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**TIM, JOHN & THEIR PALS:** Tim O'Connor, right, and John Dolman, are among Salt Spring's most enthusiastic celebrators of annual holidays. The owners of TJ Beans and Island Star Video bring out the Halloween decorations each year.

## ISLANDS TRUST Vacation rental website gets reprieve

Judge rules against Trust's legal challenge

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A popular website that links vacationers with accommodations on Salt Spring can continue to operate thanks to a Supreme Court of B.C. decision that has determined the company does not violate the island's land-use bylaw.

"I am completely unpersuaded by Salt Spring Island [Local Trust Committee's] argument that Westcoast Vacations uses the host properties for their own benefits," wrote Justice Peter Leask in a judgement released Monday. "In my opinion the guest is contracting with the host, rather than Westcoast Vacations, for the use of the property."

Justice Leask rejected multiple arguments the Islands Trust had presented to obtain an injunction to stop Westcoast Vacations "from using or offering for rent or use, any property on Salt Spring Island located in a residential zone for commercial guest accommodation use."

Trust legal counsel alleged that, because the website enters into contracts for short-term use of properties in exchange for money, the Westcoast Vacations website permits or facilitates the illegal use of residentially zoned properties.

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## FERRIES

# Public asked to 're-vision' ferry system

Salt Spring sessions set for Nov. 15

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Bridges between islands, passenger-only ferries and improved cycling infrastructure are some of the options British Columbians are being invited to consider in a "re-visioning" of the entire coastal ferry system being led by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Consultants acting for the ministry will conduct 38 public sessions in 30 coastal communities beginning on Nov. 6. The consultations are part of the process to determine service cuts to save BC Ferries \$26 million in annual operating costs, as recommended by BC Ferry Commissioner Gord Macatee.

New Transportation Minister Mary Polak emphasized the re-visioning concept at Monday's kick-off to the public consultation sessions, stating the principles behind the system need to be examined before making individual cuts.

"It isn't a straight numbers issue. It isn't just about which routes are making money and which routes are losing money," Polak said.

Macatee has projected the ferry corporation will face a total \$256-million shortfall by 2024, due to escalating fuel and labour costs and declining ridership. He's also said that riders can't be expected to shoulder the financial burden through ever-rising fares.

BC Ferries will be spending \$2.5 billion in ves-

sel replacement and refurbishment over the next decade. Macatee observed that making decisions about the ferry system now would allow the corporation to build the right vessels to meet those changes.

"There's an opportunity to think about what we need, what we want for the future," he said.

BC Ferries has already cut extra sailings on the major routes for a savings of \$4 million per year. The public feedback form, which will be available at the local consultation sessions and can also be found on [www.coastalferriesengagement.ca](http://www.coastalferriesengagement.ca), asks participants to prioritize the considerations by which further service cuts should be made.

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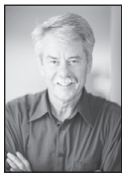
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## NEWSBEAT

### WASTE MANAGEMENT

# Illegal dumping prompts call for change

CRD also seeks solid waste committee members

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Repeated drifts of garbage bags, sofas and mattresses on various island roads have disgusted Salt Spring residents in recent months, causing one person to call for a change to island governance at the same time as the Capital Regional District prepares to update its solid waste management program.

School bus driver Andrea Sowden frequently sees piles of garbage at her roadside pullouts. The intersection of Cusheon Lake and Fulford-Ganges roads, the "Burgoyne Triangle" and the beach across from the Fulford Inn are among the worst.

"It's sort of our dirty little secret. Either we can't afford garbage removal or we can't access it in some way," she said.

Sowden often calls in the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to clear the road, although she feels garbage removal isn't really part of its mandate.

"Highways does a lot that people don't know about to make our roads the safest they can be. It's a health and safety issue as well — when you have an old couch at one of your bus stops, animals start living there, and it's not a very good example for the children," she said.

Transportation and Infrastructure spokesperson Kate Trotter confirmed the ministry directs its highway maintenance contractors to clean up any garbage that is found within a provincial public highway right-of-way.

"Our maintenance contractors have time frames that they need to pick up debris within, depending on the type of road," Trotter wrote in an email to the Driftwood.

"On busier, higher-speed and higher-volume routes, our contractors are quicker to act, generally within a couple hours of it being reported. Of course, any debris considered a safety or environmental hazard would be picked up as soon as possible."

Trotter said the ministry may choose to charge those responsible for the cost, if they can link dumping to an individual or a company. Anyone who witnesses illegal dumping in action should provide any available information to the RCMP.

Other locations besides the roadways have also become de facto dumps. The Salt Spring Conservancy reports taking truckloads of garbage out of its new Alvin Indridson reserve near Hope Hill, and nearby Mount Tuam has been the end point for contractor debris, junk vehicles and old toilets. Even private yards are not exempt: new homeowners have discovered everything from rusted car chassis to horse carcasses when excavation work begins.

The problem is one that's

been noted by Reg Aaftink, who started his own user-pay garbage collection mini-service in Ganges. Aaftink has said there's an old island culture that refuses to pay for garbage removal, which can make his business a difficult one.

Sowden agrees with this assessment and said the island's divided governance structure may be to blame. She feels the possibility of changing from the individual-managed user-pay system to a municipal collection model is an argument for incorporation.

**"We're really going to try to think outside the box, and come up with good short-term and long-term strategies."**

WAYNE MCINTYRE  
SSI CRD director

"Maybe the whole philosophy here is garbage is hard to deal with, so let's just go up to Mount Tuam and get rid of it," Sowden said.

"You can only be a self-help island for so long. Something's missing here — there's a disconnect between our garbage and our government."

Changes are coming to the CRD's management of garbage and recycling in the region regardless of whether or not the island incorporates some day. The district is about to update its Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan, the legally binding document by which it must conduct waste removal according to the provincial government.

The CRD has identified 36 challenges to address in the next 10 to 20 years, as the Hartland Landfill approaches capacity.

Salt Spring's part in the process will be partly determined by the island's Solid Waste Commission, which is set to go back into action in January. Wayne McIntyre, CRD director for Salt Spring, said the commission has two vacancies that need to be filled before a strategic overview of the region's existing solid waste management plan takes place.

"In my view, we have to start looking at waste as a resource," McIntyre said.

"We're really going to try to think outside the box, and come up with good short-term and long-term strategies."

"It's such a huge issue. It's not just on the island, it's everywhere," he added.

Anyone interested in joining the commission should email directorssi@crd.bc.ca for the terms of reference.

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## SC ruling does not legalize STVRs

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According to the Supreme Court judgement, Westcoast Vacations collects a 20 per cent fee from bookings made for any of the 76 properties listed on the company's website. The site lists properties on Salt Spring and the outer Gulf Islands, along with information to help visitors plan their vacation to the region.

The lawsuit was launched by members of the previous Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee in early 2011 as a way to crack down on the continued violation of the island's land-use bylaw by vacation rental owners.

"This was an effort to make bylaw enforcement more efficient, given the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee's direction last term to

actively enforce the land-use bylaw regarding STVRs," said Miles Drew, the Trust's bylaw enforcement manager. "I will now seek further direction from the current LTC as to how it wishes to proceed."

Salt Spring Local Trust Committee member George Grams said he'd seen the statement but hadn't yet had enough time to think about the matter or consider whether there should be any next steps.

An Islands Trust press release that followed the judgement said the growth of STVR booking agencies like Westcoast Vacations has made enforcement of the community zoning bylaw "more difficult and more costly for taxpayers."

Salt Spring's land-use bylaw prohibits vacation rentals based on community consultation that determined "neighbourhoods should be for neighbours," accord-

ing to Linda Adams, the Islands Trust's chief administrative officer in a statement that coincided with the launch of the Westcoast Vacations lawsuit.

Although Monday's judgement does not pardon many of the individual property owners who list on the Westcoast Vacations website, it gives website owners Blair and Melissa Howard the opportunity to continue a business they have operated since 1999. The Howards could not be reached on Tuesday for a comment on the decision.

"Essentially it says that the Islands Trust cannot go after the vacation rental agencies," wrote John Alexander, the lawyer who represents Westcoast Vacations, in an email that coincided with the judgement. "I expect this will put an end to the current case against the Howards' Salt Spring business."



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### AGRI-BUSINESS

## Report shows farmers' market boon to local economy

Social and economic value charted

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The direct benefits of buying locally have been demonstrated in a new report on Salt Spring's Tuesday Farmers' Market, which calculates the event brought \$638,000 to the island this year.

The report on the market's social and economic benefits was a collaborative project of the British Columbia Association of Farmers' Markets and University of Northern British Columbia's School of Environmental Planning, with research conducted by David J. Connell and Anna Melnik.

Market coordinator Jacquie Harkema said the findings provide points for farmers to consider when planning for the next season and offer a positive picture of growing community support over the past five years.

"It's nice to see the growth — we assumed we were growing, but it's nice to see that [in the statistics]," Harkema said.

Based on interviews, short surveys and crowd counts, Connell and Melnik estimated direct sales of \$425,000 during the 2012 market season. The amount was multiplied by 1.5 to calculate the total benefit to the island as \$638,000, including sales to other neighbouring businesses. The total is close to double the \$327,000 projected the last time a report was made in 2006.

Average spending per customer came close to doubling the amount spent in 2006, and the proportion of regular and fre-



Shoppers enjoy the local bounty found at the Tuesday Farmers' Market in Centennial Park.

quent shoppers compared to first time and infrequent shoppers grew from 37 to 49 per cent.

Using figures collected on July 17, 2012, Connell and Melnik estimated 400 customers visit the market per hour, putting it mid-range for traffic among 33 farmers' markets profiled across B.C. Spending, averaged at \$25.95 per customer, was however "more on par with spending seen at small markets than at similarly medium-sized markets."

The average spending has in fact increased substantially since 2006 when it was around \$15 per customer, as Harkema pointed

out. She said the average probably also reflects the fact that more tourists visit the market now, who might just pick up a basket of strawberries rather than doing the week's shopping. But she said the farmers will continue to raise awareness of the benefits of buying local food in the coming year to increase the number of regular island shoppers, and try to provide more education around pricing as compared to what can be found in a supermarket chain.

The researchers found traffic was greatest during the market's first hour of opening from 3 to 4 p.m. and tapered off until the 7

p.m. closing, "with an especially sharp drop going into the third hour."

Harkema noted the growers have experimented with various times and locations ever since the Tuesday market was inception 10 years ago. With information from the report and their own observations, farmers have agreed to move up the start time to sometime between 2 and 3 p.m. when it returns next spring, and end an hour earlier at 6 p.m., although as Harkema observed, "a busier first hour is typical of all farmers' markets — people want to get their pick of the fresh produce."

"We chose evening hours because of the idea of fostering a community event in itself that people would come down for," she said.

Bringing the event to Centennial Park late in 2010 was intended to put the market in the centre of village life, and the result does appear to be positive. But restrictions in the market's lease with the island's Parks and Recreation Commission prohibit selling hot meal items, which may discourage people from spending time there in the later hours.

The farmers will be looking at more information before they decide whether to continue the innovative "Dine and Dance" series of chef demos and live music that was implemented this year. Although the report found that entertainment was not the primary motivation for attending for any of the people interviewed, interview subjects all happened to be locals, and the events may well have attracted people visiting the island.

"I think we'll have to do more follow-up before next year," Harkema said, adding the entertainment might have been a draw for people accompanying a primary shopper, giving kids and family members something to do. She said having music in the later hours also made the atmosphere more enjoyable for the vendors.

"I hope it continues next year — I think it really brought a nice feeling to the market," she said.

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## News briefs

### Wet roads, frisky deer irk drivers

Members of the Salt Spring Island RCMP detachment remind drivers to be especially cautious about slick conditions and deer along island roads.

Sgt. George Jenkins said officers have had to contend with a higher-than-normal number of cars in ditches and vehicle-deer collisions in the past week.

"We're noticing a bit of a trend," Sgt. Jenkins said on Tuesday.

Conditions are still espe-

cially slick in the wake of a long late-summer dry spell that resulted in an accumulation of motor-vehicle oils and other substances along roadways, he added.

The dangerous condition of island roads is further aggravated by the prevalence of mating deer across the island. Drivers are asked to pay special attention considering the end of daylight savings time this weekend.

### Missing man found safe

Seven Salt Spring Island Search and Rescue volunteers had reason to rise early on Wednesday, Oct.

24 after getting called out to search for a 28-year-old Pender Island man.

Search manager Chuck Hamilton said he received a call from outer Gulf Islands RCMP soon after midnight. Searchers were assembled and prepared in time for the 6:15 ferry out of Long Harbour.

The search was stood down soon after volunteers arrived on North Pender at approximately 8 a.m. when the missing man was found safe by his mother.

Hamilton said the incident offered the group an opportunity to efficiently deploy resources, including the group's command

and equipment vehicles, for an early morning off-island search.

### Mock emergency to strike north end of island

Residents of Salt Spring Island's north end are invited to stop by and have a peek at their neighbourhood's emergency reception centre during a mock exercise on Saturday morning.

The Nov. 3 scenario will involve the start-up and operation of the Fernwood

Elementary School as it would be used in a real island emergency. In case of a large regional emergency, the school may be opened as an evacuation and reception centre for the area spreading from Southey Point to Walker Hook and as far south as Langs Road and Trincomali Heights.

Neighbourhood residents who are interested to watch and learn about how the centre will be used if there is a wildfire, windstorm or other major emergency can contact Emergency Social Services director Larry Melious at [larrymelious@gmail.com](mailto:larrymelious@gmail.com) to pre-register for the event.

## FOR THE RECORD

The response by Giselle Ruumke to last week's Salt Spring Says question — "What would you like to see in the former Mark's Work Wearhouse site?" — failed to convey the full scope of her response to the Driftwood.

Ruumke's comment should have read:

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# NEWSBEAT

## FIRE DISTRICT

# Fire department adds new mini-pumper to roster

Saturna society buys surplus truck

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Fire-Rescue has a unique addition to its equipment roster with the long-awaited arrival of its 2012 Mitsubishi mini-pumper.

The shortened chassis of the European-built design makes the new truck hard to miss on island roads, but the improved turning radius (and four-wheel drive) is exactly what makes it ideal for travelling Salt Spring's narrow, winding driveways.

"It's not your average North American fire truck," said deputy fire chief and operations manager Arjuna George.

"This truck is superior to any of our vehicles for sharp turning. The turning radius is amazing."

Replacing the department's outdated 1994 mini-pumper, the new truck was purchased for \$307,000 plus HST. The funds were allocated in the district's 2011 budget and paid out this year.

The new truck's components were built in the Netherlands and assembled in New York before it was shipped to Surrey for inspection. The entire back section is made of durable fibreglass and is removable, so could be potentially put onto



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Sparky the Fire Dog shows off the new Salt Spring Fire-Rescue mini-pumper truck.

another chassis if need be down the road. The box has seats for four firefighters, including the driver, while the old truck could only transport two.

The mini-pumper was called into action during its very first day in service, performing well at the site of a brush fire on

Stewart Road. While medical incidents, small fires and wildland fires will probably make up most of the truck's calls, George said it will also be able to act as the lead truck in difficult-to-reach locations. The mini-pumper is exceptionally efficient because of its compressed air foam system.

"It's better fire power for knocking down a fire," he said, explaining the use of compressed air to expand the foam helps conserve both water and man hours. Its diesel engine with high emission-control standards is similarly expected to promote excellent fuel efficiency.

"I guess the biggest bonus is it drives like a dream. It doesn't really feel like a fire truck," George said.

Roller doors on the outside of the truck cover good-sized storage areas that are easier to access than the ones located on the roof of the old truck. The pump, located at the back, is fully removable but also has its own cover, instead of being open to the elements.

George said members of the public who have seen the truck outside the station have expressed a lot of support for the new equipment, and fire departments from around Canada and the U.S. have been writing to inquire about its specs.

"It's definitely something new on the North American market, so we might have started a trend," George said. "Other departments are wondering if it would work for them."

Meanwhile, another nearby fire district has found that what works for them is actually the truck that no longer works for Salt Spring. The Saturna Island

Fire Protection Society purchased the 1994 mini pumper for \$30,000.

Chief Brent Sohier said the truck's specifications, which include a portable generator and a portable forestry pump, are well suited to Saturna's underpopulated and heavily forested terrain.

"Ultimately, a lot of our calls are a lot more rural than Salt Spring," he said.

"We don't have a downtown core where we can hook up to hydrants, so it works out well for us."

