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**THERE WE ARE:** The Twa sisters — Jacquie Severn, left, and Maureen McCallum — find their school photos among a display set up at the Salt Spring Island-timers' Reunion held at the Farmers' Institute on a sweltering Sunday. The event, held every five years, is for families who have been on the island for at least 50 years, and their descendants. For a related Maxwell family history, see Page 7.

RCMP

## Body found in Ganges tasks RCMP

Foul play not suspected, but off-island investigators brought in

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island RCMP continue to investigate the death of a 28-year-old woman found in the Ganges area over the weekend. Sgt. George Jenkins said police have no reason to suspect foul play was involved, but are pursuing all possibilities to determine what took place in the lead-up to the woman's death.

"We do not believe it is suspicious," he said. "But anytime you have a young person die under such circumstances, it's not an expected event, so we're extra careful in the investigation."

Although police have identified the woman, Sgt. Jenkins had yet to release her name to the public on Tuesday. When asked if the woman was from the island, he said she "had ties to Salt Spring."

Off-island RCMP investigators have been called upon to assist with the case.

"We've identified some theories; now we need hard evidence," he said.

### FIRST NATIONS

## RCMP launch Grace Islet investigation

Heritage Conservation Act contravention alleged

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the Penelakut First Nation have filed an official police complaint against the owner of a small island in Ganges Harbour based on alleged contraventions of the province's Heritage Conservation Act.

In a letter to Salt Spring Island RCMP, Chief Earl Jack of the Penelakut Tribe accuses the owner of Grace Islet of "unauthorized ground disturbance during recent work to develop a residential property on the site."

The letter alleges that property owner Barry Slawsky and his associated contractors contra-

vened their heritage alteration permit in July by not holding a pre-development meeting, not following proper archeological monitoring protocols and not respecting a two-metre buffer zone around identified burial cairn features.

"The Penelakut Tribe asks that the Salt Spring Island RCMP undertake this complaint seriously and complete an official police investigation of this reported burial site desecration," he said. "Based on our observations, we argue that the SSI RCMP further forward a report to Crown Counsel to lay charges in this clear violation of the Heritage Conservation Act to uphold the principles of provincial heritage conservation in Canada."

Grace Islet has immense cultural significance to several of the region's First Nations groups. The small island is about 15 metres off Grace Point in Ganges.

A July 25 site visit by Penelakut elders and representatives from the Cowichan Tribes and Tsartlip First Nation confirmed extensive damage to the island.

"They witnessed that the entire centre of the this small islet has been logged off, stumps and roots removed, and its soils stripped to bedrock," writes Jack.

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## NEWSBEAT

### FIRE

# Brush fires prove need for 'high' rating

Fire-Rescue kept hopping

A rain of ash drifted over Fulford-Ganges Road just south of Furness Road around 3 p.m. on Friday when a length of bush ignited along a property located on the north side of the street.

Traffic was stopped for approximately an hour while firefighters put out the blaze. The source was not determined at the time.

Firefighters had been called to the scene of another grass fire almost 24 hours earlier, tackling a 25- by 25-foot expanse

off Jenkins Road, which is located off Rainbow Road. Deputy Fire Chief Arjuna George said an older campfire nearby may have ignited the vegetation, which covered a dry mossy area.

"We're not sure if that was the cause, but it was the only possible source that we could see," George said.

It took 18 responders with three trucks around two hours to extinguish the fire, using some 500 gallons of water.

"It's very important to have campfires in a safe, open area with some eyes on it."



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Firefighters rush to get water on Fulford-Ganges Road brush fire on Friday.

"We were done in two hours, but this proves how dry it is already," George noted that

any ground located under the canopy of the trees and with shallow soil is "bone dry."

As a result, the department has changed its risk warning to "high."

### ECONOMY

# Tuesday market has high \$\$ impact

Study estimates market contributes \$638,000

The Salt Spring Tuesday Farmers' Market injects more than \$638,000 annually into the local economy, according to a recent study of farmers markets.

This figure is up significantly from the \$177,000 reported in a similar survey conducted in 2006.

"Although people know the market is a great place to buy fresh, local food," said market coordinator Jacquie Harkema in a press release, "the results of this study help us communicate to

others how valuable the Tuesday market is to our community."

About 22,000 people visit the market annually and on the day of the study, July 17, 2012, about 1,270 people visited the market.

Almost half of all shoppers surveyed said they visit the market either "regularly" (almost weekly) or "frequently" (two to three times per month).

The Salt Spring Tuesday Market assessment is part of a province-wide survey of farmers' markets now being conducted with support from the B.C. Association of Farmers' Markets. The purpose of the provincial study is to quantify the economic and social contributions of farmers markets to their communities.

"There has been significant growth in the number and vitality of farmers' markets in B.C. and it is important to understand not only what they contribute but also how much they contribute to local neighbourhoods, cities and towns," said Elizabeth Quinn, executive director of the B.C. Association of Farmers' Markets.

The results of this year's assessment show that the Tuesday market has grown significantly over the past six years. The market now boasts over 20 new vendors, bringing the total number of vendors up to almost 40. Approximately 13 per cent of local customers surveyed are new shoppers at the market this

year and about 25 per cent of local shoppers are new shoppers at the market over the past two years.

The study also remarked on a 100 per cent increase in average customer spending. Together these factors have contributed to an approximate 260 per cent increase in benefit to the local economy since the 2006 study.

"I suspect that the growth of the Tuesday Market can be attributed to a number of factors: the Centennial Park location, the diversity of products, competitive pricing and an increasing awareness about the importance of food to the health of the body and the planet," explains Harkema.

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# First Nations groups ask province to cancel heritage alteration permit

### GRACE ISLET

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"Importantly, at least 10 of the 17 recorded archeological burial features [...] were observed to be located directly within the house footprint..."

Eric McLay, a Ph.D. candidate in archeology from the University of Victoria who was involved in the 2005 prosecution of Poet's Cove Resort on South Pender Island under similar Heritage Conservation Act charges, called the situation on Grace Islet "pretty disturbing."

"The whole middle of the island is a crater," he said. "We were just shocked. I think it

was a useful visit but kind of sad."

McLay said he believes the Grace Islet situation represents the latest in a series of ongoing human rights clashes between developers and the defenders of cultural properties.

"Nowhere else in Canada can you build a house atop a cemetery, even if you agree not to disturb the tombstones," he said.

McLay said the coalition of First Nations groups has requested the province's archeology branch to revoke or cancel the heritage alteration permit issued for the development.

Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. George

Jenkins confirmed Tuesday that the local detachment has launched an investigation and requested assistance from the force's archeology unit.

A Heritage Conservation Permit was issued for the Grace Islet property in 2011 to permit construction of a new residence and associated infrastructure. Neither joint-applicant Kevin Twohig of Terra Architects nor property owner Barry Slawsky have provided a comment on the matter.

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#### TOURISM

## Mixed reports coming in about 2012 tourism season

Ferry fares cited as a major detriment to healthy tourism levels

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's tourist economy is still struggling to regain its footing after seeing its lowest traffic in four years in 2011.

Salt Spring businesses that rely on the tourist trade were sounding the alarm bells when the island experienced lower-than-average traffic two years ago. But statistics show the number of visitors who checked in at the Salt Spring information centre has continued to fall since 2009.

Anecdotal evidence from the Accommodations Group of Salt Spring Island suggests many operators saw higher vacancy rates again in July, while B.C. Tourism statistics for June saw a downward trend for that month for the third straight year. The number of requests for information the tourism centre received, both by phone and email, has also dropped significantly.

Though still waiting for July's figures to be released, Chamber of Commerce manager Janet Clouston said her feeling is that month will show an improvement.

"My feeling is the numbers are higher. I know we're having a really good season," Clouston said.

"Retailers are saying they're having a really good summer, and people at the market are saying the same thing."

The Chamber of Commerce has recently re-initiated its Tourism Marketing Committee, and future plans include advertising in external markets. Clouston said social media will likely be a major tool in getting the message out.

Saturday market coordinator Rob Pingle confirmed that vendors haven't been complaining about poor sales this year — but says the trade is nothing like it was when he first started in the position four years ago.

According to Chamber of Commerce president Robert Steinbach, it may be that more people are coming for day trips — as evidenced by insanely busy market Saturdays and quieter days mid-week. His rental cottage is fully booked through mid-September, but he acknowledged that doesn't seem to be the case generally.

"I think we're attracting more of our neighbours, and they don't necessarily have a need to stay overnight. And they certainly could, because we have lots of options," Steinbach said.

Accommodations providers say visitors are doing more shopping around before they book, and the lower vacancy rates mean they have more to choose from.

Harbour House Hotel general manager and Wisteria guesthouse owner Len Brown said it seems people are also leaving things to the last minute, rather than booking ahead. Weekends in August have been booked at the hotel for a long time, but Brown said he will likely be putting together some mid-week packages.

"I guess people feel pretty confident they'll be able to find a place during the week, but if they try that on the weekend, they'll be disappointed," he said.

Factors that may have contributed to visitors' reluctance to book this season include everything from June's bad weather to St. Mary Lake's recreational use advisory, to an exceptionally bad year for tent caterpillars. Topping the list of suspects, according to AGSSI's acting chair Peter Han-



Salt Spring's Saturday market vendors are reportedly happier in 2012 than they were last year, but accommodations providers are hoping August will turn out to be the year's best month for overnight stays.

DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

nah, is the steady rise in ferry ticket costs.

"The feedback I'm getting from the B&B trade is tourism is way down — and they're all blaming it on the ferry fares," Hannah said.

"I think there's a lot more to it than the money — the schedules are awful. It's really unfortunate their customer service department doesn't have a little more say in the running of the company."

Over at Calvin's Bistro, chef René Widmer has seen better numbers this July compared to 2011, but he says "the stellar years of eight years ago are gone for good."

"I hear it all the time: people who used to come three or four times a year just come once," he said.

"The ferry fares, in my opinion,

are killing the restaurants over here. [BC Ferries] has a really different philosophy than most people, in that they charge more when sales are down."

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has just contracted a consulting company to seek public input "on strategies to support a long-term vision of connecting coastal communities in an affordable, efficient and sustainable manner." The sessions follow a series hosted by B.C. Ferry Commissioner Gord Macatee and his deputy last year and are set to begin late summer.

Maple Ridge Cottages Resort owner Jeff Outerbridge agrees the ferries play a big role in how visitors plan their vacations. He feels that in addition to higher fares, the marketing and information supplied by the organization is

also a significant problem.

"Something that could be done right now is directing people to know there are three terminals on Salt Spring," Outerbridge said.

"Having more than just the direct route makes it possible to come through Crofton or Swartz Bay, but they just say the sailings to the Gulf Islands are full."

Outerbridge said the possibility of travelling the through-fare route from Tsawwassen should be promoted not just by B.C. Ferries, but also by Salt Spring tourism and media outlets.

In the meantime, accommodations providers may find things looking up for August, traditionally Salt Spring's busiest month.

"People are starting to book what is available, instead of choosing to come when it suits them," Brown said.

## News briefs

### Longboarders to descend upon island

Spectators are invited to take in the action of Salt Spring's fourth annual Slasher Longboard Race along Juniper Place on Saturday.

Organizers promise a family friendly event featuring up to 50 competitors, including some amateurs as young as 12 years of age, assembled from across the province. Racers can often reach speeds of up to 90

km/h as they cruise to the finish line.

Races begin at 10 a.m. with professional play-by-play from Bricin "Striker" Lyons. Races are expected to wrap up by 4 p.m. Spectators are welcome at any time.

### Auction for abattoir

Salt Spring farmers could be processing chickens at the island's new abattoir by the end of this month.

Margaret Thomson of the Salt Spring Livestock Producers group said provincial meat

inspectors visiting the site in late July suggested a few minor changes only.

"This means that if the remaining equipment on order arrives on schedule the abattoir may be able to open for chickens at the end of August," said Thomson. "Red meat processing could possibly start towards the end of September."

In the meantime, the livestock group is holding a goods and services auction this Saturday, Aug. 11 at the Farmers Institute to raise money for the start-up of the abattoir. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the

auction led by Arvid Chalmers starts at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Items for auction include livestock, excavator services and many smaller items, some of them edible, and a gift certificate for abattoir services.

### Dam donuts

Salt Spring Island RCMP are on the hunt for those responsible for running roughshod over an earthen dam near the outflow of one of the island's major drinking water lakes.

News of the incident was reported to police by Ron

Stepaniuk, acting manager of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, following the hot BC Day long weekend on Tuesday afternoon.

Stepaniuk said staff with a private security firm notified NSSWD about the damage on Saturday Aug. 4.

RCMP Sgt. George Jenkins confirmed it appears someone broke through a fence to gain entry to the site. They appear to have used a smaller vehicle, possibly an ATV, to do donuts on the well-manicured dam site.

NSSWD staff estimate the

mischief maker's antics left the district with a \$2,000 bill. The incident is not believed to have had any effect on water quality or the quantity of water in Maxwell Lake.

Stepaniuk reminds islanders that the dam at Maxwell Lake is private property and that the watershed is an important community drinking water source for thousands of island residents.

Police ask that anyone with information about the incident contact the Salt Spring RCMP detachment at 250-537-5555.

