,

27, had her licence for six weeks at the time of the incident.

Parent, who was 25 when he died, was a carpenter and musician from Whitehorse. Rann was originally charged with dangerous driving causing death.

Water alarm raised regarding suites issue

SUITES BYLAW

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Wayne Hewitt, a former director of the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society, is among a small but vocal crowd of island residents who've raised concerns about the consequences secondary suites may have on water supplies, even within the scope of a limited pilot area.

He takes issue with the North Salt Spring Waterworks District's position, outlined in a March 22 letter, that identifies no unsuitable secondary suite areas within its jurisdiction.

"They state this because they need money," Hewitt writes in a letter to the Salt Spring LTC.

"NSSWD have disregarded the impact on water quality and focused on water quantity," Hewitt said, adding that increased demand from secondary suite residents will increase NSSWD revenues at the expense of possible further harm to water quality in both the St. Mary and Mt. Maxwell reservoirs.

Speaking soon after Thursday's decision, LTC members stressed that much fine tuning of the bylaw is required and public par-

ticipation is encouraged.

"We're not locked in and there's no need to rush," said Sheila Malcolmson, chair of Salt Spring's LTC. "It will be perfected as the process proceeds."

Should all go according to the timeline established by Trust staff, a public hearing will be held in October and the proposed bylaw may be considered for final adoption by December.

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RECYCLING

Depot composting program gives new life to leftovers

Recycling depot launches kitchen scraps pilot project

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Island residents have one less excuse to toss their leftover kitchen scraps in the trash thanks to a free food-waste pilot project launched by the staff at the Rainbow Road Recycling Depot facility last week.

As of July 5, Salt Spring residents can drop off any leftover foods, including cooked items, meat and bones, at the recycling depot in much the same way they would dispose of paper, cardboard, plastic, cans or any other recyclable items collected at the busy facility at 349 Rainbow Rd.

The kitchen scrap pilot project will run throughout the summer to determine the viability of establishing a permanent service.

"We should have a better idea after a few months of the need, volume, costs and logistics," said Peter Grant, manager of the Rainbow Road depot. "The ultimate goal should be to work towards an on-island solution for food waste. It seems silly to haul this valuable resource off island and at the same time haul soil back to the island."

The Salt Spring pilot project coincides with news the Capital Regional District intends to phase in a ban on all kitchen scraps at the Hartland landfill in 2013. Approximately 30 per cent of the waste destined for the Hartland landfill is compostable.

Since much of the solid waste generated by island residents ends up at the landfill, finding an alternative way to dispose of compostable material has become a high priority for CRD officials.

"Kitchen scraps like fruit, vegetables, meat, dairy, grains and soy and paper, when separated from garbage, can be processed to yield a variety of products with environmentally beneficial end uses such as generated biogas or a clean soil amendment safe for land application," according to the CRD's regional kitchen scraps strategy website.

A similar pilot project conducted with 4,000 residents of View Royal and Oak Bay between 2006 and 2008 diverted more than



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

From left, Melissa Dollheiser, Peter Grant and Malcolm McPhee await Salt Spring residents' kitchen scraps as part of a new pilot project at the Rainbow Road Recycling Depot.

800 tonnes of food scraps — equivalent to the weight of about eight mid-sized commercial aircraft — and the participation of more than 70 per cent of homeowners.

Similar projects have met with success in larger cities like Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver and Halifax, as well as smaller Vancouver Island centres such as Nanaimo and Ladysmith.

To help residents reduce what Grant calls the "ichhh" factor, special compost buckets designed for the kitchen as well as com-

postable bags to fit inside the buckets can be bought at the depot.

"We want to make this as painless as possible," Grant said. "Kitchen scraps include cooked foods, meat, bones, etc. that would not go into a backyard composter, as well as organics, but we do not want yard waste in this category."

The pilot program is being undertaken by the depot in conjunction with ReFUSE Resource Recovery, which is already providing the service to many island-based food

service establishments. The company collects food scraps and processes material at its Cobble Hill facility. Although the depot will not charge a fee for the kitchen scrap drop-off program, Grant said donations are greatly appreciated. These can be made directly at the depot or Salt Spring Island Community Services.

"The ultimate goal should be to work towards an on-island solution for food waste."

PETER GRANT
Manager, Rainbow Road Recycling Depot

Grant said many clients donate on a regular basis by recycling their used drink containers at the depot.

"These donations are a significant amount of the operating budget and help allow for many of the other free services for 'hard-to-recycle' products," he said. "The depot gets the full deposit and our local bottle depot also gets their full handling fee."

The Rainbow Road Recycling Depot, operated by Community Services, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More information about the project is available online at www.bit.ly/9Vsqqd.

The kitchen scraps pilot project coincides with the CRD's solid waste questionnaire. The 30-question survey, accessible at www.crd.bc.ca/wastenot, seeks to collect information about residents' trash habits as part of the CRD's ongoing solid waste review process. The deadline for submissions is midnight on July 15.

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News briefs

Shell initiates environment pre-testing

Work happening at the former Shell service station in Ganges this week will be the first step in determining a future environmental assessment.

Shell spokesperson Verity Conrad said workers will be drilling inside the building from July 11 to 13, but no disruption to traffic or neighbouring business is anticipated. Conrad said the company will advise the

community before more intensive work gets underway later this year.

Garage sale items sought

Copper Kettle Community Partnership hopes to make up for a summertime lag in donations with a gigantic July 28 fundraiser.

Dubbed the Unique, Antique, One-of-a-Kind and Ordinary Finds Garage Sale, it will be held in the Country Grocer parking lot from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A silent auction of special items — including a beauti-

ful hand-made drum from Afghanistan — will also be held at the site that day.

Anyone who has items to donate can call the partnership at 250-537-5863. Pick-up can be arranged, if required. Donations for the sale can also be brought to the Copper Kettle table outside Country Grocer on Tuesday, July 17 and 24. Cherie Gaeuvreau or other volunteers will be there from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. — and also collecting pennies.

Copper Kettle is a non-profit group that helps Salt Spring individuals and

families in need by providing them with supplemental food, clothing, footwear, household goods and firewood. It is also working towards long-term affordable housing solutions.

Hiking club tackles trail upgrades

A popular north-end hiking trail received some sorely needed improvements on Tuesday thanks to the efforts of Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club members, along with funds from the

Salt Spring Island Foundation and BC Nature.

Users of the Jack Foster Trail, located between Southey Point Road and Trincomali Channel, will no longer have to contend with the trail's infamous swamp thanks to the installation of a new boardwalk across a portion of its wettest area.

Later this summer, volunteers will construct a small staircase that will make the final four-metre descent to the beach much safer for hikers.

"It is used by a lot of seniors and families," said Kees Visser, president of

the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club. "The beach itself is a very nice place to spend the day."

Although the TNC will complete the projects, the work is being done with approvals from the island's Parks and Recreation Commission, which owns the trail.

Visser said club members are always eager to improve hiking trails for the benefit of all islanders, including voluntary work on the extensive trail networks within Ruckle and Mount Maxwell provincial parks.



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RCMP NEWS

Liquor store door vandals arrested by Salt Spring police

Assault and drug possession also on police files

Salt Spring RCMP officers have arrested four people in connection with an incident that left the glass door of The Local Liquor Store smashed in last Wednesday.

Charges are being recommended against two 20-year-old Salt Spring males who have also been linked to a break and enter at a north end residence. Two male youths were also arrested.

Police are continuing their investigation.

In other police news, officers arrested a man in the early hours of Sunday morning after responding to reports of a domestic dispute on Horel Road. The dispute was resolved but the man had an outstanding warrant out of Cranbrook from 2005 for allegations of possessing property obtained by crime, failing to appear in court and failing to provide a breath sample.

After a short scuffle with police, the man was arrested and lodged in police cells

before being transported to Duncan Provincial Court. Salt Spring RCMP will recommend new charges of resisting arrest.

A Salt Spring officer seized a small quantity of marijuana during a foot patrol of Grace Point on Sunday afternoon. The subject was sent on his way with a warning.

Police are investigating an apparently unprovoked assault that occurred at Blackburn Lake around 10 p.m. on Sunday. The victim, who received non-serious injuries to the face, reported that

he was approached by another male and punched several times. He was able to identify his attacker. The matter is still under investigation.

A north-bound Ford Escort lost control in the 1200 block of Fulford-Ganges Road and spun off the street at around 5 a.m. on Monday. The car sustained extensive damage after impacting a hydro pole on the driver's door.

The driver was treated for minor injuries at Lady Minto and released after a short stay in the hospital.

Brush fire a summertime warning

FIRE

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Salt Spring Fire-Rescue received the call at about 10:35 p.m. McAree was receiving his own call at the same time while on holiday in the Okanagan, thanks to Salt Spring contacts. Also around the same time, off-duty Hastings House sous chef Nick Trehearne and Moby's bar manager Jesse Anderson noticed the flames from across the water. They put up an attack with a hose until firefighters could arrive.

"It was good timing by the local employees, getting that garden hose and preventing it from spreading any further. I compliment them for their quick action," Salt Spring Fire Chief Tom Bremner said.

Firefighters evacuated the hotel's dining area and one other unit immediately after arriving. Crews fought the candling brush on the high bank and had to watch for overheating rocks during their battle, but managed to extinguish the fire without any injuries.

The fire was extinguished and clean-up

complete by 12:30 a.m. Crews checking the area the following day did not find any rekindling.

"It's not that big of a deal, but it could have been. If it had been worse we could have lost some buildings," McAree said.

Trehearne unfortunately suffered a radial fracture in his leg during his firefighting heroics, when he tripped and fell while running to move his car so that fire trucks could get in. McAree said the sous chef learned about the fracture from his doctor the following day and is not expected to lose any work time.

Bremner credited his crew for their professional and efficient response in getting the fire contained. He called the incident a reminder that most fires, with the exception of contained campfires, have now been banned and noted that Salt Spring is rapidly getting drier.

"It's dangerous out there. People want to have good fun, but please be careful, because sometimes good fun can be dangerous," Bremner said.

Salt Spring Fire-Res-



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Charred fir tree, right, from Saturday night fire shows how close flames came to Hastings House structures.

cue attended 12 other first-response calls between Friday evening and 8 a.m. on Monday morning, including the scene of a motor vehicle incident on Fulford-Ganges Road on Saturday afternoon.

The incident occurred after a SUV that was attempting to turn

around on Lee's Hill left the road and went into the ditch. The driver and passenger were not injured and the vehicle was towed.



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FEDERAL POLITICS

FEBC hatches plan to shrink riding

Changes would create 30 new federal seats

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia wants to shave off a corner of the Saanich-Gulf Islands riding to compensate for the riding's growing population, according to a proposal released by the three-member panel on July 3.

If approved, the new Saanich-Gulf Islands riding would lose a relatively densely populated area in Saanich — between Mackenzie and

Tolmie avenues from north to south and roughly from the Pat Bay Highway and Quadra Street from west to east. The area would be transferred to a new Esquimalt-Colwood riding.

A commission spokesperson said potential changes to the country's federal ridings are reviewed every 10 years to account for shifts and growth in population, historical and geographic factors, and communities of interest or identity. The proposed changes are largely based on the most recent census data.

"Commissions in each province consider and assess demographic changes that have occurred since the previous redistribution process,"

states commission chair Justice John E. Hall on the group's website. "Based on their assessment, the commissions make recommendations for alterations in existing boundaries in order to achieve better representation of persons and communities in Parliament."

This year's proposals include the creation of six new federal ridings in British Columbia. Nationwide changes could see 30 new ridings added, including three in Quebec, six in Alberta and 12 in Ontario. If approved, the proposal would increase the number of federal seats from 308 to 338.

As part of its consultation process, the boundary commission has scheduled pub-

lic hearings in communities across the province that begin in September. Although no meetings are scheduled for Salt Spring, residents who wish to comment can attend any of the scheduled meetings or submit written comments by mail or email.

Specific information about the proposed boundary changes and information about the consultation process is available at <http://tiny.cc/r0jzgw> or by calling 1-855-747-7236.

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NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS

NSSWD manager retires early

Hutton pulls plug on 11-year tenure

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District's general manager enjoyed his first full day of retirement on July 3, following more than 11 years of service.

Speaking in an interview last Wednesday, Hutton said he spent the past several months discussing the move with NSSWD board members. Although originally slated to retire in the fall, Hutton said he leaves the position on good terms and with no regrets.

"I'd been in discussions with the board of trustees and looking at where I want to be and where they want to go," he said.

"General manager Trevor Hutton decided to start his upcoming retirement early and have the summer off. We wish him a very happy retirement," reads a statement posted on the NSSWD website on Tuesday, July 3.