The truck hasn't been called into service since Sohier and a crew of Saturna firefighters picked it up on Salt Spring last week, where they received on-site training.

"We haven't had an opportunity to get out and practise with it, but I think it will be a great truck for us," the chief said.

Both island fire departments have expressed appreciation of the ongoing connection between the different teams.

"We have a pretty good working relationship with Salt Spring — they host our annual spring training every year, and I think all the Gulf Islands have a good relationship with them," Sohier said.

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## SMART METERS

## Locks not enough to deter smart meter installation

12 per cent of SSI property owners reject smart meters

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The number of Salt Spring Island residents who refuse to have smart meters installed on their property is roughly three times the provincial average, according to a BC Hydro spokesperson.

Ted Olynyk, a BC Hydro community relations officer, said approximately 12 per cent of island property owners have refused to let Corix

employees install smart meters since crews arrived on the island early last week.

Considering BC Hydro was prepared for strong opposition to the meters, Olynyk said, the 88 per cent compliance rate is something the company is pleased with. Installation work on the island is expected to conclude by the end of the week.

Tensions crested among many residents last week when it became apparent that Corix employees had disregarded locks and notices placed by individuals who opposed the smart meters.

The move prompted BC Hydro to confirm that locks and unsigned

notices are not enough to prevent the installation of the new meters.

"In some instances, our installers have come across unreliable, makeshift locks that have been placed on the meter along with unsigned notices that do not identify who the account holder is. In these situations, our installers will proceed with the meter exchange," Olynyk said.

On Wednesday, Oct. 24, a south-end resident was astonished to discover a new smart meter on his Morningside Road home despite his lock and multiple signs. Jim Grossman said whoever installed the meter couldn't have failed to see his signage and obviously broke through a lock

that barred access to his old meter.

"This is crazy," he said.

Grossman called the Salt Spring RCMP detachment soon after he discovered the new meter and was referred to BC Hydro staff who, in turn, told him to contact Corix, where he soon became mired in a labyrinthine phone message system.

On Thursday, residents of Pioneer Village on Lower Ganges Road convinced members of the volunteer board who oversee the Lions' Club-operated affordable housing complex for seniors to postpone installation of the new meters. The decision followed a lengthy standoff between board members and residents of the

complex as well as nearly 10 members of Gulf Islanders for Safe Technology.

Smart meter opponents say the company's effort to "upgrade" the power grid carries issues related to personal privacy, health and costs. The decision to continue with installations where people have made obvious efforts to oppose the meters is a concern for GIFST members.

"This is proof that we've been lied to," said Andrea Collins, a member of Gulf Islanders for Safe Technology who is vocally opposed to BC Hydro's installation program. "We've heard these same stories all over the province and now it's happening here."

## REAL ESTATE

## Channel Ridge member outlines new vision

New plan hopes to save project

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Continued economic uncertainties and a challenging real estate market have encouraged a new slate of Channel Ridge Properties board members to revisit the drawing board and pursue a refined vision for Salt Spring Island's largest real estate project.

Gone are the sprawling luxury homes and acreages, replaced instead with modest condominiums and townhouse units in what developers tout as a European-style pedestrian-friendly village. Whereas housing units under the previous vision averaged 1,900 square feet, the new plan shrinks that to roughly 1,100 square feet. The price point has also dropped to reflect market conditions and slower home sales.

According to the new direction outlined by Channel Ridge shareholder Bryce Chapman during the annual general meeting of the Channel Ridge Owners Association on Oct. 23, the village's residential units will surround a world-class amenity that will foster programs on the arts and environment.

"Our [current] plan is to create a village where we can bring in seminars and small meetings and groups to the village and actually, for the first time, have a proper meeting hall or two or three of them," Chapman said. "Our plan for the village is to make it a centre of excellence for the arts, for the environment and for other areas — a think tank almost, if you will."

"We're excited about trying to find a way to bring in more tourism and more dollars to the island in the winter months," he added. Having devoted more than a decade to speaking with and listening to island residents, Chapman believes he's learned a thing or two about what type of

projects can work on Salt Spring. Track housing witnessed in traditional subdivisions across the continent, he said, is not what Channel Ridge is about.

"You can't stomp all over people, because that just doesn't work," he said. "You've got to listen and learn and I've been doing a lot of listening."

That Chapman was able to produce any kind of renewed vision is a minor miracle in its own right given the hardships Channel Ridge Properties has met with since Chapman and a group of 417 investors took over the project in 2000.

**"Our plan for the village is to make it a centre of excellence for the arts, for the environment and for other areas."**

BRUCE CHAPMAN  
Channel Ridge Properties  
shareholder

Work at the 90-acre village site has progressed at a snail's pace as the company flirts with insolvency, \$45 million of debt and hefty interest charges that exceed \$2,000 per day. The company reportedly has a \$30 million mortgage with Equis-hare (a mortgage investment company formed by Channel Ridge shareholders), a \$7.6 million mortgage with Mission Creek Mortgage, a third-party lender based in Kelowna, B.C., and owes more than \$7 million to the Calgary-based Olympia Trust Company.

According to a report prepared by court-appointed assessor Ernst and Young in September, the company fails

to comply with Ministry of Environment septic regulations and requires \$1.4 million in "immediate financing" to prepare its "existing product" and address outstanding waste management issues.

As if that wasn't enough of a burden, the report states that Channel Ridge Properties must update its master plan and request an amendment to the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan if the company wants to move forward with a project that reflects today's market reality.

"Before any construction takes place," the report states, "costs associated with a rezoning and amendment of the OCP, including planning, market analysis, architecture, payroll, design, engineering, legal and consulting could easily exceed \$2 million."

The report adds that the property's complex topography, remote location and "stringent development criteria" imposed by the Islands Trust pose additional development challenges.

Back in 2006, the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee approved a development permit that allowed Channel Ridge Properties to build 321 residential units and approximately 75,000 square feet of commercial space in the village.

News of the renewal, Chapman told last week's audience, follows a nasty dispute among board members who were at odds about what direction the village should take. While Chapman sought out a new direction, he said, other board members were reluctant to essentially throw out more than a decade of costly planning, design and marketing efforts.

In spite of the adversity, Chapman is unfazed and determined to move ahead. In September, a majority of shareholders voted to scrap the company's board and elect new members who support Chapman's vision. The new

board members have devoted six weeks to learning about the project and determining what must be done to pull it back from the brink of a potential fire sale of the company's existing product. That existing product, with a generously assessed value of up to \$12.5 million, includes 18 village lots, three freehold lots and the village duplex show suite.

"Kind of like a divorce, it wasn't pretty," he said. "We had about 18 per cent of shareholders sided with the board, but the vast majority sided with the fact that we must change the product and move forward with the reality of the world."

Chapman appears to have evaded the jaws of economic catastrophe by appeasing lenders, reassuring investors and wooing preliminary support from the island's chamber of commerce and locally elected Islands Trust and Capital Regional District representatives.

A letter written on behalf of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce's board of directors in August notes that the new Channel Ridge plan will include an offer to mitigate the use of water from St. Mary Lake, offer 160 units of affordable housing and generate "many employment opportunities and provide very significant additional economic stimulus" to the island.

Chapman has also hired a world-class planner with experience in the creation of small tourism villages to assist Channel Ridge Properties in its renewed planning process.

He said a detailed presentation that will outline the new project is in the works and should be complete by January. He assured members of the Channel Ridge Owners Association they'd be among the first to see the proposal when it's ready.

"For all the people who have heard rumours, we're still in charge, we're still in control and we're still moving forward," he said.

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## NEWSBEAT

## More subsidies not on the table in ferries examination

## FERRIES

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Among the possibilities are examining significant annual shortfalls, looking at routes with low annual utilization and low round-trip utilization rates, providing basic service levels for worker and student commuters, and factoring in route complexity, vessel replacement and possible reconfigurations.

While members of the public are being given the chance to weigh in on the matter, members of the coastal Ferry Advisory Committees are surprised at the seemingly wide-open and unfocused nature of the process.

A press release issued by the FAC

chairs group on Tuesday outlines why they see the move as “confusing, rushed and missing key parts of the picture” — having thought from previous government announcements that decisions on specific cuts to service would be exactly what the public would give its input on.

“Instead, we have the process just announced. There is no commitment to come back and consult on specifics when they’re finally decided,” Brian Hollingshead of the Southern Gulf Islands stated in a FACC press release.

“Without that step, the province is flying blind. It won’t know what the cuts will do to ferry users and communities.”

The public engagement form

asks for innovative suggestions for a long-term plan on how to best connect coastal communities. Alternative ferry technologies, such as cable ferries, and combinations of passenger-only and car-carrying ferry service are suggested. Improving cycling infrastructure to allow for lighter vessels, changing over to alternative fuel, and building bridges between short distances on smaller routes are all on the table.

However, while the consultation form is open to all B.C. residents, the government is asking respondents to consider whether coastal residents in particular should pay more for the ferry service, either in the form of property taxes or fuel taxes

collected in those communities.

Polak stated Monday that with the government’s commitment of an extra \$79.9 million over four years for Performance Term Three, subsidy levels are at their highest point and taxpayers are already contributing a lot. A further, more meaningful increase to the government contribution doesn’t sound likely — as the FACC points out while questioning the ministry’s description of the \$26-million cut target as a shortfall in the public engagement package.

“It appears to be a figure the province put into its contract with BC Ferries as a way to cap its contribution to ferries. And the cap comes on top of its earlier funding freeze,” said

Alison Morse of Bowen Island FAC.

Salt Spring residents will have two opportunities to share their opinions in person on Nov. 15. A small group session is scheduled for 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15. Participants must RSVP by emailing [coastalferriesengagement@gov.bc.ca](mailto:coastalferriesengagement@gov.bc.ca) or calling 1-855-387-7882 to attend. A public open house will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. the same evening, with no need to RSVP.

Open houses will also take place on Galiano, Pender, Mayne and Saturna islands. See [www.coastalferriesengagement.ca](http://www.coastalferriesengagement.ca) for details.

The consultation process is set to end Dec. 21 with a report to be delivered to the government in February 2013.

## LOCAL POLITICS

## Governance study process outlined

Committee formation next step

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Locally elected politicians got a clearer picture of the island’s governance study process during a meeting with representatives from the province’s Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development held last Tuesday.

According to information provided by Capital Regional District director Wayne McIntyre and Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee members George Grams and Peter Grove on Monday morning, the governance study will essentially consist of a “fact-gathering exercise” to determine how the island’s current system of governance serves the community.

“It will assess how services are currently delivered, seek to identify community concerns and whether those concerns justify further examination of governance options, including an incorporation study,” reads a statement provided by Grams, Grove and McIntyre.

Part of the study will be to clarify how incorporation would affect the Islands Trust, state the elected officials.

Although preparations for the \$80,000 provincial government-funded study have begun, a governance study committee must now be created. The committee’s responsibility is to select and oversee the work of a qualified consultant to undertake governance research.

“The study committee is to ensure that the consultant addresses the ‘right’ questions about the current state of governance, considering the diversity of interests in the community, and is prepared to present find-

ings and gather feedback from the community in ways that are most suited to the community,” reads the elected officials’ joint statement.

Ministerial recommendations state that the committee should comprise 15 members, including the three locally elected reps.

“Our elected officials believe that the committee should be comprised of those who have the capacity and the wish to examine the structure of island governance rationally and dispassionately and who are open minded and can adopt a collaborative, investigative and analytical approach,” state Grams, Grove and McIntyre.

The elected reps are preparing a list of “organizations and interest groups that they believe should be represented on the committee.” Broader community members will also be able to apply.

“I have faith in our community,” Grams said on Monday. “We have one of the most highly educated, informed and engaged communities anywhere. I don’t doubt we will be able to assemble a committee that has all the qualities we are seeking, and some.”

The community will be kept informed throughout the process.

“The role of elected officials in the study is to champion the process, not the outcome,” reads the joint statement. “The ultimate objective of the process is to provide the information necessary for Salt Spring Island to make an informed decision on its preferred governance structure, and that our community shares a sense of ownership of, and a common respect for, that decision.”

Should the governance study process lead to a recommendation for an incorporation study, ministerial approval would be required.

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Salt Spring will, finally, have a new library building that will meet community needs for the next fifty years. And, because of its design and its location, we can have a library—and yet so much more! Indeed, the Library could and should now become the heart and soul of our community. To do that, however, we need your support of the Library’s 2012 Annual Giving Campaign.

As already indicated above, we do not need any financial assistance either to complete the building or to furnish it. Rather, we are looking to the community to help us with our “enrichment and enhancement” activities. For example:

- an already first rate children’s program series must be made even better;
- making our new teen room a “go-to place” for that age group;
- funding for additional student help both during the summer and on weekends;
- additional support for a significant “opening year” expansion of the book collection;
- making more electronic databases and e-books available – both for use in the new building and to download to your home computer or portable device;
- funding to offer library special events for all ages in the new program room.

Yes, it’s going to be a library—and how much more, however, depends on the amount of community support we receive. Can the Library Board, the 150 dedicated library volunteers who contribute so much of their time and energy, and Library patrons across the entire Island count on your generosity? In these uncertain financial times, we are grateful for contributions of any size, large or small. While the total amount raised is very important, so is the number of contributors. Please consider joining with the many Islanders who both appreciate what has just been built, and realize that it’s now time for our Library to continue to progress beyond “bricks and mortar”.

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# NEWSBEAT

## WATERWORKS

# NSSWD manager faces rough waters

Water quality and infrastructure dog 99-year-old utility

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When Ron Stepaniuk showed up to his first day of work at the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, he was a part-time labourer who was immediately put to work on the front lines.

"The first days on the job involved a lot of mud, digging and heavy lifting," Stepaniuk said in a recent interview. "Eventually, I had to make a decision to stay or go back to construction."

"The rest is history." That was 26 years ago. In September, the NSSWD's board of directors officially named Stepaniuk as the utility's district manager.

Along with his nearly three decades with the waterworks, Stepaniuk brings extensive experience and knowledge about the operation and administration of water systems.

Stepaniuk takes the

reins after the retirement of former manager Trevor Hutton at a crucial time for St. Mary Lake, the water district and the more than 2,000 residential, commercial and institutional properties it serves on the island.

Not only have recurring algae outbreaks in the St. Mary Lake bloomed into a major cause for concern but water infrastructure costs will rise dramatically as the 99-year-old utility gets set to conduct much-needed infrastructure upgrades.

"I think the top priorities are water quality, both watershed protection and water treatment, strategic and succession planning to assure the district is able to meet its responsibilities, and financial restraint, as infrastructure replacement costs are going to be huge in the coming decades," Stepaniuk said.

A new treatment plant is required to handle the increased demand by customers and meet more rigorous drinking water standards imposed by the federal government.

To ensure the district



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

NSSWD manager Ron Stepaniuk settles into his new role.

doesn't run into the same cost overruns and project delays that accompanied treatment plant upgrades in the Beddis, Fulford and Highland/Fernwood water service districts, Stepaniuk and the district have confirmed the suitability of the NSSWD Tripp Road site and embarked on a clearly defined four-step process.

That process, he said,

will begin with a community engagement process to show people the project's preliminary design and cost. Following public consultation, more detailed plans will be prepared and a referendum will be held to obtain ratepayer approval for the new dissolved air flotation treatment unit.

"With finances in place, the NSSWD can let

the contract with oversight by all applicable engineering firms and members of the NSSWD operations staff," he said.

Should everything move ahead as planned, construction on the new plant will begin in about two years.

As the district continues to provide potable water to its customers, Stepaniuk said, the NSSWD's staff and directors intend to stay at the forefront of St. Mary Lake's water quality issues. Along with operating the aeration units, that means paying upwards of \$50,000 per year to monitor the quality of St. Mary Lake.

"Over the years NSSWD has probably compiled the most comprehensive data set available about water quality in St. Mary Lake, which it has freely shared with all interested parties," he said.

As for Stepaniuk, his new post as manager may involve less mud, but it certainly looks to hold plenty of heavy lifting.

More information about the district is available at [www.northsaltspringwaterworks.ca](http://www.northsaltspringwaterworks.ca).

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## ENVIRONMENT

# Shell resumes site assessment

Two-week project starts Thursday

The latest round of clean-up work at the former Shell station in downtown Ganges is set to begin on Thursday, Nov. 1.

A spokesperson from Shell Canada said the work is expected to last until the middle of November with crews working on weekdays between approximately 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

"During this process there will likely be some noise and access to the immediate areas of investigation will be restricted for safety reasons," said Shell Canada's Verity

Conrad. "However, there will be workers available in the area to direct local residents and tourists regarding vehicle and/or pedestrian access if needed."