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## NEWSBEAT



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
Hiroshima Day was marked in Ganges Peace Park on Monday as speakers expressed heartfelt messages of a wish for world peace. Among those attending were, from left, Juliette Laing, Lynda Laushway, Jan Slakov and Eileen Wttewaall.

### PARKS & RECREATION

# Trail-blazers eye path across the island

Cross-Salt Spring trail steps closer to completion

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Hiking enthusiasts continue to plod towards completion of a world-class pedestrian trail across some of the island's most picturesque natural landscapes.

"The Salt Spring Island X-Trail — a working title — is proceeding at a nice walking pace," said Gary Quiring, a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission's Trails Advisory Committee. "Although much planning work is

ahead, much has also been accomplished."

Volunteer commission members have dedicated years to charting the X-Trail's course across a continuous stretch of public lands between the island's north and south ends. The proposed trail will follow existing paths and historic routes through public lands.

"You can currently walk on public land from Mill Farm to Mount Erskine, via Mount Sullivan and Mount Maxwell — with a couple of kilometres on Mount Maxwell and Toynebe roads, with much of it on existing trails," Quiring said. "These three summits comprise a part of the original seven-summits route

envisioned, but many parts of that remain inaccessible to the general public."

Discussions to plot the X-Trail's final route continue between PARC members and representatives from regional and provincial governments.

"It's going to take some time, but it's achievable," said Lorraine Brewster, PARC general manager. "I think it's a matter of pulling all the partners together and going through the options."

In late July, Capital Regional District staff spent the day hiking with local trail proponents in the historic Mill Farm Regional Park, where improved signage and interpretive areas will be incorpo-

rated into the X-Trail.

"I think there's a vision and having that vision of a cross-island hiking trail to develop is quite exciting," Brewster said. "It would add a lot to the whole tourism piece and add a lot for local residents."

Quiring hopes such a trail could offer locals and visitors a world-class recreation experience similar to long-distance trails that exist in many parts of the world. He anticipates the route's final course will connect island neighbourhoods by means of a pedestrian trail through some of the island's most beautiful wetlands, ocean vistas, old-growth forests and mountain peaks.

### BC FERRIES

# Public gets say on ferries vision

Kirk & Co. to head public consultation on ferry service

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Residents of Salt Spring Island, the outer Gulf Islands and ferry dependent communities across B.C. will soon get their say on the provision of affordable and efficient ferry service.

The province's Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure announced last week that it has awarded a \$594,000 contract to Vancouver-based Kirk & Co. Consulting Limited

to undertake the coastal ferries community engagement program.

"The contract is part of the government's commitment to seek public input on strategies to support a long-term vision of connecting coastal communities in an affordable, efficient and sustainable manner," reads a statement released by the province on Aug. 2.

Other than the fact it will consist of online and in-person engagements later this summer, no specific details about the consultation process have been released by the province or the company.

Kirk & Co. Consulting was

among nine companies that responded to the RFP posted on BC Bid in June. The company is headed by Judy Kirk, who served as executive director of the BC Liberals' caucus between 1994 and 1996.

The firm has similar consultation experience on major infrastructure projects for TransLink, BC Hydro, the City of Vancouver, Port Metro Vancouver, BC Children's Hospital and many major private and public organizations.

Kate Trotter, a spokesperson for MOTI, said the company is now developing its consultation strategy, with the process expected to conclude by the end of the year.

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# NEWSBEAT

## ISLANDS TRUST

# Trustees approve Swanson's permit

Stewardship award presentation among other LTC events

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

A sometimes controversial Ganges-area project jumped a crucial hurdle on Thursday when the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee approved a development permit for Park Drive Garden Homes.

Generally known as the Swanson's Pond residential development, the permit outlines conditions for the 33-unit multi-family development that first came to the Islands Trust in 2005. The permit approved last week was for an amended application that most significantly added a basement level to all four buildings on the site between Park Drive and Kanaka Road.

Receipt of the permit is subject to the property-owning Salt Spring Ventures Inc. providing an irrevocable letter of credit to the Trust in the amount of \$254,874.15.

The only project controversy arising Thursday was related to an engineer's letter attached to a Trust staff report. Salt Spring resident Wayne Hewitt said he felt Wayne Lee of AQION Water Technologies Ltd. should remove parts of a April 12, 2012 letter that were critical of the Trust's handling of the application.

"In some four decades of



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

**TOP STEWARD:** Anne Macey accepts her Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award from Salt Spring trustees Peter Grove, left, and George Grams at Thursday's local Trust committee meeting at Lions Hall. Macey was nominated and chosen in the individual category of the awards program for her "tireless" efforts to enhance agriculture and food security on Salt Spring.

successful professional work experience with land development planning and engineering projects, we have never been exposed to such a protracted, deceptive, confrontational and dysfunctional 'planning approval' process for an otherwise straightforward residential development," wrote Lee, among other criticisms.

Maxine Leichter said she felt Lee's letter should receive a

response from the Trust.

However, both trustees George Grams and Peter Grove said they did not feel that was necessary.

Also at the Aug. 2 meeting at Lions Hall:

- Salt Spring trustees exercised fiscal caution by requesting a staff report before considering whether to help fund a study of the island's ground water.

The Salt Spring Water Council

had requested a \$4,000-per-year contribution to the estimated \$40,000 required for the two-year study to be led by professor Diana Allen of Simon Fraser University. Allen has already acquired a \$24,000 grant for the project — which would study links between climate change and Salt Spring's ground water — from the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions.

The requested staff report will outline specific deliverables the Salt Spring LTC is expected to receive for subsequent land-use decisions as a result of the study and determine whether or not the LTC could fund the study without compromising items on its top-five priority list. That list includes the secondary suites bylaw, Riparian Areas Regulation mapping, watershed management issues, advisory committee terms of reference and industrial land task force recommendations.

- The LTC issued a development variance permit to allow two structures used by an automotive repair business to remain within a side lot setback.

The approval was granted despite trustee Grams' concern that the portable container used by Johnson's Automotive on Alders Road should not be considered a permanent solution for aesthetic reasons. However, Trust staff advised that other planning tools, such as a temporary use permit, could not be applied to the situation.

## PUBLIC SPACE

# Artists invited to submit work for new SSI library building

Five site-specific pieces to be purchased

Artists will no doubt be among user groups of Salt Spring's new library when it opens later this year, but they will also benefit from the building's need for artwork.

A special committee created by the library board has put out a call for artists to provide five

pieces of artwork for specific locations both inside and outside of the McPhillips Avenue structure.

"We are really pleased with this opportunity to showcase local artists and provide easy access to some of the artistic bounty we have on the island," said Rita Archer, chair of both the library board and its art committee.

Application forms and guidelines, avail-

able online at <http://saltspring.library.ca> or from the library's temporary location at 118 Jackson Ave., provide all of the specifications, but in general terms the library needs one vertical outdoor sculpture and four pieces of interior hanging art.

Images of the proposed work must be provided, along with other specified information, by the Sept. 14 deadline.

All works will be purchased by and become the property of the library.

Art committee member Pat Preston said the program room in the library will also become a venue for rotating exhibitions of artwork, with no affiliation to the current call for artists.

She and Archer also said it is also possible that more artwork could be purchased by the library in the future.

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## Salt Spring Island Public Library

### CALL FOR ARTWORK

The Salt Spring Public Library is seeking local artists to submit proposals for artwork in the library's new building situated at 129 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island.

A jury will recommend up to five pieces of artwork for installation. Artists whose work is selected will be paid for their work.

Submission details are available on the library's website [www.saltspring.bclibrary.ca](http://www.saltspring.bclibrary.ca) or may be picked up from the library's temporary location at 118 Jackson Avenue. Questions about the call for artists should be directed to [sslibrarycallforartists@gmail.com](mailto:sslibrarycallforartists@gmail.com)

All artwork must be ready for installation no later than October 29, 2012.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS 4:00 pm September 14, 2012**



# Salt Spring

## FOCUS ON SENIORS

### Ten per cent of Canadians managing another person's finances

Canadians are increasingly taking on the responsibility for managing the finances of a family member or close friend, with one in 10 now looking after the finances of another, in addition to their own, finds a new CIBC poll conducted by Harris/Decima.

**Key Poll Findings:**

One in 10 Canadians are managing the financial affairs of an elderly, disabled or otherwise incapable family member or close friend.

- 31 per cent of those managing the affairs of another have no formal legal agreement

- 74 per cent of Canadians see a benefit in having a professional provide advice on how best to manage the financial affairs of a family member or close friend

Making the situation even more difficult is the fact that one third (31 per cent) of those managing the financial

affairs of another are doing so without a formal agreement or document, such as a power of attorney.

"Since many financial activities involve personal decisions, it is logical that people often reach out to friends or family for assistance," says Jamie Golombek, managing director of tax and estate planning at CIBC. "However, the reality is that most people don't have the time, knowledge or expertise required to manage another person's finances."

"This situation is made much worse when arrangements are informal. Decisions you would normally make may not be what the other person wants or expects. That is why it is very important that a formal estate plan, including a power of attorney that appoints someone to conduct financial transactions on your behalf, be created before anyone takes on the responsibility for managing the financial affairs of an elderly, disabled or otherwise incapable family member or close friend."

Golombek says there are two important considerations to take into account when appointing someone to manage your financial affairs should you become unable.

**1) Make sure you choose the right person for the role**

"It is important that a carefully consider who you choose to manage your financial affairs," says Mr. Golombek. "They may be required to not only complete simple tasks such as paying bills and managing budgets, but also more complex transactions such as selecting investments, selling property, filing tax returns and accounting for financial transactions, to name a few."

**2) Make it formal**

"Managing the financial affairs of an elderly, disabled or otherwise incapable family member or close friend can be emotional as well as time consuming," notes Mr. Golombek. "However, given that one third of those managing the affairs of another are doing so without a formalized agreement, conflict can arise. When arrangements are informal, misunderstandings can occur and are not uncommon."

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# NEWSBEAT

## SALT SPRING HISTORY

# Family behind a mountain: Maxwell history alive and well on Salt Spring

Maxwell descendants part of Aug. 5 Old-timers' Reunion

BY TANYA LESTER  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Mount Maxwell will carry one of Salt Spring Island's famous family names infinitely into the future despite the fact that Karl Maxwell is the last descendant with the Maxwell surname.

A mountain has the power to lend this kind of permanence to a name; as does a lake and there is Maxwell Lake as well.

It could have been otherwise.

On the eve of Sunday's Salt Spring Island Old-timers' Reunion, Barbara Lyngard, Karl's first cousin, pointed out that government officials referred to the mountain as Baynes Peak, but local residents always called it Maxwell's mountain because it was part of the original Maxwell property. It was finally given the name of Mount Maxwell officially.

Surrounded by mounted photographs displaying the family lineage in her Fulford home, Barbara pointed out that the Maxwell matriarchal side of the family still flows through the veins of many descendants, including herself.

None of this would even be island history if John Maxwell had not been compelled to leave Ireland in the mid-1800s, at 19 years old, in pursuit of prosperity in the California gold rush.

**There were lots of mouths to feed but also many hands to do the work.**

According to Barbara, her great-grandfather, after also spending time in Colorado, eventually drifted up to the Fraser Valley to pan for gold with his partner James Lunney.

Financially, they must have done well, said Barbara, — well enough to purchase a schooner in which they sailed around the Gulf Islands when the winter cold in the interior dictated a break in searching for miner-



PHOTOS COURTESY BARBARA LYGARD

From left, pioneer John Maxwell, who left Ireland in the mid-1800s to head to the California gold rush; with cousins Eric Coopsie, David Coopsie, Danna Lyngard and Kelly Maxwell with Karl Maxwell squatting in the front left. Below, from left, David Maxwell, one of John and Mary Maxwell's sons, who married Clara Trage, and the home Clara and David lived in on Morningside Road, as seen from the water.



als. Burgoyne Bay was a natural harbour even in those days.

Salt Spring Island was an attractive "gem" in the eyes of the young adventurers. In 1860, John applied to the government for a land grant near the site of the old barn in what is now Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park. According to Karl, upon proof of agricultural land enhancement and potential, John was given possession, with Lunney, of 1,000 acres of land including the mountain and lake both now named Maxwell.

John, who was already a worldly man at 26 years old, married Mary Grey of the Cowichan Native Band, who was living in the Burgoyne Bay area. Only 14 years old on her wedding day, the young Mary must have found her new life challenging. The couple had seven children together: five boys and two girls. John taught his sons to "respect women; they were not just to be used," said Barbara. There were lots of mouths to feed but also many hands to do the work.

Barbara observed that farming seems to always be a struggle financially and John worked at a number of things to make ends meet. Fishing, hunting, logging and building roads were part of the family's way of life as well as cattle ranching.

In the evenings, there was time for story telling. Three of the early

Maxwell family — two daughters and one son — moved to San Francisco when they got older, probably because of the tales their father told of his early life there.

The Maxwell and Trage pioneer families were united when David, who was one of John and Mary's sons, later married Clara Trage, whose family was of German and Native descent. Jack Lyngard, Barbara's husband, remembers going hunting for deer and grouse with David when he was 92 years old. David taught Jack some words in Chinook, a mixture of English and Native language.