News of Hutton's departure comes in the midst of ongoing algal blooms that led officials at the Vancouver Island Health Authority to implement a swimming advisory on May 22. Other ongoing matters include discussions about raising the weir at the lake's southern outflow and talk of water treatment facility upgrades.

Denis Russell, chair of the NSSWD board, said former operations manager Ron Ste-

paniuk was promoted to acting general manager during a Wednesday afternoon board meeting. Stepaniuk brings more than 24 years of operations and project management experience with the NSSWD to the position.

Russell said board members aren't in any great hurry to name a permanent general manager since the NSSWD's personnel can handle the transition.

"Appointing Ron as acting manager gives us a little bit of flexibility," Russell said.

Hutton said he and his wife Valerie are considering moving closer to their children in Vancouver or Campbell River.

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EDUCATION

Modest surplus predicted for school board's budget

Extra funding balanced by anticipated costs

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Gulf Islands School District's board of trustees ended its school year by passing a preliminary budget for September that projects a modest surplus.

Changes to Ministry of Education funding formulas amounted to an estimated \$580,000 more in provincial grants for next year, but school board treasurer Rod Scotvold said the board has had to provision for several anticipated increases at the same time. The projected 2012-13 revenue of \$19,741,674 leaves a surplus of \$754 on the books.

"Hopefully it should be really positive."

ROD SCOTVOLD
Treasurer,
School District 64

"On a preliminary basis, we've got a bit more money, and we've allocated it," Scotvold said.

Some of the areas taking up the extra funds include the transition to a new accounting system (mandated by the government) and associated

costs to deal with teacher and service union benefit transfers.

The board has budgeted \$150,000 into local capital for items that include back-up heat pumps for the geothermal system at Gulf Islands Secondary School, van replacement and infrastructure items for the Saturna Ecological Education Centre and Windsor House, a Lower Mainland-based alternative school run by the Gulf Islands district.

Scotvold said the board also has to budget to increase teacher wages in case enrollment rises enough to change class configurations.

"We're a small district. We just don't have the flexibility of a larger district," he noted.

"It doesn't take much to put us into a potentially compromising situation. Just one or two more students could mean we have to prepare for much higher staffing levels. The thing is, we don't really know until September."

Scotvold said the board had identified two or three "trouble spots" in May that might warrant higher staffing in the fall, and as a result was cautious in the preliminary budget. However, he also pointed out that increased enrollment can be a good thing for the district as long as numbers continue to gently rise, with more students meaning more ministry funds.

"Hopefully it should be really positive," he said of next fall's outlook. "We've had some pretty good years and hopefully we'll see that again in September."

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NEWSBEAT

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Land Bank seeks input for affordable housing idea

Community cottage open house runs from July 21 to 28

Islanders are being encouraged to think small and check out two tiny homes on display at Gulf Islands Secondary School from July 21 to 28.

According to the Salt Spring Island Land Bank Society, the movable buildings were renovated in 2011 under a "back to work" program from the federal government, using recycled items from the Mary Hawkins library and other buildings, and new materials supplied by the SSILBS.

"The Land Bank proposes to place the small homes on the private property of willing hosts/landlords in a tenancy arrangement," explains a press release. "This approach is meant to address the dearth of affordable housing on the island, focusing on single people who need it the most."

"This innovative idea is already supported by our OCP and not having to buy land means that two barriers to affordable housing are already removed," said Neddy Harris of the SSILBS. "Now the hurdles are only about practicalities like design, construction, infrastructure and funding. I think that there are many people in our community who spend time thinking about solutions to these practical problems and could offer ideas and solutions."

The preliminary proposal would see the Land Bank create a pool of

approximately 12 to 22 community cottages that are easily transportable on a crane truck, thanks to Slegg Lumber.

Tenants and hosts would choose one another and collaborate on the parameters of a tenancy agreement. Since the host provides only land, the rent can be capped at an affordable price. This arrangement provides security, stability and a sense of autonomy to the tenants and a regular income to the host. The movable nature of the cottages creates the potential for people to live in their home for the rest of their life.

The Land Bank decided to have these buildings renovated prior to community discussion so that there is something tangible to reference during conversations about ideas and implementation.

"Though it may take some time to have a sufficient pool of community cottages, this is a start," states the SSILBS in its release. "We see this as a possible solution for other rural areas and even cities. The cottages could also be used for a wagon-wheel model of supportive housing when land becomes available. What better place to give it a try and work out the kinks than Salt Spring?"

Through a student summer jobs program, Halley Fulford, a fifth-year UVic student, is the driving force behind this community outreach. She will be present at the open house to answer questions and to gather comments, advice and ideas.

"She has a case study in progress, so that our experience getting this project on its feet will be a useful



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"Tiny homes" being proposed as an affordable housing option for Salt Spring will be on display at an open house at GISS from July 21 to 28. The main one in this photo is the smallest of the small, with various sizes envisioned in a pool of portable community cottages.

resource to people in other communities. If you have ever wished for a small place to call your own; heaved a wistful sigh when moving for the second time in the course of a single year; spent the winter months dreaming up designs for tiny houses; wondered if an extra income wouldn't be just the thing to help with the mortgage (if only there was space for a tenant); or are interested in housing bylaws, the growing gentrification of the island, or your neighbours in any way, then

we want to talk to you."

"Without Halley educating herself quickly about the project and taking on the open house, and Derek Ball, who ran the construction portion with patience and enthusiasm, this project would still just be an idea on the shelf," said Harris.

The houses can be viewed in the GISS parking lot any time between 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. every day from July 21 to 28.

Fulford may also be there to meet with people after 6 p.m. on week-

days.

Finger food will be available on Saturday, July 21 from 2 to 5 p.m.

For people who can't attend the open house but would like to express ideas about the community cottages project, contact Fulford at 250-931-4663 or email her at info@landbank.ca.

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

MISSING PERSON

Police seek help in locating missing man John Carter

Salt Spring man last seen on June 27

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring RCMP continue to look for leads in the search for a south-end resident who was reported missing over the weekend.

John Carter, 56, was last seen on June 27 and concerns about his whereabouts arose

when he failed to pay his rent on July 1.

Carter, who works as a roofer on the island, is 168 centimetres (5'6") tall and weighs 68 kilograms (150 pounds). He may be sporting a goatee and scruffy beard, and wearing a pair of work boots, well-worn blue jeans and a faded blue baseball cap. Police describe him as "thin and wiry" but very strong.

Before his disappearance, Carter could often be found with acquaintances at the small bridge near Barb's Buns in Ganges. Salt Spring RCMP were contacted about

Carter's disappearance on July 7 and an extensive search of his Meadow Drive residence and surrounding neighbourhood was conducted by approximately 15 Salt Spring Ground Search and Rescue volunteers on Sunday.

"We've scaled [the search back] but are still following up on a number of leads," said RCMP Sgt. George Jenkins on Tuesday afternoon.

A Ground Search and Rescue team reconvened early Monday to search the Mount

Maxwell Provincial Park area based on information from a message retrieved from Carter's home answering machine.

Search manager Chuck Hamilton said a police helicopter could be used to obtain a better view of the park on Wednesday.

Anyone with any information about Carter's last-known whereabouts is asked to contact the local RCMP detachment at 250-537-5555. Police have asked the province's motor vehicles department to provide a picture of the missing man.

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ISLANDS TRUST

Islands Trust Council asking for public feedback on term strategies

Residents asked to determine strategic priorities

The Islands Trust Council has launched a public discussion about what Gulf Islanders believe are the most important issues facing communities within its jurisdiction.

Responses will be collected and reviewed by Trust Council members before the latest strategic plan is adopted at their next quarterly public meeting on Bowen Island in September.

The move is designed to give constituents an opportunity to tell their newly elected LTC representatives what topics to prioritize during the two-and-a-half years that remain in their terms. Topics can include anything from protection of the natural environment, climate-change mitigation and socio-economic diversity to

local food production, economic sustainability and the operational costs of local government.

Sheila Malcolmson, chair of Islands Trust Council, announced the consultation phase by explaining that "Trust Council needs to focus its work this term on a few important priorities, and we want to know what really matters to islanders. Which of the 10 proposed objectives are best for the next few years? Is there anything missing?"

She said a draft strategic plan now circulating is based on what trustees have already heard from islanders and from discussions at committee meetings over the last six months.

"To make the best use of our budget and staff time, we need to set specific and realistic objectives to focus on during our term. We are asking British Columbians to get formally

involved in offering advice," she said in a press release.

Anyone who wants to join the discussion can do so by submitting comments by email to strategicplan@islandstrust.bc.ca or in writing to Islands Trust Council, 200-1627 Fort St., Victoria, B.C., V8R 1H8. Respondents can also visit www.placespeak.com and log in to a new type of online discussion by searching for Islands Trust.

"All written input received by the end of July will be considered by Trust Council's committees in August, so I hope we will get broad participation in the survey this month. Input received after that will go to the Trust Council meeting in September and be considered before council finalizes the strategic plan," Malcolmson said.

For more information, contact your island's Local Trust Committee office.

NEWSBEAT

SS LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

LTC approves RAR project peer review

Beer festival and clinic also get go-ahead

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee members have voted to pursue an approximately \$7,500 peer review of a Riparian Areas Regulation mapping project completed earlier this year by the Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society.

The original study, which consisted of a pilot mapping project of streams within the St. Mary Lake and Cusheon Lake watersheds, is intended to help community members "assess the feasibility and value of mapping waterways" as they relate to the provincial Riparian Areas Regulation.

"The objective of the peer review is to supplement results of the pilot mapping by increasing certainty of stream identification methodology, especially related to tributaries, in order to meet, without exceeding, RAR requirements," reads part of a staff report presented at Thursday's LTC meeting. "The information will be of value in determining potential impacts to affected land owners when development triggers the need for a RAR assessment."

The peer review is expected to be complete by the end of summer, with results anticipated at an LTC meeting in Sep-

tember or October. The contract will be awarded within a month through a competitive bidding process.

"The information will be of value in determining potential impacts to affected land owners when development triggers the need for a RAR assessment."

LTC STAFF REPORT

Also at Thursday's meeting, LTC members lent their support to a temporary change to the Moby's Marine Pub liquor licence to permit a one-day outdoor beer festival.

Pub owner Robert Steinbach said the event is intended to rekindle the lively spirit of the once-popular Moby's Street Party by featuring a fenced-off licenced venue for live music. He said the outdoor festivities will take place in a portion of

the pub's parking lot on Saturday, Aug. 25 between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. The festivities will continue indoors until the pub's regular closing time.

Steinbach told LTC members he has received support from neighbouring business owners.

An application to expand the Kings Lane Medical Clinic received fourth reading on Thursday.

The decision amends the island's land-use bylaw to include medical offices as a permitted use at 154 and 164 Kings Lane by converting the split-zoned commercial/residential property to a community facility zone. The 3.4-acre (1.39-hectare) site currently hosts a medical clinic with residential space, bowling alley and yoga facility. A plan to construct five new buildings for health care-related uses will occur in stages. The new structures will be modelled on the existing Kings Lane Medical Clinic's design.

An application to rezone the property occupied by the Stitches Quilt Shop at 127 Rainbow Road is on its way to public hearing after LTC members gave second reading to proposed Bylaw 460 on Thursday afternoon.

The rezoning application seeks to convert the property's residential zoning to a commercial zone. The quilt shop operates under a temporary use permit that expires in July 2013. A public hearing date has not been scheduled.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Spring grant dispersal aids 10 island projects

Local foundation assists with infrastructure needs

Ten local projects will benefit from the Salt Spring Island Foundation's recent approval of approximately \$44,000 in grants.

- Beaver Point Hall Society — To provide a generator for the hall for emergency preparedness. This grant was made possible by a bequest from the Shaw family.

- Island Natural Growers — For fencing for the Rainbow Road Park Allotment Gardens, which provide approximately

40 garden plots to islanders.

- Island Farmers' Institute — To create additional storage space at the Bittancourt Museum.

- Island Pathways — For improvements to the pathway and bridge for the trail from Sharp Road to Booth Canal Road.

- Little Red Schoolhouse Society — For the construction of two new outhouses at the preschool.

- Salt Spring Centre School — For trail markers to enhance Aidan's Trail, a safe pathway and nature walk to the school.

- Salt Spring Island Community Services — To install a

sprinkler system at Core Inn, an important facility that provides community programs for island youth.

- Salt Spring Island Conservancy — For a new program: Fostering Youth Stewardship for the Great Blue Heron.

- Salt Spring Island Land Bank Society — To construct a heated concrete pad for the walkout basement at Grandma's House transitional house for men.