The work is necessary to investigate the area's underground conditions as part of the company's ongoing environmental assessment of the site. Work is required to clear the site for the possibility of future redevelopment and revitalization of the area, Conrad added.

Passersby and neighbouring business owners can expect to see and hear a drilling rig and associated equipment used to install monitoring wells in

the area near McPhillips Avenue and Lower Ganges Road for the duration of the project. The wells are needed to collect soil and groundwater samples and read subsurface and groundwater conditions.

Conrad said the work will be undertaken in such a way as to keep disruption of any regular activities in the area to a minimum.

"We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause you," she told residents in an open letter to the community.

The work is being conducted by Shell Canada in co-operation with the B.C. Ministry of Environment.



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## CENSUS

# German tops on the list of island's 'unofficial' dialects

Census language data in

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The latest slice of census information released by Statistics Canada on Wednesday shows the number of Salt Spring Island residents whose mother tongue is neither of Canada's two official languages declined by about 15 per cent between 2006 and 2011.

The local numbers run against the nationwide numbers that indicate nearly 20 per cent of people who live in Canada identified their native language as something other than English or French.

Approximately 725 of Salt Spring's 10,145 residents, or roughly seven per

cent, said they grew up speaking a language other than English or French. The most common "unofficial" languages spoken on the island, apart from English and French, are German, 230; Dutch, 120; Chinese, Cantonese or Mandarin, 50; Spanish, 45; and Japanese, 40.

Census figures indicate approximately 9,145 island residents are native English speakers while 185 identified French as their mother tongue.

People whose mother tongue isn't English or French represent approximately 26 per cent of British Columbians and 19 per cent of respondents across Canada. The group accounted for 9.5 per cent of Salt Spring residents in 2006, according to census data collected in that year.

# Spirit of salt spring



Island Savings' Waves of Kindness team, made up of Erin Bettger-Phillips, Donna Keown, John Cade, Sandy Harkema, Debbie Cade, Moya Doherty, Lynda Nash and Harold Harkema, put up a garden shed for a member. The member had bought the shed second hand and taken it down herself, but it required more than one person to put it up. "The weather was beautiful and it was nice to spend time working together outside the office to help someone that really needed our help," says the team.

The Spirit of Salt Spring is a regular feature in the Driftwood for local businesses and organizations to publicize charitable donations. First-come, first-served basis as space permits.

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EDITORIAL

## Political nausea

There was a short moment in Friday evening's otherwise entertaining and informative Salt Spring Island Forum talk by journalistic celebrity Chantal Hébert that left many people in the capacity ArtSpring audience in a stunned silence.

Hébert, who has covered federal politics for 35 years, has earned a reputation across Canada as a journalist with a wry sense of humour and non-partisan detachment from topics of the day.

Whether one is reading her newspaper column, watching her on The National's At Issue panel on CBC or listening to her in person, it doesn't take long to realize Hébert is someone

who has chosen to cover federal politics, not for any long-term gain or political advantage, but because she has a love for the game.

**THE ISSUE:**

Parliament's downward spiral

**WE SAY:**

Voters must demand decency

Hébert's devotion to the House of Commons and the democratic tradition it represents made her critique of the modern parliamentary process on Friday all the

more hard to digest.

In an Oct. 19 column published in the Toronto Star, Hébert equated watching MPs incessant weaving of lies, slugging of opponents and overt disregard of parliamentary conduct with hopping aboard a nausea-inducing merry-go-round.

"The first time I took a seat in the House gallery as a 20-something reporter, I was wide-eyed," she wrote. "Today, I mostly wish I could look away."

Aside from some pleasantries about the conduct of Green party leader and Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Elizabeth May, Hébert told the Salt Spring audience she holds little hope any party can do much to restore parliamentary decorum on the Hill.

Rather than wait for a political awakening, Hébert said, the only way to restore the Parliament she fondly remembers is for voters to call out their elected officials when they witness new lows of parliamentary behaviour, and for party members to become active in demanding change from within their parties and the leaders those members elect.

We can only hope most of them aren't too sickened to pay attention.



## Inspiring journey to protect the coast

BY MARTHA GERLACH

As I boarded the bus to Fulford Harbour, it suddenly became real to me. I was going to protest the Enbridge Pipeline.

I had no idea what awaited me. Was it safe? What were we going to do when we got there? But I knew I just had to show up.

I realized the Salt Spring bus was unusually full for a Monday morning. The people who packed the bus were also protesters. Conversations about the problem, and what awaited us in Victoria bustled on all around me, and I began to feel excited! All of these people stood with me on this issue, and this had been a long time coming.

I have been interested in political and environmental issues from a young age, and this particular issue hit close to home, the pipeline threatening the coast on which I live, and the tar sands companies taking over Alberta, my place of birth. I've seen this issue hidden, brushed off, covered up and misrepresented by government officials and many others. So I believe that it is important for each of us to educate ourselves on the matter, and that is just what I did.

At the terminal, I met up with my group of vivacious, like-minded classmates and we continued our journey together. The ferry was fuller than I had ever seen it, and it became clear to me that I was among friends. We had rented a bus on the other side, to take us downtown, which was filled with GISS students and other Salt Springers.

The rally was in full swing when we arrived. A sea of people gathered on the lawn of the legislature, waving

### VIEWPOINT

flags, holding up signs, cheering and chanting, as different speakers talked about their love and devotion to their home. To my home.

The police stood by anxiously, but I saw no reason for them to be there; everyone was completely peaceful.

I felt the strongest sense of community I had ever felt in my life. All of us were here to defend our coast. Everyone around me inspired overwhelming hope and excitement. I was part of something bigger than me. Everyone's kindness and acceptance was astounding. Strangers greeted me on the street when they saw I was a protester too. We suddenly weren't strangers anymore. We were friends.

I talked to so many people, some very different from me, but we all shared one common concern: The Enbridge pipeline and super-tankers will damage our environment and B.C. communities.

Throughout the course of the day, we listened to many speakers, spoke to many people, connected with each other, but most of all, we made our presence known. We let everyone know that we care. We care about the salmon, about clean water and clean air. We care about the habitat of the spirit bear and the orca whales.

We care about others, about communities and about healthy sustainable development. We were the people, standing up for what we believed in, and that is something that big business and big government couldn't take away.

The writer is a Grade 11 student at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Should fireworks be banned on Salt Spring?**

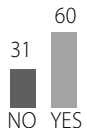
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**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Will you miss Mark's Work Wearhouse?**



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# IslandVoices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

“Something’s missing here — there’s a disconnect between our garbage and our government.”

ANDREA SOWDEN, BUS DRIVER

## SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What can be done to liven up the island during winter?



ANDREA VRIESEN

The businesses could be open longer. We need to keep some life in the town past 5 p.m.



JUDI STILBORN

I sort of like it in the winter because it offers some down time after a hectic summer.



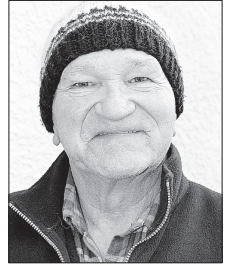
IZAAK GAINES

We need to get something happening in town like a big concert or some kind of big event.



DEBRA MCDONALD

It won't change because the prices are just too high. It's a very expensive place to visit.



JERRY POREBSKI

I like this island because there is no winter, it's quiet and the people are friendly. What else do you need?

## Letters to the editor

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### Serious threat

The Oct. 24 issue of the Driftwood contained a letter from Denis Russell, chair of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, regarding what he calls a seasonal algae bloom on St. Mary Lake.

The bloom on the lake is in fact not algae, which is properly identified as a plant, but is a cyanobacteria, aphanizomenon, which is an animal. The significance of this is that cyanobacteria, unlike algae, are a serious threat to water quality in surface water sources worldwide. A number of species of cyanobacteria produce toxins capable of causing injury to animals and humans.

St. Mary Lake is particularly vulnerable to much larger blooms of cyanobacteria because it is nutrient-enriched by development in its watershed and the naturally poor flushing rate due to the small-sized watershed compared to lake volume. The weir on Duck Creek installed by the NSSWD to obtain more

water from St. Mary Lake, significantly impeded the flushing action, which is important to the lake and the community it serves. My view in this is supported by Dr. Rick Nordin, a limnologist with expert long-term knowledge of St. Mary Lake.

**MICHAEL LARMOUR,**  
FORMER NSSWD MANAGER

### Make Hydro election issue

Well, it happened. The Corix trucks came to Salt Spring last week.

Some homeowners were spoken to politely and told that their power would be turned off for a bit. Others were not told at all, even though they were home at the time.

What we see here is part of a huge spending spree that BC Hydro has been on. For decades, BC Hydro was a stable revenue producer for B.C. It was a masterpiece set up by W.A.C. Bennett and it benefited our entire economy. Since 2001, it went from being in the black to being \$3 billion

in debt.

Now we are told that B.C. must have the new meters (which cost \$1 billion and last 10 to 15 years) to save money on lost hydro. This is all from mismanagement to begin with.

Next year is election time and we are the ones to decide.

**JENNY MCCLEAN,**  
ATKINS ROAD

### Into the 21st century

Our quality of life at the very end of Isabella Point Road has been taking a major turn for the better.

It started a few months ago when Shaw began inching its way up our road to eventually bring us hi-speed internet service. Then, last week Mainroad brought in their grader to level out the washboard surfaces and potholes on our gravel and mud road. Then, in a huge leap forward, last Monday our shiny, modern, global-warming-fighting hydro smart meter was installed, and one week later our

shack is still standing and we are still normal.

And our one and only (on Salt Spring) roundabout installed by local effort is working perfectly at the busy intersection of Maxam Road and Isabella Point Road. We have not had so much as a fender-bender since it was built.

Now, if we could only entice Salt Spring Transit to bring us bus service, we would really have joined the 21st century.

**HAROLD SWIERENGA,**  
ISABELLA POINT ROAD

### Meter-free zone

A good friend who lives on Hornby Island tells us that they attracted a huge crowd to an anti-smart meter meeting and voted over 70 per cent in favour of being a “smart-meter-free zone.” BC Hydro officials subsequently suggested that Hornby Island institute its own electricity system, and I think this is an excellent idea for application on Salt Spring Island also.

We could set up an agreement whereby the Municipality of Salt Spring Island’s electricity board bulk-buys power from the “evil empire” and resells it to Salt Spring residents according to metering and rate schedules that are attractive to Salt Springers. This is not “pie-in-the-sky” — many precedents exist — the one I know best being the City of Calgary, which buys its power in bulk (at a commensurately discounted, bulk commercial rate) from TransAlta Utilities and is effectively the city’s electric utility.

We could have our own electric utility, with our own board of directors, with executive salaries flowing back into our community, not Vancouver’s.

Think of it, folks: No smart meters! No brain frying! No taking regulations made on the other side of Georgia Strait! Independence! Sounds sweet to me. Vox populi, vox dei!

**ROSS KING,**  
BEDDIS ROAD

### Thankful indeed

It was extremely gratifying this Thanksgiving to have my turkeys processed at the brand new Salt Spring abattoir. The birds were well treated, their carcasses immaculately plucked and prepared, and even though it was just a “test run,” I was delighted with every part of the process.

It makes me so happy that thanks to the work of Margaret Thomson and so many others, the birds we breed and hatch can now be spared the ferry ride on their final day. We can do the whole thing from incubator to table on our little island.

Not all of our farmlands are suitable for crops, and this abattoir is the greatest step back towards the sustainable farming community we knew and loved.

Now is your chance to literally put your money where your mouth is, and make a donation to the abattoir.

**BOB TWAITES,**  
CUSHEON LAKE

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## Make use of darkness for reflection, renewal

My friend showed me video footage of his trip to the Spirit Bear forest in October. I saw a mother and cub grizzly glutting themselves on spawning salmon till they almost fell over.

“They have it made,” I thought to myself. “They gorge on the choicest gourmet food nature has served up to them, then waddle over to a cave and pass out for the winter.” This seems like such an intelligent way to deal with the changing seasons.

Yes, it’s that time again. We’re turning back our clocks this weekend and have to face the advancing darkness.

“How will we get through this next period?” I hear people around me groaning.

When Halloween is over there will be no more fireworks and costume parties to look forward to, no more harvests. Many of us will get up in the dark and come back home in the dark. The snowbirds amongst us will join their annual flocks to Malaga, La Manzanilla, Maui or Palm Desert. But the majority of us will stay put.

A friend of mine who recently decided to resist the urge to take annual flight observed that Salt Spring seems to be burst-

ing with activity lately: all the Salt Spring Forum events, ArtSpring performances, art showings, the giant book sale in mid-November, meditation and yoga gatherings, choral offerings, book signings, craft workshops and fairs — even Country Grocer getting into the act with its \$1.44 day sale. Our son commented that the grocery sale seemed more like a meet and greet event than commerce as crowds of people hugged and chatted deliriously in the winding lineup.

But there’s another aspect of this time besides the procession of activities leading us towards Christmas. As we lose sight of the sun we also let go of the busyness of keeping up with everything that grows. No more urgency to water the plants, trim the shrubs, cut the grass, weed the vegetable garden, pick even more blackberries, can the fruit. No more surging energy and yearning to go outside. No more picnics and pilgrimages to watch the sunsets. No more cooling dips in St. Mary or Cusheon or Weston.



Alan Caplan

### ON SALT SPRING TIME

The covers are pulled over the barbecues, the lawn chairs and umbrellas stacked away. The ceramic pots are stored as our patios show their emptiness. Soon the frost will paste its white knuckle prints all over our windshields. The ghosts of the forgotten pumpkins sitting outside will begin to rot.

Turning back the clock has become an annual ritual to signify that now is the time to find ways to adjust to the darkness. Or else. Our fate is sealed. No matter how much we yearn for just another resurgence of warmth and light, we must dig in, filling ourselves with all the harvest stored up inside us from the summer feast, like the northern grizzlies.

It is a time to huddle closer to our loved ones, snuggle deeper under the covers, curl up with our purring cat, gaze into the fireplace, generate fresh aromas and heat from our ovens, incubating hot ginger tea, stews, a fresh barley soup, misting up our windows.

It is a season now of human gathering

and remembrance and visits. But it is also a time of aloneness. The darkness can invoke reflection. Without so much outside stimulation we are called to descend into our own being, remember our purpose, recall our dreams, vision our future. We can sweep up the fallen leaves of unrealized ambitions and confront broken hopes. For this is a time of preparation for renewal.

This is also a time to deepen our experience of timelessness. For this darkness will pass and we will re-emerge with fresh internal light. All the books we read, the stories we tell, the films we take in, the music we make and listen to, the conversations we partake in, the acts of kindness towards our loved ones and neighbours — these will carry us forward.

For me, writing this piece has been one way to greet this time. How about you? What are some of the ways that you have discovered to get you through these times?

In addition to being a counsellor, coach, and educator, Alan is co-founder of Inner Odyssey Retreats with Sharon Bronstein. Contact Alan through [innerodyssey.ca](http://innerodyssey.ca).

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## OPINION

# Ancient brain myths persist

BY DOUG WAHLSTEN

Frants Attorp's submission (Oct. 17 Driftwood) on genetic hard wiring of the brain that he believes embodies ancient memories appeared as I was writing an article on recent advances in our understanding of genes, brain development and behaviour.

I co-founded the journal *Genes, Brain and Behaviour*, a leading source of information in this field, and have published several articles on the topic recently.

The claim that tiny animals are totally governed by inherited instincts is wrong. Many simple organisms can learn from experience, and learned behaviours help them adapt to an ever-changing world. One of my first research studies demonstrated learning by cockroaches. Many insects can learn to avoid eating things that make them ill. A colleague at UBC, Dr. Cathy Rankin, is a world leading expert on learning in the microscopic soil nematode worm *C. elegans*.

Numerous experiments with animals

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in laboratories have revealed that the structure of the nervous system, especially the myriad connections among nerve cells, can be dramatically altered by experience. Vision of birds and mammals, for example, is fundamentally altered by early visual experience. Wiring of the brain is not specified in detail simply by genes.

The claim that conscious behaviour is learned, whereas the vast domain of the subconscious arises from inherited tendencies, is also wrong. Many emotions and glandular responses can be altered by learning in a major way. The kind of learning of visceral and hormonal responses that was discovered by Ivan Pavlov early in the 20th century is generally not accessible to verbal awareness. Poets struggle to find words that adequately describe deeply felt emotions, while spiritual leaders teach people to be more aware

of them and gain some control over things unspoken. If those tendencies were simply innate, this would all be futile.

