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**IN STEP:** Members of the Salt Spring RCMP, Salt Spring Fire Rescue and sailors from the Royal Canadian Navy's Orca-class patrol vessels are seen in the annual Remembrance Day parade in downtown Ganges on Monday.

**PARC**

## PARC issues plea for rec field lands

New approach needs residents' input

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission wants property owners with land suitable for the development of playing fields to step right up and get involved.

"I know the whole commission is very excited about trying something new," said PARC member Sonja Collombin. "Basically, we want to start a conversation with the community."

The new approach follows years of fruitless negotiations undertaken by PARC commissioners to expand the number of playing fields for sports like soccer and baseball. PARC members have been unable to develop recreational facilities in the Burgoyne Valley and, more recently, next to the Fernwood Elementary School.

The need for such fields was identified in PARC's 2009 Strategic Plan and emphasized in 2010's Master Plan. Both documents determined that existing facilities were being used to capacity.

"Athletic fields currently available on Salt Spring Island are generally small and in short supply," said PARC manager Lorraine Brewster.

Through its attempt to negotiate with property owners, PARC hopes to receive a broader range of potential sites and engage the public more directly. The campaign includes letters to sports groups and clubs on the island.

"We encourage residents to submit an [expression of interest] if their land would be suitable and available," said PARC chair Gregg Dow. "Developing recreational amenities on Salt Spring is a priority to build a healthy community."

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**BC POLITICS**

# ALC proposal prompts alarm

MLA Holman among critics of leaked document

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A leaked provincial government proposal to weaken the province's Agricultural Land Commission has left Saanich North and the Islands MLA Gary Holman outraged.

"I think we need to push back," Holman said. "Citizens, NGOs and local governments need to let politicians know this is a bridge too far."

According to provincial cabinet documents obtained by media late last week, the ALC would be brought under the oversight of the Ministry of Agriculture. Furthermore, lands within the province's Agricultural Land Reserve would be split into northern and southern zones.

Holman asserts that the ALC's effectiveness has been rooted in its arm's length relationship with government since its creation by the NDP

government 40 years ago.

"The whole reason of having an independent commission is to remove it from political influence," he said.

According to a confidential document signed by Agriculture Minister Pat Pimm, the plan would create the necessary policies and legislation to "modernize ALC decision making

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**FIRE DISTRICT**

# Ventilation issues on FD agenda

'Band-aid' solution insufficient for long-term needs

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Workplace safety at Salt Spring's fire halls will no longer take a back seat now that a failed borrowing referendum has taken a new building out of the cards.

Fire department administration and staff are making exhaust ventilation their top priority, with hopes of adopting the full recommendations of an indoor air quality assessment report instead of the measures now in place at the Ganges fire hall.

"We put a Band-aid on it. It's what we've been doing all along," said Lt. Mitchell Sherrin, speaking on behalf of the fire department's union members.

"We didn't want to waste money on this hall if we were not going to be in it for long, but it looks like we will be stuck in it for another couple of years, so we will have to do more than that now."

Diesel exhaust control at all three of Salt Spring's fire halls is insufficient for workplace safety, according to the report by North West Environmental Group. The assessment was commissioned at the request of Salt Spring Fire Rescue's operational health and safety committee, with the support of Fire Chief Tom Bremner. Consultants based their findings on a series of tests performed on May 6, 2013.

In a report that was delivered back to the fire department on Aug. 19, North West recommends three measures to ensure exposure to diesel particles stays within acceptable levels, including the installation of point-of-generation truck exhaust ventilation. It also recommends limiting in-station duty shifts to less than 10 consecutive hours, and studying

individual firefighters' exposure to carbon monoxide at all halls.

Ventilation at the Ganges fire hall prior to the environmental assessment comprised two bathroom fans at the back of the truck bays. Following the report, a third fan was installed in the deputy chief's office, which exceeded the CO2 exposure limit during testing.

Bremner said that the third fan was only intended to be a temporary cost-effective solution until the referendum results were known, although he had previously stated the safety issue "had been dealt with" in response to a question from Julia Lucich at the fire district's board meeting on Oct. 21.

"When I answered things were 'fine', they were fine until the referendum," Bremner said, stating the department had modernized the existing system as best it could for the time being.

"That was to deal with the issue of stale air that was collecting the particles. Now that we have the answer to the referendum, we have to move forward to deal with the large picture of the ventilation system."

The issue is particularly sensitive for local firefighters in light of Lt. Travis Guedes' death earlier this year. WorkSafeBC is currently investigating his file to determine whether diesel exhaust exposure may have been a factor in contracting the rare form of cancer he suffered from.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer reclassified diesel exhaust as a known carcinogen in 2012, shifting from the previous listing of "probably carcinogenic" established in 1998. A newsletter from the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, a federal government agency, lists fire stations as being among the primary locations where workers face "some of the

highest levels of the exhaust, and are at increased risk for illness."

WorkSafeBC regulations have not been updated since the IRAC classification change. However, the existing guidelines for diesel engines being operated indoors require regular testing for air contaminants.