- Salt Spring Island Trail & Nature Club — To construct stairs at the foot of the Jack Foster Trail to ensure safe access to the beach.

Since 1984, the Salt Spring Island Foundation has grant-

ed more than \$1.2 million to over 70 local registered charities.

Every year, the foundation invests in the community through its Community Endowment Fund, which was developed and continues to grow through donations and bequests from residents and friends of Salt Spring Island. Over \$100,000 is distributed annually through grants to a wide range of not-for-profit organizations.

For more information about how to help the foundation support worthy island charities, visit the website at www.saltspringislandfoundation.org or call 250-537-8305.

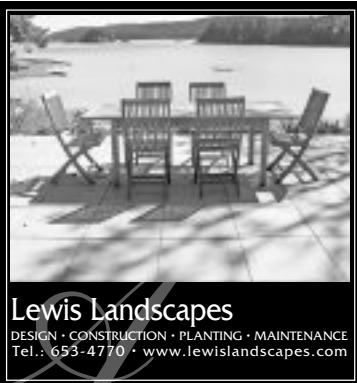
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EDITORIAL

Heading for home

There's only one more survey to go before members of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee host a public hearing and contemplate a decision about the fate of a proposed bylaw to legalize a secondary suites pilot project on the island.

The decision by trustees to give proposed Bylaw 461 first reading follows years of debate, discussion and research about the chronic affordable housing crisis faced by many islanders.

With a public hearing slated for sometime this fall and the prospect of the bylaw getting passed in December, there's never been a better time to become engaged with the issue.

THE ISSUE:

Affordable housing

WE SAY:

Efforts about to pay off?

How exactly the secondary suites experiment will fare on the island is anybody's guess. One guarantee is that legalization of suites won't provide the miracle cure to a problem that's as complex as the wide range of people who choose to live here.

That complexity makes it next to impossible for anyone to make a decision that appeals to all, but just about anyone with an opinion has argued that a decision must be made.

Whatever proposed Bylaw 461's final form might take, it's bound to help someone out there who needs the security and peace of mind afforded by a legal, healthy home.

It will help, but it will always cater to just one segment of the larger housing plan needed to accommodate islanders from across the socio-economic spectrum.

That's why it's great to see people like the Copper Kettle Community Partnership's Cherie Geauvreau still collecting pennies for the Wagon Wheel initiative and others, like the Land Bank Society's Neddy Harris quietly pursuing an innovative proposal to have tiny community cottages offered on the private lands of willing hosts.

The Land Bank wants to build as many as 22 such cottages with discarded and recycled building materials found on the island. Portions of the two homes already built even include parts of the former McPhillips Avenue public library. A July 21 to 28 open house will shed more light on that plan.

There's proof that at least part of a solution to the crisis may be a whole lot closer than we think.



A story of co-operation

BY MATT STEFFICH

Several years ago I envisioned a "signature" art show that would celebrate the very best of fine art and fine craft on Salt Spring.

Artists would be selected by a jury of their peers. They would then create a single significant work of art. Placing those 40 pieces into the gallery at ArtSpring should make for an amazing show. Between June 29 and July 7, that is exactly what happened. The artists were encouraged to "go for it" without regard to size, subject matter or medium. What we saw was a testament to the quality and scope of fine art here on Salt Spring, which was the exact point of the "signature showcase." Without exception, the feedback and comments were directed at the quality and the scope of the works presented.

I can't say enough about every single artist who participated. The mediums included glass, wood, paintings, sculpture (including bronze, wood and metal), photography, knife making, guitars and jewellery. I discovered the way to inspire these artists was to make sure they knew who else was in the show! Artists love pressure and deadlines; they were "challenged" and rose to the occasion.

I can honestly say there was not a weak link in the chain. Every piece counted. Certain works may not have been your cup of tea, but it wasn't because of lack of quality or creativity.

A show like this has many moving parts. I have been getting a lot of the credit for organizing this, but I was really just the spark plug. It is true that I made myself "benevolent dictator," simply because without one, things can become rudderless. This show really speaks to the co-operation of a wide variety of groups and individuals. Participating groups included the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, the Salt Spring Arts Council, the Salt Spring Forum, the Driftwood, the painters' guild and the good folks at ArtSpring. Other individuals stepped up to the plate to make sure things didn't fall between the cracks.

VIEWPOINT

Everyone's contribution helped, no matter how small. A special "hats off" go to publicist Deirdre Rowland, and curator Nicola Wheston, who made the show look absolutely magical — no small feat given the scope of the work.

The other important component of this show was education. Including the opening reception, there were 11 events that took place in the gallery space. Six artists hosted free talks every day at noon. Over 100 people attended those. Mother Tongue Publishing hosted a book launch attended by over 30 people. A round-table discussion with Globe and Mail arts correspondent Marsha Lederman was attended by over 90 people. A group of over 30 artists got together one evening to talk about the show. The night before the show closed, a lucky group of 35 paid \$50 a plate for a BBQ salmon dinner served in the gallery space as a fundraiser for the Salt Spring Arts Council. All in all, over 1,500 people came to ArtSpring to take in the show and events over its nine-day run.

I am also happy to announce the winners of the "people's choice" award. We set up a ballot box so that visitors could vote for their favourite work, which proved daunting to say the least! Placing first was painter Garry Kaye, second was sculptor Peter McFarlane and third was sculptor Jacob Burton.

My goal is that this continues to grow into an even fuller community event that reaches beyond Salt Spring and attracts tourists from everywhere. To the participating artists, I thank each one of you for creating such heartfelt work.

This has been an exhilarating experience to have been a part of and I am humbled by the immense talent of everyone who took part. As one of my heroes, Dr. Seuss, once said, "Don't be sad that it's over, be happy that it happened."

The writer is the owner of Steffich Fine Art and the man who made sure the Fine Art Signature Showcase lived and breathed.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Are you afraid to swim in St. Mary Lake?

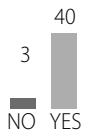
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"[The road] has been a bit bumpy, and it may be a bit bumpy yet, but I'm quite confident we will get past it to move ahead."

BRUCE PATTERSON, FIRE TRUSTEE, ON THE FIRE HALL PROJECT

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Why do you recycle?



ELAINE CLARK

I think it's our duty and it's so easy to do on Salt Spring because [the recycling depot] is very well organized.



KAVIE LOVE

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KAELAN SMETH

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Freedom to market

The Saturday Market in the Park, the Tuesday Farmers' Market, the Wednesday Market in the Meadow — great!

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Why not allow the venue to carry on on those other days?

Let vendors organize and be responsible for maintenance, garbage and the general well-being, flow and ambiance. Music? Joy? Happiness?

Allow our locals to generate extra income so they can afford to live and stay in this so-called compassionate community paradise.

Life is hard enough. Why not expand consciousness and let free will have some fun without government regulations? We are society; we are government — give people a chance.

If it doesn't work, bring in the feds!

Just a thought.

JIMI CRAIG ANDERSON,
SALT SPRING

No reason to protest

In response to the June 27 "Why no protest?" letter, Jim McClean wonders why there was a lot of protest over the new Mark's Work Wearhouse building and none over the new library that does not "maintain the ambience and feel of old-time Ganges" and which is employing fewer islanders in its construction than Mark's Work Wearhouse.

There was plenty of protest over the choice of the library site. A number of us were very vocal about wanting to use land near the pool, but the democratic process resulted in the library being built in its present location.

We were very fortunate to have the advantage of a lot of government funding, which we would not have been given for the other location, and my objection was only about the cost to the taxpayer, because I loved having the library right in town.

As a taxpayer, however, I appreciate the fact

that contracts were tendered in order to save us money. On-island trades and workers who did not win contracts were more expensive or deficient in other aspects.

Although I wasn't happy about the expansion of Mark's Work Wearhouse, primarily because some small businesses had to be displaced, I knew it was privately owned land and was not there demonstrating for that reason.

Thank goodness the new library does not maintain the feel of old-time Ganges. I am not sure what that sort of library would even look like, but it would certainly lack the light, the space and the facilities that we are going to be so fortunate to have.

It's a done deal, and what we need to do is get behind it and be grateful for all the effort that went into making this dream a concrete, steel, glass and wood reality.

A lot of people worked very hard on behalf of the community. You can't say that about Mark's Work Wearhouse!

TOBY FOUKS,
SALT SPRING

Pee Wee girls a class act

Congratulations to Salt Spring and its Pee Wee female softball team!

Recently attending the provincial championships for Pee Wee girls softball in Richmond, I had a chance to witness one of the most determined and classy young female sport teams I have ever encountered.

Having been in sports all my life and having coached my three daughters in both hockey and baseball for the last nine years, I have never before witnessed such a great group of parents, coaches or young female baseball players as the Salt Spring Pee Wee team.

Not only did the Salt Spring team place well out of the 16 B.C. teams, the sportsmanship these young women displayed can only be stated in two words: class act.

They played their guts out every game, sometimes coming from behind and then going even further for an extra inning win, by one run!

The Salt Spring team was the talk of the provincials and in the end they had other teams and parents cheering them on during their games. The Salt Spring team also joined us in the bleachers and cheered loudly for our Langford Lightning team when they were in close games, and I know it was a boost for our girls' spirits.

Individually, your team even took the time to sincerely thank my parents, Bob and Norma Saunders, who helped sponsor your Salt Spring team, and I do know that my parents were touched by this small gesture.

Again, congratulations to a team that not only did extremely well in the game of baseball but also represented their community and sportsmanship to the highest degree!

DAVE SAUNDERS,
SAUNDERS SUBARU,
COLWOOD

Bad weir decision

CBC radio had a morning report on July 6 about how all the lakes are great

for swimming due to the heavy rains lately that have enhanced the swimming conditions because of increased runoff and flushing. Obviously not St. Mary Lake.

Ed Davis, in his "Weir level is lake problem" letter in the July 4 Driftwood put his finger precisely on the dilemma: the level of the weir, set too low to ensure an adequate flush, after the beaver dam was removed. Assurances given to the stake holders as to the resulting level of the lake turned out to be an exercise in "magical thinking."

The fallout from this ill-informed decision will take some time to avert and make well again. I don't suggest malice was at work; rather good intentions abetted by numbing stupidity. Meanwhile, property values, not to say the simple pleasures of living at lake's edge, are heading south.

SCOTT HYLANDS,
SALT SPRING

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Reason for optimism in local real estate stats

BY TOM NAVRATIL

What has the island real estate market been up to in the first half of this year? On the one hand we seem to see a number of SOLD signs on the island, but on the other hand the continued large number of price reductions is giving the impression that the sale prices could decline further in 2012 as compared to 2011.

So what do the numbers say? Well, the total number of sales to June 30 of this year was 99 properties — this is good as compared to 88 for the same period last year, up 12 per cent.

Of course we have to remember that last year was the lowest year in sales volume in more than a decade (only 168 properties sold in 2011, as compared to the last 12-year average of 238 properties per year sold).

But there is more good news. In the residential non-waterfront SFD (single family dwelling) sector, the average sale price rose from \$484,780 to \$499,279 and the

PROPERTY LINES

median rose from \$463,000 to \$475,000 as compared to June 30, 2011. What a nice surprise, for sellers, anyway.

Does this mean that the market is past the bottom and that we have turned the corner? The safe answer is that it is too soon to tell (especially in the light of the slower market in Vancouver and the media's continued love of broadcasting bad economic news), but a definite thought is that it could very well be. It usually happens subtly. The buyer has to reach just a bit higher in price to get the features and quality that would have been available before at a lower price.

While the activity in the midrange price (\$500,000 to \$600,000) remained about the same as in 2011, there was a general decrease in the activity and availability of properties in the lower end of the market, particularly under \$200,000. In the first six months of 2011,

eight homes (even if small and/or in need of work) sold under \$200,000, but only four sold this year. Most buyers in this position have probably bought already and most new would-be buyers in this price range (and up to \$400,000) find it more difficult to qualify due to the recent federal government's gradual tightening of financing policies (a move of questionable merit).

We also saw some resurgence of U.S. money in the local market; we had six oceanfront sales over \$1 million, bought mostly by U.S. clients, some for trusts or family estates. (These sales do not influence the foregoing average and median non-waterfront property values.)

The most expensive property that sold to date was one for \$3,495,000 on Sunset Drive and the least expensive freehold property was a 0.64 acre vacant lot for \$153,000 (close to the ocean). The very least expensive home sold in Brinkworthy for \$70,000 (on a leased pad).

Our listing inventory continues to be high with a total of 428 MLS listings, but if we

include those that are off the MLS but still unsold, the number goes to over 550 — over 145 vacant land listings, 285 residential listings and 120 waterfront listings.