Scientific research has revealed how the expression of inherited information in the genes is regulated by a person's internal and external environment, and how our responses to environmental change are in turn dependent on genetic information. Genes versus environment is a false dichotomy; the two are inextricably intertwined. The Platonic doctrine of innate knowledge has been decisively refuted by modern science.

Only by identifying specific kinds of genes and then observing their biological actions can we begin to comprehend their roles in brain development. A vast trove of information on real genes is now available via the internet. All the genes possessed by humans have been identified, and how they function and interact with each other is being documented profusely. The website

genecards.org provided by the Wellcome Institute of Science gives a glimpse of recent discoveries in intimidating detail. There is no longer any need to invoke the vague generalities of 20th-century theories that are now woefully out of date or ancient myths that predate all science.

Despite the major advances in understanding genes, recent large-scale investigations have provided some big surprises. It is now apparent that mechanisms of gene activity are far more complicated than anybody expected. I agree with Attorp's claim that "the ultimate mystery of life is impenetrable," but I also believe our environment can best be protected by relying on valid scientific knowledge, including the latest knowledge about genes, brain organization and behavioural tendencies.

*The writer is an adjunct professor in the Division of Neuroscience at the University of Alberta and a Salt Spring resident.*



## ISLANDS TRUST SATURNA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee will hold a community information meeting and a public hearing within a Local Trust Committee Business Meeting on:

- Proposed Bylaw No. 109 – cited as "Saturna Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 70, 2000, Amendment No. 2, 2012"

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, November 8, 2012, at Saturna Island Community Hall, 105 East Point Road, Saturna Island, BC.

At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw.

**Proposed Bylaw No. 109** – In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 109 is to amend the Saturna Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 70 to redesignate the Lyall Creek Development Permit Area provisions in order to comply with the Fish Protection Act and the Riparian Areas Regulation. See subject area map below:



A copy of the proposed bylaw and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing October 24, 2012 and up to and including November 7, 2012.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) (e) of the Local Government Act, additional copies of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Saturna Island, B.C., commencing October 24, 2012. The proposed bylaw can also be viewed on the internet at [www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca) and selecting [www.islandstrust.bc.ca/itc/sa/bylaws.cfm](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/itc/sa/bylaws.cfm)

Written submissions may be delivered to:

- The office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, by Fax (250) 405-5155 or can be sent on-line by going to the Islands Trust Website at the following URL: [www.islandstrust.bc.ca/itc/sa/meetings.cfm](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/itc/sa/meetings.cfm) and completing the "Public Hearing, November 8, 2012, Submission Form", prior to 4:30 p.m., November 6, 2012;
- After 4:30 p.m., November 6, 2012 to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at 12:30 p.m., November 8, 2012.

The public is asked to send any electronic response by using the on-line public hearing submission form. The Islands Trust does not guarantee that any email submission will be received by the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email submissions, if they are opened and received, to the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee for consideration, but the public should not rely on email as a means of providing a written submission.

Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Gary Richardson, Planner, at (250) 405-5157 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

**NO REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE SATURNA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

Kathy Jones,  
Deputy Secretary

## MORE LETTERS

### No consent given

Some of your readers might remember that in reply to his letter to the Driftwood I wrote and asked BC Hydro's Gary Murphy why we were subsidizing private interests and buying power from these private interests at umpteen times the going market rate.

This BC Hydro customer has received no reply. Nor has Mr. Murphy graced the pages of this paper with any more of his talking points. I suppose I shouldn't be too offended, after all, our locally elected Gabriola trustee Sheila Malcolmson has not received any replies to her letters to the provincial government either. Even the one she posted a year ago.

Given that local governments, for all their shortcomings, come the closest to representing the will of the people, and given that all of these governments — local, provincial and federal — allege that they govern with the consent of the people, it should be clear to government's most ardent supporters that our alleged democracy is truly broken.

We have no effective checks and balances on the mounting corruption. Our governments of the people have been replaced by governments that primarily serve business and corporate interests. They keep the rest of us buried in taxes and fees to underwrite this treachery, while they fire-sale all our resources and infrastructure to their friends and benefactors.

Should we ask the RCMP to address this corruption when they are taking our licences to drive, over a glass of beer, or ticketing us for not wearing bicycle helmets? Let me know how that works out.

Should we withhold our taxes? Apparently judges who feed off

taxes and fees in their "just us" system go very hard on tax resisters. Unlike the greasy Liberal insiders in the BC Rail scandal.

"You cannot beg for power, you simply must walk away from the toxic relationships and become independently powerful."

That's what I'm doing. I do not consent to any of this corruption or the theft of our resources to serve insiders and private interests via smart meters.

I have posted my property, blocked my meter and filed registered letters to this effect. Trespassers will be prosecuted.

**TOM PICKETT,**  
LEE ROAD

### Meter science

For anyone who thinks smart meters are safe, or is unsure, please read the American Academy of Environmental Medicine's April 2012 press release at the following link: <http://aaemonline.org/pressadvisoryemf.pdf>.

The American Academy of Environmental Medicine was founded in 1965, and is an international association of physicians and other professionals interested in the clinical aspects of humans and their environment.

Amongst other things, the AAEM calls for:

- immediate caution regarding smart meter installation due to potentially harmful RF exposure
- accommodation for health considerations regarding EMF and RF exposure, including exposure to wireless smart meter technology
- independent studies to further understand health effects from EMF and RF exposure
- use of safer technology, including for smart meters, such as hard wiring, fibre optics or other non-harmful methods of data transmission.

If the science on smart-meter technology suggests risks, and groups of physicians are coming

out against smart meters, please consider what you may be exposing yourself and your family to, 24/7, before installing them. May I also suggest that property owners who are selling their homes and landlords who are looking for tenants may be reducing the marketability of their properties by having a smart meter in place.

**CECILE PETRA,**  
SALT SPRING

### Fire risk

I am very concerned with the issue of fires that are often started by these smart meters. We have seen many instances of them catching fire. I know there are a lot of other issues as well, but this one seems to be a no brainer.

On Salt Spring Island, and in other small communities in B.C., this is a huge issue. If we had even one of these catch fire this summer, and no one was there, the situation could have been dire.

We take a lot of care to make sure we don't create forest fires here, so to install meters that have a history of catching fire, in this community, is insane. There are a lot of folks who have summer homes and are only here for occasional holidays. These homes could have a fire brewing and no one would even know till it was too late.

It seems no one is thinking about B.C. and its Smokey the Bear sign ("only you can prevent forest fires"). But apparently, in this case, only our government can prevent them and instead they are choosing to fully support forest fires.

I feel we must stand up for our little island and other remote communities who stand to lose their forests and their homes if we install something known to catch fire. It's unbelievable that we are being forced to do this.

**KIM TUTTLE,**  
SALT SPRING

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# OPINION



## TO DAVY JONES' LOCKER:

In the spirit of Halloween, Salt Spring Air shared a photo from a fun pirate-themed shoot with local photographer John Cameron. Pilot Harold Kirkpatrick took on the nasty pirate role, while company owner St.Clair McColl is the poor swab about to hit the drink. A number of Halloween activities are on tap for tonight. See the What's On calendar on Page 20 for details.

## Global endeavour

Salt Spring Metal Recycling is honoured to once again be awarded Small Business of the Year at the 7th Annual Business Excellence Awards.

Thank you to the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce and Island Savings for all of your efforts to make this year's Small Business Week such a huge success, and to award sponsor Joel Shaver of Sports Traders.

We would also like to express sincere thanks to our community. Our business truly would not be the success that it is without your support.

Recycling is a global endeavour and we all need to do our part to create a clean environment. At Salt Spring Metal Recycling we strive to find new and better ways of dealing with our waste in a cleaner and more efficient manner while keeping recyclables out of landfills. It is our mission to conserve energy and natural resources while reducing waste.

Our business recycles over two million pounds of waste metal every year and has done so for the last 10 years. Every year we also collect and recycle approximately 12,000 litres of waste oil, transmission fluid, power steering fluid and brake fluid; 4,000 litres of antifreeze; approximately 35,000 pounds of lead acid batteries; untold thousands of tires and about a litre of mercury hidden in the switches that turn on under hood lights from the island annually. We take much of the island's waste and repurpose it in an environmentally responsible manner for the good of the earth and future generations.

**JOHN QUESNEL,**  
SALT SPRING METAL RECYCLING

## Expensive

On Nov. 1, Prime Minister Stephen Harper could commit Canada to the most sweeping trade deal since NAFTA: the Canada-China Foreign Investment Protection Agreement without a single debate or vote.

It would pave the way

for China to buy out Canada's natural resource companies.

As citizens in a democracy we have not been given the right to study and debate this crucial agreement.

Canada has already spent hundreds of millions of dollars on penalties from lawsuits launched under NAFTA and right now Belgium is facing a \$3 billion suit from one of China's companies because of a similar foreign investor agreement.

Why should Harper lock us into this secretive and extremely expensive deal in the long term?

Are the short-term gains for a few the kind of future we want, as our natural resources are taken in any way possible as quickly as possible?

At the Oct. 22 rally in Victoria to protest the building of pipelines to the B.C. coast, a three-year-old boy from Salt Spring understood that this was a protest about tankers on our wild and beautiful coast. He asked his mother: "Will the whales be having to swim in oil?"

To allow the likelihood of this to happen, sooner or later, is a shirking of our responsibility as citizens towards our children and the kind of land, water and air we pass on to them.

**EILEEN WITTEWAAL,**  
SKY VALLEY ROAD

## Reform economy

Should Canada sign a foreign investment promotion agreement with China that would give Chinese companies "the right to full protection and security from public opposition?"

Elizabeth May, Andrew Nikiforuk and international investment law expert Gus Van Harten think the China-Canada FIPA that could be ratified imminently is not in Canada's best interests.

I see it as fitting in with a pattern that John Ralston Saul has observed running throughout Canada's political life: the tension between those, like the Family Compact of the 1800s, who were "loyal to whatever empire was dominant" and

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those, like reformer Louis-Hippolyte Lafontaine, who "sought to develop new approaches to the common good."

The Harper Conservatives were intent on doing the bidding of U.S. imperialists but their focus is shifting now towards "emerging markets," towards the next dominant empire. In the name of "jobs, growth and prosperity" they have been gutting environmental and social legislation and now they are set to make it possible for foreign investors to sue the Canadian government should it ever restore or advance new environmental and social provisions.

Paul Hawken described what humanity is doing to the earth this way: "stealing the future, selling it in the present, and calling it gross domestic product." But, he said, we could "just as easily have an economy that is based on healing the future instead of stealing it. We can either create assets for the future or take the assets of the future. One is called restoration and the other exploitation. And whenever we exploit the earth we exploit people and cause untold suffering. Working for the earth is not a way to get rich, it is a way to be rich."

Our challenge now is to reform our economy so that restoration, or serving the common good, will make economic sense. Economies are human creations so it is really up to us to create a healthier world.

**JAN SLAKOV,**  
DEER PARK ROAD

## Selling the COW

The following was sent to House of Commons International Trade Committee members.

As members of the House of Commons International Trade Committee, I am asking you to support Don Davies' motion to refer the FIPA agreement to a full study by your committee. More importantly, I am asking

you and your government to postpone ratification of this agreement. The FIPA agreement takes control of Canadian resources from its citizens and gives that control to a vested foreign interest.

I don't believe there is anything more frightening than the idea of a non-democratic, commercialist country (China) owning major companies operating in Canada with free trade rights to Canada's resources. I am unable to understand our Prime Minister's motives in making yet another free trade deal to add to the others which have cost the taxpayers of this country huge amounts of money given to corporations who complained that their profits are suffering because of our laws.

Please stop this unprecedented free trade deal and give-away of our

natural resources to foreign control. The scariest part of this FIPA agreement is that so few Canadians have even heard of it because Mr. Harper is trying to push it through without a single debate or vote in Parliament. Is this democracy? Without a study by your committee, the prime minister could approve the Chinese National Offshore Oil Company's \$15 billion dollar takeover of Canadian oil company, Nexen, and pass the most sweeping, secretive trade deal of a generation.

Why are we selling out our most valuable assets, our natural resources to foreign companies? It's like selling the cow instead of the milk. It makes no sense! Please support Mr. Davies' motion and give Canadians a say. Thank you.

**PATRICIA FAUROT,**  
ELIZABETH DRIVE

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## OPINION

# Watching the lake disappear

BY ED DAVIS

Wow. We got almost two months to play in the lake between algae blooms. It was only a few years back when one could take my advice — “Go jump in the lake, eh” — just about any time of the year without fear of getting anything other than the itch.

Poor old lake is going down like it's got a hole in it (about the same speed as the lake-front and surrounding property owners value of their land). Four water districts sucking away and the big 10-inch pipe for Channel Ridge isn't in service yet!

I'm disgusted. I've been living on the lake for 40 years and never seen such incompetence. The current poor state of the lake started exactly six years ago when the beaver dam was destroyed and the new weir installed too low. Since then the lake has not flushed properly and will never again until that problem is corrected.

Someone should be held accountable. It is a huge environmental screw-up, not to mention the fall-out that has resulted from what used to be a lake that would flush most of the floating algae, pollen, goose crap and feathers down Duck Creek.

Pictures don't lie. (See photos at right.) I'm just not the kind of guy who'd build a dock and hang tires two feet in the air hoping that some day the lake will rise!

It would only take a couple of thousand dollars to fix the weir (weir technology is not a new science) and it could easily be fixed now.

The water level is currently two feet below the top and we will be lucky if we see a trickle



PHOTOS BY ED DAVIS

Above, Ed Davis' float plane parked at his dock, shows the water level before the weir was installed in St. Mary Lake in 2006. Below is the same spot at the same time of year post-weir, with the tires in the air illustrating the difference in lake level.



heading down Duck Creek by the end of January.

Attention “new watershed group seeking identity” (front page of Oct. 17 Driftwood), how

about getting after the powers that be and fix the weir?

*The writer is a long-time St. Mary Lake waterfront dweller.*

## RANTS and Roses

A fire engine full of pink roses to all of those islanders who helped make our Second Annual Jail & Bail For Breast Cancer event such a huge success — to the tune of \$5,355. In particular, Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue would like to extend a tremendous thank you to the community of Salt Spring Island for their generosity, Greg Bellavance of Bellavance Welding, Brenda Akerman of Mary Kay Cosmetics, Tom Vergalen of TNT Signs, Clare Nuyens of GISS and of course all of our convicts: Sam Chan of Golden Island Restaurant, Gary Brooks of CFSI radio, Bruce Patterson, Arvid Chalmers, Sid Filkow, Rita Dods, Jim Raddysh, Banana Joe and Hilary Clemente, Mike and Noella Fraser of Fraser Auto Repair, Paul Large, Genevieve Price of Fishbowl Magazine, Penny Jones and Tammy Walker of Penny's Pantry and the SSIFR 2012 Recruit Class!

Toy Run for their donations of all sorts of toys and generous cash donation to Santa's workshop. The elves are geared up and looking forward to helping Salt Spring families in need have a happy holiday season this Christmas. Drop boxes for donations will soon be in banks and stores. Items for teenagers are the most needed.

A large box of chocolate roses for Shane and Clinton from Benjamin Moore Paints for the superb service you gave us with the installation of our new carpets and vinyl flooring. Your thoughtful consideration of my health problems was very much appreciated. It all looks beautiful. Thanks to your team also. Marlene Smith

A hearty heritage rose bush and a dumptruck load of mycorrhizae-rich, fully composted, earthworm-laden humus to each of the incredible farmers who hauled their varied and vibrant produce and products to town each week since June so we could have such a wonderful resource known as the Tuesday Farmers Market right in the centre of town. Though I grow much of my own food, my table is richer and my larder fuller for your efforts. Thank you and see you next year! Martha Wendt

An armload of superbly fragrant, organically grown heritage roses to Tuesday Farmers Market coordinator Jacquie Harke-Cooper for all of her creative ideas, positive energy and hard work to help increase the viability of our beloved farmers' market. Thanks, Jacquie, for sharing your enthusiasm for sustainability and your love of great food. From a grateful customer, Martha Wendt

An outreach centre filled with wildflowers for all the people who came out and supported and volunteered for our Project Connect Day here at Community Services. To my outreach co-workers Trish,

Jamie, Naomi, Tim and Marsha,

not enough words to express my gratitude to you all. Thank you all so much. Donna Dunnigan

A bouquet of bike wrenches to Jeremy Milson who, on finding my broken bike abandoned in the office hallway — where it should have been! — spontaneously tried the wheel, fixed the flat and adjusted the brakes. Rob James

Thanks so much to the amazing four people who showed up out of nowhere last Wednesday to push my stalled car out of the intersection. They had to push it up a hill to get it off the road and I only got a chance to thank one of you. VC

Armloads of roses to Dr. Lewis for providing the registration fee funds for two of our nurses to take staff education courses. With appreciation, Greenwood's Elder-care Society

The Special Olympics BC executive on Salt Spring Island presents a very large bouquet of red “thank-you” roses to each of the following: Country Grocer for hamburgers (and all the fixings), Embe Bakery for the fantastic cake, TJ Beans for the tasty hot coffee, the United church for supplying tents; and to Gina McMahon/Ross Harvey for being gracious hosts for the appreciation BBQ held for our exceptional coaches/volunteers. Your generous donation to the event was so much appreciated . . . what a great community!