"If at any time the workplace assessment suggests that workers may be exposed to levels above the applicable exposure limit, then equipment operation should be suspended until additional controls are provided," Part 5 of the guidelines state.

Exhaust extraction is further addressed in Section 31, which states "effective local venting for the exhaust gases must be provided in vehicle areas in fire halls."

**"When I answered things were 'fine', they were fine until the referendum."**

**TOM BREMNER**  
SS Fire Chief

Bremner is preparing to ask for quotes on the type of ventilation system North West's assessment recommends and will bring his report to the board of trustees within the coming months.

Sherrin said the union hopes to see something like the Nederman system, which is the industry standard. This type of on-point exhaust capture is commonly found in fire halls in small communities such as Pender Island, as well as in larger halls like the one the Salt Spring district was hoping to build.

"We know diesel is carcinogenic . . . a few bathroom fans isn't going to cut it now," Sherrin said. "As a union we intend to advocate for safe workplace practices."

## Land purchase would get ball rolling

**PARC LANDS**  
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Collombin said PARC needs approximately 15 acres of land with a grade below 10 per cent and in reasonable proximity to

Ganges to accomplish its goals. Such a property would expand the range of programs available to islanders and offer a venue for regional or provincial tournaments.

"If we want to have young families move to

the island, we need to support their children playing sports," Collombin added. "But we can't do anything without land. If somebody can step forward, we can get the ball rolling."

All inquiries related to

this issue can be directed, in writing, to Lorraine Brewster at lbrewster@crd.bc.ca.

A copy of the Expression of Interest document should be viewable by following the links at www.crd.bc.ca.



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## PHILANTHROPY

# Foundation hopes for good turnout at open house

SSI Foundation eager to share plans for future

BY LESLEY REYNOLDS  
FOR SSIF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Have you ever wondered just what the Salt Spring Island Foundation does? Do you know about the network of community foundations across Canada that work to support their local charities?

On Saturday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., islanders are invited to drop by the foundation's open house at the library's program room to find out the answers to these questions and learn much more about what the foundation is doing to improve the quality of life on Salt Spring.

The foundation will be celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2014. Since 1984, it has given a total of \$1.4 million to over 80 local charities — all due to the generosity of islanders who have built the foundation's Community Endowment Fund to a substantial \$4.6 million.

But the foundation is not resting on its laurels. Leading up to Canada's 150th anniversary, it will be participating in Smart & Caring Communities, a landmark effort for Canada's 191 community foundations to pursue two significant goals by 2017. The first is to reach more Canadians, filling the gaps in the network so that every Canadian is served by a com-

munity foundation by 2017. The second is to establish Smart & Caring Community Funds; while each fund will be unique to its community, all will share the same vision — building a nationwide legacy and permanent assets that will serve Canadian communities for years to come.

The Salt Spring Island Foundation is planning a multi-faceted Smart & Caring Salt Spring initiative. Three new endowed funds will be established by the foundation to help grow philanthropy on Salt Spring. They will support youth in philanthropy, volunteerism and projects to strengthen non-profit organizations.

"We want to make a lasting difference in the community," says foundation chair Carol Biely. "Smart & Caring Salt Spring will help us to encourage islanders to give both time and dollars to strengthen the organizations they care about and to better inform the public about the challenges faced by non-profit organizations."

In 2014, the foundation will also launch Smart & Caring Salt Spring funds to help tackle the two most critical areas of need on the island, as determined by the foundation's 2012 Community Needs Survey: affordable housing and community health, with a special focus on mental health.

Biely notes, "If they wish, donors may direct their gifts specifically to



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The Salt Spring Island Foundation's new Youth Advisory Council, from left: Charlie Beaver, Owen Twaites, Gwen Patrick, Norees Gasper and Kephra Beckett. Missing: Ella MacQueen Denz and Simone Miller.

these new funds, which will benefit the non-profits that are working hard to deal with these important needs. It gives us one more way to connect islanders to causes that really matter to them."

The foundation's first Smart & Caring Salt Spring project is already off to a promising start. Visitors to the Nov. 16 open house will meet the foundation's new Youth Advisory Council (YAC), made up of GISS students Gwen Patrick, Owen Twaites, Charlie Beaver, Kephra Beckett, Norees Gasper, Ella MacQueen

Denz, and Simone Miller.

In the same way that a community foundation creates funds from which investment income is generated, a YAC develops a fund from which investment income is directed to youth projects. Such funds are largely built through donations from those who support the concept of youth granting to youth.

Through engagement with community foundations, YAC members develop leadership skills, learn about community, community foundations and philanthropy, build an

endowment fund, and provide grants to worthwhile youth projects in their community.

Foundation board member Mary Rose MacLachlan, who is advising the new YAC, sees great potential in the group.

"I met Gwen Patrick at a workshop in the summer and mentioned that the foundation was interested in starting a youth in philanthropy group. Within a week, Gwen had recruited six amazing, talented and enthusiastic young people. Their perspective on youth-related needs in the community is invaluable and their enthusiasm and energy is inspiring."

The foundation's YAC hopes to be giving out its first grants to youth projects in 2014.