David studied as a ship's engineer and fished in Fulford Harbour. He was well known for his skills dousing for water as faraway as Dawson Creek, B.C. He even showed Jack how to detect money with a douser's rod.

In politics, David was founder of the Salt Spring Island Co-operative Commonwealth Confederation (CCF) branch. The CCF was the forerunner to the present-day New Democratic Party. In general, both Lyngards believe people were more cooperative with each other in order to get by while still being self-reliant.

Later a branch of the Maxwell family married into the Lee family. Karl's mother, Gladys (Lee) Maxwell, who was known as the family

matriarch recently died in June at 83 years old. Karl spread her ashes on Mount Maxwell on Sunday.

Although Karl and his family moved from Salt Spring Island when he was a child, Barbara has spent a much longer portion of her life in the island's south end. She was born in Maxwell House, which is next door to where she and Jack live today on Morningside Road. A midwife named Edna Fraser was in attendance. As a school girl, Barbara attended the one-room Beaver Point School, walking two miles there each day and later walked three miles to catch the school bus in to the Ganges consolidated high school.

Where Barbara and Jack live now (perhaps the last piece of Maxwell-owned property) is surrounded by the same natural beauty that she remembers when being there as a child. For proof, she compares a photograph taken in 1961 with Karl (who now lives in Ladysmith) and other cousins in it. The stony point is identical to what one can see out of the house window today, as are the ocean inlet and trees.

The landscape where the Maxwell family has lived on the island over four generations is still present in the mountain and the nature of the Fulford Valley.

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**News from the day...AUG. 10, 1972**

**HOLES-IN-TWO AS FATHER AND SON HIT**

Father did it three years ago. Following in his footsteps, and on a different hole, now his son has scored a hole-in-one at Galiano, which makes two holes-in-two.

On Saturday, Aug. 5, Mark Darling was playing golf on the Galiano Golf and Country Club course, with Mrs. Max Wells and Mrs. Hueston, of Seattle, when he scored the hole in one.

It was on No. 5 hole, 190 yards, and a difficult par three. This is the first time a hole-in-one has been scored on No. 5 since the course was inaugurated.

Peter Darling scored his hole-in-one three years ago, and this makes the first father-and-son team to make the grade.

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EDITORIAL

## Public process?

Last week's decision by the province's Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to award a lucrative consulting contract to a big-time Vancouver-based firm with historic connections to the BC Liberals begs the question as to whose interests are really being served.

For Judy Kirk, the president of Kirk & Co. Limited and former chief of staff to Gordon Campbell, news of a five-month public engagement exercise totaling nearly \$600,000 must surely be a welcome gift; especially since the ill-fated BC Liberals appear to be running out of tricks to pull off a comeback before May's provincial election.

**THE ISSUE:**  
 BC Ferries public consultation contract

**WE SAY:**  
 Expenditure not needed

Back in January, the results of BC Ferry Commissioner Gord Macatee's comprehensive consultation with ferry users were released to an optimistic crowd who felt something was sure to come from such a thorough attempt to gather public input.

That something was supposed to be more than another round of consultation.

More than 27 public meetings and over 200 pieces of correspondence were compiled into a final report which yielded 24 major recommendations. These included a suggestion to keep price increases in line with inflation, offering more oversight of capital plans, the involvement of municipal governments to keep ferries affordable, and a recommendation that the province should consider an increase in financial support to the ferry system.

On Salt Spring, it's not likely very much will have changed if residents and local business owners bother to participate in the upcoming round of Kirk & Co. consultations. Tourism rates on the island, which reached a four-year low in 2011, appear to still be struggling as visitors opt to find good value for their precious holiday bucks.

Accommodation providers have had to contend with a toxic lake, a tent caterpillar outbreak and lousy weather, but the steadily rising cost of a ferry ticket is still believed to be closely linked to the declining tourist numbers.

There ought to be no more question about it.



## Lake motor rules must be followed

BY WAYNE HEWITT

It has come to the attention of many residents of Cusheon Lake that individuals and organizations on Salt Spring are not aware of the regulations and permits that are necessary to hold any event on Ministry of Transportation Infrastructure (MoTI) right of ways or to even hold an event on PARC lands or trails.

Many of the lakes on Salt Spring supply drinking water and are used for recreational purposes at the present time. Water districts often state that they should be treated as drinking water reservoirs and no recreational activities would be allowed. It is only through conscious and diligent effort by everyone to obtain all required permits and to use the area responsibly that the public will not lose this privilege.

The following information is provided by the MOTI.

"The event organizer is required to contact the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure to obtain permission to hold any event on highway right of way. The ministry also requires that the organization affiliated with the event provide proof of liability insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000 minimum and have the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure named as one of the insured. Also, the organizer must address how traffic/parking is to be handled to the satisfaction of the ministry. All this must be dealt with and approved by the ministry at least two weeks prior to the event."

For instance, on Friday, July 20, a swimming event was held on Cusheon Lake. Approximately 80 children from the invited swimming clubs competed and accessed the shoreline and dock via the MoTI right of way. A permit from MoTI would have been required to hold this special event. This area is not under PARC and it is not a public area for holding events.

The lakes on Salt Spring Island fall under the regulations for Scheduled Lakes under Transport Canada Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations, Section 3.

### VIEWPOINT

Schedule 2 notes that power-driven vessels and vessels driven by electrical propulsion are prohibited on Blackburn Lake. Schedule 3 notes that power-driven vessels are prohibited on Stowel, Cusheon, Maxwell, Weston and St. Mary lakes.

This means that gasoline boat motors are not allowed on the lakes listed above. Fire and Rescue and the RCMP, when the activity falls under their "normal scope of regular duties," are allowed to use a gasoline motor on a boat. Supervising or using the boat as a safety boat would require a special permit as this activity would not fall under their regular scope of duties.

Did the event organizers pay them to supervise this event? It is known that Fire-Rescue did not have a permit to have the gasoline boat motor on Cusheon Lake to monitor the swimming event. They too should be encouraged to obtain the proper permits.

PARC also requires permits to hold events in their park and trails.

A park use permit is required for the following:

Anyone who intends to hold a commercial or non-commercial activity or event which attracts participants and spectators. This includes, but is not limited to, a festival, competition, tournament, show or outdoor ceremony within a community park or on a trail. See Park Use Guidelines on the PARC website <http://www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc/parks/permits.htm>

People should ask for permission not forgiveness. Please encourage everyone to follow these guidelines and regulations and to obtain necessary permits. If they did, our lakes and streams might be in better condition and the public will not lose recreational opportunities.

Everyone should be aware that the water quality from lakes is deteriorating on Salt Spring Island so it is necessary for everyone to be proactive in protecting these lakes.

*The writer has been involved in water-protection issues on Salt Spring for many years.*

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Have you had enough of the Olympics?**

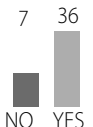
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**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Is a sewer system a good idea for St. Mary Lake?**



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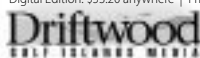
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# IslandVoices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

**"It's the classic agony of defeat. We screwed up and it hurts."**

RICHARD CLARKE, OLYMPIC STAR-CLASS SAILOR

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked: What is the main obstacle to world peace?**

**JULIETTE LAING**

*Apathy allows Stephen Harper to be an obstacle to peace.*

**BETH BURDICK**

*A lack of understanding and respect for other cultures and personal differences.*

**JAN SLAKOV**

*Greed and fear.*

**DOUG WAHLSTEN**

*The United States.*

**MARG SIMONS**

*Greed.*

## Letters to the editor

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

### Treaty needed

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**EILEEN WTTEWAALL,**  
SKY VALLEY ROAD

### Take care with wild birds

This time of the summer is crucial for the survival of many species of birds, as they leave the nest. Not yet having full use of their wings or capabilities, they are more apt to fly clumsily into windows or cars than when they become adult.

Please consider the care and effort their parents have put into raising them until this point, and let us humans not be the cause of their deaths now that they are the equivalent of teenagers. The onus is on us to drive carefully, and not expect them to know to get out of the way. We can also hang sparkly ribbon or tin-

sel over our windows and glass-surrounded decks to help them avoid them.

Lastly, this is an important time to keep hunting house cats inside. Many species face as their greatest threat the domestic cat.

Those wild birds whose babies do not survive this time won't get another chance until next spring.

**JASMYN CLIFT,**  
SALT SPRING

### Still guilty

According to daily dog walker Duncan Elsey's letter in the last Driftwood, beavers are not "villains."

OK. Duncan is right in that they are not what you'd call hard-core criminals. But innocent? I don't think so. In Louisiana it was

reported that bank robbers who were being pursued by police threw the bank's canvas bags of money out of the car window so there'd be no evidence. Police later found that a colony of beavers had used the sacks to plug holes in their dam. I'd call this aiding and abetting at the very least, as well as destroying evidence.

If I'd been the judge, they would be found guilty by a whisker.

**ROGER BRUNT,**  
SALT SPRING

### Broader controversies

I know and appreciate that Gulf Islands Driftwood concentrates on local events and controversies, but as a

news junkie interested in provincial (not just B.C.), federal and international affairs, understanding we get little coverage — the Northern Gateway Pipeline an important exception. Here on Salt Spring it justifiably seems to be almost universally panned.

But I confess I can't get exercised over pollution in St. Mary Lake or the opening of the new abattoir. I just hope the latter will do only humane killing (no kosher or halal).

I wish there were more than the rare letters discussing human rights, such as the vile treatment of Omar Khadr by the Harper government. I recently wrote to the Minister of Public Safety Vic Toews that his foot-dragging

on repatriating this horribly wronged young Canadian home to his own country made me feel ashamed of being Canadian.

In last week's Driftwood there were three letters that brightened my day: Bruce Wood's on eating locally produced food, and the two letters on our national symbol. Castor canadensis may cut down a few trees, but although I love trees (planted dozens) I'll take a beaver over a tree any day.

Some five to 10 years ago beavers flooded (not deeply) North End Road at the upper end of St. Mary Lake. I smiled every time I drove through that beaver-flooded section.

**JACK HALLAM,**  
BRINKWORTHY

## Beddis water users pursue specific answers

*The following is an open letter to Wayne McIntyre, Salt Spring electoral area director to the Capital Regional District, filed with the Driftwood for publication.*

**BY ZWANETTE PEREBOOM AND MICHAEL FRIEDMAN**

When Beddis Water Service subscribers left the March 2, 2012 commission meeting there was a glimmer of hope. Kees Ruurs, CRD senior manager for Salt Spring, would be given administrative responsibility for all local CRD water districts. Subscribers understood disclosure of information would now be timely and full. Some subscribers were cautiously optimistic that your involvement and proper fiscal oversight could finally lead to effective completion of our water system upgrade.

Then we learned the bids in response to the Request for Proposal for professional engineering services came in above what CRD staff expected (<http://beddiswater.com/>).

Responsible engineering firms see the significant risk in this project and bid accordingly. Bidders understand that the CRD has no reputation for spending subscribers' money with care. Bidders are aware the project is under a Vancouver Island Health Authority Compliance Order, to which the CRD must conform. The order appears to have resulted from CRD's inability to manage the project over the past six years.

We sincerely hope CRD will not again provide a rationale of excuses and plead helplessness over increased project completion costs. Past administrative irregularities, a project partly built without engineering review, revised plans prepared by another engineering firm

and a VIHA Compliance Order all add to the current costs of professional services. Will the CRD pay for the added professional engineering costs?

We admit to being confused about the CRD's strategy, since it has changed multiple times, based on what we read on the Beddis water system site. We are not sure whether the CRD intends to abandon the involvement of professional engineers in project administration or to follow up on the announcement that "As a result of the second issue of a Request for Proposals through the CRD in Victoria, a preferred engineering consultant has been identified. A meeting is being arranged to clarify the scope of work and to confirm that the consultant is still interested in performing the outstanding engineering work."

Are the engineers in or out? What will be the role of the professional engineers? What makes an engineering firm "preferred"? What changes were made to the scope of services between the first and second RFP? Was there a change in the bid? We hope nothing strategic was cut.

We do feel that abandoning the involvement of professional engineers to handle the nationally accepted construction administration process is not an option. That process requires full accountability of spending and professional assessment of contractor work and claims. It was used to deliver the Rainbow Road Pool, our library and the Fernwood water system upgrade. It must be used for the Beddis water system upgrade too. Without construction administration by professional engineers we risk falling back into the unmanaged fiasco that prevailed from 2005 to 2009, with no

### ASKING THE QUESTION

plans, no accountability and considerable overspending by CRD staff — and no progress to show for it.

The other reason for involving private sector professional engineers is that they typically carry professional errors and omissions insurance. We at Beddis are already paying for past CRD mistakes with no affordable way to recover our losses. CRD staff is not insured and apparently not accountable for mistakes.

Given the history, it's no surprise project costs continue to escalate. But the subscribers' ability and willingness to pay is limited. Project spending is already nearly triple original estimates owing to admitted CRD mismanagement. Managed properly, this project would have been completed in 2007. Now we are paying for inflation on top of other costs.