The general consensus is that further downside potential of the market on the island is smaller than the upside. We must remember that we have already lost about 22 per cent in values (residential non-waterfront sector) from the high price spike in 2008, although it must also be noted that no significant increase in values is expected still for several years to come.

A slow and low market is a stable market — one's property may sell low but one is also able to buy low — with much less anxiety and risk than in a hectic high-flying market with a shortage of listings.

So let us press on and enjoy the beautiful, long-awaited summer days!

Property Lines column contributor Tom Navratil is a Pemberton Holmes Salt Spring Realtor®, saltspringhomes@gmail.com.

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OPINION

Obscene art: a new definition

There has been a marked uptick in the number of celebrity nudists in the news.

And not in a good way, either.

South African president Jacob Zuma, who, I venture to guess, is hardly anyone's idea of a fun one-night stand, was recently depicted as a full-frontal nude, dangly bits and all, in a painting that appeared in a Johannesburg art gallery.

President Zuma did not pose for the portrait, nor was he amused at its public unveiling. In fact, his party, the African National Congress, condemned the work as "indecent." Lawsuits have been launched against the artist, a Johannesburg newspaper that showed a photo of the painting, and the gallery that displayed it.

A similar story is evolving closer to home, where Kingston, Ont. artist Margaret Sutherland has given us a large oil-on-canvas portrait of a



**Arthur
Black**

WIT & WHIMSY

pudgy chap reclining on a chaise lounge with a dog at his feet.

Next to the subject, a woman is proffering a silver platter holding what looks like a Tim Horton's double-double to go. The server is wearing a woman's business suit. The fellow on the couch? He's wearing a smile.

Just . . . a smile. And here's the riveting part (you might want to bundle the kids off to the rec room before I go on . . .)

The chubby with the stubby on the sofa is Stephen Harper.

Want a peek? Of course you don't — who would? It's too late anyway. The painting, which was briefly on display in a gallery in Toronto, has

already been snapped up for \$5,000.

No word on who the buyer was, but I'm guessing it wasn't Cosmopolitan magazine in search of next month's centrefold.

I don't know South Africa's president Zuma well enough to reliably gauge his physiological hotness, but I've seen plenty of the Canadian PM. And I have to wonder: What on earth would possess an artist — any artist — to bend his or her artistic talents toward a depiction of a naked Stephen Harper?

Perhaps it's the sheer unlikelihood of it all. Stephen Harper starkers is like Mona Lisa with a nose ring, or Sidney Crosby on a pogo stick.

Speaking of artistic unlikelihoods, you know that famous painting The Scream? The one that shows a cartoon figure shrieking on a bridge against a blood-red sunset? It was painted by Edvard Munch, a Norwegian artist, 117 years ago

and it just sold at a private auction for — maybe you'd like to join the kids in the rec room before I go on. Take along a damp washcloth for your forehead — \$120 million.

Is The Scream — is any painting — worth \$120 million? I guess it is if you can find somebody willing to pay that kind of dough, and somebody did.

Art critic Felix Salmon would disagree. He says that what the unknown buyer paid for wasn't art, but "a century's worth of marketing and hype."

Perhaps so, but it gives a new resonance to the term "obscene art."

Now if it were possible for some art gallery to corral all three paintings and turn them into a triptych that shows the subject in The Scream reacting to the paintings of President Zuma and Prime Minister Harper . . .

It still wouldn't be worth \$120 million, but it would be a tribute to truth in advertising.

RANTS and Roses

Dozens of peaceful roses to Country Grocer for helping to prevent violence by their generous contributions to SWOVA and to our Pass It On Program.

Roses to the crew for another great Salt Spring Canada Day Show & Shine. John T, Geri T, Bill D, Bob B, Jill T, Bob T, Jo T, Stan W, Gary L, Tara, Bernie, Greg P, Greg B, Colten, Nick, Curtis, James, Owen, Catelyn, Mike B, Blair H and Tony the Judge. Also a huge thanks to all the sponsors and donations. Marv

A dozen glamorous roses to those who helped with the hair and makeup styling for the Grade 8 grad dance at the Core Inn this year, and many thanks for all the efforts and energy of the kids, parents, staff and community partners who made this amazing event happen!

The Salt Spring Forum would like to send a dozen red roses to Hastings House, ArtSpring, Salt Spring

Air, Country Grocer, Gail Sjuberg, Deirdre Rowland and Susan Wetmore for helping make our community discussion on Canadian art with Marsha Lederman possible.

A big rose and thank you to Jeremy and the Salt Spring Inn for hosting the wonderful GLOSSI pub night on Thursday, July 5. Also, thank you to the helpful staff and for the appetizers and drink specials! We had fun!

Jenny and Steve have finally moved the remaining items and paintings from Gordon Wright's 40-year life on Salt Spring to Vancouver. Gordon and family would like to thank the following friends and people for all the help and hospitality: Salt Spring Air, the Driftwood, On Duck Creek B&B, Community Midwifery, Salt Spring Exchange, Dr. Crichton; and friends Chris and Jackie Rieder, Jan and Frances Havelaar, Kim and Philip Benson, Jody Bamford, Sandy Taylor, Sally

Carr and Daphne Thomson. If anyone wants to reach Gordon in Vancouver, please email us at jennywright3@gmail.com. Jenny, Steve, Gordon and family.

One dozen grad red roses to the following who helped make after-grad such a special and fun night: Liz Wiebe, Gillian Calkins, Jade Graber, Tracey Cornwall, Aaron Rainsford, Garett Kay, Travis Guedes, Chris Hoffman, Brad Hoffman, Lena Bird, Cathy and AJ George. Thank you!

Thank you to the Salt Spring Foundation for their generous grant of \$5,000 to provide a greenhouse for the food garden project at Croftonbrook. From the residents and board of Croftonbrook

A very smelly bunch of roses to all the businesses that supported the Stingrays youth swim team bottle drive: Salt Spring Garbage, House Piccolo, Oystercatcher, Calvin's Bistro, Moby's Pub, Embe Bakery, Barb's Bakery & Bistro, Harbour House Hotel, North End Fitness, Dagwood's Restaurant and community who gave. Thank you.

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Car sharing

A small group is pursuing the formation of a car share co-op on the island, similar to those in other cities, such as Victoria and Vancouver, where they are established and thriving.

This is a very good option for those who drive seldom — perhaps needing a vehicle for occasional off-island trips or to transport "stuff" — and would like to see the end of insurance, BCAA, maintenance costs and depreciation, which make such occasional use exorbitant. Information on the Victoria co-op can be found at victoria-carshare.ca, but basically it works like this: the cars are owned by the co-op, not by individuals. There is a refundable charge to join; bookings are made

online. Charges are for hourly and kilometre use, billed monthly. Payments cover group insurance with ICBC, BCAA, gas, maintenance and repairs, and parking.

As with any co-operative venture, those who join help to run it, and it takes time and diligence to get it on the road. On Salt Spring it could perhaps start just in the Ganges area to provide easy access to a vehicle, but the success of other co-ops is encouraging.

If you are interested, email perdx2@telus.net or phone 250-537-4455.

ROSEMARY PARTRIDGE,
BRINKWORTHY

Novel call

Mother Tongue Publishing of Salt Spring Island is calling for submissions for the 2nd Search for the Great B.C. Novel Contest. It is open to all writers living in B.C. Deadline is Nov. 1, 2012.

Our final judge for this year's contest is well-known Vancouver writer Caroline Adderson and the two shortlist judges are Gurjinder Basran and David Chariandy. Please see our website for complete guidelines. www.mothertonguepublishing.com.

The winner will receive \$1,000 in advance, plus a publishing contract, multi-media publicity and book launches. Gurjinder Basran won our first contest for her first novel Everything Was Good-bye, which went on to win the Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize of B.C. for 2011 and was reader's choice for the Scotia Giller prize for three weeks in a row. Since then we have sold Canadian rights to Penguin Canada.

Considering there are over 100 writers on Salt Spring alone, I thought this info would be of interest to the commu-

nity. Writing a novel takes time. Considering that this is a local publishing company that supports local writers and has given a lot to the community, I am surprised that six months have passed and still there has been no room to mention this submission call in the newspaper.

**MONA FERTIG,
MOTHER TONGUE PUBLISHING,
SALT SPRING**

True talent

If you did not see Grace Jordan as "Shirley Valentine" at Mistaken Identity Vineyards the past two weekends, you missed a treat. Grace was engaging, edgy, spirited, witty and a lot more.

What an amazing talent!

Thank you Grace, and to all who made this event happen. It was a wonderful evening.

**PHYLIS HATCH,
SALT SPRING**

Arts & Entertainment

DANCE

GISS dancers celebrate stellar year



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

GISS dancers during end-of-year performance. The high school program earned the Inspiring Dancers Award from the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival this spring.

Department and dancers honoured

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Dance students at Gulf Islands Secondary School finished their school year with a great final show and the satisfaction of official recognition of their collective work.

"Their choreography is at a really sophisticated level right now, and it's really exciting. They're very brave about what they're willing to put on stage," said GISS dance teacher Sonia Langer.

"It was just a really keen, real-

ly tight group this year. We're on fire, so it was nice for the kids to be recognized."

The department netted two awards following its annual participation at the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival in April, during which 27 students performed in seven original pieces. Festival adjudicator Taylor Dolan invited GISS dancers to return with three of those pieces for the highlights performance and awards night.

Rebecca Johnstone received the top prize as Secondary Young Choreographer for her piece Raise Your Weapon. Langer noted it was a particular honour because the category

has the most competition.

In addition to Johnstone's prize, the program itself was recognized with the Inspiring Dancers Award, which has only been awarded twice before.

"We won for the originality of all the pieces we presented," Langer said.

"I think we won it because we have a really good understanding of what the professional dance world is like. Sometimes teenagers get lost in the world of hip hop—we're trying to dance our best in not just one genre but many."

Langer said the students enjoyed having the big stage to dance on during the arts

festival, since Salt Spring doesn't have anywhere that really meets the needs of large troupes. Despite the limitations, however, the current crop of high school dancers is a dedicated group.

One Grade 9 student is actually leaving to pursue a dance career and attend Arts Umbrella in Vancouver, and several other students have graduated, but Langer is expecting most to return to the program next year.

"It was a very successful year at GISS and we look forward to more. I'm very excited about working with this bunch," she said.

CONCERT PREVIEW

Fearing & White duo set to get more fans

Treasure Fair weekend gets rolling with outdoor concert



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Stephen Fearing, left, and Andy White: drinking strong coffee and making fine blues-roots-rock music. The duo plays at the ArtSpring patio show on July 19.

It wouldn't be summer on Salt Spring without the Treasure Fair patio show at ArtSpring, and this year the arts centre and Fridas Villa have gone all out to get an amazing act.

Two-time Juno-winner Stephen Fearing, well-known within the international folk and roots music community, and one of Ireland's hottest performers, Andy White, are set to build on their already enthusiastic following at the Thursday, July 19 show.

Fearing has experienced commercial and critical success, both in his solo career and with roots-rock super group Blackie and the Rodeo Kings, while White has worked with great names such as Sinead O'Connor and Van Morrison and has won Ireland's top songwriting awards and toured the world many times.

Fearing and White first met at the Winnipeg Folk Festival in 1998. According to their

album story: "Stephen had a car and access to doughnuts. Andy had an accent and Christy Moore's capo. They both love strong coffee, folk music and listening to Beatles albums. They've met every year to write songs, watch Trailer Park Boys and eat endless rounds of toast."

According to Tracy Harrison of Fridas Villa,

this year they will hunker down at her B&B to drink Salt Spring Coffee, eat Embe Bakery bread/toast and write songs in between their performances at the Vancouver Folk Festival and the Islands Folk Festival in Duncan.

"This is chemistry you can't dial up," the Red Deer Advocate wrote about the duo.

The Ottawa Sun

describes their first album this way: "Written over the course of eight summer vacations at Fearing's place in Guelph, it's clear that White's moody, electric Brit-punk sensibility kick-started something dangerous and rebellious in Fearing. Between them, they came up with 13 storytelling songs about love, disappointment and

second chances. It's a blues-rock album with a big Celtic soul, and it's been aeons since I heard something so beautifully written and recorded."

People should bring lawn chairs and/or blankets for seating on the hill at the back of ArtSpring, and their own food and beverages, if they like.

Salt Spring performers Sierra Lundy and Clay Upex will open the show.

Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$5 for students. Taking advantage of ArtSpring's summer season ticket offer reduces the adult price further. (See www.artspring.ca for information.)