The Salt Spring Island Foundation will have plenty to celebrate in 2014, and Biely encourages islanders to drop by the library on Nov. 16 to share their ideas for building a more Smart & Caring Salt Spring during the anniversary year and in the years to come.

"Islanders have already shown their smart and caring nature by helping the Foundation set up such a generous discretionary endowment fund. We are looking forward to finding new ways to support an island that relies heavily on its volunteers and non-profit organizations.

We hope to see a good turnout at our open house."

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Pipeline protest

Faced with the prospect of hundreds of oil tankers every year passing through the waters off the Gulf Islands as a result of Kinder Morgan's proposed expansion of their pipeline, concerned Salt Spring Islanders plan to rally at Centennial Park this Saturday, Nov. 16.

The event, beginning at

12:30 p.m., is part of a nationwide protest called Defend Our Communities, Defend Our Climate.

### Pole upgrades

BC Hydro crews will be replacing several power poles in Gulf Islands over the next several months.

The work is part of BC Hydro's ongoing maintenance program that will see more than 10,000 utility poles replaced throughout the prov-

ince this year.

More than 20 per cent of BC Hydro's 900,000 wooden poles have been in service for more than 40 years.

BC Hydro regularly inspects the old poles and puts in new poles for safety and to strengthen the reliability of the electricity system. Pole replacement may require BC Hydro or its contractors to disconnect power. If outages need to be scheduled for safety reasons, BC Hydro or its

contractors will let customers know in person, or by mail or phone.

### Santa opens workshop

Once again Santa's elves on Salt Spring are gearing up to help families in need have a wonderful Christmas.

Already the workshop has many toys, gift items and a cash donation from the Toy Run motorcycle group.

The Santa's Workshop program requests islanders who wish to contribute new, unwrapped toys and gifts for distribution to these families to place them in the collection boxes at Island Variety, Pharmasave Uptown, Country Grocer, West of the Moon and Mouat's.

Gift bags will be distributed with the Christmas food hampers through Salt Spring Community Services around Dec. 22. Families wishing to be part

of the program should pick up forms from Community Services and return them by Dec. 3 so the elves have time to make the best selections.

Christa Wohlfahrt is the head elf. She notes the workshop already has more than enough stuffed animals and especially welcomes gifts for teenagers.

People can contact Wohlfahrt at 250-537-4793 or Community Services at 250-537-9971 for more information.

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## HARBOUR AUTHORITY

# Chaos and confusion fuel HASSI meeting

Board faces public pressure over transparency issues

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Years of bad blood floated to the surface of public debate as board members and the public met for the Harbour Authority Association of Salt Spring Island's AGM on Nov. 6.

Disgruntled members said the board's poor communication, inability to provide basic documents and penchant for closed meetings have left them feeling frustrated, ignored and fed up.

"It's been like pulling teeth to get anything at all," said Greg Middleton, one of about a dozen people who gathered for the three-hour meeting at the Harbour House Hotel.

HASSI comprises eight board members tasked to oversee the management of public docks and marine facilities at Burgoyne Bay, Fulford Harbour, Musgrave Landing, Vesuvius Bay, and the Centennial and Kanaka docks in Ganges. The board includes five representatives from the commercial fishing sector, one member from the community at large, a business representative and one

commercial non-fishing member.

Heavy board representation by the commercial fishing sector caused much of the angst expressed at the meeting.

Current board members include re-elected fishing representatives Peter Codling, James Scarfo, Chris Acheson, Lee Ann Gordon and chair Kathy Scarfo.

St. Clair McColl, the co-owner of Salt Spring Air, was re-elected to represent the commercial non-fishing sector and Dale Dow was chosen to represent the community at large. No representative was nominated for the business seat.

"I think there's been good improvements over the past four years since I've had my boat here, but things could be better," Dow said, following his election on Wednesday night. "I'm tired of just hearing the rumours."

Much of the speculation stems from litigation matters regarding derelict vessels and the organization's ongoing "restructuring."

Despite members' discontent, chair Scarfo noted the significant number of community amenities overseen by the board. These include, among others, Gulf Islands Water Taxi service to the school district, BC Hydro, water ambulance,

emergency transport, a morgue boat, the loading and unloading of supplies, and Ganges Harbour's only septic pump-out station.

"We have been serving the fishing community for [24 years] but have also done a significant amount of work in serving both the public at large and the community as a whole," she said.

The purpose of the Harbour Authority, she added, is primarily to operate and maintain a commercial fishing harbour.

"Anything we do above and beyond that, we do voluntarily and we do that quite well."

She said HASSI staff and board members have struggled with volunteer overload, congested facilities, people problems and continued infringement of non-marine uses on HASSI property during the past year.

"We have been willing as a board to take on the extra challenges and I will say that it's really easy for people to complain and tell us what we're doing wrong, but it's really hard for people to volunteer and show some appreciation for the amount of work that a lot of our volunteers and our staff do."

More information is available from the HASSI office at Centennial Dock or 250-537-5711.

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## AGRICULTURE

# Young farmers need fencing

Farmland Trust project takes root

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Kaleigh Barton and Ben Corno are making history by being the first farmers to lease land from Salt Spring's Farmland Trust. All they need is a fence.