CRD needs to choose:

A. Scale back or revise the project to something affordable, professionally and transparently administered, and yes, more appropriate in scale and sustainable too;

or  
B. Demand even more money from the already overcharged Beddis water subscribers to fund another unaccountable increase for a project CRD has not managed to complete in six or more years.

We understand CRD staff and some Beddis commissioners were reluctant to publish the latest cost concerns to subscribers. We note no particulars of the first or the revised RFP have been posted. What else has not been published? Without transparency what protection do subscribers have? We are grateful some

information is being posted at <http://beddiswater.com/>.

How will Beddis subscribers respond if CRD gives notice that it intends to borrow yet more money that we will have to pay back? We no longer have a vote or a voice. In March 2011, CRD used the VIHA Compliance Order to circumvent the referendum process, so our consent is no longer required. Perhaps CRD won't even give us notice — will there simply be an increase on the next water bill?

Wayne, we need your help:

1. What are you doing to ensure full, timely disclosure of information to subscribers?

2. What needs to be done to restart the referendum process to reinstate subscriber input into spending approval?

3. What are you doing to ensure there will be private sector professional engineers involved to administer project completion — to protect the subscribers and CRD alike?

4. What can you do to facilitate an investigation of our ongoing dilemma by a Municipal Inspector under Part 29 of the Local Government Act or by a local government ombudsman appointed by the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development?

5. And, in the meantime, what will you do to scale back the project to keep it affordable?

This has gone on too long.

*Zwanette Pereboom is a former Beddis Water Service Area commissioner and current member of the Salt Spring Island joint working group on water, waste and sewer issues. Michael Friedman is a Beddis Water Service Area subscriber. In writing this letter, they do not represent any other people or groups.*

OPINION

RANTS and Roses

Sending an artfully coloured bouquet of roses to Matt Steffich of Steffich Fine Art Gallery for providing such an inspirational setting for our staff meeting! Showering you with rose petals, many thanks from the Pharmasave team.

A battery of super-charged roses to BC Ferries employee Lori Trebek for the boost that

got me and my car on board the boat to Crofton at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 1. And thanks to the deck crew for your help and understanding.

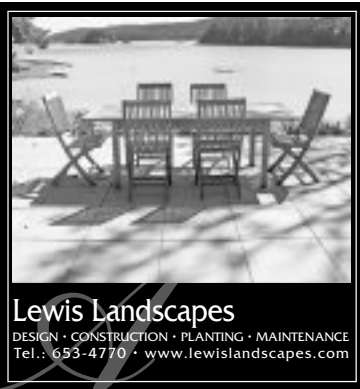
A bouquet of fragrant perfect roses to Tamar Griggs for the wonderful donation to the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society from the garage sale held Tuesday, July 31. Also to

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A beautiful, fragrant bouquet of pink roses to the wonderful ladies on the Golf Fore the Cure committee: Susan Russell, Joanna Barrett, Linda Tremblay, Franki Johnstone, Karen Davies, Linda Woodley, Lynne Fraser, Tricia Simpson, Darlene Wellington, Pat Lowe, Gladys Campbell. You were a treat to work with and it wouldn't have happened with-

out you! (Not forgetting pink boutonnières to our men volunteers Dennis, Larry, Hamish Tim and Harry). Thank you! Elaine Shaw

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# Get Trust office out of Victoria

The following is a written delegation presented at the Aug. 2 Salt Spring Local Trust Committee meeting.

BY TOM VARZELIOTIS

Ask for it, for if you do not, you have got a "No," but if you ask you may get a "Yaaaah." — Xaviera Hollander, author of The Happy Hooker, a bestseller at her times.

Scope: Calling on the SSI LTC to pass a resolution asking the I. Trust move its seat of Government from outside the Trust Area to within.

Former Salt Spring trustee George Ehring remarked that Salt Spring is to the "I.Trust republic" as Ontario is to Canada — it pays most of the cost of governance of the whole and preserves and protects the integrity of the confederation. It is neither an exaggeration, nor yet out-of-place in the I.Trust context.

Unlike the Government of Canada's seat strategically straddling the biggest provider and larger recipient provinces, the Islands Trust "local" government is located outside the republic archipelago, from where it governs us remotely. This geographic reality depicts a colonial

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arrangement with all the unpleasant connotations of such an arrangement.

To camouflage this colonial arrangement, the Trust has created the "administrative Local Trust Area" ("AdminArea") comprising some 50 virtually uninhabited rocks strewn on the waters off Vancouver Island. All but four of them are crown owned; few have names; 98 per cent of the AdminArea is sea, leaving only five square kilometres above water at mean tide, much less at high tide. At present, and until the LTC passes a zoning bylaw prohibiting such land and water use, the AdminArea area is used by Canadian and USA naval forces to test their weapons. In contrast, Salt Spring Island is 180 sq. km. and is home to 40 per cent of the Trust republic population.

Evidently the AdminArea rocks cannot be a colonial metropolis, but the Trust fixed that, too! To overcome this detail, the fathers and mothers of the republic settled in their Fort Street fort in Victoria. This they did with the consent, one presumes, of the phantom citizens of the AdminArea, expressed by resolution of their AdminArea LTC. (Yes, of course it exists —

do you think it would not?) Fort Street is far enough from the subjects of the Trust, the distance being enough to mute the vox populi and dissipate the ire of the un-appreciative hordes that think they can govern themselves. This allows the Fort Street Trust pack to govern the hoi polloi of the archipelago uninhibited by the unpleasantness of proximity to those they "govern."

This anachronism

**This geographic reality depicts a colonial arrangement with all the unpleasant connotations of such an arrangement.**

make them "govern" themselves as they do now unto others. My personal preference is to ship them all to AdminArea — without telephones!

At last count, 32 Tru-tistas, making up over 70 per cent of the Trust bureaucrats, including the richly paid administrators of the republic, are located in the metropolis. Moving the "head office" with the 32 jobs to Salt Spring would eradicate the archaic colonialist arrangement of the Trust, mitigate some of the damage the Trust has done to the economy of the islands and, hopefully, moderate the manner of the Tru-tistas for the benefit of all islands of the archipelago.

I hereby invite the Salt Spring LTC to pass a resolution petitioning the I.Trust to move its head command port to Salt Spring Island, the largest and most populous of its local Trust areas.

The writer is a follower of all matters Trust, living on Booth Canal.

Editor's note: The "administrative Local Trust Area" (or AdminArea) referred to is called the Executive Committee Local Trust Area in the Islands Trust Act, and the arrangement was created through provincial legislation.

cries out to be eradicated. I think the bureaucrats should either move to one or more of the AdminArea rocks or to Salt Spring, but they should not stay in Victoria. Let them have a taste of what they have done to others, and

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## Organic movement informs Etudes

Korrison and Stittgen pieces on ArtCraft stage

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

ArtCraft's third Showcase Gallery exhibition of the season opened on the Mahon Hall stage this weekend with nature-inspired forms by sculptor Karl Stittgen and painter Margie Korrison.

Entitled Etudes: Dialog with Nature and curated by Helen Mears, the exhibition features two abstract artists with similar philosophies but very different approaches.

As a former fine jewellery artist who only recently turned to ceramics, Stittgen demonstrates a visible joy in his new freedom to go big. His slab-work stoneware contains the rough edges and folds that his metal-smithed pieces could not, but under his sensual organic creations, a strong sense of structure and form can still be felt.

In sculptural pieces like The Other Side of the Wind, Stittgen allows his material's fleshy substance to come through. The three stalks suggest lichen or fungus, twisted to rough petals at the ends. Gemini is a dual tower, whose twin stalks remind one of the casings for under-sea tube worms.

Nature's less glamorous creatures again inspire The Garden of Good and Evil, a cheeky set of six tube vessels with differing rims, from coral-like branches to wide



PHOTOS BY JEN MACLELLAN

Karl Stittgen ceramic vessels and Margie Korrison's acrylic paintings form the Etudes show at the Showcase Gallery at ArtCraft.

fleshy lips.

Other vessels are satisfyingly bulbous, with wide rounded bases curving up to roughly finished rims — the effect of pulling a square slab into a round shape allows the artist to create a delightfully textured edge with intentional rifts and cracks. Some of these vessels, like Woodruff, are enhanced with the insertion of gnarly

roots and branches.

Stittgen's earthy tones, so appropriate to stoneware, are set off well by Korrison's bright colour fields. Painting on board, Korrison's acrylic tones burst from the surface and almost hum with intensity; though studies of nature, the landscapes they portray seem to exist in another energetic plane.

While her abstract

works contain rhythmic swirls and flourishes, her paintings are not the result of careless movement. Much like the music she likes to listen to while she works, her creations are expressive but not unordered; they contain a clear language of paint, which she structures according to her own syntax of colour and formal relationships.

In pieces like Violette #1 and #2, the title tone is set off with warm shades of red and orange and cooler flashes of grey and yellow. Compositionally, the colour blocks are loosely geometrical — like the organic erosion of stone strata, but with none of stone's seeming stagnant state.

The Etudes series is more formally structured, with interlocking colour field mosaics featuring amazing contrasts. Acid green is set off with watermelon pink, bubblegum shimmers up to sky blue and leaf green, and periwinkle's cool pastel tone is warmed up by orange and green shades' yellow undertones.

The Etudes showcase will continue at ArtCraft through Wednesday, Aug. 22. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

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### RECITAL

# Soprano sings four centuries of music

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The weekly Music and Munch series of noon-hour concerts will feature next Wednesday the delightful soprano voice of Schuyler Matthews in her third performance on the All Saints By-the-Sea stage.

"Singing has played an important role in Matthews' life," explains a press release about the recital. "She grew up in a very musical family in Princeton, New Jersey, from an

early age singing folk songs in three-part harmony with her mother and sister.

"As a young person she sang in school and church choirs, progressing to an all-female six-part a cappella group during her years at the University of California."

Within a year of earning her degree in English literature she moved to Salt Spring Island to start her family.

She has been on the Gulf Islands ever since, raising her two daughters, working, among other things, as a freelance medical writer and singing locally with various groups, in addition to soloing and teach-

ing both music and singing lessons to children on the island.

In the last four years, Matthews has focused on solo voice and classical repertoire, actively freeing her voice under the continuing tutelage of her busy and well-respected voice teacher Patricia MacFarlane.

"The results are apparent in her strong yet clear and true singing," say Music and Munch publicists.

As in previous Music and Munch recitals, her Wednesday program includes a wide assortment of songs for the soprano voice — art songs, arias, a few favourite folk melodies — that span the last four centuries, from

the pens of composers the likes of Handel, Mozart and Schubert to Roger Quilter.

Accompanying Matthews will be talented pianist Matthew Stubbs.

"This young man has become a much sought-after musician since arriving on Salt Spring, performing in a number of solo recitals as well as being the third member of the Salt Spring Chamber Players and now accompanist for Salt Spring Singers community choir."

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### THEATRE EVENT

# Twin passions shared at Stowel by Project Corndog playwright

Play and organic feast on tap this week

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Questions of food security, farming and genetically modified food promise to be anything but dry when Graffiti Theatre presents A Midsummer Harvest at Stowel Lake Farm from Aug. 10 to 12.

Featuring a play that takes the farm itself as a massive stage, and an organic feast and conversation session between audience, actors and farmers to follow, the event was born of one woman's twin passions. Playwright and starring actor Tallulah Winkelman will be on Salt Spring to remount Project Corndog, a play she created based on her own experience on the land.

An actor for her entire adult life, Winkelman has been a farmer for the past 15 years, working her share of the organic Fraser Common Farm in Aldergrove. She also works for FarmFolkCityFolk, an organization that supports community-based programs uniting urban dwellers with their food source.

"For a long time I kept the two aspects of my life separate," Winkelman said in a recent phone interview.

"It changed me to eat food that

I actually knew the ground it grew on. I wanted to bring people in to the farm to see if it affected them the same way. So I wrote a play."

The result was Project Corndog, a humorous look at what happens after an organic farmer is sued by genetically modified food giant Monsanto. The original production brought audience members through the grounds of Fraser Common Farm. Next weekend's staging will do the same at Stowel Lake Farm.

Some changes have been made to the script since its first run to make the story clearer. Winkelman also explained the play was never meant to be plunked down in any field, but is informed by the land itself. Staging the play in an actual farm setting does more than just show people what that looks like, she said.

"Having a farm that's a stage, all of a sudden your perspective changes. You can do things with depth of field, and look at things in a long format."

With its focus on political discussion and social values, Winkelman acknowledged her play shares some Brechtian theatre ideals. Interestingly, she and her fellow actors Sarah May Redmond and Tom Jones were all performing in Brecht plays last summer. (Jones and Redmond starred in Graffiti's 2011 production, The Salt Spring Chalk Circle.)

"If you ask whether it is a call to action, then yes indeed it is," Winkelman said.

"It asks us, 'how do we want to move on from here?'"

At the same time, she said, "It's meant to be more than a lecture. It's meant to be an entertainment, something fun."

Winkelman said the dinner that follows the play is equally important to the event as the performance. Ticket holders, theatre crew and the people who grew and prepared the food join together in discussion of what they've seen in the play and the greater surrounding issues, and they build community in the sharing of the meal itself.