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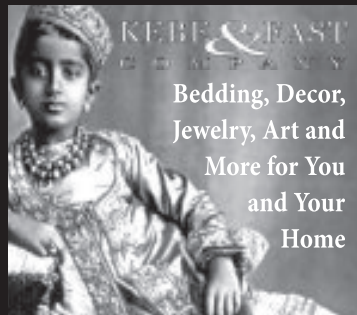
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PHOTOGRAPHY

'Light is everything' in Proctor images

Series on European
architecture at Mahon Hall

BY HELEN MEARS
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Travelling to Europe last fall, Gillean Proctor was intent on photographing the architectural elements of Renaissance structures. "I knew exactly what I was going to do," he said.

He would wait patiently for hours, for crowds to disperse, at busy attractions in London, Paris and Venice; public plazas, palaces and cathedrals, trying to get a shot without any people in the picture.

In more private settings, he would be constantly looking over his shoulder, lest there be a security guard approaching.

"Setting up the tripod would be cause for alarm," he said.

As most people have a point-and-shoot camera, use of a tripod suggests some serious study.

Each shot requires Proctor to go out on a "reconnaissance" mission. He studies and watches and makes numerous visits.

"You have to follow the light. I know . . .



Gillean Proctor's Chiesa dei Gesuati — Venezia image

when the light will be at its optimum point, then I go back and shoot at that time. This can often be a very short window of opportunity."

He wanted to do a study of these dramatic places — locations like the Musée du Louvre in Paris, Palazzo Ducale in Venice — and visually describe the grandeur of scale, the repetition of time-honoured design and capture their sense of permanence.

"These manmade structures . . . stand in support, serenely and tirelessly for hundreds of years," he said.

Proctor's black-and-white and sepia-toned

images are calm and reverent. Cast in shadow and light, one can imagine the temperature of the marble and limestone pillars.

Proctor, who lives on Salt Spring, has had an accomplished career as an award-winning photographer in the UK and Canada. He has shot for Maclean's and Chatelaine, as well as luxury car importers and distinguished distilleries. He has won numerous awards.

Asked if he had the same veneration for the historical places he passed every day while working and living in London in the '60s and '70s, Proctor states plainly: "I had no interest or curiosity in these monuments then, I just took them for granted."

Today there is excitement as he talks about this current work and considers a trip to Washington, D.C., to create the next series. He is ready to practise the principles of photography: keen observation and patience, and to continue his lifelong study of light because, as he says succinctly: "Light is everything."

Pillars of Strength opens at Mahon Hall on Friday, July 13, from 6 to 8 p.m., and runs daily until Aug. 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The exhibit is sponsored by Macdonald Realty.

EXHIBITION

Steffich gallery shows newest Steven Friedman photographs

Exhibit runs from
July 14 to 26

Landscape photographer Steven Friedman has a passion and patience for something few people can do well — shooting award-winning fine art panoramic images of trees and wilderness.

The Steffich Fine Art Gallery welcomes Friedman's exhibit called Experience Tasmania and Our Unique Forests from Saturday, July 14 to July 26, as part of a series of large-scale, panoramic landscape photographs capturing the natural and pristine beauty of the world's forests and beaches.

A reception with Friedman will be held on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friedman is an extensive traveller whose works have been sold around the world. He is recently back from his adventures in Tasmania where he spent three weeks hiking into isolated areas shooting unique and rich forest and beach images.

"Some say the cleanest air in the world is found in Tasmania," said

Friedman in a press release. "The parks and reserves, with their steep gorges, constitute one of the last expanses of temperate rainforest in the world. The coastal rock formations and the red lichen unique to the east coast mesmerized me. The stunning beauty of Tasmania's landscape will no doubt bring me back for more."

Weeks of research and years of going back to the same destinations are invested to get the right timing and location.

"The window to photograph an image is very small. You need a combination of the perfect composition, perfect light, perfect weather and the peak of colour, and it can come and go in moments," says Friedman.

"In particular forests busy with clutter it is difficult to find an artistic composition, it takes a lot of effort, it's extremely hard, and that's the challenge for me."

As for shooting in Tasmania, he adds, "The challenge in Tasmania is the extreme conditions. Fierce winds and pounding rainstorms made it extremely difficult."

Friedman has won numerous

international awards, including being named a Hasselblad Masters Finalist in the Nature/Landscape Category. He was recently awarded a third prize in the Professional Nature category for the image Moss Ferns and Maples. The jury selected PX3 2012's winners from thousands of photography entries from over 85 countries.

As a purist and master printmaker, Friedman never crops his photos, nor photo manipulates his images for depth of field or dynamic range or colour, so his landscapes remain naturally vivid, but have realistic colour qualities. By printing his own photographs on a Canon printer, Friedman can produce photos up to 44 inches wide that are known for their larger-than-life, breathtaking and colourful compositions.

Friedman's works can be found at corporate offices like Moody's and Barclay's Capital both in London, and at several leading fine art galleries in the United States and Canada.

For more information, see his website at <http://www.friedman-photo.com>.

MUSIC & MUNCH

Heart and soul soothed at recital with Elvira Clare and Christy Cook

July 18th at
All Saints

Singer-songwriter Elvira Clare will grace the stage for the third time at Music and Munch on Wednesday, July 18, bringing a rich and clear voice that resonates with depth of feeling.

According to a press release, "Her songs are descriptive of life's journey from a spiritual perspective and gives title to her program: A Journey of the Heart."

"Her CD Daybreak in My Soul has been highly acclaimed as a deeply

inspiring offering and has been considered a meaningful contribution to describing the way of transformation and its inner dynamics."

Venerable Tenzin Palmo writes, "Elvira Clare's lyrics are inspiring and her beautiful, clear and prayerful voice opens the heart."

Rabbi Gelberman says, "Elvira Clare sings beautifully with depth and feeling. Her melodious songs are as timely and beautiful as they are meaningful and inspiring."

Clare, a Salt Spring resident, has lived for many years as a contemplative.

She is the co-founder of the Forest of Peace intentional community. She also gives workshops and retreats, combining her music with talks on contemplative practices and meditation.

On Wednesday, Elvira will sing an assortment of original compositions and songs that trace the inner journey.

Joining her for a few songs will be musician Christy Cook.

Cook has been a musician all her life and her degree in music enables her to enjoy playing and singing a wide variety of music with her hammer

dulcimer. She has toured across North America and in Europe with her instrument and has six recordings to her credit.

Music therapy has long been an interest of hers and she continues to volunteer much of her time here on Salt Spring, as a music therapy facilitator for Salt Spring Hospice, Greenwood and Braehaven.

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The Islands Trust Council will consider your input in public and decide about a strategic focus during its next meeting in September.

Join the discussions today!
Please have your say by the end of July. The Islands Trust Council will read everything it receives, make it public, and decide about a strategic plan during its next public meeting in September.

Topics: farming, community, oil spills, housing, budget, jobs, First Nations, ecology, water, ferries.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

EXHIBITIONS

Ketchum and Stackhouse venture out

ArtSpring exhibit to July 14

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Two Salt Spring artists have proved there's always room for growth by turning from their defining images to explore new forms of perception.

Two Expressions is a joint show by Ken Ketchum and Chris Stackhouse, at ArtSpring until Saturday, July 14, that shares a willingness to move on from safe territory. When the previous results have been so satisfactory, that must be a difficult thing to do, but viewers of the show will no doubt feel the effort was worth the risk.

Ketchum has taken the sharpest turn, shifting from an almost clinical expression of formal beauty in photographs and scanography to the meatier material of raw emotion, expressed in paint, pen, ink and pastels.

His new work is deeply infused with emotion and a personalized mythology. This is an artist who has removed the barrier of photographic equipment to immerse himself deeply in his creative work.

Ketchum's painting comes to its richest actualization in two florals. Tulip Tango combines lush colours, fleshy plant exuberance and deep shadows to produce a vibrant and dynamic not-so-still life. The flowers and foliage fill the canvas without space for background, emphasizing a moment unbound to time. A similar force is at work in Fresh Cut, a blossom that echoes the more erotic seashell forms.

Ketchum explores impressionist motifs in The Pond, a view of water, lily pads and koi fish that's full of reflected light and movement. Landscapes such as The Big Dip and The Point have a subtly whimsical quality. Perhaps it's the subdued palette that takes them from the everyday into a gentler realm.



Above, Chris Stackhouse's Canyon Light photo, part of the Two Expressions exhibit. Below, Tulip Tango by Ken Ketchum.



Stackhouse has not stepped away from his preferred medium, but has added to his oeuvre with a dramatic shift in perspective. The iconic prairie grain elevators that he loves to capture (and does so well) are still to be found, but this time Stackhouse provides his own contrast with views taken during other travels. Vast landscapes emphasize the earth's natural patterns, and close-up views reveal the beauty hiding even in a concrete road bed.

Stackhouse has said his connection to the prairie is emotional: he feels both at peace and in awe of farmers' accomplishments in the vast, stark fields. That awe is symbolized in ancient wooden grain towers and ever-reaching fields, as seen in Penkill Panorama.

Shattered Outlook, one of Stackhouse's new explorations, takes an

extreme close view to multiply the geometric effect, with shattered ice-blue safety glass over a field of sand. Pattern and texture inspires his gaze in several other interesting close-ups of man-made objects and materials.

Nature's patterns are the focus of the remarkable Free Flight. A toffee-colour cliff face in full sun fills the entire frame, shot in such sharp focus that it truly appears the shallow strata must arise from the photo's surface. Putting the cliff face into perspective are the shadows of several unseen birds.

Canyon Light is especially dynamic and dramatic, with ancient orange rock forms set against a background of undulating, pine-covered hills. Incredibly, every tree in the rippling green background is as in focus as the closest rock.