The Farmland Trust was created to help young farmers access land and support the island's eroding base of farmland.

"Precious farmland zoned for agricultural use requires protection and young, hard-working farmers seeking long-term tenure should be supported," reads part of the organization's website. "The Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust Society has everything to do with meeting these needs."

Barton and Corno were

selected following an application process that occurred earlier this year. Barton has lived on the island full-time for the past four months while Corno, a student of turf management and landscaping, has worked on various Salt Spring farms during the past three years.

"We were just talking and thought it would be nice for us to do our own thing," Barton said. "They're making it really affordable."

The couple has installed an irrigation system, begun to plant cover crops and established several test plots. They plan to have the first full crop of root vegetables in the ground by 2015.

A major obstacle in their path is the need to raise approximately \$3,000 to have a deer fence installed around the two-acre Burgoyne Valley property. Thankfully, Barton said, sup-

port from the community has been strong from the outset of their campaign.

"Probably the most exciting thing is having people we don't know offering support," Barton said. "It's a nice experiment. People want young farmers on the island."

The couple has started an online fundraising campaign through sharespring.ca and can also arrange to receive donations by phone or in person. As of Tuesday, Nov. 12, the couple had raised nearly \$1,000.

Anyone who donates to the campaign will be eligible to receive a share of the produce grown at the farm.

"We intend to give all the donations back in food," Barton said.

For more information, contact Barton at kaleigh.barton@gmail.com or 250-653-9606.

# Ag minister on the defensive

## ALC

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to reflect government priorities," remove some decisions from the ALC, shift "community growth decisions to local governments," and "modernize ALC operations by moving the ALC into the Ministry [of Agriculture]."

A second document indicates the proposed changes will "dismantle the Agricultural Land Commission" and change the ALC's mandate to ensure "the ALC will be required to give equal weight to economic development as well as agriculture."

According to Salt Spring's Anne Macey, a spokesperson for Island Natural Growers, Pimm's suggestion to dismantle the ALC is nothing short of horrifying.

"It's a surprise," she said. "It's something we don't want to see."

Even though agricultural lands in the Gulf Islands wouldn't be as affected as farmland in

the province's north, Macey said, any attempt to dilute ALC power is a step in the wrong direction.

"We think [the ALC] is really important for agriculture here in the province and we want to see it strengthened rather than weakened," she said.

Rick Vipond, president of the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute, wasn't prepared to comment when contacted on Tuesday morning. He said the topic was on the agenda for the organization's regular monthly meeting later in the day.

Pimm is the Liberal MLA for Peace River North. He is currently under fire for allegedly lobbying in favour of an application to permit a non-farm use of ALR land in Fort St. John this summer, after he was given a cabinet position in the current provincial government.

Pimm was unable to respond in time for the Driftwood's Tuesday afternoon deadline.



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WILDLIFE

# Dolphins visit west side of Salt Spring

Bader's Beach residents thrilled by sight

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The dolphin super-pod that made headlines after surfacing in the Strait of Georgia continued to surprise Gulf Islands residents who made additional sightings last week.

Neil Martin, who lives in the Bader's Beach area of Salt Spring, filmed a large group that was traversing Sansum Narrows on Thursday afternoon, after a neighbour spotted them from his home.

"It was kind of a special occasion to watch them going back and forth like that. I was down there for an hour," said Martin, who moved to the area in July.

"I felt kind of privileged to take it in for a while. I just happened to be in the right place at the right time."

In behaviour that Martin says could best be described as "cavorting," a line of dolphins he estimated to be nearly a kilometre long made several passes of the narrows, turning around near Vesuvius Bay to the north and beyond view in the direction of Burgoyne to the south. They were approximately 600 metres offshore.

Although they were playful and often jumped out of the water at heights exceeding their body length, Martin said their movement seemed determined. Almost all of the dolphins swam in the same direction.

"They made quite a commotion as they all turned around," Martin said.

Martin's neighbour and a woman and her son who happened to be at the beach may have been the only other witnesses to the phenomenon, although the Howe Sound Queen was in the water and the dolphins came close to the ferry several times.

"I was truly expecting someone to be taking video from the boat — they would have been much closer," Martin said. "But apparently no one else saw it."

**"Seeing these animals is a super treat, but it's not**

**completely unheard of."**

CHAD NORDSTROM  
Vancouver Aquarium  
marine biologist

The sheer number of dolphins he saw makes Martin think they must have been the same super-pod that was spotted from the Queen of Nanaimo on Oct. 31. Researchers from the Vancouver Aquarium's cetacean team confirmed those animals were Pacific white-sided dolphins.

Chad Nordstrom, a marine biologist from the Vancouver Aquarium, said it's possible the dolphins were indeed from the same group. Additional reports made

through the aquarium's volunteer cetacean reporting program placed pods of 200 to 1,000 dolphins at Maple Bay, Pender Island and Gabriola Island between Friday and Monday.

Marine biologists have noticed a pattern of more white-sided dolphins, particularly in Howe Sound, over the past few winters. Nordstrom said that could be because the herring has been more plentiful in recent years.