Tickets are limited to 60 per night. The \$50 cost includes the play, organic feast, presentation and music. Children 14 and under pay their age and families are particularly welcome.

Tickets are on sale at Morningside Organic Bakery, Salt Spring Books, the Stowel Lake Farm office and online at <http://midsummerharvest.eventbrite.com/>. Participants are asked to dress appropriately for this outdoor event, to bring a blanket for the evening's cooler hours, and to be prepared for walking.

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# BACK-TO-SCHOOL

## EDUCATION

# Leadership program reflects on the first three years

Options in island education

BY KATE RICHER  
SS CENTRE SCHOOL TEACHER

What do you do with a group of 12 motivated, ambitious, chatty Grade 4 and 5 students? Can you offer a classroom program that engages and challenges them, yet still delivers the curriculum?

These are questions that I and parents at the Salt Spring Centre School posed three years ago. We wanted to do something special for this particular group of students, kids who liked to work hard, had opinions about everything and cared deeply about the world. We explored various options: a class trip to another country, an environmental program, a creative arts focus — everyone had different ideas.

Finally, I suggested a leadership program. By allowing students to pursue their own interests in a long-term, community-based program, we could explore a range of educational areas in a unique format. Parents, staff and students were on board!

That first year, I challenged each student to pick a project that would affect the lives of others in a positive way. The variety of topics was fascinat-



From left, the 2010-11 Salt Spring Centre School leadership class, which organized the 2011 Earth Day festival; and a beneficiary of the 2012 class' Random Acts of Kindness dog-washing program.

ing, from protecting endangered animals and fundraising for the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre, to developing a literacy program, to creating a bike path and building wells in Africa! Working with parents and a mentor from the community, students focused on their projects throughout the year, then intensively for three months.

All of the students learned invaluable skills such as long-term planning, carrying through with commitments and communicating with

new people. But did all of the projects meet their goals? Not entirely. Those who were really successful had a strong push from home (whether the student wanted it or not) because all the projects required one-on-one support to stay focused and organized.

The following year, a new group of students and personalities meant I had to adapt the program: while these students didn't have the feistiness of the previous group, they did have a strong ability to work together and to learn from

each other. So we decided to take on organizing the community Earth Day celebration. The class split up into groups and design an event that would bring happiness to someone's life. You may have seen these enthusiastic kids doing a flash mob in the park, giving away free ice cream, or washing your dog for free! While the projects were perhaps simpler this year, the students felt really proud because almost everything they undertook — planning, ideas, organizing and performing — was done

September 2011 marked the third year of the program.

I presented the students with the theme "Random Acts of Kindness," their assignment to work in small groups and design an event that would bring happiness to someone's life. You may have seen these enthusiastic kids doing a flash mob in the park, giving away free ice cream, or washing your dog for free! While the projects were perhaps simpler this year, the students felt really proud because almost everything they undertook — planning, ideas, organizing and performing — was done

by them. They experienced how to be independent and take the lead.

Now that three years have past, I asked those first leadership students to reflect on the program.

Taryn Muldoon, now in Grade 8, said, "The leadership program gave me confidence and courage to do things that scared me, like talking to strangers. I grew as a person during that year, learning how to lead, and to do something I really wanted to do, even if it scared me."

Grade 8 student Jacob Richardson said, "Participating in a self-motivated project is very important for today's youth. Everyday assignments don't provide enough freedom. I believe that many children have the capability to excel, but aren't motivated by the routine work regularly provided by schools. If schools were to offer such a program, I believe students would be more engaged and willing to learn."

Thanks to those parents whose enthusiasm for their children's education was the spark for this ongoing program. As a teacher, I have the privilege to alter the path of a child's life. But first they have to find that path, and the leadership program has proved an inspiring way to do just that.



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH NOLAN (LEFT) AND JEN MACLELLAN

## POST-SECONDARY LIFE

# Eco-conscious habits can be maintained in a dorm

Tips for keeping it green

Many of today's college and university students have learned about the environment since they first entered school, and the goal of living a more eco-conscious lifestyle is a cause that resonates with students on college campuses across the country.

Though it's not always easy to be eco-conscious in a dormitory, there are ways today's students can live greener lives on campus.

- Wash clothes in cold water. Few college students enjoy doing laundry, but even this tedious task can be done in a way that's considerate of the environment.

- Protect your appliances and the environment at the same time. Cellular phones, mp3 players, tablets, laptop computers, flatscreen televisions, and video game consoles might make life more enjoyable, but they also consume a substantial amount of energy, even when not in use. An LCD or LED television that is plugged in, for example, is consuming energy even if it's not turned on.

- Instead of plugging televisions and other devices directly into a wall outlet, plug them into a surge protector power strip that can be turned off when you leave your room. This not only protects the devices should a power outage occur, but it also means they won't be consuming energy while not in use.

- Freshen your room up naturally. University residences, especially dorm rooms, have a reputation for being somewhat musty. Instead of

relying on air fresheners with chemicals, choose an all-natural alternative that won't release harmful chemicals into the air each time you spray your room. And don't overlook houseplants as a way to freshen the air and add to your room's aesthetic appeal.

- Choose lights wisely. Many dorm rooms are poorly lit, and students know to bring their own lamps to help them make the most of late-night study sessions. When shopping for a lamp for your room, choose one that's compatible with compact fluorescent light bulbs, or CFLs. CFLs consume significantly less energy, last far longer than traditional light bulbs and illuminate rooms just as effectively.

- Buy a water filter. While those mini refrigerators might not be as big as Mom and Dad's, they might be able to fit a smaller water filter, saving you money on costly bottled water and reducing reliance on plastic water bottles. If the refrigerator is less than accommodating, attach a water filter to the sink in your room or kitchen and drink straight from the tap.

- Learn to make your own coffee. Late night study sessions and late hours spent having fun with friends makes coffee a precious commodity on many a college campus.

Post-secondary kids who want to reduce their carbon footprint and save a little money along the way can learn to make their own coffee instead of visiting the local coffee shop each morning and buying another coffee served up in a disposable cup. Purchase a reusable travel mug you can bring along to class and encourage your roommates to do the same.



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# BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Read the Gulf Islands Driftwood in print and online for school-related news, events, arts and sports.

## MUSIC

# New Salt Spring youth choir strikes much-needed chord

Brand new community choir being initiated by Viva Voce!

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Students between the ages of 8 and 13 have an opportunity to begin their school year with a song thanks to the formation of Viva Voce! Youth, a new choir organizers hope will spread a love of music and broader understanding of the world.

"Developing music at a young age gives a life-long understanding of the human voice as an instrument. The exposure to music from many different cultures teaches us the benefits of cultural curiosity," said Debbi Toole, the choir's director. "Learning in a choral setting as a young person fosters the chance of personal and social growth and promotes a sense of self-esteem, discipline, accomplishment and pride."

Many Salt Spring Island choral music lovers may be familiar with Toole's Viva Voce! Choral Society, a group that developed out of the Tuned Air Choral Society and that's performed under the Viva Voce! moniker for about three years.

During a recent interview, Toole said it was only a matter of time



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Viva Voce! director Debbi Toole leads choir at a Christmas 2011 event.

before she got the opportunity to rekindle her love of working and singing with children.

"I personally have wanted to work with young people since I moved here from Edmonton 22 years ago," said Toole, whose professional life involved working with band and choir programs in the Alberta school system. "The Viva Voce Choral Society supports my vision of a program that builds a musical singing community from the young years up to the older generation."

"A community choir can only exist in the future if there is an infusion of youth," she said.

Students can expect to study and perform a wide range of musical traditions, including folk songs and contemporary musical literature. The program, she said, will use "high quality music from all styles and periods" to develop their vocal instruments through exercises, posture, breathing and tone production, and musical theory.

The program will involve weekly rehearsals on Wednesday evenings between September 2012 and June 2013. Special rehearsals will be scheduled ahead of choral performances. Toole said response to the new program has been very positive from students, parents and teachers alike.

Registration for the 10-month program is \$185, although an early bird rate of \$160 is available to anybody who signs up by Aug. 15. Sign-up is at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 5, with an orientation to follow at 7 p.m. Parents or appointed guardians must attend.

For more information, contact Toole at 250-537-2938 or deb@lakesidegardensresort.com. For more about the choir's adult and youth programs, visit [www.vivavocesaltspring.com](http://www.vivavocesaltspring.com).

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## CELEBRATIONS

# End-of-summer parties transition to school year

Lots of ways to get ready for new season

Back-to-school season is on the horizon, and many students and parents are either loving or loathing the idea of starting a new school year.

For some, a party to commemorate the new school year and the end of summer is customary. Hosting a fun event for the soon-to-be students is one way to make the most of vacation time.

- Go with a theme. Maybe the theme is rulers and text books, ABCs, or science, and it can run through the decorations used, the games played, the food served, and many other aspects of the event. Consider a science experiment-inspired volcano cake that is oozing strawberry jam.

- Include some educational games. Some students experience educational backsliding during summer vacation. That is why many schools have summer reading lists that educators feel promote lesson reinforcement for the coming school year.

With this in mind, plan activities around concepts children learned in school. Think about math problem relay races, art projects, reading a story and reenacting it in a play form, or science experiments using solar energy.

- Host a campout reading marathon. Encourage guests to bring sleeping bags and favourite books to a campout under the stars. Most of the time can be spent reading while breaks can be devoted to exercising, making campout snacks or telling campfire stories.

- Rent out a fun bus or truck. Since many students will be spending a good deal of time on a school bus once the new school year commences, tie into those jaunts to school by renting the services of a game bus or truck.

- Plan a group event at the beach. Spending time seaside can be educational and enjoyable at the same time. Enlist the help of a few chaperones and set up an area on the beach where kids can play and explore the wonders of nature around them. Pack picnic-type snacks or ask attendees to bring items themselves.

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favourite books to a

campout under the stars.

- Plan a trip to the school. First-time students may be anxious about what to expect during their first days of school. Having friends who are slightly older accompany younger kids to school to give a tour and show them the ropes make the experience less frightening. Afterward, meet at a pizzeria to enjoy some slices and soda.

- Host a classic pool party. Of course, some kids want to commemorate the end of summer vacation by enjoying the pool one last time. Have a classic pool party and barbecue in the yard for everyone to enjoy.

# BACK-TO-SCHOOL

SPORTS

## Aspiring basket-ballers get jump on school season

Passion Sports hosts week of skills camps

Boys and girls with a passion for basketball have a chance to get a jump on the upcoming school season during a string of GISS-centred sports camps designed to lift young players to new heights.

Space is still available in the Passion Sports Junior Elite, All-Girls Elite and I Work Harder camps scheduled to run on Salt Spring between Aug. 13 and 17.

In the Junior Elite camp, male and female students between the ages of eight and 11 can expect to hone some advanced skills and get in-game experience against other skilled players.

The All-Girls Elite camp provides girls between the ages of 12 and 16 the opportunity to learn directly from local female college and university players.

Passion Sports Basketball Academy's I Work Harder Elite camp is considered the ultimate experience to develop advanced skills for boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 16.

"This camp is designed for competitive players with previous basketball experience and a strong desire to improve," reads information on the Passion Sports website. "The camp will focus on advanced ball handling, shooting technique, offensive finishes, one-on-one moves, on-ball defence and competitions that apply the skills in a game format."

Passion Sports camps were developed by a group of college and university level players who sought to spread their skills to younger players across British Columbia. The basic idea was to transfer elite training techniques to a high school and middle school levels.

All courses are held between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. from Aug. 13 to 17. Course costs are \$165 for the Junior Elite camp and \$180 for the All-Star Girls and I Work Harder camps. All are taught by current and former college and university basketball players.

"The goal of our youth camps is to encourage and inspire young athletes and have them truly understand that anything is possible with an 'I Work Harder' state



Passion Sports Basketball Camp members and staff from last summer. A few spots are still open in 2012 camps.

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of mind," according to the company's mission statement. "In other words: if they are willing to dedicate

themselves to something and focus all of their energy on that goal — success in sports, school, or life — then

there is nothing that can stop them." Registration information for any of Passion Sports'

three groups is available online at [www.passionsports.ca](http://www.passionsports.ca) or by calling 250-590-8114.



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# BACK-TO-SCHOOL

HEALTH

## Back-to-school anxiety eased through Kids Help Phone

Helpful resource available for families

Some adults might look back on their summer vacations and remember that those long, hot days felt like they would last forever.

But even though summer's not over yet, many kids are already experiencing back to school anxiety.

"We get a lot of calls in August from worried kids," says Cheryl-Lynn Roberts, professional counsellor at Kids Help Phone. "They're thinking that September is right around the corner. And they're worried about getting lost, worried about peer pressure, or worried about bullying."

This anxiety can mean that for some young people, the summer holidays might feel like they've come to an early end as they become preoccu-

pied with thoughts of going back to school.

"The back to school rush can be stressful for parents, too," Roberts says. "Many kids can start to feel stress as they watch and listen as their parents try to fit in the extra things their children need for a new school year."

Kids Help Phone counsellors are available for media interviews about back to school anxiety, and to offer tips on how parents can help.

### Why we want to talk about this

Going back to school after summer vacation is about more than attending classes and taking exams. It is also about making new friends, adjusting to new teachers, and facing many of new challenges. School can be a wonderful experience, but for many young people it can also be stressful.