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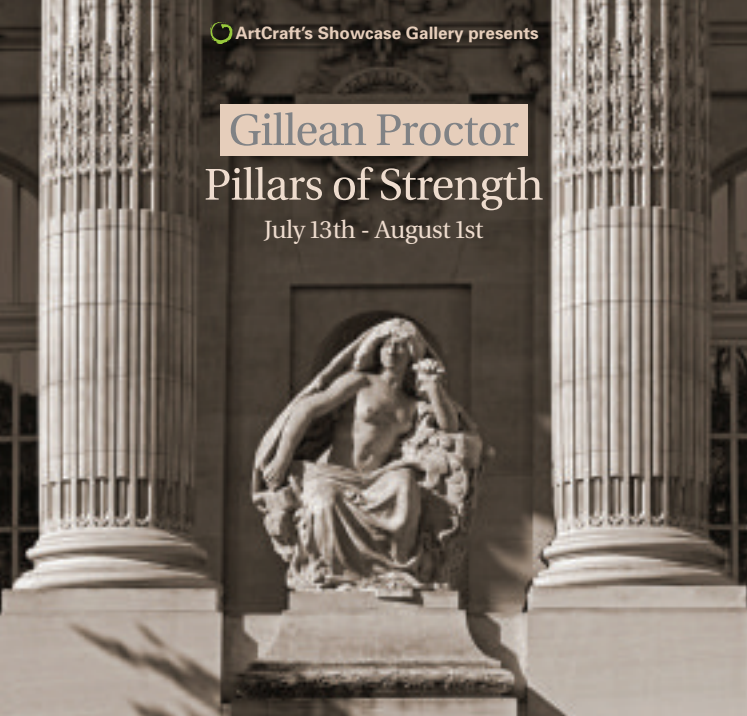
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<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Salt Spring Vocal Quartet. Al Robertson, bass, Lyle Eide, tenor, Connie Holmes, soprano and Anke Smeele, alto, and pianist Beth Ranney. Music & Munch recital at All Saints Anglican Church. 12:10 PM. Gene Grooms. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 PM. Open Stage. With host Richard Cross. Moby's. 8 PM.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Mike Alviano. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 PM. Silva. Moby's. 8 PM.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES Family Fitness. Family Place-sponsored event. Portlock Park. 10 AM to 12 noon. On the Line Film Showing. Award-winning film about the Enbridge oil pipeline. The Morningside. 7 PM.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES Music in the Vineyard - Synergy. Salt Spring Vineyards. 2 to 4 PM. Derby Baby! Film Screening. Presented by The Committed roller-derby team and the SS Film Festival Society. Harbour House Hotel. 7 PM. Lady Minto Hospital Foundation Golf Tourney Putting Contest. Salt Spring Golf and Country Club. 4 to 6 PM. Stay & Play Drop-in. For families with kids aged 0 to 6. Family Place. 10 AM to 1 PM.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES Lady Minto Hospital Foundation Golf Tourney. SS Golf Club. Info: www.ladminto.com Helicopter Golf Ball Drop. Fundraiser for Lady Minto Hospital and the Salt Spring Rotary Club. Portlock Park. 3 PM. Laugh. Sid Filkow and Arvid Chalmers comedy show. ArtSpring. 8 PM.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES Spinning Mill Tours. See how Salt Spring wool is made. Gulf Islands Spinning Mill, Farmers' Institute. 10 AM to 2 PM. Labour Support Workshop. With doula teachers Shannon Cowan and Rebecca Nygard. Family Place. 10 AM to 2 PM. A Day of Women Writing Together. Wendy Judith Butler workshop. 12 to 5 PM. Info/registration: 250-653-4286, http://womenwritingwc.wordpress.com. Reid Collins' Garden Party & Potluck Picnic. 125 Jones Rd. 2 to 6 PM. 10th Annual Salt Spring Lavender Festival. Celebration of all things lavender with live music, local artisans, talks and demonstrations. Sacred Mountain Lavender. 10 AM to 5 PM.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Duck Creek. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 PM.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES Learn to Row Course. Five-day beginners' course for all ages starts today. St. Mary Lake. 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Register at 250-221-0385.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Elvira Clare. With Christy Cook. Music & Munch recital. All Saints Anglican Church. 12:10 PM. Black Velvet. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 PM. Open Stage. With host Richard Cross. Moby's 8 PM.</p>
<p>ACTIVITIES Paddle & Play. Family Place-sponsored event. Vesuvius Beach. 10 AM to 1 PM. Summer Reading Club. It Came from Outer Space: astronauts, aliens, and asteroids attack story time at the library! Salt Spring Library Annex. 11 AM to noon. BBQ & Car Wash. Fundraiser for the Stingrays swim team. Country Grocer parking lot. 11 AM to 3 PM. Wednesday Market. In the United Church Meadow. 9:30 AM to 2 PM.</p>	<p>Fri. July 13</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Tom Hooper & Family. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 PM. The Boom Booms. Indie rock. Moby's. 8 PM. Laugh. Sid Filkow and Arvid Chalmers comedy show. ArtSpring. 8 PM.</p>	<p>Sat. July 14</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Barley Bros. Salt Spring Inn. 7 PM. Jon Middleton. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 PM. The Coalition. Rock/dance music. Moby's. 8 PM.</p>	<p>Sun. July 15</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Bluegrass Branch. With Matty & Friends. Bring your instrument! Moby's 11 AM. Music in the Vineyard - The Inside Pocket. Salt Spring Vineyards. 2 PM to 4 PM. The Woodshed Orchestra. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 PM.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES Wendy Judith Butler workshop. 12 to 5 PM. Info/registration: 250-653-4286, http://womenwritingwc.wordpress.com. Reid Collins' Garden Party & Potluck Picnic. 125 Jones Rd. 2 to 6 PM. 10th Annual Salt Spring Lavender Festival. Celebration of all things lavender with live music, local artisans, talks and demonstrations. Sacred Mountain Lavender. 10 AM to 5 PM.</p>	<p>Tues. July 17</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Dine & Dance. Tuesday Farmers' Market features chef demo with Steven Overholt of Market Place Cafe at 4 PM. Music with Silk from 5 to 7 PM. Open Stage With Dave Jacques. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 PM.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES Tuesday Farmers' Market. Centennial Park. 3 to 7 PM. Copper Kettle Fundraiser. Bring your pennies and garage sale items to the Copper Kettle table outside of Country Grocer to help fund programs. 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES Paddle & Play. Family Place-sponsored event. Vesuvius Beach. 10 AM to 1 PM. Under the Puppet Tree. Travelling puppet show and workshop for kids aged 12 and under. 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Kids seven and under 1:30 to 3:30 PM. Salt Spring Library Annex. Register at 250-537-4666 or info@saltspringlibrary.com. Wednesday Market. In the United Church Meadow. 9:30 AM to 2 PM.</p>

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EXHIBITIONS

- Pillars of Strength**, photos by **Gilleen Proctor**, is the **ArtCraft Showcase** exhibit running daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., along with ArtCraft, in Mahon Hall through **Aug. 1**. Opening reception on Friday, July 13 from 6 to 8 p.m.
- The Steffich Gallery** presents new photos by **Steven Friedman** — Experience Tasmania and Our Unique Forests — from Saturday, **July 14** to Thursday, July 26. A reception with Friedman is on Saturday, July 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Two Expressions**, work by artists **Ken Ketchum** and **Chris Stackhouse**, runs in the **ArtSpring** gallery until Saturday, **July 14**.
- 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**.
- Duthie Gallery's Night Gallery** is open Thursdays through Mondays in **July** and **August** from 9 to 11 p.m. See a new Summer Lights show of recycled light installations by **Victor Quesada** and **Sean Casey**.
- Form & Reflection** is a show of sculpture and paintings by **Michael Dennis** and **Richard Cicciarra** at the **Duthie Gallery**. Gallery open **Thursday** through **Monday**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Paul Burke** shows sculptures and **Anna Gustafson** has paintings in a Birds of Salt Spring show on at **Cafe Talia** until **July 30**.
- Shari Macdonald** has new photos at **Penny's Pantry**.
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RCMSAR gets new Ganges dock digs

Volunteer operation moves to Centennial Dock

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Volunteers who serve with the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue's Station 25 in Ganges have moved into a new berth and ready room at Centennial Dock.

The new spaces have been provided by the Salt Spring Harbour Authority and the spiffy new building was constructed by volunteer marine search and rescue and community members.

The white Atco trailer-like structure, adjacent to the harbour master's office, will serve as a briefing room and storage area for RCMSAR operations.

The group was



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue volunteers at the opening of their new ready room near Centennial Dock on Sunday.

forced to relocate as a result of a new federal government policy that prevents non-governmental agencies such as the volunteer-run RCMSAR from using government facilities. Until now, the group has borrowed space from the federal government-run Ganges

Coast Guard. Station 25 leader Per Svendsen thanked both the Ganges Coast Guard and the Salt Spring Harbour Authority for their continued support.

RCMSAR, formerly called the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, has been rebranded to avoid confu-

sion in the media and public between the volunteer marine rescue service and the government-funded Coast Guard.

"It is hoped that the new distinct RCMSAR identity will assist local societies in their fundraising efforts to support volunteer marine search and

rescue," reads a press release. "Our local Gulf Islands Marine Rescue Society supports RCMSAR Station 25."

Station 25 members have trained alongside local Coast Guard staff and say they highly value the experience. Classroom briefings have been followed by practical training on the water and RCMSAR members are grateful for such opportunities.

Svendsen said he and other Station 25 volunteers believe the waters in our area are safer for boaters due to the local Coast Guard's unique capabilities and dedicated service. He said Station 25 stands ready to assist their Coast Guard colleagues, who are the primary and best-equipped SAR resource in our area.

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Don Conley's concert ripe for 2012 Treasure Fair bidding war

Live and silent auction items July 19-21

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The person who has everything usually still can't pass up bidding on some of the fabulous items and experiences collected every year for the ArtSpring Treasure Fair.

But when the item in question is a personal concert performed by Don Conley at the Ango Retreat, the urge to jot down your name may become an obsession that sparks a bidding war.

That's been the case during ArtSpring's two previous Treasure Fairs, where the opportunity to attend a private outdoor concert performed from a barn saw bidders return again and again until one lucky person ended up with the prize.

"I think people really love the live performance as something to enjoy with friends, much better than you could with an object," Conley explained.

"It's community building, and it's very Salt Spring to do something different — playing a Steinway in a barn."

The winner, and up to 15 personal guests, gets to attend a professional concert that could include a survey of the masters, a program of early music on harpsichord, or even a night devoted

to show tunes, if so desired. Conley just rolls the concert Steinway to the edge of the barn and lets the music waft through the open doors, where audience members are seated on the grass.

"It's wonderful," Conley says about playing outdoors, instead of the concert halls he is used to. "What people comment about most is feeling the wind gently blowing, being in the sunshine, and how it feels to experience music when you're out in nature."

"It's really pleasurable to send sound outdoors, and with the rock wall that surrounds the area, it's like a little amphitheatre," he added.

The concert is just one of the wonderful donations to be found at the Treasure Fair's three-day silent auction and the deluxe grand finale live auction on Saturday night. Whether you're in the market for a china cup, a piece of antique furniture or a trip for two to somewhere exotic, chances are the Treasure Fair will provide the opportunity to take that dream home.

Conley explained why, from the artist's point of view, it's important to support ArtSpring during its biggest fundraiser of the year.

"It's remarkable that they can serve schools and local community groups, and then also bring in such fabulous talent. I'd personally love to see ArtSpring

continue to grow. It's a very special and unique project on Salt Spring."

The amazing quality and sheer quantity of goods and services available are indeed testament to ArtSpring's solid standing in the community. "Experience" items may include an acupuncture session or a spa esthetics package, a whale-watching tour or sunset kayak cruise, or even a manuscript evaluation for budding authors.

Physical items can be found to meet any interest. Visitors will find a fibreglass dinghy, an authentic Japanese obi, and furniture by a modern Seattle-based designer among this year's impressive collection.

Treasure Fair bidding on silent auction items starts at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 19. The popular Cash & Carry flea market opens at the same time for items under \$50. The excitement mounts over the next three days.

This year in the lead-up to the live auction on Saturday night, Moby's tapas plates, wine and free entertainment will be available between 6 and 8 p.m. Bidding for silent auction items ends at 7:15 p.m. The live auction, with free rush seating in the theatre, starts at 8 p.m. A list of this year's items and suggested values is available under "events" at www.artspring.ca.

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We recommend that you change your hot tub water and give your filter a proper cleaning every three months or so. If you use it infrequently, you could extend that time. If your family uses it every night, you could shorten that time. However, if you generate lots of foam every time you turn on the jets, or if your hockey buddies dropped by for a soak after a neighbourhood jog, it might be best to drain the tub. The first step in Aquafun's water analysis is a test for total dissolved solids - when the TDS level reaches 1500 ppm, it's time to start up a fresh tub.



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Is this home accurately priced? Ask your agent for comparable sales to see what other similar homes have sold for to assist in determining your offering price. Consider the listing to selling price ratio for similarly priced homes.

Confirm with mortgage broker or bank that you are qualified to make the purchase and that you have deposit funds of approximately 5% of the selling price available within 2 weeks.

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Home support services for seniors are frequently required as a result of a fall at home resulting in fracture or injury necessitating the need for care. As a result of declining eye sight, poor balance, arthritic joints, back pain and immobility issues, we must be more careful in performing *Activities of Daily Living*. Here are some helpful tips:

- Remove all area rugs or those with turned up edges
- Place furniture for ease of movement with walker
- De-clutter home of newspapers and items on floor
- Place phone where you can easily reach it
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DOCUMENTARY FILM

Pipeline film at Morningside

Award-winner traces story of Enbridge pipeline

On Thursday, July 12, The Morningside will show the award-winning documentary On the Line, an eco-adventure documentary like no other.

Views can follow Frank Wolf and Todd McGowan on a 2,400-km journey by foot, bike, raft and kayak as they investigate the proposed Northern Gateway pipeline project.

"In the summer of 2010, filmmaker Frank Wolf and his friend Todd McGowan biked, hiked,

rafted and kayaked the GPS track of the pipeline in order to uncover the truth about the proposal," explains a press release. "Through the voices of people they meet along the way, their rough and tumble journey reveals the severe risks and consequences associated with this \$5.5 billion mega-project."

The film won the Spirit of Action prize at the Santa Cruz Film Festival in 2012 and was the Audience Award winner at the Skeena Wild Film Festival, as well as being an official selection for a number of other festivals.

Thursday's film screening at the Morningside Organic Bakery Cafe and Bookstore in Fulford

begins at 7 p.m.

The cost is \$7, and seats can be reserved at www.morningsideorganic.com or by calling 250-653-4414.

People can see a trailer for the movie at <http://vimeo.com/17146051>.

The Northern Gateway Pipeline Project is a proposal by Calgary's Enbridge Corporation to construct a 1,170-km oil pipeline from Bruderheim, Alta. to Kitimat, B.C. The pipeline would cross 773 watercourses and bring supertankers to B.C.'s pristine north coast for the first time ever in order to deliver tar sands bitumen to Asian markets.

FUN FOR KIDS

Puppet shows and workshops entertain at library and in park

Register now for free sessions

Salt Spring kids can sign up for fun and creative free workshops when the Travelling Puppet Show returns to the library next week.

The troupe will offer three Under the Puppet Tree sessions consisting of a puppet show and workshop. Children aged

12 and under can attend on Wednesday, July 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or on Thursday, July 19 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Kids aged seven and under get their own session on Wednesday, July 18 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Parents or caregivers should accompany preschool children.