# Arts & Entertainment

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**DRAMA**

## Top voices tune up for The Best Man

Timely Gore Vidal play reading this week

With all eyes and ears on the American presidential election set for Tuesday, Vaughn Fulford hopes to divert some attention to the dramatic reading of a timely play.

Gore Vidal's *The Best Man* made its Broadway premier in 1960, but the political drama about a presidential primary race has real relevance today, says Fulford.

The well-known Salt Spring-based actor and director read the play a couple of months ago and thought it would be a potent way to generate discussion as current events are unfolding in the United States.

The *Best Man* was nominated for six Tony awards, including one for best play. It was also made into



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

From left, Jan Rabson, Arthur Black, Vaughn Fulford and Richard Moses — some of Salt Spring's best-known voices — enjoy choice bits of the Gore Vidal script they will be tackling on Friday night and Saturday afternoon at the United church.

a well-regarded film in 1964.

A co-production of Fulford's Runaway Stage company and the WordPlay group, the Salt Spring read-

ing of *The Best Man* takes place upstairs at the Salt Spring United Church beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 2 and at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3.

Fulford is directing the production, as well as reading a part. Other cast members are Richard Moses, Arthur Black, Jan Rabson, Ann Stew-

art, Christine Mauro, George Sipos and Randie Clark. Admission to the reading is by donation. Cookies and tea will be available.

**REMEMBRANCE**

## M&M Remembrance tradition continues

Readings and songs provide poignant program

Music and Munch on Wednesday, Nov. 7 continues the tradition of dedicating the November program to the observance of Remembrance Day through music and readings.

The audience will be

offered the opportunity to reflect and to remember together those who have lived and died to fulfill mankind's deepest longings for peace.

All those taking part are well known to Music and Munch audiences. With All Saints' choir director David Storm at the piano and organ, the program is a poignant one, with songs such as *Bring My Brother Back To*

*Me* by Stephen Foster, and George Cooper and Karl Jenkins' *Ave Verum*, sung by soprano Connie Holmes and alto Anke Smeele.

Soprano Jean McClure will sing of Christmas in the trenches and will also be joined by the All Saints choir to render the beautiful *I'm Dreaming of Home*, with music by Philippe Rombi.

Leading the audience in

favourite wartime songs will be Betty Rothwell, whose engaging presence and warm voice has enhanced many of the annual Remembrance Day programs throughout the past years.

The free program begins at All Saints at 12:10 p.m. and is followed by an optional light lunch for \$5.50. Tickets must be purchased before the event.

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## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## AWARDS

## Hardisty performs on national TV music awards show

Islanders gather at Shipstones to watch on Nov. 2

Fiddler Wesley Hardisty's debut CD has been nominated for an Aboriginal Peoples Choice Music Award for best fiddle CD, and people can see him perform at the awards show on TV.

Hardisty and his

manager Ellie Langford Parks will attend the awards gala in Winnipeg on Thursday and learn if he has won.

The next night, Nov. 2, the awards show continues from the MTS Centre stadium. That's where Hardisty was asked to perform his original tune called The Aftermath for an audience of 6,000 people and a live broadcast on the

Aboriginal Peoples Television Network.

On Friday, Nov. 2, locals can join Hardisty's family members at Shipstones Pub between 5 and 7 p.m. to watch the show's live broadcast. His performance is scheduled to be at 6:35 p.m. The public showing is for all ages and free.

Hardisty's nominated CD 12:12, released in May 2011, features the band Wallabee

Indeed (consisting of members Hardisty, Geoff McFarlane and Oscar Kempe), Bruce Smith, Daryl Chonka and Quinn Bachand. The music is diverse, from traditional fiddle tunes to high-energy dance music to country ballads and world-beat groove.

Hardisty, who lives on Salt Spring and is still in his teens, has an impressive resume, with his hundreds of

gigs including a performance for the Royal couple Will and Kate, the Vancouver 2010 Olympics, Folk on the Rocks Festival and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission national event in Inuvik.

Hardisty was also featured on Breaking New Beats TV show as one of the cutting-edge young aboriginal talents in North America.



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Fiddler Wesley Hardisty; performing on awards show on APTN this Friday evening.

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## WRITING

## Transitions workshop offered for women in midst of change

Nov. 10 session shows journal writing as potent tool

Are you a woman experiencing a transition in your life? Do you already journal, or want to in a comfortable, nurturing environment?

Are you interested in exploring these transitions, changes, turning points, endings and beginnings amongst a supportive circle of women? As the seasons change, so do our lives.

Wendy Judith Cutler, writing teacher, and Emma-Louise Eley, life coach, are co-facilitating another of their popular workshops called Journaling and Journeying Through Transitions. Participants will use free-writing, guided visualization and other creative practices to tap into their intuition, share stories and explore

possibilities to help journey through life's changes and challenges with confidence, self-compassion and trust. Journal writing is a potent tool for reflection, self-intimacy and to strengthen one's inner resources.

As co-facilitators, Cutler and Eley, who are good friends and part of a women's writing circle that has been meeting for many years, blend their compatible energies, passion and experience for empowering women through writing and sharing. They are especially committed to creating a safe and nurturing environment and providing participants with creative and concrete frameworks to support them in their personal work.

Cutler regularly teaches memoir and journal writing workshops and is particularly skillful in guiding women into personal writing, deep listening, heartfelt sharing

and, most importantly, writing for oneself. Eley regularly leads workshops and retreats and is especially interested in supporting people in working through transitions and fulfilling their potential.

This one-day workshop will take place on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in a beautiful cedar yurt across from the ocean in the serene south-end of the island. Tea, snacks and handouts will be provided. Space is limited to ensure the intimate nature of the group. People should register early to guarantee their spot.

The cost is \$95. For more information and to register contact Wendy Judith Cutler at 250-653-4286 (winnie@saltspring.com) or Emma-Louise Eley at 250-537-2250 (emma@simplicitylifecoaching.com).

Article submitted by the workshop leaders.

## ISLAND ARTIST

## Harbour House exhibit features inspired artist

Wendy Ffrench show opens Friday

An artist who has captured the spirit and beauty of Salt Spring Island is showing her work at the Harbour House this month.

Ffrench will also host an opening reception evening on Friday, Nov. 2 beginning at 6 p.m.

"Ffrench's images reflect architectural structures and landscapes in and around Salt Spring Island with a friendly acrylic/water-colour style and mixed media," explains a press release. "The way her lines flow and colours blend reminds one of the old saying 'art is a poem without words.' Her heritage has also influenced her style in a very inspirational way and leads her down another path on her journey with her art."

The newer series of paintings called Totems in the Forest is her latest journey and expression in art.

"My art captures the spirit of our Northwest Coast beauty. It also reflects a part of me and my connection to Salt Spring Island and its people. I love nature and it is undeniably present in all my works."

Ffrench has had several exhibits at the Mikelson Art Festival and galleries in White Rock, where she had lived for 25 years, and her paintings are held in private and corporate collections around the world.

A love of Haida art was inspired by having a father who was an artist and anthropologist, and the chance to see First Nations sundances, pow-wows, potlatches and various archaeological digs.

B.C. icons such as Edward J. Hughes, Emily Carr and Nick Bantock are some of her favourite artists.

"I have enjoyed freedom in doing mixed media, taking workshops from Nick, and allowing my art go in a different direction at times. The Group of

Seven also has been inspirational to me. I love visiting galleries wherever I go, so in my travels I always try to visit them, and go to outdoor festivals as much as I can.

"Salt Spring has such an expansive artists colony here. My love of nature and the outdoors is the place I find where I can be the most creative, so Salt Spring is the perfect place for me."

Ffrench studied graphic design, illustration and fine arts at Langara College in Vancouver and also studied floral design, and art and merchandising.

She also wrote and illustrated the best-selling Sunshine Coast Seafood, and owned and operate Cottonberries Quilt Shop in White Rock.

She has also run Monivea Artisan Gallery and B&B for nine years on Salt Spring.

People can see Ffrench's work at the Harbour House Hotel, Restaurant and Organic Farm through November.

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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### ARTISAN FAIR

# Craft Bazaar keeps fresh theme

Mahon Hall event returns Saturday

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's freshest arts and crafts venue is back at Mahon Hall this Saturday, Nov. 3 with the sixth installment of the Salt Spring Island Craft Bazaar.

Coordinators Kathryn Burke and Zoe Dubien continue to bring in up-and-coming vendors and exhibitors from across the Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland for the biannual event, while putting out their successful lines Owl + Dot and The Featherettes and pursuing busy lives as young mothers.

"Since the last bazaar, both Zoe and I have added to our broods and welcomed the newest additions to our families: N'ara's little brother Oliver was born in August and Ella welcomed her little sister Ava in July," Burke said.

"And if creating life wasn't enough for Zoe, she also opened up the boutique Thrive Lifestyle in the heart of downtown Ganges with her husband Bryan Dubien and her partner Jessica Wilson."

This season's bazaar features the return of Dubien's Foxes at Play in the side room, with game demos and tournaments and games for sale.

Hungry folks will find sweet treats and savory eats out front with the crafts.

An exciting new addition to the lineup is a pop-up secondhand shop with clothing and accessories for women and babies.

Fibre fans will find much to please this time around in the warming arts of felted wool, with artisans such as Aki and Akiko Otsu of Salt Spring Wool Arts, and Salish Fusion Knitwear, a collective effort of the Olsen family of Saanich.

The Otsus took up needle felting when their daughter started Waldorf education in 2005.

Their delightful creations are made from fresh sheared wool collected from Salt Spring farmers and for the most part celebrate the natural world. Miniature owls, sheep and eagles posed on driftwood or wicker are as magical as the red-capped gnomes, while tiny fruits and vegetables are too sweet to resist. Seasonal and custom-made items are also available.

"We enjoy meeting people every market day and at the craft fairs on Salt Spring," said Aki.



Above, Salt Spring Wool Arts creations, and a Salish Fusion Knitwear bag are among Craft Bazaar wares.



"The wool art is great for souvenirs or gifts, and are lightweight, so many customers pick them out to be sent overseas."

The Otsus will also be selling their tasty Roly Poly Rice Balls at the bazaar.

Salish Fusion Knitwear is the modern transformation of an old family business. Sylvia Olsen, former owner of Mount Newton Indian Sweaters in Brentwood Bay, has reworked the traditional Cowichan sweater with felting and graphic geometric designs to produce fashion pieces that are both rugged and refined. Her children Jodi and Adam have signed on as collaborators for the business' new generation.

"We use a lighter-gauge, machine-spun wool that creates a very nice feel once felted," Adam Olsen said.

"Up to 95 per cent of our products are felted, which has not been done in the past."

Salish Fusion wool is sourced from an Alberta mill and whenever possible originates from sheep in their North Saanich community. The Olsens have also been in conversation with Salt Spring-based Gulf Islands Spinning Mill as a potential supplier, since they strive for a sustainable operation.

Making sweaters, vest and toques as well as handbags, pillows and blankets, the team is constantly pushing the boundaries to update the market and will bring a wide selection of products to the Salt Spring bazaar. They may even bring an Ugg-style boot prototype, for which they are currently looking for a local supplier to produce the sole.

The bazaar will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

A full list of participants and some vendor spotlights can be found at <http://saltspringislandcraftbazaar.blogspot.ca>.

### HOUSE CONCERT

## Across the Borderline duo visits

South-end house concert next Wednesday

Islanders can expect a real treat at a house concert on Wednesday, Nov. 7 when Bettysoo and Doug Cox visit Salt Spring.

Cox is not only renowned as the Vancouver Island Music Festival artistic director but also for his amazing picking abilities, whether playing the guitar, dobro, Weissenborn and



PHOTO BY NICHOLE WAGNER

Doug Cox and Bettysoo perform Nov. 7.

national steel guitars or mandolin.

Bettysoo is a tal-

ented vocalist and guitarist from Texas, who met Cox while they were both teaching at the Acoustic Alaska Guitar Camp. Together they created an album called *Across the Borderline: Lie to Me*, which was recorded by blues icon (and former Islands Trust Council chair) David Essig at Watershed Studio on Protection Island.

Maverick magazine says "Bettysoo's voice is gorgeous — soulful, tender and Cox's playing so sympathetic. Bettysoo and

Doug Cox absolutely nail it!"

The duo will perform Nov. 7 at 128 Holmes Rd., (off Isabella Point Road) beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$20 and are on sale at Salt Spring Books, Fever Tree and Stuff & Nonsense.

In true house concert style, all proceeds go directly to the artists.

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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



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**SHOCKING SCENE:** Salt Spring Community Theatre cast members rehearse for an upcoming comedy directed by Jacqueline Szoke. In promoting the play, the group asks, "Have you ever felt like strangling a flamingo? Probably not, but it does happen. To learn more, people will have to see SSCT's lively production of *Love thy Neighbour* by Gary Ray Stepp on Nov. 9, 10, 15, 16, 17 and 18." It's on at Mahon Hall at 7:30 p.m. every night except the 18th, when there's a 2 p.m. matinee instead.

### CHORAL MUSIC

## Viva Voce Youth make tracks on path filled with singing joy

People can hear new group at Nov. 17-18 concerts

BY BRENDA DIXON  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

In a perfect world, everyone would sing.

The extra oxygen pumped into the lungs as song flows out releases wonderful, euphoric endorphins. If everyone was busy making harmony with others and feeling so good, many an issue would be forgotten!

"To sing well and create harmony you must listen to the other voices around you." This is one of the tenets Deb Toole teaches her students and choristers, including her new Viva Voce Youth section.

As a member of Deb's adult Viva Voce it was fun to sit in on a rehearsal of VVY, with members aged eight to 13 years, at the All Saints church. The excited energy in the room of 18 kids finding their seats was comparable to that of our rehearsal with 50 adults! With the signal to start the warm up, all focus shifted to Deb.

Using a variety of techniques, Deb teaches the young group how to use their voices while introducing sight singing and fundamentals of music theory. Creating a playful atmosphere and incorporating fun games into the warm-up exercises, the kids are learning about time signatures, scales and breath support.

It was clear the young singers have come far since starting only five weeks earlier. With music binders left under chairs, eyes are up with attention on Deb and her own inimitable energy.

Accompanied by Chris Kodaly on the piano, the group hones a section of each song in the repertoire for the Nov. 17-18 concerts. Their performance program



PHOTO COURTESY VIVA VOCE

Deb Toole leads a Viva Voce Youth choir practice. The group will make its debut performance at concerts with the Viva Voce adults.

includes the beautiful *Bist du Bei Mir* in German, attributed to J.S. Bach; *Song of Peace*, partnered with *Dona Nobis Pacem*, and *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*, a spiritual with a secret message.

musicality that tends to fade as we age. Instilling self-confidence, the voice becomes a lifelong source of personal joy and fulfillment.

Starting the Viva Voce Youth section fulfills part of Deb's own mandate for further developing the choral community of Salt Spring.

She greatly appreciates the new relationship formed with All Saints By-the-Sea Anglican Church. The newly adopted "choir in residence" will be participating in some church services; the church has generously donated the weekly rehearsal space.

The world may not be perfect. Singing together we open up harmonious possibilities by listening to each other. That's a good direction.

The Viva Voce Youth singers make their debut at ArtSpring, joining Viva Voce's With All Our Hearts concert on Nov. 17 at 8 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. on Nov. 18. Tickets are now on sale.

Brenda Dixon is a member of Viva Voce adult choir.