"We would guess that would be feeding behaviour for sure," he said of the back-and-forth movement Martin witnessed.

"It sounds like they were working the edge of a bait ball, which would be an efficient way to do it."

While local residents may find the sightings strange, there is no reason to be alarmed by the unusual occurrence. Anyone who gets to see the dolphins in action should enjoy the experience before the pod moves on to other feeding grounds.

"Seeing these animals is a super treat, but it's not completely unheard of," Nordstrom said. "They're just coming into areas where there are more eyes. Groups of 200 to 1,000 are not uncommon, they're just usually not seen in the Gulf Islands."

Nordstrom said researchers are indebted to the public for reporting local sightings. Reports can be logged online at [www.wildwhales.org](http://www.wildwhales.org).

Pender Island resident Joshua Landry had previously reported seeing the super-pod in Haro Strait between Sidney and the Gulf Islands on Monday, Nov. 4.

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FERRIES

# Ferry should be back Friday

Repairs to Queen of Nanaimo on schedule

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Queen of Nanaimo should be back to plying local waters by Friday afternoon after spending nearly two weeks out of action.

BC Ferries communications director Deborah Marshall said Tuesday that repairs to the damage incurred during a Nov. 2 storm were going well, with damaged propeller blades replaced and the shaft and hub being put back together. At press time, the progress boded well for a return from drydock in time for weekend traffic.

"We expect to do sea trials and extensive testing later this week," Marshall said, adding Friday's anticipated return would be confirmed on Thursday, Nov. 14.

The ferry corporation added extra sailings on several routes to help relieve traffic congestion over the Remembrance Day long weekend. With passengers travelling to the Gulf Islands forced to change ferries at Swartz Bay, the service had higher than usual foot passenger traffic, resulting in overloaded pay parking areas at several terminals.

"We realize it wasn't a perfect solution for people travelling over the long weekend, but the extra sailings certainly did help," Marshall said.

Regular employees did not miss out on any work while the Nanaimo was out of commission, although Marshall said some casual employees might have been affected.

An investigation into the precise cause of the incident, which occurred during high winds and saw the ferry collide with a private dock, is ongoing.

TRANSPORTATION

# Transit review to begin in 2014

Expansion possibilities to be considered

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Transportation Commission has accepted the draft terms of reference for a transit system review set for 2014.

The draft calls for a mixture of data collection and public consultation to begin next

March. Open houses, community stakeholder workshops and surveys of passengers and drivers will contribute to the review, with a draft report expected in November 2014.

"The process takes a very broad view on how to improve efficiencies in areas like service, routes and equipment," said transportation commission chair John Wakefield, adding the final report would be helpful in allocating new tax requisition

dollars to the best effect.

The last full transit system review on Salt Spring was initiated in 2008, with the final report delivered in 2009. Some of the specific opportunities to be evaluated include service to new areas such as Beddis Road and Cedar Lane, summer service to Ruckle Park, enhanced evening service, and increased service to Long Harbour and Cusheon Lake roads. Service options for people with disabilities will also be examined.

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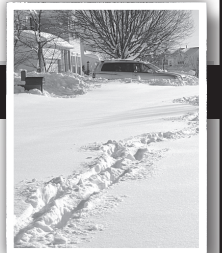
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## EDITORIAL

# PARC's pitch

**L**ate last week, members of Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission delivered a pitch they hope will solve a problem they've been wrestling with for more than 20 years.

In 1992, PARC's Strategic Plan recommended developing more capacity for sports and other active recreation pursuits. Work has certainly progressed for disc golf, tennis, dog-walkers and community gardens, but the issue of playing fields has remained wholly unresolved. Sure enough, the strategic plan's latest incarnation, in 2010, reiterated that current facilities are maxed out and inadequate.

**THE ISSUE:**  
SSI playing fields

**WE SAY:**  
Need must be addressed

Though Salt Spring may appear to have an abundance of fields, use of most of these is limited to 30 hours a week. Furthermore, natural turf fields are closed when periods of intense rainfall leave

them waterlogged.

Then there's the matter of quality and size. For years, island parents have backed an active youth baseball program. Those efforts have seen teams compete above their weight on the provincial level despite having meagre on-island facilities. After a certain age, kids who want to continue playing baseball have no other option but to board a ferry and suit up on Vancouver Island. Most of the time, they end up hanging up their bat.

Furthermore, many families rely on playing fields for affordable recreation opportunities. Ensuring adequate facilities exist is an obvious choice in our increasingly sedentary society.

PARC has floated campaigns to secure land for playing fields in Burgoyne Valley and next to Fernwood Elementary School. Though PARC has substantial cash reserves to cover the costs — thereby eliminating the need to borrow funds and burden taxpayers — neither proposal got off the ground.

Now that PARC has put the ball in the public's court by asking people to step forward with possible sites (preferably near Ganges and larger than 12 acres), we can only hope the community comes up with a winning proposal to finally knock this issue out of the park.



VIEWPOINT by Karen Wright

# Spell out voting consequences

I've been trying to figure out what happened with the fire hall referendum.