"Participants will have the opportunity to make puppets, learn

about and practise puppet manipulation, learn a little puppet history and will even put on their own mini puppet shows," explains a press release.

Materials are supplied.

The Travelling Puppet Show is sponsored by the Salt Spring library and funded by Young Canada Works, IslandLink Library Federation and Canada SummerJobs.

Registration for all shows can be done in person at the library, by phone at 250-537-4666 or by email at info@saltspringlibrary.com.

Since space is limited, registration should be done as soon as possible.

The Travelling Puppet Show will also present family shows in the gazebo in Centennial Park on Saturday, July 21 at 10 and 11 a.m.

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Avoiding pain or injury on the links

With all the rain the province has seen in the last few months, golf greens are greener than ever.

Hopefully that, combined with a bit of sun, will result in more British Columbians hitting the links this summer. The Physiotherapy Association of British Columbia wants to make sure that those that do leave the course pain and injury free.

“Like any sport, it’s possible to become injured while golfing. This is especially true if players don’t take the time for a proper warm up,” says Rebecca B. Tunnacliffe, CEO of the Physiotherapy Association of B.C.

A dynamic warm-up allows golfers to gradually warm up the body’s tissues in preparation for swinging activities. This can improve performance and help to prevent muscle strains and joint sprains. “By following

some simple steps, that we call the Physio-4, golfers can reduce their chances for injury, prevent pain and golf safely,” adds Tunnacliffe.

THE PHYSIO-4 FOR GOLF:

1. Activate with a general warm-up. Start with 5-10 minutes of large muscle activity such as a brisk walk, stair climbing or a stationary bike ride before you play. Then, do some mini squats (holding on to your golf club for balance) and mini lunges to help lubricate stiff hips, knees and ankle joints.
2. Do a swing-specific warm-up. Arm and leg swings and torso twists will help warm up your shoulders, hips and back. Do a sequence of practice swings before hitting any balls, starting with a half swing and gradually increasing to a full swing.
3. Ensure proper postural alignment. Incorrect postural alignment at the shoulders and torso, or hips and legs can lead to poor or inconsistent shots. Also, do your posture a favour and reduce the amount of equipment in your golf bag.
4. Deactivate after your golf game. Loosening up tight tissues by stretching in the whirlpool or shower will help regain and maintain muscle length. Self-massage can help decrease painful tension and ice can help minimize inflammation and pain.

The PABC created the Physio-4 to share the expertise of its members with fellow British Columbians.

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MAXWELL, Gladys (Lee)

Passed away June 16, 2012 at the age of 83



Survived by son Karl Maxwell
(Joy) of Ladysmith/Parksville;
daughter Kelly Parnett
(Wayne) of Morinville, AB;
two grandsons Jesse and Tim
Parnett; great-grandchildren
Brandon and Brandi Sheldon of
Ladysmith.

Maxwell and Lee Gathering
to be held at Old Timer's
Reunion event Aug. 5, 2012
at Farmer's Institute Hall, Salt
Spring Island. Ashes to be
spread on Mt. Maxwell that
afternoon. Further info contact
Karl or Joy at 250-245-8088.

IAN STUART MAHON

19 February 1936 - 13 June 2012

Ian is remembered as a person of great enthusiasm
and many passions, especially cycling.

He was born in St. John New Brunswick. His parents
Elizabeth and George Mahon met while they were
students at Dalhousie University. Ian benefitted from a
childhood that grounded him in self discipline and a love
of learning.

Ian had an early affinity for bicycles and tools. His
mechanical abilities came in handy during student days
at the University of British Columbia when he worked in
the West Coast fishing industry. He began bicycle racing
at fifteen. At nineteen he was racing professionally in
France and Italy. During his early twenties he trained
intensively for a couple of years in Italy. Language and
cooking among his passions, he learned the Italian
language and cuisine while living there.

Dedicated to learning, he was a natural teacher.
Cognisant of life's challenges, he encouraged and taught
young people throughout to obtain a diverse set of skills,
especially bicycle mechanics.

Ian travelled widely, participating in hundreds of bike
races over his lifetime. Because of his enthusiasm he made
friends wherever he went. In 1960 he represented Canada
on the Olympic cycling team. In 2007 he competed in the
BC Senior Games winning the 16 km time trial.

Ian had his own machine shop in California where he
worked for thirty years. During this time he also taught
mechanics and mathematics in the California penal
system.

Jazz being one of Ian's passions, he reached his zenith
as a jazz drummer the night he was in the audience at a
Stan Getz concert and Stan Getz invited him to fill in for
his ailing drummer

Ian wanted to keep his footprint small. A consummate
recycler, he never bought anything new. He loved garage
sales where he sometimes discovered things of beauty
that might otherwise fall through the cracks.

He will be missed by his daughter Monica Blodgett and
his grandson Andrew to whom he was dedicated, by his
loving partner Sandi Johnson and friends.

Thanks to the staff at Lady Minto Hospital and Bessie
Dane Hospice for their kindness.



JOHN MYERS

MAY 25, 1933 - JUNE 26, 2012

Passed away June 26th at Lady Minto Hospital after
a valiant battle with cancer.

John was born in England and moved to Canada
in 1957 where he enjoyed a 27-year career as a school
teacher, vice principal and principal working for the
North York School Board. After retirement, John went
on to work as a clerk in the Supreme Court of Ontario.

John and his wife Joan moved to Salt Spring Island
in 1993, where John became well known for his strong
commitment to the community.

John and Joan were active members of the Trail
and Nature Club, where John served as president.
John was the founder of the Channel Ridge Home
Owners Association and its president for eight years,
was an active member of the boards of Greenwood's,
the Sailing Club and the public library (serving as
treasurer) and he volunteered for over 18 years at the
Visitor Information Centre.

John is survived by his loving wife Joan Myers,
daughters Philippa (Charles) and Lesley (James),
both of Ontario, step-sons Alan (Dianne) Tromba of
Vancouver, and Kim (Christine) from Ontario, and five
grandchildren, Tammy, Logan, Ryan, Chelsea, Riley.

A special thank you to Dr. Beaver, Dr. Berg, the
nurses at Lady Minto and Joan's personal angels.

A Celebration of Life will take place at the Lions
Hall on Thursday, July 12th, beginning at 2 p.m.
No flowers, please. Donations to the Lady Minto
Hospital Foundation or Cancer Lodge in Victoria
would be appreciated.

AUDREY BOYTE ISAACS

February 8, 1922 - June 29, 2012



Audrey Boyte Isaacs left us June 29, 2012. In her last
21 years on Salt Spring Island, she had grown, nourished
and been nourished by a wide circle of family, friends
and neighbours. Her charm, wit, style and sharp intellect
enriched the lives of all who knew and loved her. Having
turned 90 on February 8, she said she had lived a good
life with only a few "potholes" along the way. Her
determination to move past the potholes remains an
inspiration, as does her kindness and spirit of unending

curiosity about life. People who knew Audrey felt a special connection with her.
Audrey is survived by her younger brother Bill, with wife Gwen, in Sechelt, son
Pierce in Washington State, daughter Frances, with partner Laura, in Ottawa, and
numerous beloved nieces, nephews and cousins. She very much enjoyed her "diva" role
at the last Boyte family reunion. Many in Audrey's wider circle considered her as their
own mother, sister or grandmother, as well as friend and neighbour — especially Wendy
and Jeanette and their families — and she was pleased to be so chosen.

She was born in Saskatoon in 1922 and moved to Mill Bay, B.C. with her parents and
siblings Doris, John and Bill, when she was 10, a time she remembered as wonderful.
Living through the Depression and the Second World War formed both her frugality
and her belief in pursuing higher education where ever possible. After marriage with
Frank Isaacs in 1943, her life in North Vancouver raising a family and helping with his
business was a time of hard work but some ease. She enjoyed golf and curling, was good
at both, and made many friends along the way.

There had been no funds for university after her senior matriculation in 1940, but
Audrey took courses throughout her life, fostering her love of archaeology and languages.
When her marriage ended, she found a job to support herself and obtained her Bachelor
of Arts from Simon Fraser University in 1984, taking courses at night while working full
time. She was justifiably proud of her degree in Archaeology and Spanish.

Audrey was gifted in music, playing piano and singing, in drawing and painting, and
in writing. She read widely throughout her life and was a Salt Spring Island writers'
group member, attending her last meeting only a few weeks before her passing.

While she had successfully fought cancer in recent years, it had returned. Audrey
stayed in her home, independent as she preferred, until a week before the end. A sincere
thank you to Dr. Paula Ryan, the Red Cross, the considerate and helpful Home and
Community Care Nurses and Hospice Society Volunteers, and the Acute Care Nurses
providing palliative care whose skill and compassion helped ease Audrey's last days in
Lady Minto Hospital. A special thanks to friends and neighbours whose generosity and
kindness made Audrey's life a joy.

While no formal service is planned, Audrey would have liked to have known that
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James Reimer
and
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were married in Toronto on July 2, 2012.
They will soon return to make their home in Victoria, B.C.
The bride and groom and their families would like to express their sincere gratitude to the people on Salt Spring Island who helped to make this happy day possible.

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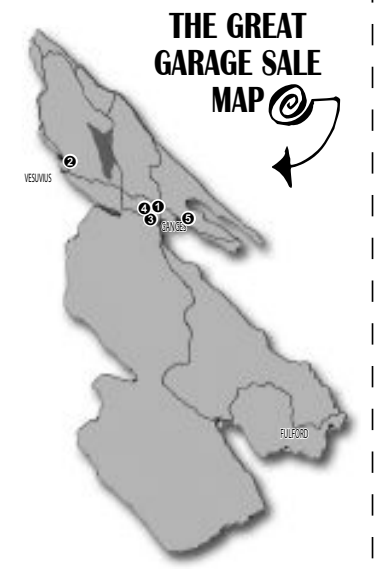
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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

FOOD SECURITY

Abattoir's arrival on island excites farming community

Agricultural Alliance anticipates August unveiling of facility

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Island meat producers and local food aficionados had cause for celebration on Wednesday afternoon as Salt Spring's mobile abattoir arrived at its new home at 1447/1449 Fulford-Ganges Rd.

"We're in the final stages of construction," said Anne Macey, a member of the Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance. "We've got a lot of work to do in the next few weeks but are still hopeful to have an announcement sometime in early August."

The large white semi-trailer will comprise the main shell of the abattoir facility. Macey said much of the work that is left before the unit begins operation involves fitting the final pieces into the modular unit and receipt of official government approvals.

The unit was designed and built in Coombs according to specifications required for the Salt Spring site. The project's total budget is \$350,000, most of which was raised by local donors as well as a grant from the BC Food Processors Association's Meat Transition Assistance Program.

"It's very exciting," Macey said. When it's complete, the abattoir facility will give local meat producers a chance to slaughter, cut and package poultry, pork, lamb and beef in an approved facility without having to leave the island. The facility is hoped to reverse a dire trend that saw local meat production drop by 50 per cent between 2004 and 2008, largely as a result of strengthened provincial government inspection requirements that required farmers to transport their animals to Vancouver Island for slaughter.

The unit will be operated on a user-pay basis by the Salt Spring Abattoir Society. Zoning for the abattoir facility is permitted under a three-year temporary use application issued by the Islands Trust in 2011.

This Week's Horoscope

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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Spending quality time with family and friends is high on your priority list these days, or perhaps should be. Your ability to focus on any particular person, project or thing may be an issue. Allowing for variety and light heartedness will help a lot. Indulge your curiosities and take time out to play. Fill your 'fun tanks'!

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

A busy time continues. You are in a mood to get a lot done and frivolous activities may not be so appealing. If family members are not so focused you may experience inner and/or outer conflicts, or at least feel moody. Aim to maintain a focus yet attend to a variety of fronts, as in do the rounds and continue until everything is done!