**"To sing well and create harmony you must listen to the other voices around you."**

DEB TOOLE  
Viva Voce director

While it's never too late to start, Deb believes cultivating a love of singing at an early age gives a child a huge advantage for later music development. Kids learn like sponges, using inherent

# People & Community

## MUSIC HISTORY

### Sound artists channel island's past

Project records heritage soundscape

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The diary of Dinah Bird's great uncle recounts the routine many of Salt Spring's early settlers may have experienced when they got to the island in the early 20th century.

"Weather: dull and grey. Killed caterpillars in the morning. Played tennis in the afternoon," is one of the many examples of daily life experienced at the Musgrave landing homestead of Bird's ancestors (the Trench family) circa 1910.

"It's some of the most unimaginative diary writing in the world," Bird said in an interview more than a century after her family began its short-lived stay on the island.

Whether it was the caterpillars, the weather or the area's woeful tennis facilities, Bird's ancestors were on their way back to England by 1925, taking with them a crate of cherished 78 RPM-format records.

Bird rediscovered that trove of classic one-sided records in storage at her late-grandmother's home in England several years ago and immediately

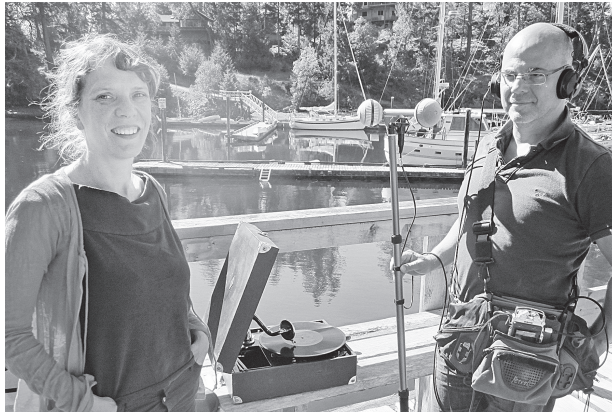


PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Dinah Bird and Jean-Philippe Renoult, Paris-based sound artists who visited Salt Spring this fall.

knew there was a story to be told or, more appropriately, heard.

Bird and her partner, Jean-Philippe Renoult, are Paris-based sound artists who spent two weeks in late September hitchhiking around the island with their pile of gear in tow. The cou-

ple's sound kit includes mixers, various styles of microphones, an amp, a portable gramophone and about 20 of those records from yesteryear.

**BIRD** continued on 19

## BOOK LAUNCH

### Virtues Project founder shares practices for navigating death

New book for the dying and companions

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Best-selling author Linda Kavelin-Popov has been acknowledged by the United Nations and Oprah for her work helping people lead purposeful lives through The Virtues Project, but her newest release focuses on what happens at the end of a life.

Graceful Endings: Navigating the Journey of Loss and Grief is a practical and moving guide for those who wish to die consciously and the people who love and sustain them along their path. The book will be launched at the ArtsSpring theatre as a fundraiser for Salt Spring Hospice this Sunday, Nov. 4 at 2 p.m.

As a past president of the hospice and its former spiritual care director, as well as a psycho-therapist and inspirational speaker, Kavelin-Popov has been well-situated to understand both the challenges and the gifts that come when facing death. But even with her experience, the author's understanding of the process became much

deeper when her beloved younger brother John Kavelin was diagnosed with an aggressive form of brain cancer.

The story of his conscious passage, and her own emotional roller coaster as she dropped everything to become his companion, fill in the strong backbone of helpful information with a moving and easy-to-relate-to account of love and grief.

"John shows how to face death open-heartedly and consciously. He's a great example for the rest of us," Kavelin-Popov said.

"It was a real gift to me to be his primary companion. There are lots of surprising gifts from that loss."

People who know they are dying go through an amazing complexity of emotions in a short period of time. In addition to the inevitable questions, they usually review their lives and seek closure on a number of issues.

"In a way it's a blessing for people who do know so they can get ready," Kavelin-Popov said.

"One of John's biggest questions was 'How do you prepare to die?'"

Answering those questions for someone else is not possible. The



Linda Kavelin-Popov

most important thing, Kavelin-Popov said, is just to be there with the loved one while he or she goes through it. Graceful Endings contains useful strategies for coping with grief, a guide to how men and women grieve differently, sustaining virtues to practice and even the Seven Deadly Sins of the Well-Meaning.

Having hospice services available and putting them in use early in the process is of crucial importance, Kavelin-Popov said, which is why she has made the book launch a fundraiser. Connecting with hospice's well-trained volunteers, many of whom have counselling backgrounds, brings ease to the dying person and the companion.

"You need to lean on the people who know. It doesn't mean giving up

on life — it means having the best quality of life right up to the end," Kavelin-Popov said.

"Last year hospice volunteers put in more than 5,000 hours and served 66 people who died, and all those around them have been served by programs such as the Grief Recovery Program. And it's all funded by donations and grants."

Kavelin-Popov found that even though she was on the board when her brother died, hospice services provided an unexpected lifeline that helped her deal with her grief. She hopes her book, and the continuing support of hospice on Salt Spring, will do the same for others.

"I feel like the book is a gift of everything I've ever learned," she said.

A suggested donation of \$20 per seat will be given to Salt Spring Hospice. Tickets are available at ArtSpring or through www.artspring.ca. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

For more information, contact Salt Spring Hospice at 250-537-2770 or see www.graceful-endings.net. Graceful Endings is also available through the website or at Salt Spring Books.

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**THANKS, MARLENE:** Larry Melious, Salt Spring Social Services director (left), Tom Graham, chair of the Salt Spring Emergency Commission, and Elizabeth Zook, Salt Spring Emergency Program coordinator, present Marlene Cormack with a certificate of appreciation for her many years of volunteer work with the island's emergency program and School District 64's Health and Safety Commission. Cormack and her husband Chris, who was the pastor at Community Gospel Chapel and a volunteer Salt Spring firefighter, recently moved to Big White, where Chris became the deputy fire chief.

## CHURCH EVENT

## Choral Evensong marks Book of Common Prayer anniversaries

Bishop Cowan and Josh Layne visit St. Mark's

The traditional Anglican service of Choral Evensong will be celebrated at St. Mark's Anglican Church, one of the oldest churches on Salt Spring, this Sunday, Nov. 4.

The event, part of Bishop

James Cowan's annual visit to the Parish of Salt Spring Island, will begin at 3 p.m.

In addition to congregational hymns and choral music, Victoria harpist Josh Layne — a favourite performer in the parish's Music and Munch series — will present special music before, during and after the service.

The 350th anniversary of the Book of Common Prayer, a piv-

otal document in the history of Anglican worship and spirituality, will be observed along with the 50th anniversary of Canada's Book of Common Prayer.

Bishop Cowan will also preside and preach at a joint liturgy for the parish at All Saints at 10 a.m. followed by a light lunch by donation. The feast of All Saints, the patronal festival, will be celebrated in the morning.

## PUBLISHER'S COLUMN

## Fall fun: Venus' debut and business awards

My family and I had a great summer here on the rock. With plenty of company to keep us on the move we have now explored much of the island.

Then in September, **Venus**, the Driftwood's 1974 Volkswagen camper van, made her debut as the caboose in the Pride Parade. It took a lot of great people to make that happen: **Richard Murakami**, for the bodywork and amazing paint job, curtains and rods — you are the best, **Richard Stefan and Axel from Pretzel Motors** for much mechanical work, the rebuilt transmission, the use of your bay and all your love and support!

Thank you to **Lorraine Sullivan**, the Driftwood's art director, for organizing the decaling, while always keeping a calm demeanour and a witty sense of humour. **Harry Bardal**, also from our design department, used his amazing talent to create the artwork for Venus' decals.

Thanks also to my guy, **Pauly Wally**, for installing that rebuilt transmission at the last minute to ensure Venus' participation in the event. We are all forever grateful.

I cannot claim **Venus** helped to make the Pride festival the huge success it was because the organizers had a bit of a hand in that too, including **Janet Clouston, Tim and John** (who I fondly always think of as Tom and Jerry), **Deirdre Rowland** and many more. **Salt Spring Metal Recycling's John Quesnel** lent his crane, allowing **Victoria from Flying Dreams** to create her magic for all to enjoy. Thanks to everyone for an amazing community festival.

Other notable things that have taken place around town since my last column include the transformation of Aveda Concept Salon on Hereford Avenue into **Evolv Studios**. One-time partner of the business, **Darrell Dooley**, is now the sole owner and director. Darrell envisions many new services and products being introduced over the autumn months, including therapeutic bodywork, nutritional supplements and lifestyle design.

**Mark's Work Wearhouse** closed its doors last week. Although it is never good to see a business close, it is exciting to think about the possibilities that lie ahead with an opportunity for entrepreneurs to launch new businesses or expand current ones to fill up the empty space.

**Treasures of the Heart** is already on that street, opening in August with an amazing inventory. Owner **Debbie Harris-Funfer** tells me she has travelled the globe to find some of the interesting and unique treasures she has available.

A little further down is a favourite shop of mine that belongs to the Driftwood's star photographer, **Jen MacLellan**. Patina antiques has all kinds of exciting finds. I found the perfect pelican for my courtyard and a couple of fine items. If you are looking for a fun place to shop, add this one to your list.

I might pop in there next time with my good friend **Alice Richards**. Alice spent several weeks in Scotland over the summer, and then returned from her golfing expedition there to get a hole in one right here on the rock. I was impressed, as you might imagine, and sent her a note of congratulations. Somewhere in the back of



Amber Ogilvie

### TITTLE TATTLE TALES

my not-so-reliable mind I remembered her telling me she had gotten one before. When I asked she told me that she has had five! I certainly do not claim to be a stellar golfer (like **Kevin Bell** does) but at one time I spent many hours swatting at that little

ball. I am not sure that I could even claim five birdies.

And the winner is . . .

The 7th annual Salt Spring Island Business Excellence Awards gala was held on Oct. 18 at the Harbour House.

It was a wonderful night of entertainment and fun. This night was organized to give us all a chance to honour the businesses that work so hard to keep our economy strong and growing.

The evening started off with a chance to mingle with Salt Spring's long list of "who is who" in a packed-to-capacity venue.

It continued to just get better. Cards were placed on each table and then a draw was made to pick the table order for the buffet dinner. The Driftwood table, lucky number 7, was called first to line up.

The venue, the meal and the service at **Harbour House Hotel, Restaurant and Organic Farm** were nothing short of perfect for our celebration.

The entertainment? **Arvid and Sid** — I had never had the opportunity to see these two perform. A tremendously funny duo, not to mention incredibly good looking, as someone mentioned. These two gentlemen, or is it geezers, definitely push the limits.

We had so much fun and I just want to thank everyone for making the evening such a huge success.

I am aware of the many details that went into organizing the event and must mention some of those organizers. The first one is Chamber manager **Janet Clouston**, who is always promoting Salt Spring Island and the Chamber, and I know she worked hard putting together the whole week — the sold-out workshops and the awards dinner.

**Marnie McCaughrie and Genevieve Price** decorated the room and organized the silent auction. Mark Wyatt arranged the judging and put together the PowerPoint presentation for the evening. Also a thank you to judges **Tom Bremner, Peter Grove, Wayne McIntyre, Susan de Stein and John Tylee**.

**Len Brown** and his staff at the Harbour House created a great meal and delivered outstanding service.

And what about the MCs? The handsome and witty **Matt Steffich** and the beautiful and sassy **Donna Robinson** were a pleasing part of the evening's entertainment. Matt was dressed in a black shirt and tie from Mouat's Clothing, hand picked by **Marnie McCaughrie**, and spent quite a bit of the night admiring himself. Donna was organized and articulate despite the big words she had to deal with — something I seem to be struggling with at this time in my life — nouns and adjectives, and just what is going on in general. My mind has taken to not just wandering but blanking out completely.

I think I'm done, right?

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## FILM SERIES

# Fritz is doing the Time Warp again

GLOSSI and theatre team up for Halloween fun

The Rocky Horror Picture Show returns to Salt Spring for Halloween night, marking the launch of a new Queer Movie Night series at the Fritz on the last Wednesday of the month.

Sponsored by GLOSSI (Gays & Lesbians of Salt Spring Island) and the Fritz Movie Theatre, the Rocky Horror Picture Show will screen tonight (Oct. 31), right after the fireworks are finished, at around 9 p.m.

Theatre-goers are asked to bring their newspaper rain hats, water pistols, rice, bells, flashlights and toast and come dressed in costume with prizes being awarded along with concession specials for GLOSSI members.

GLOSSI president Taylore Darnel says there is an added impetus for hosting the event. "We have learned that Rama and Ashton, well-loved musicians who are also known as Sweet Water Revolver, are now in the United States and are unable to return to Salt Spring due to immigration protocol.

"We are supporting the women with a 'Save Our

Sirens' fundraiser for Ashton's legal fees so they can return home. We are also excited that our community will be able to donate to the cause and we will be making an announcement about this just prior to the film."

Rama and Ashton performed at Pride, during the fall fair and most recently at the roller derby girls bout at GISS.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Rocky Horror screening, an international cult classic that provides audience members with a party atmosphere and full-contact participation. Tickets are on sale for only \$10 and avail-

able in advance at Salt Spring Books. There will also be a limited amount of tickets at the door the night of the event.

Look for more information about the Queer Movie Night series at the Fritz featuring a variety of GLBTQ-themed movies, including documentaries, dramas, and musicals. Funds raised will support GLOSSI initiatives.

For more information, visit [www.glossi.org](http://www.glossi.org).

For props information and what to bring and say during the interactive performance, visit [www.rocky-horror.com/participation/proplist.php](http://www.rocky-horror.com/participation/proplist.php).



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# Audio legacy created for past Salt Spring era

**BIRD**  
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"People are always quite sure there is a camera somewhere," Renoult said.

But the duo carries no camera, only sound equipment, as they travel to locations Bird's grandmother is likely to have played the records more than a hundred years ago.

"Most of our projects are linked with the space and the sounds of the landscape or soundscape," Bird said. "This project is definitely linked with that."

Over the course of their journey, the team has created recordings of the gramophone playing the old records in the Musgrave Landing area, Victoria's Empress Hotel and even the Meadowbrook seniors' complex.

On their way to the island, the pair couldn't resist recording the sound of Au Claire de la Lune, a classic French lullaby, against the booming backdrop of the Skeena Queen's droning engines.

Bird and Renoult are interested in recording the sound of the gramophone in any given environment, be it on a ferry, in a forest or along the shoreline. The idea is to capture the sound of the records as they are experienced in these different settings.

The variety of acoustics offered by the island's natural areas and heritage halls, Bird said, offers a link between the recorded music and the location in which it was played.

"We are interested in music that was

heard in a certain situation and how they heard it," Bird said.

What intrigues Bird and Renoult most about the world of sound dates back to how Thomas Edison originally imagined recording technology as a type of historical archive for generations to come. In the case of their Salt Spring project, Bird and Renoult have created an audio legacy that depicts how popular opera singers like Miss Nellie Melba, Feodor Ivanovich Chaliapin and Enrico Caruso would have sounded for Bird's grandmother and her pioneering family generations ago.

The process of collecting their audio tracks has included many interesting chats with local historians and a visit to the Salt Spring Island Archives, a group whose extensive online audio recordings collection epitomizes Edison's early vision for recorded sound.

What happens with these audio postcards from a bygone era now that Renoult and Bird are back in Paris is anybody's guess.

For now, the team plans to let the hours of recordings settle before they create a record of their audio adventure to Canada's West Coast. At some point, they aspire to create a sound collage that can be played to the public as part of a larger gallery exhibition.

Whatever the ultimate result, the legacy of those old 78s will proudly remain for generations to come.

## BC Coastal Ferries Consultation and Engagement October 29 to December 21, 2012

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is inviting the public and communities to participate in the BC Coastal Ferries Consultation and Engagement.

The province-wide consultation and engagement process will gather input on elements of the government's vision of connecting coastal communities in an affordable, efficient and sustainable manner, as well as considerations to address the immediate challenges facing the coastal ferry system.

### How Input Will Be Used

Input received through the consultation and engagement process will be considered, along with technical, financial and policy considerations, as the Ministry determines how to achieve \$26 million in savings to 2016, as well as plans for the long-term sustainability of the coastal ferry network.

### Small Group Meeting Schedule

To attend a small group meeting in your community, please e-mail [coastalferriesengagement@gov.bc.ca](mailto:coastalferriesengagement@gov.bc.ca) or call toll-free at 1 855 387-7882 with your name, contact information and which meeting you would like to attend.