I know the people of Salt Spring are not stupid or uneducated. I know they understand the importance of emergency services. I know they value and respect the men and women who rush forward to help us in our hour of need. So what went wrong? Why did the people of Salt Spring not vote to support them?

I've heard arguments that the proposal was rejected because the community was not consulted. Are you kidding me? I saw advertisements, newspaper articles, websites, public meeting announcements, all manner of opportunities for us to get involved. I also understand that across four public information sessions, only 20 people showed up. So, clearly, consultation is not what we were looking for.

I've heard arguments that the design was too extravagant, it went beyond what emergency services personnel "need" and instead included what they wanted. Really? How would I, not having any experience as a firefighter or in search and rescue have the first idea of what these personnel need to do their jobs effectively, efficiently and safely? How would anyone? So, no, this argument doesn't actually hold water, unless the people making it are those who volunteered as part of the committee charged with figuring this all out.

After hours of soul searching, I think I might have the answer. We were asked to make a decision that we were not qualified to make. Why? Because we did not have the complete information we needed to make an informed decision.

I remember some years ago strolling through downtown Calgary walkways when I was stopped by a city volunteer conducting a survey. I was asked if I'd like to have more plants in the walkways. What was I to say? Of course, I'd like to have more plants in the walkways. So he added one more tick to the "yes" column and on my way

I went. But I was left feeling unsettled, and then realized what it was. . . I wasn't told of the consequences of voting "yes," but surely this was going to cost money — so how much and who was going to pay?

So, back to our "fire hall." If the question had simply been, "Do you want a new emergency centre that will last 50 years?" Well shoot, you bet! Who wouldn't? However, the question essentially was, "Will you agree to fork over millions of dollars in taxes?" Well shoot, are you kidding me? I can't even afford to fix my car!

We were given only one side of the equation. I did a reasonable amount of research prior to voting, not as much as some but probably more than most, and I don't recall seeing anything about the consequences of a "no" vote. As far as I know, we're in good hands if an emergency breaks out now, and will continue to be for an indefinite period of time, so what's the sense of urgency for making this decision? Why would I want to agree to pay more taxes any earlier than I have to? Sure, we all acknowledge a new building is needed but, heck, what's the rush?

However, my rational side tells me that indeed there are consequences to our "no" vote and ideally these would be written right into the referendum question and in a way that each of us can relate to. For example (and using made-up statistics to illustrate my point):

Choose between:

- Option A - Keep average emergency response times at three minutes, for a cost of \$5.50 annually per \$100,000 of assessed property value (we can all do our own math);
- Option B - Allow average response times to increase to 20 minutes, for a cost of \$2.25 annually per \$100,000 of assessed property value;
- Option C - Do nothing and accept the risk that emergency services may disappear over time.

Now, wouldn't that make for an easy decision?

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

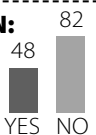
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### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

## Rob Ford for mayor of SSI - yes or no?



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# ISLAND VOICES

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "We know diesel is carcinogenic . . . a few bathroom fans isn't going to cut it now!"

LT. MITCHELL SHERRIN, SS FIRE RESCUE.

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** What would you hope to find at the Giant Book Sale this weekend?



**JIM BRADFORD**  
*Nothing in particular. Any book is a good book.*



**ALAN CUNDALL**  
*The Hidden Words of Bahá'u'lláh.*



**EAMON MACQUEEN**  
*I'd like to find some books on origami.*



**GINETTE RICHER**  
*A good book on Alzheimer's.*



**MARGARET REID**  
*The next in the Dunston Wood series by William Horwood.*

## Letters to the editor

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

### Human health too

There seems to be an assumption that it is possible to clean up an oil spill without risking a disastrous human health crisis.

In "Anti-pipeline groups float mock spill" (Driftwood, Oct. 30), Raincoast's Chris Genova asked, "If there was a [oil] spill, what would it do and where would it go? I think that is the kind of basic info both the public and the policy makers need to begin to analyze."

We ought also to be asking "and what are the consequences for human health?"

Dahr Jamall has written an article, called "BPs widespread human health crisis." Jamall investigated reports that thousands of people's health was seriously affected after participating in the clean-up or they were contaminated through

proximity to the oil or Corexit, the product used in clean-up. The same health breakdowns were documented after the Exxon Valdez spill. It's overdue time to factor human health into the discussion of tanker spills in the Salish Sea and elsewhere.

**ROWAN PERCY,**  
SALT SPRING

### Unwanted advice

It was already quite revealing as to the misguided intentions of the Governance Study Committee, of which our trustees are ex-officio members, that they would engage an "Urban Systems" consulting group to conduct a study and make recommendations as to whether our rural island should have a formal incorporation study.

Was this committee thinking that Salt Spring is an urban

system? But far more revealing is the bias of the Urban Systems group, as proclaimed in their own words. In the Oct. 30 Driftwood, David Morris of Urban Systems gave the game away with the following statement: "Our position is to be neutral on the issue, but . . . if you proceed to a municipal structure—you are electing a larger group locally with local decision-making authority and local decision making power . . . I believe, in most circumstances with a good government structure . . . it [municipal governance] is more transparent and definitely more accountable to you than the fragmented approach you have now."