- 24 per cent of the calls and online contacts Kids Help Phone receives relate to mental health, including stress and anxiety. (Please note this does not include suicide.)

- 21 per cent of Kids Help Phone contacts relate to peer issues, such as peer pressure.

- 10 per cent of Kids Help Phone contacts relate to bullying.

Three per cent of contacts relate to school issues, including changing schools, academic problems, ADHD and learning disabilities, dropping out . . . Kids Help Phone often hears from young people who are struggling with the pressure to succeed and compete academically.

### What kids tell us

"School is what is tearing me apart right now. I CAN'T COPE with it!! It's only the fourth day and already I come home and cry in a ball at night

. . . I can't do this . . . I am s-o-o discouraged right now. I want out . . . I want to escape right now! Please help me. — actual post from kidshelpphone.ca

### What can parents do?

Kids Help Phone experts are here to share some tips.

"Ask kids how they feel about going back to school," Roberts says. "If they're worried about starting a new school, changing teachers, or academic pressures, help them think back to past experiences where they met challenges. How did they overcome previous changes? Help them use past competencies to cope with current anxieties."

Kids Help Phone's professional counsellors can offer useful tips for parents on helping their kids prepare to go back to school. Whether

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young people are in elementary, middle, or high school, or are transition into post-secondary, Kids Help Phone is there for all of them, and can help parents be there too.

### About Kids Help Phone

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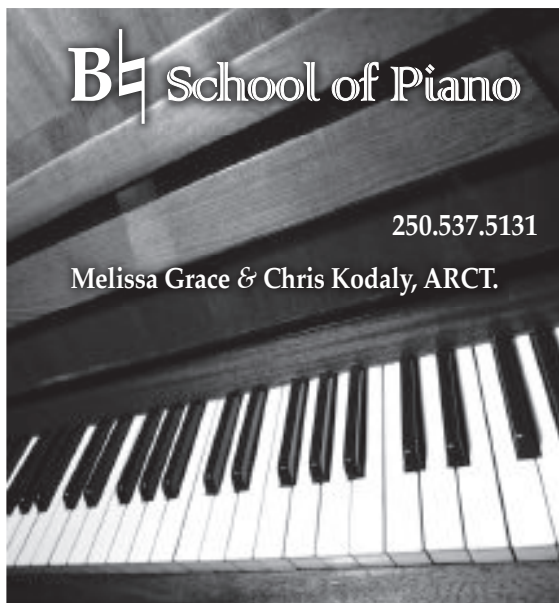
Professional counsellors support the mental health and well-being of young people, ages five to 20, by providing one-on-one counselling, information and resources. As a community-based national charity, Kids Help Phone receives no core government funding and relies on community and corporate support to fund its essential and vital service.

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### TRANSPORTATION

## School bus safety rules must be reinforced with children



School District 64 bus driver Per Svendsen gets his bus ready for the start of school last September. Reviewing safety rules is an important part of getting kids tuned up for the new school year.

Rules review makes for a better experience

For many youngsters, school marks the first time they are away from their parents for an extended period of time. As a result, safety concerns — especially concerning transportation to and from school — is on the minds of many parents.

School bus safety is something that should be presented to children in terms they can understand.

It is best to prepare students for the school bus a few weeks prior to the first day of school to gauge their reactions and plan accordingly.

Although safety tips may be covered at an orientation session, it is a good idea to reinforce lessons at home in preparation for the first day of school. Here are some important topics to go over.

- Walk to the bus using a sidewalk if there is one. If no sidewalk is present, walk on the opposite side of the street facing oncoming traffic.

- Wait for the bus at the designated stop. Don't wander away.
- Do not go into the street while waiting for the bus to arrive.

- Do not roughhouse or run around with friends while waiting for the bus to arrive.

- Wait for the bus a safe distance away from the street until the bus stops and opens the door.

- Walk one-by-one onto the bus. Do not push or crowd the doorway.

- Once on the bus, quickly find a seat and sit down.

- Do not put your head, arms or anything else out of the bus window.

- Keep the bus aisle clear of backpacks or other items.

- Keep voices down so not to dis-

tract the driver.

- Listen to the driver.
- Do not throw things on the bus.
- Exit the bus slowly and do not push.

- If you must cross the street when exiting the bus, do so in front of the bus so the driver can see you.

Parents can go over these rules again and again. On the first day of school, some parents prefer to let their children ride the bus to school and then the parents meet the children at the school to watch the boys and girls exit. This also reassures the children that they are safe riding the bus.

The first day of school may be full of new things, but children can acquaint themselves with school bus safety and grow accustomed to riding one each day.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## FESTIVALS

# Galiano fest toasts 20 years

Plenty to choose from at Galiano Wine Festival

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Lovers of wine, beer and cider can expect to have their fill on Saturday between 1 and 4 p.m. when event organizers uncork and uncap the wide array of drinks offered during the 20th annual Galiano Wine Festival.

Attracting the diversity of products that will be shown off at the Aug. 11 festival is part of the reason Rich Massey decided to join the wine festival's board of directors about six years ago.

"It's an incredible industry that's very diversified. Blackberry wines are doing well, as are sparkling wines, frizzantes and fruit wines," he said. "I think people are starting to figure out

what works and what doesn't."

One of the biggest accomplishments he's noticed during his tenure as the festival's official recruiter is how people in the beverage industry are striving for an appellation of their own rather than trying to emulate what's worked elsewhere.

The result, he said, is a wonderful combination of unique drinks infused with a diversity of local flavours and processes.

Every year, Massey added, producers around the Salish Sea learn a little bit more about what thrives in the fickle West Coast environment. The inventiveness of local producers and agents helps assure festival coordinators there will be plenty of surprises in store for newcomers and veteran festival-goers.

"Some of the wineries don't come every year

and many wineries have products that change," he said. "Vintages are very important, so the styles of wines can change every year."

Among the 16 different exhibitors, the event features Gulf Islands favourites like Garry Oaks Vineyards and Salt Spring Vineyards, as well as North Pender Island's Morning Bay Vineyards.

The participation of agents who represent winemakers from South America, Europe and the rest of North America means the festival will also feature plenty of internationally renowned wines that are available through local distributors.

Given that Massey anticipates as many as 600 people for the festival, it's evident producers and festival organizers have struck upon a winning formula for a successful summer festival.

For Salt Spring Islanders who want to get away and see what the Galiano Island Wine Festival has to offer, the Gulf Islands Water Taxi departs Ganges at 9 a.m. and returns from Sturdies Bay at 3:50 p.m. The cost is \$30 for a round trip. A shuttle service will deliver passengers from the dock to the wine festival grounds.

Early birds are welcome to attend the weekly pancake breakfast and Saturday market before the festival gets underway.

Arrangements can also be made aboard BC Ferries. Admission to the wine festival is \$35. All proceeds go to the Galiano Island Health Care Society. Admission is open to adults only.

For more information about the event, visit [www.galianowinefestival.com](http://www.galianowinefestival.com).

## FUNDRAISER

# Phantom of the Opera returns

Fundraising night for Lady Minto Hospital

A 25th-anniversary production of The Phantom of the Opera will be shown in film format at The Fritz Cinema this week as a fundraiser for the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation.

In celebration of the 25th

anniversary of the original Andrew Lloyd Webber production of the show, Cameron Mackintosh has produced a unique staging of the musical at Royal Albert Hall on a scale never seen before.

Starring in the new production are Ramin Karimloo, Sierra Boggess and Hadley Fraser.

Tickets to the Thursday, Aug. 9 event are \$10 at the door, with all

proceeds benefiting the foundation, which is grateful to theatre owner Dave Paul for making it happen.

People are welcome to wear a mask or a costume while supporting the local hospital foundation's annual equipment drive. The film begins at 7 p.m.

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# People & Community



PHOTOS BY JEN MACLELLAN

**CULTURE:** Salt Spring Literacy's 2nd annual International Food Festival included chef Jonn Ashlie and his famous chocolate covered figs (and a controversial apron), and a tango demo by Salt Spring Island Tango group members Keith Beldam and Mana Nakata. The event saw about a dozen food vendors set up at Centennial Park on Sunday, along with dancers, music and information tables.

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**FUNDRAISER**

## Unique cruise and fireworks help athletes

Aug. 18 trip to Butchart Gardens

Salt Spring's Special Olympics group is promising a sensational experience next weekend, combining a cruise, fabulous food, garden tour and fireworks.

On Saturday, Aug. 18, participants will enjoy a private cruise on a Gulf Islands Water Taxi, leaving from Ganges at 5:30 p.m. and heading to Butchart Gardens, where they will have a chance to walk the beautiful gardens and enjoy a picnic lunch prepared by Bruce's Kitchen. They will also watch the gardens' famous fireworks display before heading back and arriving in Ganges at midnight.

"It's very very unique," said organizer Debbie Louise, who is pleased by the generosity of all involved.

"Everyone has been really keen on helping out." The \$100 cost covers the water taxi fare, Butchart Gardens admission and fireworks, and the gourmet picnic meal.

Tickets are available by calling 250-538-8287 or emailing Debbie Louise at watertaxi@saltspring.com.

All proceeds benefit the island's Special Olympics athletics program.

Islanders can watch Special Olympics athletes in action this Sunday, Aug. 12 as the Salt Spring group hosts an invitational bocce ball tournament in Centennial Park.

**AWARENESS EVENTS**

## Park rally, BBQ on Saturday list

Community-to-community events with Lesotho visitors

tion shared by our island and Lesotho. From 2 to 4 p.m. in Centennial Park, join MC Arvid Chalmers and our very special guest Elizabeth May in the bandshell.

Then, starting at 5 p.m., a salmon BBQ and potluck at All Saints By-the-Sea Anglican Church will provide windows on Lesotho, with photos and images forming the backdrop to a discussion about how the kind of direct, person-to-person model practised through community-to-community's programs is shifting our relationship with Lesotho.

**BY ANDREA PALFRAMAN**  
 DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

While Salt Springers head for the shade and the lakes in the heat of high summer, a small group of visitors is getting along just fine in the sunshine.

Accustomed to a temperate climate where peach trees and aloe vera abound, African visitors Mamello Lehlotha, Ben Mokholokoe, and Christopher Ranthithi are basking in the heat. Since coming to share their groundbreaking work fighting HIV and poverty in their rural mountain communities, the trio have enjoyed sampling island fare, meeting supporters old and new, and touring farms while exchanging skills and ideas.

This Saturday, Aug. 11 will be a day to celebrate the special community-to-community connec-

Tickets to the salmon BBQ are \$25; all proceeds go to the Phelisanong Orphans, Disabled, HIV/AIDS and Vulnerable Children's project. They can be purchased at Salt Spring Books.

For those who cannot attend, they can come to the "Spirit Salmon BBQ" by dropping their \$25 off at the bookstore or visiting the Phelisanong booth in the Saturday market. Contributions can also be made online via PayPal at www.phelisanong.com.

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## PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

### INTERNATIONAL AID

# Lunch and sale proceeds help Kenyan schoolgirls' education

Event's special guest is 'goat lady' MacKay



Marie MacKay, a fundraiser extraordinaire for Kenyan communities, will be at an Aug. 18 event on Salt Spring.

At 12 noon on Saturday, Aug. 18 the second annual fundraising lunch for Kenyan schoolgirls will be held at 1700 North End Rd.

The gourmet lunch and sale raises money to provide sanitary kits for schoolgirls in Western Kenya.

"The girls miss school every month without the kits," explains press material. "They and their families are too poor to buy the necessities every month. Each kit contains eight re-useable sanitary pads, three pairs of underpants, a bar of soap and a small plastic pail with a lid."

The first lunch in 2011 raised enough money for 350 kits, which were delivered to girls in various Kenyan schools in May 2012 by Marie MacKay of North Vancouver, Rita Burbulevicius of Salt Spring and Karen Hopping Siu of

West Vancouver. MacKay, who is also known as "the goat lady of Kenya," will be at the lunch to talk to patrons about the kit program.

The \$15 event ticket buys lunch, a chance at the door prizes and the right to "shop until you

drop," choosing among items from Kenya and Salt Spring.

Tickets are available from RE/MAX or SOLID Exchange, or at the event. Contact Mollie (250-537-8978) or Lynda (250-931-1214) for further information.

### KIDS' ACTIVITIES

# Summer Reading Club adds sessions to library schedule

Magic Carpet Yoga and Local Adventure

The Summer Reading Club is going strong at Salt Spring Island Public Library, and this year's Strange . . . but True? theme has seen record-breaking participation.

Any reader 12 or under can sign up for free for a reading record and a chance to win stickers and prizes. Weekly programs are offered every Wednesday morning at 11 a.m. in the library annex at 108 Jackson Ave.

Two new Summer Reading Club programs have just been added to the schedule, extending this year's programming to

Aug. 22.

On Wednesday, Aug. 15, the library will offer Magic Carpet Yoga. Conducted by storyteller and certified yoga instructor Samantha Richards from Story Theatre Company, Magic Carpet Yoga dynamically retells the Gingerbread Man classic, accompanied by an easy yoga routine to remember.