Community	Date	Time	Location
Nanaimo	November 15	1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Coast Bastion Inn
Salt Spring Island	November 15	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	The Harbour House Hotel
Cortes Island	November 28	11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Gorge Hall
Comox (Courtenay)	December 4	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	The Westerly Hotel and Convention Centre
Victoria	December 5	1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Hotel Grand Pacific

### Public Open House Schedule

The first 90 minutes will be a public open house. The second 90 minutes will be a question and answer session with the project team. No RSVP is required for public open houses.

Community	Date	Time	Location
Gabriola Island	November 13	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	The Haven
Penelakut (Kuper Island)	November 14	12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Adult Learning Centre
Thetis Island	November 14	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Thetis Island Forbes Community Hall
Pender Island	November 14	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Pender Islands Community Hall
Salt Spring Island	November 15	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	The Harbour House Hotel
Nanaimo	November 15	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Coast Bastion Inn
Galiano Island	November 17	12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Galiano Community Hall
Quadra Island	November 27	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Quadra Island Community Centre
Mayne Island	December 3	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Mayne Island Community Centre
Saturna Island	December 4	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Saturna Island Community Hall
Comox (Courtenay)	December 4	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	The Westerly Hotel and Convention Centre
Texada Island	December 5	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Texada Island Community Hall
Victoria	December 5	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Hotel Grand Pacific
Hornby Island	December 8	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Hornby Island Community Hall
Denman Island	December 8	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Denman Island Community School

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## Wed. October 31

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Planet Claire.**  
Rock, '80s band for Moby's Halloween Bash. 8 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Family Fun Fest.**  
Cakewalk, games, candy and family fun for all ages. Community Gospel Chapel. 5 to 7 p.m.

### Spook House.

Halloween frights at Mahon Hall hosted by island improv teams. 5 to 11:30 p.m. with one-hour break for fireworks.

### Trick-or-Treating at Greenwoods.

Visit the main entrance of Greenwoods at 133 Blain Road from 6 to 7 p.m.

### Fireworks.

Fireworks in Ganges Harbour with hotdogs and cocoa to follow at Ganges Fire Hall. 7:30 p.m.

### Rocky Horror Picture Show.

Showing of cult classic at the Fritz. First in GLOSSI Queer Movie Night series. 9 p.m.

### Texas Holdem Poker.

The Local. 6:30 p.m. sign-up

## Thurs. November 1

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Open Mic with Cowboy Ted.**  
The Local. 6 to 10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**That Place Called 'School': Rediscovering the Real Agenda in Public Education**  
Guest speaker Jeff Stewart from Comox Valley School District addresses parents group at GISS. 7 p.m.

### Parent Child Mother Goose at Fulford Elementary.

Join us for songs, rhymes and playtime. Ages 0-6. 10 a.m. to noon.

### Salt Spring Seniors Society.

Thursday lunch. Phone 250-537-4604 to reserve a spot. Salt Spring Seniors Centre. Noon.

### Stay & Play Drop In.

Come for a bowl of soup! Parents and kids ages 0-6. Family Place. Noon to 3 p.m.

### Rollerblading to Music.

Every Thursday. Fulford Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.

### Self Care - Past & Current Perspectives.

Talk with Deanna Hutchings on self-care related to palliative care work. Lions Hall. 7 p.m.

## Fri. November 2

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Richard Cross.**  
Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.  
**Ashley Madsaac.**  
SOLD OUT. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

### The Best Man.

Reading of Gore Vidal backroom political drama. A Runaway Stage/WordPlay coproduction. Salt Spring United Church. 7:30 p.m.

### The Coalition.

Rock/dance. Moby's. 8 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

### Wesley Hardisty on APTN.

Watch Salt Spring fiddler perform on TV at Shiptons Pub event. All ages. 5 to 7 p.m.

### Stay & Play Drop In.

Light lunch provided. Parents and kids ages 0-6. Family Place. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Wendy Ffrench Opening Reception.

Art show at the Harbour House Hotel. 6 p.m.

## Sat. November 3

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

### The Best Man.

See Friday listing, except time is at 2 p.m. at SS United Church.

### Barley Bros.

The Local. 3 to 5:30 p.m.

### Barley Bros.

Salt Spring Inn. 6 p.m.

### Live Sitar with Phil.

Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

### Alvaro Sanchez & Chamigos.

Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

### Hexaphone: A Vocal Feast.

Victoria's six-member a cappella ensemble presents a buffet of song on the themes of food and friendship. Salt Spring United Church. 7:30 p.m.

### Dope Soda.

Ska at Moby's. 8 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

### 4th Annual Christmas Craft and Bake Sale Fundraiser.

Handmade originals benefit Greenwoods/Braehaven. Braehaven. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Salt Spring Island Craft Bazaar.

6th annual event featuring up-and-coming artisans. Mahon Hall. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Sat. November 3

### ACTIVITIES

### SSI Search & Rescue Open House & Garage Sale.

SAR Hall. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### Dad 'n Me Pancake Breakfast.

Drop-in with free pancakes for dads and kids ages 0-6. Family Place. 8:30 to 10 a.m.

### Salt Spring FC. Versus Bays United Liquor Plus.

Kickoff is at Portlock Park at 2:15 p.m.

## Sun. November 4

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

### Diana English.

Piano bar every Sunday evening at the Harbour House. 6 to 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

### Choral Evensong.

Special celebration at St. Mark's Anglican Church with Bishop James Cowan and harpist Josh Layne. 3 p.m.

## Sun. November 4

### ACTIVITIES

### Graceful Endings Book Launch.

Launch event for Linda Kavelin-Popov's new book and Salt Spring Hospice fundraiser. ArtSpring. 2 p.m.

## Mon. November 5

### ACTIVITIES

### Toastmasters Weekly Meeting.

Our Lady of Grace Church. 7 p.m.

## Tues. November 6

### ACTIVITIES

### Stay & Play Drop In.

Come for a bowl of soup! Parents and kids ages 0-6 Family Place. Noon to 3 p.m.

## Wed. November 7

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

### Music and Munch.

Remembrance Day observance with music and readings. All Saints. 12:10 p.m.

### Betty's + Doug Cox.

House concert at 128 Holmes Road. Tickets at Salt Spring Books, Fever Tree and Stuff & Nonsense. 7:30 p.m.

### Open Stage with Richard Cross.

Every Wednesday at Moby's. 8 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

### Parent Child Mother Goose at Fernwood Elementary.

Join us for songs, rhymes and playtime. Ages 0-6. 10 a.m. to noon.

### Community Kitchen.

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- ### CINEMA
- Ai Weiwei: Never Sorry** — Renowned Chinese artist and activist Ai Weiwei has garnered attention for his ambitious artwork and politics. Journalist filmmaker Alison Klayman documented Ai's artistic process preparing for major museum exhibitions, and his clashes with the Chinese government. An exploration of contemporary China
  - Hotel Transylvania:** Welcome to the Hotel Transylvania, where monsters and their families can live it up, without humans to bother them. Dracula has invited some of the world's most famous monsters to celebrate his daughter's 118th birthday. Catering to them is no problem — until one ordinary guy stumbles into the hotel.
  - Special presentation of The Rocky Horror Picture Show.** One show only. Hallowe'en night Wednesday, Oct. 31 at 9ish after the fireworks.

- ### EXHIBITIONS
- Wendy Ffrench** shows new work at the Harbour House Hotel, Restaurant and Organic Farm through November with an opening reception on Friday, Nov. 2, beginning at 6 p.m.
  - Desert Dreams**, a show of new works by P.F. Brown, is in the ArtSpring lobby through November.
  - Paintings by **Carol Leslie** are at Salt Spring Coffee Company Cafe through November.
  - Kathy Robertson** shows her landscape paintings at Bruce's Kitchen through November.
  - Salt Spring Photography Club member **Margaret C. Benmore** shows images at Country Grocer Roaster Cafe titled Hollywood comes to the Salish Sea, inspired by a trip to the Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre in Sidney.
  - Migs Edwards** watercolours are hanging at Island Savings, with sales supporting an art scholarship for GISS graduating students.
  - Nirmal Dryden** has an exhibition of photos at Penny's Pantry.
  - Carol Adam** shows her artwork at Salt Spring Books.
  - The Porch Gallery**, Mother Tongue Publishing books and art, fall/winter hours: open by appointment only, 250-537-4155.
  - See **Lyman Whitaker's** wind sculptures at Grace Point Square.
  - See the sculpture garden outside of Mahon Hall in Ganges.
  - Duthie Gallery** will be closed until mid-December.

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## North Galiano Island Fire Hall Referendum Notice of Other Voting Opportunity

Take notice that below is a copy of the proposed bylaws for which the electors of the North Galiano Island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Area within the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area will be asked to vote on the following question on **Saturday, November 24, 2012**:

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

- Bylaw No. 3843, "North Galiano Island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 4, 2012" authorizing the Capital Regional District to increase the maximum annual requisition so that it will be the greater of TWO HUNDRED SIXTY SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$267,000) or \$1.60 per ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000) of net taxable assessments for the purpose of funding the annual costs for the service, including operating costs and costs to design and construct a new fire hall on North Galiano Island; and
  - Bylaw No. 3844, "North Galiano Island Fire Hall Loan Authorization Bylaw No.1, 2012" authorizing the Capital Regional District to borrow an amount not to exceed SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$670,000) for the purpose of designing and constructing a fire hall on North Galiano Island.
- YES or NO?

### Bylaw No. 3843

#### A Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 1852 being "North Galiano Island Fire Protection Local Service Bylaw No. 1, 1990"

The Board of the Capital Regional District in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

- Bylaw No. 1852, "North Galiano Island Fire Protection Local Service Bylaw No. 1, 1990" is hereby amended as follows:

By deleting Subsection 5(a) in its entirety and replacing it with the following subsection:

"5. The maximum amount that may be requisitioned under Section 803(1) for the Local Service will be the greater of:

- Two Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$ 267,000); or"

- This Bylaw may be cited as "North Galiano Island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Establishment Service Bylaw No. 1, 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 4, 2012".

### Bylaw No. 3844

#### A Bylaw to Authorize the Borrowing of Six Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$670,000) for Construction of a New Fire Hall for the North Galiano Island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Area

#### Whereas:

- The Board of the Capital Regional District adopted Bylaw No. 1852, "North Galiano Island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1990", as amended, to provide a service ("the Service") for the purpose of fire prevention, fire suppression, and emergency response;
- The Board of the Capital Regional District wishes to design, construct and operate a new fire hall in connection with the Service (the "Project");
- The estimated cost of the Project, including expenses incidental thereto to be funded by debt servicing, is the sum of Six Hundred Seventy Thousand dollars (\$ 670,000), which is the amount of debt intended to be authorized by this bylaw;
- Pursuant to Section 823.1 of the *Local Government Act*, participating area approval is required and shall be obtained by assent of the electors under Section 801.2 of the *Local Government Act*;
- The approval of the Inspector of Municipalities is required under Section 819 of the *Local Government Act*; and
- It is proposed that the financing of the Project is to be undertaken by the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia pursuant to proposed agreements between that Authority and the Capital Regional District.

**Now therefore** the Board of the Capital Regional District in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- The Board is hereby empowered and authorized to undertake and carry out or cause to be carried out the planning, study, design and construction of works for the provision of the facilities and equipment for the purpose of the Project in connection with the Service and to do all things necessary in connection with the Project and without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
  - to borrow upon the credit of the Regional District a sum not exceeding Six Hundred Seventy Thousand dollars (\$ 670,000);
  - to acquire all such real property, easements, rights-of-way, leases, licenses, rights or authorities as may be requisite or desirable for or in connection with the Project.
- The maximum term for which debentures may be issued to secure the debt intended to be created by this bylaw is fifteen (15) years.
- This Bylaw may be cited as the "North Galiano Island Fire Hall Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2012".

#### Taxation Impact

New funding of up to \$670,000 is required to construct a fire hall on community-owned property on Galiano Island, to serve the participants in the North Galiano Island Fire and Emergency Response Service Area. The purpose of Bylaw No. 3844 is to authorize the borrowing of these funds. It is estimated that the participants will pay an additional \$190.26 per average household. This amount and the funding amount may be reduced if capital reserve funds become available to the service.

The purpose of Bylaw No. 3843 is to amend the service establishment bylaw to reflect the current value calculated by the maximum rate in the bylaw. This will allow the CRD to raise sufficient taxation revenue to fund the project.

Bylaw Nos. 3843 and 3844 apply to the North Galiano Island Fire and Emergency Response Service Area in the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area. A copy of the complete bylaws and this notice may be viewed at Capital Regional District (CRD) Headquarters located at 625 Fisgard Street, 1st Floor – Foyer, Victoria, BC from October 25, 2012 to November 23, 2012, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, excluding statutory holidays. The bylaws and other information, may also be viewed on the internet: [www.crd.bc.ca/about/elections/galiano-firehall.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/about/elections/galiano-firehall.htm).

#### Voting Opportunities

The voting place will be open from **8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Saturday, November 24, 2012** to qualified electors of the North Galiano Island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Area within the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area of the Capital Regional District at:

- North Galiano Community Hall, 22790 Porlier Pass Road, Galiano Island, BC

**Advance Voting Opportunities** will be available from **8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 and Wednesday, November 21, 2012** at:

- North Galiano Community Hall, 22790 Porlier Pass Road, Galiano Island, BC

#### Elector Qualifications

**Resident Elector** - You are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector if you are 18 years or older on voting day (Nov. 24, 2012), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for the past six months and within the boundaries of the jurisdiction for 30 days prior to voting day. If registering on voting day, you must provide two documents proving identity and residency (one must have a signature).

**Non-Resident Property Elector** - If you are 18 years or older on voting day (Nov. 24, 2012), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for the past six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the jurisdiction for 30 days prior to voting day, do not qualify as a Resident Elector, you may vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector provided that you:

- have registered on or before October 12, 2012, or
- apply at the time of voting. The following information is required at the time of application:
  - a **recent** title search, state of title certificate, or property tax notice, showing the names of all of the registered owners,
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  - in the case of more than one owner of the property, a completed consent form signed by the majority of the owners designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property (**original signatures only; facsimiles of signatures not acceptable**). A copy of the consent form may be downloaded from: [www.crd.bc.ca/about/elections/documents/ConsentFormforNRPE.pdf](http://www.crd.bc.ca/about/elections/documents/ConsentFormforNRPE.pdf)

#### Please Note:

- Only **one** Non-Resident Property Elector may vote per property, regardless of how many owners there may be. Further, you may vote for only **one** property, no matter how many properties you own within the jurisdiction.
- You may register on voting day if you meet the qualifications set out above. If you are already registered as a Non-Resident Property Elector, (ie. your name appears on the List of Registered Electors annotated with a "P"), and provided that you still meet all of the requirements of the *Local Government Act* in order to be registered under this category, you are not required to re-register in order to vote.
- No corporation is entitled to be registered as an elector or have a representative registered as an elector, and no corporation is entitled to vote. Individuals who are on title with corporations are not entitled to register or vote. Individuals who own an undivided interest in land on which the balance is held by a corporation are not entitled to vote.

The following are acceptable classes of documents for proof of identity: BC driver's licence, BC ID card issued by the Motor Vehicle Branch, BC CareCard or Gold CareCard, Request for Continued Assistance form SDES8, Social Insurance Card (Canada), Citizenship Card (Canada), Real property tax notice (municipal or rural), Credit card or debit card issued by a savings institution, Utility bill.

For questions regarding voting and voter registration call the Capital Regional District @ 250.360.3129 or Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3129, or Mr. Tom Moore @250.472.0059.

Dated this 25th day of October, 2012  
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Sunday, Nov. 4, 2012  
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Watterson, Harry Bardal, the  
dedicated members of the  
SSIC Education committee,  
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Sarah Thomson at the Com-  
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Jeanne, Linda Steager and  
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#### COMING EVENTS

**Salt Spring Island Search & Rescue**  
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The garage sale features adult and  
children's outdoor activity equipment  
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### DEATHS

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**Vodden**  
*Thomas Nelson (Nels)*

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of  
Nels on Friday, October 26th, six days short of his  
100th birthday. Nels is survived by his grandchildren,  
great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.  
He was predeceased by his wives Ann and Jeanne  
and his children Lorraine and Robert.

Born in Estevan, Saskatchewan and raised in  
Hamilton, Ontario. Nels served in the RCAF  
during WW2. He settled on Salt Spring Island  
in the late 1950's and it became the place he  
considered home. He spent many wonderful  
years here.