So much for the "neutral" stance on municipal governance on Salt Spring! While one can take issue with our current trustees on several counts (such as the move toward legalizing more sec-

ondary suites, as if this had no implications for our ever-worsening water situation), the biggest disappointment is that as members of the Governance Study Committee they participated in the choice of an obviously biased, urban-focused group that tells us between the lines that the way to go is incorporation.

Our community can read between the lines — and knows better than to gobble up this biased and uncalled-for advice.

**DAVID J. RAPPORT AND LUISA MAFFI,**  
SALT SPRING

### Making connections

As librarian at Salt Spring Island Public Library, I have one of the best jobs in the world. My mission: connecting people. I connect people with information, stories,

meeting spaces and interactive programs.

In October, for instance, a group of international students from United World College spent a week at the library, leading singing, dancing and storytelling workshops with children.

It brings me great joy to walk around the library and see so many different people using the space for so many different purposes.

Why write this letter now? We would not be enjoying our wonderful new library building if not for the support of the Salt Spring community. Now, as we approach the one-year anniversary of the library's opening, I encourage you to continue your support of the library by contributing to our Annual Giving Campaign.

Contributions of all sizes are equally appreciated. Annual Giving Campaign funds are used to contin-

ue the enhancement and enrichment of: children's programs, public presentations by authors and artists, courses and classes for Salt Springers of all ages, and the hiring of summer students who fill in for vacationing volunteers and manage the Summer Reading Club and other projects.

Contributions can be mailed in, dropped off at the library, or made through the CanadaHelps option on the library website: <http://saltspring.bclibrary.ca/>.

As someone who spends 35 hours per week in the Salt Spring Island Public Library, I can truly attest to the connective power of this building, and I thank you in advance for your continued support.

**DANIELLE HUBBARD,**  
LIBRARIAN,  
SS PUBLIC LIBRARY

**MORE LETTERS** continued on 8

# What makes affordable housing affordable?

BY CHAS BELKNAP

Affordable housing is called affordable only because it is affordable to an occupant whose income does not meet the threshold to market housing. The term can be used to refer to housing built for middle-income families shut out of homeownership or for rental housing built for low-income households and for people with disabilities.

"Affordable" refers only to the cost to the tenant, not to the cost of development. Affordable housing costs as much to build as market housing — \$200,000 to \$400,000 per unit. Generous grants and subsidized mortgages are required to keep the cost to the occupant at a reasonable level. Occasionally, the grants can be "in-kind" — donated land, volunteer labour, or scavenged materials (all of which can be measured as a cash equivalent). However accomplished, the net value of \$200,000 to \$400,000 is still needed to fund a unit.

The ideas that often generate enthusiasm for affordable housing — tiny homes, cooperative living or integrated child care — are important social initiatives, but are not in themselves strategies for creating affordability. Similarly, creative construction ideas — cob, bale, prefab, container housing — may be important ecological initiatives, but do not significantly change

the need for significant capital investment. Most of the cost of new development is not in the materials used to construct the walls but in the cost of land, water, sewage, electrical systems, insulation, roof structure, design and zoning entitlements.

Again, it is the financing that creates affordability. Housing can be made affordable only when the low-income tenant does not have to help pay the full cost of the mortgage. Required are grants and subsidized mortgages with low or non-existent monthly payments. The more generous the grants and subsidies the better a project can serve lower-income occupants.

Given the high cost of each unit, housing funding agencies require that affordable housing developers find matching funds. The CRD currently taxes owners of Salt Spring properties \$8 a year to create a minimal affordable housing fund. The CRD is then willing to disburse the funds in \$15,000 per unit awards.

An affordable housing developer then needs to apply to the provincial government, federal government and private foundations for the rest of the funds (\$185,000 to \$385,000). The requirement to layer funding does not create additional housing but helps each contributing entity look good to their constituency.

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The layering requirement makes affordable housing development significantly more complex and expensive.

Affordable housing requires, in addition to funding for capital expenses, a constellation of sophisticated technical skills. These skills need to be in place for funders to find a proposal attractive. Funders seek proposals from developers with "capacity" or access to capacity. Organizations with capacity have experience in real-estate project management, construction management, social housing property management, financial packaging, asset management, public consultation, tenant support services, negotiations for zoning entitlements, etc.

Expensive as it is, affordable housing is a good investment: the hard to house reduce their burden on emergency and medical services; employees can afford to support their families and remain in residence on Salt Spring; employers can attract employees; seniors do not need to move away as they age; and the island can better attract teachers and nurses.

Even when a unit requires \$200,000 to \$400,000 in subsidy, the return on investment is significant. The financial return on affordable housing benefits the whole, but the return does not come as cash that can be used to pay

a mortgage.

Affordable housing, be it for people with disabilities, the elderly or the working poor, will not happen on Salt Spring Island without significant financial investment. There are no magic tricks, no financial secrets. Only hard-core investing opens doors to affordable homes.

In many ways affordable housing projects are like nature reserves: upfront costs are daunting, the direct financial returns are minimal, the community benefits — priceless.