Story Theatre is sponsored by Island Savings, the Capital Regional District, the British Columbia Arts Council and the McLean Foundation.

Children must pre-register for Magic Carpet Yoga, as room for yoga poses limits the space. Register in person at the library, by

calling 250-537-4666, or emailing info@saltspringlibrary.com.

The following Wednesday, Aug. 22, Salt Spring author Rosalind Vijendren will lead Local Adventure, a lively mixture of storytelling and puppetry. Local Adventure captures the magic and hilarity of Vijendren's children's books: Green and Goopy, and Granny's Rude Tree.

Vijendren is a retired teacher who is passionate about connecting children with books. She has taught and performed in Ontario, the Yukon and B.C.

No pre-registration is required for Local Adventure, and everyone aged 12 and under is welcome.

### CREATIVITY

# Teen writing workshop offered

Natural abilities emerge at library event

Young writers will have a chance to explore the magical world of their imagination and memory at a workshop set for Thursday, Aug. 16 at the Salt Spring library.

The workshop, taught by local writer Danielle Hubbard, will offer a series of enjoyable and easy exercises to engage creative thinking and open participants to their natural writing abilities. Hubbard will also help

participants shape their written pieces into a finished form. Pieces of writing can be brought from home and left with Hubbard for further comments.

Hubbard is the author of one young adult fantasy novel, *Clan of the Dung-Sniffers*, as well as several works of poetry.

The workshop runs from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Salt Spring Public Library Annex, 108 Jackson Ave.

It is open to first-time and experienced writers alike, aged 13 to 18, and is completely free.

To sign up, contact the library at 250-537-4666 or email info@saltspringlibrary.com.

### SOCIAL CHANGE

# International images shared in films

Thursday and Saturday night

Morningside film nights this week feature a visit to brightest Africa, with some special guests in attendance, and a star-studded Grammy-nominated effort.

First up on Thursday, Aug. 9 is *Now & Then*

— a Different Kind of African Story, created by Salt Spring filmmaker Gary McNutt, based on his experience in Lesotho with the Phelisanong group. Phelisanong founder and community development leader Mamello Lehlotha and others will attend for a discussion on aid and international solidarity.

Then on Saturday, Aug. 11, the film *1 Giant Leap* will be shown. It is the story of two men, armed with nothing but a digital video camera, a laptop and a vision to explore "the unity in the diversity," touring to such nations as Senegal, Ghana, South Africa, Uganda, India, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand,

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Wed. August 8	Thurs. August 9	Fri. August 10	Sat. August 11	Sun. August 12	Tues. August 14	Wed. August 15
<p><b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>Black Velvet Band.</b> Irish music and more at Music &amp; Munch. All Saints 12:10 p.m.</p> <p><b>Jayne Stone Concert.</b> Two-time Juno-winning banjoist Jayne Stone makes music inspired by folk traditions from around the world. ArtsSpring, 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>A Voce Sola Masterclasses.</b> Public welcome to watch morning masterclasses with Eva Bostrand and vocal students. Salt Spring United Church, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Karaoke with Nikki.</b> Moby's Pub, 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>Subdude &amp; Friends.</b> Tree House Cafe, 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Now &amp; Then - a Different Kind of African Story.</b> Film screening and discussion at The Morningside, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Phantom of the Opera.</b> Showing of a 25th-anniversary production in film format as a fundraiser for the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation. The Fritz Movie Theatre, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Family Fitness.</b> Family Place-sponsored event. Portlock Park, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.</p> <p><b>Wednesday Market in the Meadow.</b> Crafts, music, food and more in the United Church Meadow, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Paddle &amp; Play.</b> Family Place-sponsored event. Vesuvius Beach, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Summer Reading Club.</b> Wild, Wild, Life: scavenger hunt and stories about all the weirdest wild animals out there. Salt Spring Library Annex, 11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>A Voce Sola Masterclasses.</b> Public welcome to watch morning masterclasses with Eva Bostrand and vocal students. 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Salt Spring United Church, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Sunyata.</b> Tree House Cafe, 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p><b>Run for Cover.</b> Moby's Pub, 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Fulford Day.</b> Live music, food, games, beer garden and more at Drummond Park, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>1 Giant Leap.</b> Film screening at The Morningside, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Livestock Producers Goods &amp; Services Auction.</b> Fundraiser for start-up costs for abattoir. Farmers Institute. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with auction with Arvid Chalmers at 6:30.</p> <p><b>Rally in Support of Bill C-398.</b> With live music and guest speakers MP Elizabeth May and Dr. Kevin Patterson. Centennial Park, 2 to 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>Salmon BBQ &amp; Potluck Fundraiser.</b> And goodbye party for Mamello from Phelisanong in Lesotho. Photography show and more. All Saints, 5 p.m.</p> <p><b>Salt Spring Saturday Market in the Park.</b> 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>Raw on the Rawk.</b> Vendors' market at raw foods festival. Harbour House Hotel, 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>A Mid-Summer Harvest.</b> See Friday listing.</p> <p><b>Alan Moberg.</b> Tree House Cafe, 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p><b>Music in the Vineyard - Simone Lamers and Mike.</b> Salt Spring Vineyards, 2 to 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Spinning Mill Tours.</b> See how Salt Spring wool is made at the Gulf Islands Spinning Mill, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.</p> <p><b>Lantern-making Workshops.</b> Make lanterns in advance of Sept. 1 FireFly Lantern Festival. Core Inn, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>Special Olympics Invitational Bocce Ball Tournament.</b> Centennial Park. All day.</p>	<p><b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>Open Stage With Dave Jaquet.</b> Tree House Cafe, 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday Farmers' Market.</b> At Centennial Park, 3 to 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>With chef demo led by Shawn Walton of Auntie Pesto's at 4 p.m., and music from Elizabeth Woods from 5 to 7 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Central Community Hall Board of Directors Meeting.</b> Special general meeting. Public welcome. Central Community Hall, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>PROBUS Club of Salt Spring.</b> Dr. Sylvia Olsen will speak on her first-hand experiences with the housing issues on B.C. Indian reservations. New members always welcome. Meaden Hall, 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission.</b> Meeting at Portlock Park portable meeting room, 4 p.m.</p>	<p><b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>Schuyler Matthews &amp; Matthew Stubbs.</b> Music &amp; Munch soprano and accompanist recital at All Saints, 12:10 p.m.</p> <p><b>Open Stage.</b> With host Richard Cross at Moby's, 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>Terry Warbey.</b> Tree House Cafe, 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>Summer Reading Club.</b> Music &amp; Munch Yoga, with storyteller and certified yoga instructor Samantha Richards from Story Theatre Company. Salt Spring Library Annex, 11 a.m.</p> <p><b>Must pre-register with Danielle at 250-537-4666, or in person at the library.</b></p> <p><b>Dying With Dignity Meeting.</b> Salt Spring Seniors Centre, 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Wednesday Market in the Meadow.</b> See last Wednesday's listing.</p> <p><b>Paddle &amp; Play.</b> See last Wednesday's listing.</p>
<p><b>Mon. August 13</b></p> <p><b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b></p> <p><b>Black Velvet Band.</b> Tree House Cafe, 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><b>CV Allstars Cheer Camp.</b> Aug. 13 to 18 cheerleading camp for youth aged 12 to 18 begins at Fulford Hall today. info: http://www.cvcheer.com</p> <p><b>Passion Sports Basketball Camps.</b> Aug. 13 to 17 camps begin today. Info: www.passionsports.ca or 250-590-8114.</p>						

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- Phantom of the Opera** — Andrew Lloyd Webber's 25th Anniversary Edition plays Thursday, Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. as a Lady Minto Hospital Foundation fundraiser. See story on Page 17 of this issue.

**EXHIBITIONS**

- Figures in the Landscape** — paintings by Diana Dean runs at Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art daily through Aug. 14.
- Etudes: Dialog with Nature** with paintings by Margie Korrisson and stoneware vessels by Karl Stittgen is the Showcase Gallery exhibit at ArtCraft at Mahon Hall, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily from Aug. 3 through Aug. 22.
- Salt Spring Painters' Guild** shows a members' exhibition called Summer Allsorts at the ArtSpring gallery until Aug. 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.
- Mary Laucks'** exhibition called Chromatic Attractions hangs in the ArtSpring open space for the month of August.
- Salt Spring Potters' Guild** members present Dinner Party Continued, a display of work in the Mark's Work Wearhouse window in Ganges, through July and August.
- Duthie Gallery's** Summer Lights 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. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Mondays, or by appointment.
- Island artist Robert Moss** shows recent paintings and drawings at Shibui Design, 364 Lower Ganges Rd. (next to Uptown Pizza) through Aug. 12.
- Migs Edwards** watercolours are hanging at Island Savings, with sales supporting an art scholarship.
- Doug McMillan** has an exhibition of photos at Penny's Pantry.
- Carol Adam** shows her artwork at Salt Spring Books.
- The Porch Gallery** is open Sundays from 12 to 4 p.m. at the home of Mother Tongue Publishing's Mona Fertig & Peter Haase, 290 Fulford-Ganges Rd. Featuring work of George Fertig, Jack Akroyd, Irene Hoffer Reid, Wim Blom, Ina D.D. Unthoff, Gary Sim, LeRoy Jensen, Gordon Caruso and Peter Haase.
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*Allan Frederick Whorley*  
 NOVEMBER 1917-JULY 2012

Al passed away peacefully at his home on Salt Spring Island where he resided for 39 years with his wife Dolly. He was predeceased by his wife who passed away in March of this year.

He is survived by his son Ronald (Maxine) and daughter Darlene all of Salt Spring Island. Four grandchildren Lori (Curtis) of Ucluelet, Todd (Eden) Maple Ridge, Kevin (Kelly) Las Vegas and Darren of Victoria and six great-grandchildren.

Al was borne in Eburne, B.C. a small community located near the Vancouver International Airport. He lived most of his life in Vancouver until he retired to Salt Spring Island in 1973 where he built his retirement home. He was a long time employee of Air Canada as a radio operator.

He was an enthusiastic ham radio operator obtaining his license at the age of fourteen. On his retirement he joined a ham radio operators club. He was also an avid golfer and was an honorary life member of the Salt Spring Golf & Country Club. He played nine holes of golf every day well into his ninetieth year. He even shot his age at the age of 86. Along with his wife Dolly he also belonged to the square dance club and enjoyed dancing and social events of the various clubs.

The family would like to thank Dr. Woodley, the ambulance attendants, and the staff of the Lady Minto Hospital.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to a charity of your choice.



Richard Curtis Willmott  
 1930 - 2012

Born to missionary-teacher parents on March 19th, 1930 in Chungking, West China, Dick had a very active and fascinating life.

He came to North America with his family for a furlough year in 1936/37 and left China again for a second one in 1943, but due to the Second World War didn't arrive here until 1944 and then remained to continue his education: a B.A. in Mathematics from Swarthmore College in 1952 and an M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering from Princeton University in 1954. Canada, his father's home country, was his next place of residence and for the following six years he worked at Canadian Marconi and International Syscoms in Montreal as a radio engineer. In 1960 he decided to return to his first love, mathematics, and came to the University of British Columbia to start the studies that led to a Ph.D. in 1965. For the next 25 years Dick did research in and taught mathematics at University College in London, England, l'Universite de Montreal in Quebec, Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, the University of Zambia in Lusaka, and the University of Essex in Colchester, England.

However, Dick's academic activities were always interspersed with numerous other interests and pursuits. Being very athletic he played soccer and field hockey into his adult years, and was an avid rock-climber and mountaineer. Two of his adventures involved traversing Mt. Victoria in the Canadian Rockies and attempting to summit Mt. Waddington in the BC Coastal Range. Interested in airplanes from an early age he got his pilot's license in his twenties, and later built and flew a small 2-seater Kitfox from Ontario to British Columbia. Dick was an excellent folk-dancer with a particular fondness for Israeli and Balkan rhythms and fancy footwork—both of which he taught, and along with two others he once graced Vancouver's Queen Elizabeth Theatre stage dancing as a Bulgarian. Also high on his list was choral singing, and from the early fifties until last Christmas Dick sang in numerous choirs—both large and small. Woodworking, travel and volunteering filled many a day after his retirement and move to Salt Spring Island in 1999, and it was here that he learned to identify numerous edible wild mushrooms, for which he loved foraging.

Over the years Dick's thoughtful and inquisitive mind led him to think deeply about world events and to a lifelong opposition to racism, war, and social inequality. He cared about other people and the world we live in, and did what he could to better it.

On August 2, 2012 Dick died of gastric cancer at Salt Spring's Lady Minto Hospital. He will be very sorely missed by his wife of 51 years, Jill; his children Ian, Michele, and Derek; and his siblings Joy, Don, and Bill. The family extends sincere thanks to Dr. Magda Leon, and the many palliative-care nurses and caring hospice volunteers who made Dick's last weeks as comfortable as possible. There will be no funeral as per his request, but contributions in Dick's memory to the Salt Spring Island Conservancy (P.O. Box 722, SSI, BC, V8K 2W3) where he was a volunteer for many years would be greatly appreciated. Carpe diem!