As per his wishes he has been cremated. No  
service will be held but his ashes will be returned  
to his beloved Salt Spring Island at a future date.

### FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### WEDDINGS

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*Lynda Brown & Barry Green*  
are thrilled to announce  
that they ran away and were married  
in Tofino on October 20, 2012.  
Traditional and Native Ceremony  
performed by  
*Jim and Carol Spencer.*

**Shepherd, The Right  
Reverend Ronald Francis**  
died on October 24th, 2012  
in Victoria. Bishop Ron  
was born July 15th 1926  
also in Victoria. Survived  
by his loving wife Ann, and  
their six children Mary,  
Jeremy, Christopher, Susie,  
Tim and Peter; and eight  
grandchildren.

Ron faithfully served the Anglican Communion  
his whole life. He was ordained at St. Paul's Cathedral,  
London in 1953 and served in the parish of St. Stephen's  
Rochester Row. In Canada he served as parish priest in  
Hamilton and Winnipeg; he was the dean of the Anglican  
diocese in Edmonton and in 1969 was named dean of  
Montreal for a period of 14 years. After serving the parish  
of St. Matthias, Victoria, in 1984 he was elected the  
10th bishop of the diocese of British Columbia. Upon  
retirement Ron and Ann served the Episcopalian mission  
in Borrego Springs, California until 2001.

A sharp wit, exceptional intellect, and a lover of the  
written word, Ron was also an avid gardener. For many  
years Ann and Ron enjoyed visits from friends and family  
from around the world on their beloved Easter Hill home  
on Salt Spring Island.

Funeral services will be held on November 3rd, 2012  
at 10:00 am at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria.  
Archbishop David Crawley, Bishop James Cowan and  
Dean Logan McMenamie will be officiating. Reception  
to follow. Interment on Salt Spring Island. In lieu of  
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**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INFORMATION**

**Notice of Annual General Meeting**

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Tuesday, November 20th at 4:00pm

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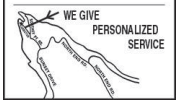
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**AGM:** Mark your calendar for our AGM on Jan. 24, 2013. Lunch will be provided.

**Hikers**  
Nov. 6: Sheila and Barry Spence will lead a moderate hike with

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Nov. 13: Linda Quiring will lead the annual Mushroom Hike through Channel Ridge. An easy walk for identification only. No harvesting. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Portlock Park at 10 a.m. to carpool.  
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Nov. 20: Donna and Paul Way will lead a walk from Fulford to the Tsawout Reserve.

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**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**  
The capacity to see things clearly and to take effective action comes, and goes - some days and cycles are simply better than others. The cycles of change indicates rises and falls, like the waxing and waning Moon. It is all good and natural, yet how we tune-in and handle these processes, especially the waning cycles, is important and sometimes we need help, like perhaps now.

**Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)**  
The focus on relationships is front and center. Between realizing a clearer sense of your own individuality within the context of relationship and feeling fulfilled regarding needs and desires makes for a complex plot. Ambitious and determined to succeed, you are a force to reckon with. Creating a win/win ever requires creative thinking and diplomatic wisdom.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)**  
Deep changes in your overall lifestyle are underway. It is time to undergo some kind of education, training or apprenticeship. This is not a good time to lean on laurels or even past patterns. Stepping back from your situation will help you to decipher the sort of refinements needed in your overall approach towards a healthier daily rhythm.

**Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)**  
Somehow you are in for a long haul now. Big changes have occurred, there is no returning to the way it was; you must move on. If only you could feel more confident on all fronts. The key is to accept the complexity of the process. Exercising that much more critical analysis now and a willingness to work that much harder both without and to create peace within, is the call.

**Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)**  
Deep within at core reaches of your being fears are being stirred. These are the fears that often arise at the prospect of laying claim to deeper layers of one's power. Greater effort, courage and responsibility are implied in achieving and holding power. For now, find ways to play with and simply entertain the prospects of accessing hidden reserves of power.

**Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)**  
A growing thirst for knowledge, answers, insights and fresh angles of perception and approach is underway. While this includes increasing returns, it is also linked to realizing ideals of achievement and aspects of self-actualization. To succeed, you need to dig deeper than usual. Aim for increased comprehension of complex matters to fortify your overall foundation.

**Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)**  
A new day has dawned for you. Now it is time to take inventory of your resources, potentialities and opportunities. Fortunately your energy levels are running high and so too are your powers of discrimination. Yet, you may still feel the need for space or to go somewhere new to support a fresh perspective. Do what you can to step back or away to broaden your scope.

**Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)**  
Your ambition and determination levels are rising steadily. You feel strategic and determined to push through any opposition, within or without. Your entire lifestyle has already and is now changing and the pace is quickening. Yet, you also want harmony and may feel conflicted at the prospect that your success is someone else's defeat. Honest dialogue will help, a lot.

**Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)**  
The slow but sure process of disintegration of habitual lifestyle patterns has begun. It is important now that you take stock of the situation. A proactive approach is required. Since we are all creatures of habit, this is a call to review your own and to make initial efforts to replace outworn and/or unhealthy habits with better ones.

**Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)**  
Interactions with people holding key positions of power continue. Beyond wanting access to their influence, your deeper desire is to activate your own personal power and/or to position yourself for opportunity. To achieve your goal, however, you may have to go within to confront some of your own fears, limiting beliefs and/or character flaws.

**Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)**  
You have received an invitation to lay claim to a new level of power. Have you answered yet? To succeed you must be willing to do the work and there is plenty to do. Yet, if you pace yourself and work with say, a 3 year plan, backed by due diligence, you will be successful. If you feel confused and/or unclear about what to do, seek counsel.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)**  
The next stage of a prolonged learning curve has begun and the slope is getting steeper. However it is precisely this challenge that you need. Anything less would not inspire your determination enough. Commitment remains a key word. You must answer the question "to what"? Your overall health is certainly implied.

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## SAFETY FIRST ON HALLOWEEN

For kids, few holidays are more anticipated than Halloween. The chance to dress up in costume and patrol the neighborhood with friends while collecting treats is the highlight of many a child's autumn.

For parents, anticipation is replaced by anxiety. While kids are out trick-or-treating, parents may be home or at work hoping their kids are safe and sound. Because Halloween is so popular among kids, it's hard for parents to forbid trick-or-treating. But parents should instruct kids on the following tips to ensure this Halloween is as safe as it is fun.

- **STRANGERS' HOMES ARE OFF LIMITS.** Make sure kids know they should never enter the home of a stranger, no matter how friendly or welcoming that stranger may seem.
- **THERE'S NO GOING IT ALONE.** Kids should not be permitted to go out alone. When trick-or-treating, kids should always be accompanied not only by their friends, but there must be at least one adult chaperone present at all times. Parents should get together several weeks before Halloween to determine who will chaperone, where kids will be trick-or-treating and during what hours.
- **STAY CLOSE TO HOME.** Kids should stay in their own neighborhood and only visit homes of neighbors they know. Advise kids to steer clear of homes whose doors are hidden from street view. Chaperones should accompany kids to the front door if visibility from the street is poor.
- **CHOOSE SAFE COSTUMES.** Kids should wear costumes made of light colored material. If a child insists on a favorite costume that uses largely dark material, attach reflective tape to the costume so your favorite reveler is easily visible to motorists during twilight and nighttime hours when it's not always easy for drivers to see.
- **NO TOY GUNS.** Toy guns are just asking for trouble, as many of today's replicas are easily confused with the real thing. Play it safe and choose costumes that aren't accessorized with toy guns.
- **BRING A FLASHLIGHT ALONG.** Night falls quickly in late October, so kids and chaperones alike should carry a flashlight to improve their visibility and make them more visible to passing motorists.
- **STICK TO THE SIDEWALKS.** Trick-or-treaters should stick to the sidewalks and always cross the street at corners. Don't walk in the street, and never walk between parked cars when crossing the street, as it's especially difficult for motorists to anticipate pedestrians walking or running from behind parked cars into the street.
- **BE WARY OF MASKS.** Many masks restrict a child's vision, so look for one that provides sufficient visibility. If a child's favorite mask is low on visibility, make children agree to remove their mask when crossing the street.



*Parents understandably worry when kids go trick-or-treating. But a few simple safety lessons shared with children can ensure everyone gets home safe.*

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### VOLLEYBALL

## GISS third at Duncan Christian's tourney

Pre-playoff action up next in the Comox Valley

The Gulf Islands Secondary School senior boys volleyball team finished third at the Duncan Christian Invitational tournament this past weekend.

Friday featured round-robin play against Wellington, Chemainus and Campbell River. Defensive specialist Gaelen White was unable to join the team, but the Scorpions swept every match even though they were missing players.

On Saturday morning, GISS defeated Abbotsford Christian 25-15, 25-19, which earned them a quarter-final match-up with Belmont. Sparked by powerful hitting from Jackson Sweetnam, Kyle Matheson, Ethan Frigon and Chris Perrins, the Scorpions beat Belmont 25-15, 28-26.

Next up was a rematch in the semi-final with number-one-ranked Credo Christian, a team GISS defeated in September. Coach Kellie Booth says the dynamic setting duo of Lukas Wenzel and Ben Richardson led the team with strong performances. Blocking by Aaryn Funk and Eduardo Silveira kept the Scorpions in the hunt, she

added, along with a strong defensive performance from first-year libero Gunnar Rasmussen.

The team battled hard without the services of outstanding middle blocker Carson McCormick, who has been out of the lineup with a hand injury. In the end, the Scorpions did not have enough and fell to Credo Christian in the third game 15-11. In the bronze medal game, GISS defeated Highland from Comox in two straight games — 25-21, 25-19 — to finish the tournament.

Michael Elsser was named to the tournament all-star team. Booth said Elsser played his best ball of the season "with dazzling serving, crafty hitting and pin-point passing."

"I am very proud of our well-balanced team. Everyone seems to be taking turns stepping up and contributing exceptional performances."

Next up for the team is a trip to GP Vanier in Courtenay for a pre-playoff tournament that mirrors the best three of five game formats at the provincial championship.

Local volleyball fans can catch the senior boys' AA north island playoff hosted by GISS on Nov. 9 and 10.



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Gulf Islands Secondary School Scorpions player Michael Elsser was named to the all-star team at the senior boys Duncan Christian Invitational tourney.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

## Teamwork pays for SSI Over 30s

Shut-out follows close match

Salt Spring United's Over 30s team worked together to shut out Bays United on its home turf this weekend, in a hard-fought game played on Victoria's Windsor fields on Sunday.

Team spokesperson and goalkeeper Kym Bellavance reports the team had a strong first half, despite lots of action in Salt Spring's end.

"Our defence was strong in stopping everything, including a penalty kick from the 18-yard line," Bellavance said.

Going into halftime with a score of 0-0, United's second half featured great communication between players with fantastic passing and moving the ball up the field for shots on Bays' net.

"They were all stopped by their goalie until Sue Spencer moved the ball up the field with a perfect pass to Anne May on the wing," Bellavance said.

"She carried it a bit,

then kicked a cross from right field right to the foot of Liz Wilson, who was waiting for it in perfect position in front of the net for a nicely placed tap into the corner for a 1-0 lead."

Despite many opportunities, Bays couldn't get past Salt Spring's defence or Bellavance's sticky hands in net.

Louise Doucet was noted for her stellar plays this week, while Cheryle Johnson and Beth Mason on defence and midfielders Carolyn Flam, Danie Wood and Denise Devlin were also strong.

The win comes after another hard-fought game the previous week, in which United stopped just short of a tie with a 3-2 final. Despite a team member's injury, Johnson and May each managed to put one in the net while defensive players blocked any further action from the Juan de Fuca side.

"And getting a second half shut-out we couldn't manage to get one more goal for the 3-3 tie, but it was an excellent game."

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## SPORTS &amp; RECREATION



PHOTOS BY JEN MACLELLAN

**CROWNING AROUND:** A GISS alumni basketball team faced formidable foes the Harlem Crowns on Friday night at a SIMS athletics program fundraiser that had the crowd both amazed and in stitches from the hilarious antics in the game. For more photos, see the Gulf Islands Driftwood's Facebook page.

## YOUTH SOCCER

## Fury claim victory against Juan de Fuca

Coach's winning game report

BY JOSH BYRON  
U12 SS FURY COACH

The rain subsided Saturday morning as the U12 Salt Spring Fury took to the pitch in a match-up against Juan de Fuca at Portlock Park. The home team took control early, dominating the play with a spirited effort from midfielders Davin Noorgard, Jaidyn Byron and Davis Cooper-Smith, whose smart passing and hustle led to continuous scoring changes for strikers Brennan Stonehouse and Colton Archer.

The opposing keeper was sharp, but in the 15th minute, Byron stole the ball and after a few strides sent a cross in to a streaking Archer, who made no mistake with a low strike to the

far corner.

The Fury began the second half with the same enthusiasm as the opening frame, outworking the opposition. In the 37th minute, striker Fraser Byers won the ball on a back check before being surrounded by three Juan de Fuca players. Byers showed great strength, muscling his way out of danger, then darting up the wing. His cross was met in front of the net by Cooper-Smith, who buried a laser to the top corner.

Salt Spring's defence, consisting of Logan Wenzel, Bradon Nordine and Noah Hart, was extremely solid and frustrated their opponents all game.

Brilliant passing from the back line also helped generate multiple scoring chances. The visiting team persevered, though, and

with 13 minutes to play, found the back of the net to draw to within one. But five minutes later, Byron sent Byers down the right side, where he located fellow striker Drayke Young with a pass in front of the goal. A calm Young delivered his fourth tally of the year to close out the scoring and clinch a victory for the Fury.

Salt Spring goalkeeper Izaak Gaines was sound when tested and made two great saves late to help preserve the win.

Salt Spring will try to continue their success on the road as their next two games are away from home. The team will also have to do this without utility player Brennan Stonehouse, who had a strong game, but was playing in his final game with the Fury before a move to Calgary. Good luck, Brennan.

## MEN'S SOCCER

## Old Boys devise winning scheme

Alumni suffer first loss

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Having botched several early leads in recent weeks, Salt Spring's Old Boys soccer club elected to take a new strategy in its weekend match against Vantreights.

Rather than coming on hard and strong, the Old Boys elected to ease into Sunday's match, relying on the team's defence to hold fast.

"The Old Boys had taken early leads, which bred overconfidence in the team and led to the team losing shape in the pursuit of more goals but leaving holes at the back," said team spokesperson Richard Steel on Monday.

"This time the plan was to stay solid in defence, thinking we would score eventually."

The game's lone goal came during the late stages of the second half courtesy of newcomer John MacDonald.

The victory marks the Old Boys' first win in four games.

"Overall it was a very solid and encouraging performance," Steel said. "We never looked like

scoring many goals, but also didn't look like conceding any either."

Steel said Jeff Pawson had a great game between the pipes to earn the shutout.

The Old Boys will test their winning strategy again when the team takes on the Castaways at 12 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4 in Victoria.

In Vancouver Island Soccer League action, Salt Spring Alumni's record dropped to 5-1-1 on Sunday after the team suffered its first loss of the season.

Goals from Mike McCormick and Martin Kitzenegger weren't enough in Alumni's 3-2 loss against Westcastle United. The team will try to regain its footing and take sole control of first place in the Masters-B division against the Fernwood Dragons in Victoria on Sunday, Nov. 4 at 12 p.m.

Meanwhile, Salt Spring FC dropped its sixth game of the year in a 3-1 decision against Sooke Celtic on Saturday afternoon. Players next play against second-place Bays United Liquor Plus (6-1-1). Kickoff is at Portlock Park on Saturday, Nov. 3 at 2:15 p.m.

Dear Ganges Residents,

### Re: Environmental testing to resume near the former Shell gas station in Ganges



Shell is preparing to resume environmental testing in the vicinity of the former gas station located on McPhillips Avenue in downtown Ganges, commencing on November 1, 2012.

A Shell gas station operated on the leased property for more than 60 years until it was decommissioned in March 2011. We have since removed the fuel tanks and conducted routine preliminary soil, groundwater and vapour testing to understand the environmental condition of the property and surrounding area. We have engaged the local government representatives from the Capital Regional District and Islands Trust, as well as the provincial Ministry of Environment.

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In consultation with the local community, we limited technical work during the summer to minimize impacts on seasonal activities. Our upcoming work includes drilling and other investigations before determining the most appropriate management plan. Environmental consultants will be doing more drilling on- and off-site over the next few months. Further updates will be provided in advance of those drilling programs to minimize any inconvenience to residents.

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Sincerely,

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