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

An expansive cycle has begun for you. It is important to focus now if you want to increase your influence and/or income. As ever, how you consciously engage and the quality of your choices will significantly determine the outcome. Although this stands to be an extra creative cycle, synchronizing your thoughts and communications with others may require extra attention.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)

Your world is changing quickly and steadily. You may be getting more attention than usual or different kinds, but is it the sort you want? You may feel the need to get to the bottom of things somehow. Maintaining your poise and center may be an issue. If so, focus to meditate, breathe more consciously, let go of the need to control others and allow.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)

Balancing inner retreat and work with outer activity and duties continues. The time is right to prepare for the future verses act directly upon it. Plan and network and set the stage for future activities. Opportunities are likely knocking and this will continue. Yet you may have to concentrate more intently to take full advantage.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

Your power potential is steadily rising. You feel ambitious to increase your authority and influence, yet perhaps feel cautious as well. The time is right to take some risks, yet very calculated ones. Acknowledge yourself and do not underestimate your potential. In your communications listen more intently and seek to be more understanding than simply understood.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)

Many new ideas and visions are gathering in your mind. At best you feel inspired and enthusiastic, at worst a bit overwhelmed. Broadening your perspectives and seeing a bigger picture remains ideal. Knowing the difference between dreams, visions, goals, plans and fantasies may prove extra important now. Each can be of value but may require clear categorization.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)

Who and how you used to be is dissolving. Ideally you feel grounded enough to maintain your center and be creative, productive and happy anyway. Yet this may not be so easy. Trust, patience and acceptance are keywords that may be of assistance. Avoid long term plans and commitments for now and aim to be here now, in the shifting currents.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)

Change is in the air and this should be quite noticeable. Endings and new beginnings will become even more evident over the next several weeks. Since resistance is futile, you are wise to consciously cooperate. At worst, you may feel a little lost. This may increase for a while yet. Aim for new territory somehow and trust that is where you need to go.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)

Taking the initiative to create new states of harmony and balance close to home is in focus. This may well imply your house, your family and/or how you literally feel in your own skin. Your confidence levels may not be as high as you like and it may feel necessary to rear in the reigns on an over active imagination. Aim to be the strong silent type for a while.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)

Nurturing a healthier and more wholesome lifestyle continues. Your focus may be upon both the short and the long term. Enjoying more play and fun is a good short term focus. For the longer term, become aware of and aim to reduce or break free from those activities and rhythms that produce undue stress. Simplify!

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

A creative cycle is upon you. Yet, to fully capitalize you may need a boost of confidence. Creating beauty in your living space and or clearing the clutter and establishing an environment that feels inspiring may be your best first step. Take time out and healthy space from others for a while. Direct a constructively critical focus to improve upon your talents.


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Nominations can be made through the restaurant's website. Each month, two nominees' names will be drawn to receive a \$50 Rock Salt gift card. The winners will also be interviewed for the restaurant's blog post.

"So often it seems that volunteers go about their business unnoticed, and we want to catch them with a big thank you," said Shannon Kendal, Rock Salt's general manager.

"At Rock Salt we are always having fun with our social media marketing, but this program is the favourite so far.

As the manager, I feel like Santa Claus when I get to call the winners and let them know they have been nominated."

Shout Outs have already gone out to Meron Moroz, Matt Steffich and Doug Archer. The next winner is a favourite island mechanic (to be announced) who seems to be especially popular with the ladies.

A second part of the program is about thanking entire volunteer-run boards. Rock Salt will attend two different board meetings each month and award members with \$10 Rock Salt gift cards. These Shout Outs have gone to SPCA volunteers, as well as Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce.

"If you know someone special, please visit our website www.rock-saltrestaurant.com and make those nominations happen," Kendal said.


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Sports & Recreation

SOFTBALL

Softball team achieves 'beyond words'

Underdog girls place fourth at provincials

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The little team that couldn't emerge as the little team that did after battling their way into the hearts of junior softball fans across the province and earning fourth spot at the Pee Wee 'C' Provincial Championships in Richmond over the weekend.

"This is a significant human interest story of a true underdog team who did some amazing things," said assistant coach Tanya Grant on Monday. "Words cannot describe the achievement."

The Salt Spring contingent advanced to the provincial finals from more than 300 teams across British Columbia by qualifying at a June tournament on Vancouver Island. The girls' encore performance during the three-day event, Grant said, proves Salt Spring's success at the Southern Vancouver Island Zone playoffs in June was no fluke.

Salt Spring qualified for the championships' final round by completing round-robin play on Saturday with a 2-2 record.

"After losing their first game in the double knockout round by one run, the girls went on to decisively win their second game 13-3, eliminating the host team," Grant said.

After narrowly winning its third game in a one-run extra-innings victory, Salt Spring was relegated to fourth place by the gold-medal winning team from Naramata.

"Spectators were walking around talking about the amazing bats from Salt Spring. One spectator was heard to say 'so this is how a bunch of hippies play ball,'" Grant said. "This comment may have stemmed from the skit the girls performed at the Friday night banquet where they acted out an imaginary game between the Rainbow Moonsong Firebirds and the City Slickers."

Along with outstanding contributions by round-robin MVPs Kasea Campbell, Kiara Johnston, Shayce Johnston and Jordan Kitchen, Grant said the team's strong showing is a result of all members gelling at the perfect time.



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Above, Salt Spring's Pee Wee girls softball team with their banner at B.C. finals in Richmond. At left, the girls dress island-style for a fun skit at the tourney. The team not only finished fourth out of 16 teams at the championships, but made their mark for being a "class act." (See letter on Page 9.)

Kitchen, 14, who pitched for seven and a half games over the weekend, said the team's success required every player to do their part.

"Our whole team was so happy because we were the biggest underdogs," she said. "It's a real team effort."

As if the girls' stellar effort wasn't enough, players were inspired to spread a little home-field magic underfoot after they watched a movie about an underdog team headed to the championships.

"In the movie, the team collected dirt from their home field . . . and spread it on the infield of the championship game. Our girls collected some dirt from the sheep grazing field they practice and play on in Fulford and spread it in Richmond where they played the championships."

Players and coaches are optimistic the Salt Spring team's recent success will encourage more investment in baseball

infrastructure.

"The growth in enrollment has been staggering over the last few years for all levels of ball," Grant said. "Our ball facilities are an embarrassment and inferior to anywhere we have visited and this includes communities of a similar size."

The 2012 team is coached by Bill Boyd, Mike Kitchen and Grant. Richmond players were Callista Boyd, Kasea Campbell, Lilly Campbell, Hannah Grant, Jennifer Hernandez, Kiara Johnston, Shayce Johnston, Riley Kirkpatrick, Jordan Kitchen, Brianne Lavallee, Erin Libera, Maja Nordine, Claire O'Donnell, Molly O'Donnell, Kirsten Quesnel, Jacey Rowett and Junessa Sladen-Dew.

The team thanks Country Grocer, the Royal Canadian Legion, ArtSpring, Saunders Subaru, Salt Spring Fire-Rescue, TJ Beans, Natureworks and the Salt Spring Island Slowpitch league.

GOLF

Ladies tee off for cancer prevention

Golf for the Cure registration now open

Women golfers are asked to prepare their favourite pink outfits in anticipation of this year's Golf for the Cure cancer fundraiser at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club on Tuesday, July 31.

"A lot of members are breast cancer survivors and it is a great cause to participate in," said event coordinator Elaine Shaw. "It's always a fun tournament."

Shaw said space in the ladies-only tournament and luncheon is

filling up fast and pre-registration is strongly encouraged to avoid disappointment.

Rather than focus on top scores or long drives, the casual tournament is intended to get islanders out to enjoy a fun-filled day on the links, said Shaw. Many participants are decked out in lively pink finery and eccentric headwear as a way to promote the importance of breast cancer awareness, and a refreshing glass of pink lemonade is never far away.

Shaw assured participants that all funds raised by the event go directly to the B.C. Cancer Agency

for breast cancer research.

As an added bonus, registrants have a chance to win a selection of great prizes donated by local and off-island businesses. This year's prizes include a two-night stay at Hastings House Country House Hotel, a spa package, dinner, Shaw PVR unit, tickets from Salt Spring Air, BC Ferries passes and a wide assortment of gift baskets.

Golfers with an especially lucky swing will even get a shot at \$10,000 for sinking a hole in one.

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TRIATHLON

Sneakers take triathlon challenge at Cowichan

Richard Hayden nabs division first

Four members of the Salt Spring Sneakers Running Club kicked things up a notch early Sunday morning by running, cycling and swimming in the annual Cowichan Challenge Triathlon.

Richard Hayden placed first in his division and finished seventh overall by finishing the main event

in 1:57:17. Julie Van Soeren, who also competed in the 1,000-metre swim, 34-kilometre ride and nine-kilometre run, crossed the line in 2:56:46.

In the sprint event (500-metre swim, 16-kilometre ride and five-kilometre run), Marion Young placed second in the F50-54 division and finished 43rd overall with a time of 1:20:17. Not far behind, Janine Fernandes-Hayden finished the race in 54th spot with a time of 1:25:26.



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IN WIMBLEDON WHITES: Salt Spring Tennis Association Wimbledon tourney players sport white togs and wooden racquets after the July 1 event, which saw Frank Marek and Carol Wright prevail over Rick Weatherall and Susan Russell in a close final. Marek and Sylvia Leedham won "best-dressed" honours.

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RUNNING

Hart finds marathon magic

After Edge 2 Edge, completing an 'ultra race' next in sight



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Haidee Hart: fell in love with marathon running.

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring mother of four with no formal athletic training is finding her groove as a long-distance runner, having completed her first marathon just a year and a half after taking up the sport.

"Last spring I started running as often as I could, four or five times a week. I did it frequently enough that it became a habit and I totally fell in love with it," said Haidee Hart, who placed 62nd overall and 18th in the age 31 to 40 female group in the Edge 2 Edge marathon from Tofino to Ucluelet last month.

Hart completed the race ahead of her own four-hour, 30-minute goal (coming in at 4:09:02) and even had the energy to sprint

the final stretch.

"I thought that was doable for my first time," Hart said of her goal, noting the winner finished in just under three hours at 2:59.

"I hadn't run that far before so it was a huge act of faith that my body could do it."

Hart participated in her first race, the Shawnigan-Kinsol half marathon, last fall. Having done better than she anticipated, she decided to try the full marathon's 26 miles (42.2 kms)

and hoped to register for Vancouver's BMO run in May. Because the full-length event was already full, Hart did another half marathon instead. She ended in the top 10 per cent of all 10,000 runners, placing 84th out of 888 women in the 30 to 34 age category.

Hart said that although she was disappointed to miss Vancouver's full event, she was happy to find the Edge 2 Edge race with conditions that are more like home.

"The running I do is by myself, on country roads, so it's more my style than running in Vancouver," she explained.

The course incorporates a run along Chesterman Beach and views of the ocean through the trees on the trail portion, which Hart said helped sustain her through the long haul. Her husband and kids, aged three to "almost 15," were waiting at the finish line to cheer her on, with her eldest son videotaping the finale.

Although it was pouring rain the entire time and she had not thought about having to deal with wet feet, Hart said she didn't notice the weather during the race. She did feel somewhat under-trained and believes she can improve on her speed next time, but found her strategy paid off overall.

"I definitely tried to hold back a bit," she said.

"Classically people hit the wall around 20 miles in with six miles left to go, and I really didn't want to hit the wall."

Hart says she would like to complete two more marathons this year — Victoria and Seattle events are possibilities — and from there move on to 50-mile ultramarathons and trail races.

Except for some training tips from books and perhaps a clinic sometime this fall, she'll keep doing it on her own.

"I love having time by myself — it's the only time I have by myself," Hart said.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

High-flying Mycyk pair triumphant in epic battle of brainy bridge birds

Seagulls, hawks and juncos all vie for goodies

BRIDGETRICKS

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Eagles soar high over our world, as did Liz and Oleh Mycyk over our bridge world on both June 25 and July 2.

There were five full tables on June 25, and perhaps it was a pair of sharp-shinned hawks named Boodie Arnott and Jacquie Stevulak who glided into second place that day, crunching a loser or two on the way.

Zelly Taylor and Yantara Walker peaked their way up the tree as flickers, and two pairs of goldfinches (the Judy Norget-Charles Kahn partner-

ship and the George Laundry-Paul Retallack one) sat on the same fourth-place branch, perhaps awaiting some thistle seed.


On July 2 the Mycyk high flyers rose again above the five and a half tables and there was nothing fishy about their feast. Patricia Brown and Hilde Dieterich stayed well out of their way as seagulls do and gained a second-place perch, while those Arnott-Stevulak hawks kept watch over the tree areas to swallow up the third spot. They didn't manage to gulp a pair of feisty hummingbirds, though, called Patricia Hewett and Bob Morrisette, who fought

their way to fourth place.

Meanwhile the juncos pecked away on the ground, picking up spilled opportunities, and the towhees hid in the bushes. We hope more house finches will fly up some day and as for the real bird-brains, there's always Parcheesi. Angry birds are not welcome.

Maybe some day someone will be a representative of B.C.'s official bird, the Steller's Jay. Unfortunately, there is no official Canadian bird to strive for yet. It seems to be a battle between the ubiquitous and messy Canada goose and the not so much red-tailed hawk. No looney tunes.


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