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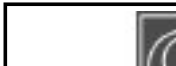
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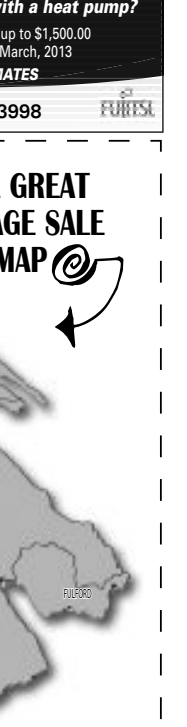
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# This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor  
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**Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)**  
Your social agenda stands to be quite full now. The tempo is running high and perhaps the drama as well. Opportunities are opening new doors and your mind too. Covering a lot of ground these days is likely. You may feel a little stretched, however, causing you to feel less patient. Ideally you are adapting to the new momentum.

**Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)**  
Changes on the home front are a main focus. Improvements and renovations are possible and perhaps even bigger moves yet. Thoughts about security are spurring your ambitions. Creating more beauty is also featured. Yet, the real change stands to be occurring deep within where others can not see them. Work inside and out!

**Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)**  
A dynamic creative wave continues to roll in and this trend will continue. A focus upon increasing your income flow remains likely. To succeed you will probably have to give more than usual. With Jupiter in your sign until July 2013, taking risks towards expansion of some kind is likely. Make it your net worth and not your waistline.

**Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)**  
Accessing untapped talents, your own and those of others, is on your mind. You may have experienced a creative block over the past few weeks and now finally it should be flowing again. Feeling as confident as you would like, may not be so easy these days. Avoid thinking too much and over analysis. Exercise gratitude for what is and what you do have.

**Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23)**  
Your sights are set on the future. You are in the mood to take some pioneering leads. Plans and ideas have likely been brewing in your mind the past few weeks and now it is time to take action. This includes key contacts, phone calls, emails and any other correspondences. Make your interests known with deliberate action.

**Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22)**  
A time of rest and retreat, or at least of ducking out of the limelight, is the call now. In order to be productive you will have to be extra focused. This includes a clear list of objectives. Otherwise, you may slip into the dream. If you can afford to do so, then the timing is perfect. Otherwise, be willing to take a few risks, yet make them calculated ones.

**Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22)**  
Expressing your uniqueness may be mixed with something of a rebellious mood. You are determined to cut through any blocks or

obstacles. Making use of or acquiring specific tools for the job is featured. However, don't expect quick results. Meanwhile, an itch for adventure is demanding your attention. Spread your wings and fly any way you can.

**Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21)**  
If you have been yearning for recognition a window of opportunity is now open wide. You may have felt less than confident lately but that should be blown out by now as well. To succeed your resolve will have to be clear, however. A courageous assertion of your will could catch you and others by surprise. It could go either way but if you take a lead you will win.

**Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21)**  
A playful mood lingers. These may manifest as sports or cultural activities or as playing with ideas, concepts and philosophies. Significant opportunities on relationship fronts will also be presenting themselves. You may feel the need and/or desire to break through any and all lines of resistance. Fortunately, your energies should be running higher than usual.

**Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19)**  
Your ambitions are running high now and the pace will increase yet. Accessing the resources and talents of others is part of this plot. Giving/and/or receiving training is featured. Yet this is a time to give and give and give some more. This giving is a reflection of the investment required to achieve your ambitions. Do so and your returns will be multiplied.

**Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19)**  
Much is shaking and moving on the 'western front', the place where we encounter others. You are in a playful mood and want to do just that. Taking the lead may be necessary, however. Avoid waiting for others to decide. Be the one to choose and decide and send the message. We all get our turn to be the director and now it is yours.

**Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)**  
Nurturing a healthier rhythm and routine is on your mind. Your ambitions are running high and you are determined to perpetuate changes in this regard that have already begun. With your confidences steadily on the rise now is a good time to persevere. Make efforts to perpetuate the momentum. Don't just think and dream about health and fitness, get to it!

## PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY



PHOTOS COURTESY ELAINE SHAW

**ALL DRESSED UP:** Salt Spring Golf and Country Club was pretty in pink last Tuesday for the annual Golf Fore the Cure fundraiser for breast cancer research. At left, golf carts were decorated to the nines, while some teams wore matching pink shirts and hats for the occasion.



PHOTO COURTESY DARREL BYRON

**HONOURED:** Darrel Byron, left, receives the Queen's Medal from Richard Blackwolf, CD, national president/commanding officer of the Canadian Aboriginal Veterans and Serving Members Association, at a ceremony at the Salt Spring Legion on Saturday. Byron was given the medal for his service to the aboriginal community and the RC Legion in the Cowichan Valley.

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# Sports & Recreation

OLYMPICS

## Salt Spring Olympian sails to 12th place in London



PHOTO COURTESY RICHARD CLARKE

Richard Clarke of Salt Spring and his Canadian Star-class partner Tyler Bjorn in a training session for the London Olympics. Clarke says he hopes to establish a sailing school on the island.

Clarke ponders new SSI sailing academy

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Richard Clarke has spent a frustrating past several days trying to determine why he wasn't on the podium after his latest bid for an Olympic medal in the Men's Star-class sailing event at the London Games.

Although a fifth-place finish in the team's second-to-last quali-

fying race on Friday, Aug. 3 offered a splash of hope that Clarke and teammate Tyler Bjorn could still place within the top ten to qualify for Sunday's medal race, it wasn't quite enough to make up for the team's disastrous start to the competition.

"I am dreadfully disappointed," Clarke wrote on Aug. 4. "We trained incredibly hard for this event, we sacrificed so much, our families sacrificed so much, so much money spent and to not even qualify for the

medal race.

"Honestly, we failed to deliver."

Clarke expressed shock, anger, sorrow and disappointment after his team received an "on course side" disqualification for crossing the start line prematurely in a crucial contest midway through the qualification races.

"It's the classic agony of defeat. We screwed up and it hurts," Clarke wrote.

Sweden, Great Britain and Brazil topped the 10 teams in Sunday's medal

race, earning gold, silver and bronze respectively. Bjorn and Clarke ended the competition twelfth out of 16 boats.

Clarke took some consolation in knowing he and Bjorn may have had some part in the success of their British training partners.

"We knew that being the best meant training with the best, so we teamed up with the British, arguably the best team in the world," he said.

Clarke hopes to return home by the end of the

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week, once he's finished packing up nearly three years worth of sailing equipment and his life-long dream of winning an Olympic medal.

After five Olympic appearances, the veteran athlete confirmed his intention to put away his Olympic aspirations and focus on his family from now on.

As a professional sailor, however, Clarke said he will continue to race competitively, notably at the world championships next month in Rhode Island.

"It's back to pro sailing — need to make some money to pay bills," he said. "Not working for the past 12 months has drained our bank account and actually put us in some debt."

Over the winter, he and his wife Andria Scanlan hope to develop a sailing academy on Salt Spring Island to help foster a future generation of competitive sailors.

"It's time for me to put something back into the sport that has given me so much. The sailor development model in Canada is broken and we would like to establish a sailing academy, partnered with GISS here on the island," Clarke wrote in an email from London on Tuesday.

Clarke thanked Salt Spring Island for playing a huge part in getting him to the Games.

Specifically he thanked Country Grocer, Mark Strongman from Effective Registration, and Auntie Pesto's Shawn and Lis Walton for valuable financial, administrative, emotional and culinary support.

"Besides that there

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CRICKET

## Islanders bat to victory in Sidney

First 2012 match

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

"Outstanding" is how the captain of Salt Spring's cricket team describes his players' victory over the Sidney Stonecutters during the 2012 season's inaugural match on Wednesday, Aug. 1.

"It's a great morale booster and good to see the team's enthusiasm starting to pay dividends," said Phil Goddard.

Bowling first, Salt Spring restricted the Stonewallers to 61 runs for the loss of six wickets in their allotted 16 overs. Geoff Noble and Rhys Rossiter put in strong bowling performances,

each taking two wickets while conceding only seven runs in the three overs they bowled.

Despite a slow start to their innings, Salt Spring overtook the Stonewallers' total in 14.2 overs, making 62 runs for the loss of eight wickets.

Dean Crouse proved the backbone of the Salt Spring's offensive push, contributing 20 runs.

Contrary to a popular misconception, the match didn't take all day. A short match format used means each game takes a mere two hours.

"It's ideal for summer evenings," Goddard said. "There was even time to socialize with the Stonecutters at a local pub after the game."

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# SPORTS & RECREATION

## SAILING

# Getting There novel illuminates islands' sailing life

Sailing novel finds adventure at sea and ashore

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A newly released self-published work by long-time Gulf Islands resident and sailor Michael Matthews charts familiar currents as he explores the exacting demands of love and friendship on a man's dream to sail across the Pacific.

As with the main character in *Getting There: A Gulf Islands Adventure*, Matthews too once envisioned sailing to Hawaii on a hand-built

37-foot sailboat.

Back then, he thought the curious collection of islanders he'd come across in harbours throughout the Salish Sea offered an inspirational cast of characters that would fit into a novel, or two or three.

"In my humble opinion, it's the best place in the world for sailing. There's so many little spots to anchor and the scenery is beyond compare," he said. "The idea of putting that experience and those people on paper would pop up from time to time and, one day, I realized that I just had to do it."

The story recounts Mick Brese's long-held dream to sail offshore in a hand-crafted sailboat. The closer Brese gets to



Author Michael Matthews

departure, the more elements in his personal life conspire to keep him close to shore.

His love for a feisty waitress he met in a Gulf Islands pirate-themed pub and the disappearance of his best friend threaten to throw his plans off course to the point where he begins to wonder if he's going to live long enough to ever make his dream a reality.

In Matthews' case, it was love that would thwart his plans to sail offshore and finally give him the time, focus and inspiration to get writing.

"A lot of my story is based on my own experiences. I built a boat and lived on it and sailed in the Gulf Islands. I dreamed of going offshore sailing. I'm married to a Chinese woman and that's why there are Chinese characters in my novel,"

Matthews said.

"I went through a lot of boating experiences and have a lot of friends that are parts of the characters in my novel.

"I'm not sophisticated — I write about the common, everyday things that happen."

It took Matthews several years to compile his trove of "common" and "everyday" experiences into the final product, which he self-published in June. The novel owes much to input from John Guzzwell, famous world sailor and author, as well as Glenora Doherty, former commodore of the Bluewater Cruising Association and an accomplished writer in her own right.

Matthews, who now lives in Oregon, offers his Gulf Islands page turner online at [www.nauticaldecorandmore.com](http://www.nauticaldecorandmore.com) and as an e-dition through major online retailers.

"Offshore sailing was a dream of mine and I almost made it, but as Larry Parry, a famous world sailor once told me one day, 'the hardest part of offshore sailing is getting there.'

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Quad slide, alum. frame, hydraulic slides and jacks, wireless remote keyfob, LOADED w/options.



Stk #12N1492  
**MSRP \$90,240**  
 Roll Out the Savings Price \*

**\$240** bi-wkly OAC  
**\$66,720**

**2013 Wilderness 3175RE Ultralite**

Triple slides, power awning, A/C, 32" flat screen, chef's dream kitchen, laminated floors & sidewalls.



Stk #A13N2219  
**MSRP \$42,119**  
 Roll Out the Savings Price \*

**\$142** bi-wkly OAC  
**\$33,980**

**2012 Lance 855S Camper**

Short-box w/slide, electric remote ball screw camper jacks, deluxe queen pillow-top.



Stk #P12N668  
**MSRP \$35,395**  
 Roll Out the Savings Price \*

**\$118** bi-wkly OAC  
**\$28,373**

**2012 Island Trail 202RBS Travel Trailer**

Electric jacks & awning, keyless entry, huge full-depth slide, exterior marine receiver with USB & MP3 - WOW!



Stk #12N1482  
**MSRP \$24,720**  
 Roll Out the Savings Price \*

**\$83** bi-wkly OAC  
**\$19,980**

**2012 Heartland Bighorn 3070RL 5th Wheel**

Live BIG! Triple slides, hydraulic gear, electric FP, King of the Mountain package, LCD TV in bedroom.



Stk #A12N2130  
**MSRP \$75,850**  
 Roll Out the Savings Price \*

**\$203** bi-wkly OAC  
**\$56,410**

**2012 Denali 270FKS Travel Trailer**

Dual slide, Denali Luxury + All Weather packages, remote control stabilizer jacks, oversized dinette.



Stk #A12N2193  
**MSRP \$41,700**  
 Roll Out the Savings Price \*

**\$142** bi-wkly OAC  
**\$33,980**

**2012 Thor Challenger 36FD Class A**

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10:00 – 12:00 Races  
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12:00 BBQ  
1:00 - 3:00 Kids Games  
12:00 - 7:00 Refreshment Garden  
50/50 Draws and Raffle  
throughout the Day

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**Salmon & Beef Barbecue**

**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Corn on the Cob,**

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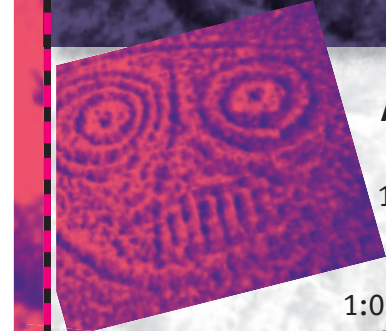
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