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The Salt Spring Housing Council was created to pay attention to the array of required skills that leverage future development of affordable housing. The council itself is made up of individuals who, when combined, have over 60 years of experience in the development of affordable and social housing. The council intends to provide skills that support existing housing societies on Salt Spring and, only when necessary, to act as developer of last resort for project that are in trouble or that lack an appropriate developer.

*The writer is co-chair of the Salt Spring Housing Council.*

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With the generous support of our community we raised \$4,300 for our residents' recreation programs. The mood was lively, the residents excited and many smiles shared throughout the day.

We would love to take this chance to thank everyone who so kindly baked, bought, created and gave of their time to make this day the success it was. Our residents, their families, staff, volunteers and friends have made an outstanding contribution. We look forward to hosting

this event again next year and already have many new creative projects up our sleeves.

**CARLA MOLLOY,**  
RECREATION CO-ORDINATOR,  
GREENWOODS ELDERCARE SOCIETY

### Delighted with dealer

When both of my minivans died recently I needed to replace two disposable vehicles with a single reliable one.

I had noticed an ad in the Gulf Islands Driftwood by Jim Pattison Volvo in Victoria, and because of this I decided to give them a shot.

Despite my reluctance at buying a used car from a dealer I found the sales

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staff there to be most accommodating. They showed much respect for the Salt Spring Island market and were determined to live up to their ad's promises.

I ended up with the vehicle I wanted and I recommend them enthusiastically.  
**RICK NEUFELD,**  
SALT SPRING

### Commit to environment

From coast to coast across Canada, communities are holding gatherings on Saturday, Nov. 16 to show their concerns for environmental issues. On Salt Spring this

gathering will be in Centennial Park beginning at 12:30.

Photographs will be taken of gatherings in every community. Let's show them the strength of the Salt Spring commitment to the environment. Feel free to bring a placard about your main environmental concern.

See you at 12:30 on Saturday, Nov. 16 in Centennial Park.

**JILL WILLMOTT, MARG SIMONS, AUDREY WILD, LOIS SPRAGUE, NEVA HOHN,**  
SALT SPRING

### Encore Live shows shine

I saw the recent showing of Othello at the cinema.

The production was presented by the National

Theatre Company of England and was an Encore Live presentation. It was an amazing experience in the art of drama at its best. If it comes back to our cinema I urge you to go and see it.

The next offering is Macbeth, which comes up on Nov. 20-21. Mark your calendars, fellow inhabitants of Salt Spring.

Teachers, please advise your students age 14-plus to go and see this show. Then maybe discuss it in school later in the week.

I myself went to see the Laurence Olivier portrayal of Hamlet when I was 14 years old and it piqued my interest in the theatre and its possibilities.

**DIANNE PARSONS,**  
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## RANTS and Roses

### Rants

To the car who came speeding across Baver Point Road on Monday, Oct. 28 not looking or stopping at the stop sign on Stewart Road, I almost got into a head-on collision and had to swerve off the road as I was driving towards Ruckle Park from Fulford. Please be more aware, you freaked me out! L. Taylor

### Roses

A fire engine full of red roses to the generous folks at Country Grocer for yet again donating hot dogs and hot cocoa for Salt Spring Fire Rescue's Halloween after party! Thank you!

A bouquet of fragrant roses and heartfelt thanks to the honest person who handed in my silver locket at the

United Church on the day of the fire hall referendum. It was a 70th birthday present from my son and I treasured it very much. I was so happy to have it back! Jackie

Roses to all the trick or treaters in Fulford on Oct. 31. You looked like you were having a great time, you were unfailingly polite and you didn't leave any garbage. Well done, everyone. See you all again next year.

A huge bouquet of roses to the Salt Spring Fire Department, the Salt Spring police and the ambulance crew, the tow truck driver and to all the bystanders who helped us when "The Halloween Ghost" decided to back our car up and turn it around and thankfully let it rest against the brambles so it could not fall down the

bank! Tom is fine and so is the car (not a scratch!) on Tom or the car. Thank you everyone from the bottom of our hearts! Tom and Judy Grundy

A bouquet of scented roses to Ken Marr of Windsor Plywood and David Toynbee of Mouat's Trading for their generous donation of much-needed supplies for Pet Emergency Services. They have helped to supply totes filled with necessary items for people with pets registering at the 72-hour emergency shelters in case of island disasters.

Lovely pumpkin-coloured roses to Thrifty's, Country Grocer, both Pharmasaves and generous individual donors for once again supporting the Maliview Drive candy drive. Thanks too to Dr. Hayden and staff for the toothbrushes. May the Great Pumpkin be good to you.

A dozen New York City roses to all the kind, courteous and careful drivers on McPhillips Avenue who when they see me and other drivers of large vehicles trying to back out of the tiny, unmarked and often view-blocked parking spaces courteously stop and wait and sometimes even signal for me to continue backing. And for not using their horns and insisting on the right of way, which really only applies if the backing driver has a clear view of oncoming traffic. That's how Salt Spring works best.

A fire engine full of roses to the Salt Spring Brownies and Girl Guides for all the hard work, generosity and thoughtfulness that went into the delicious cookies and baked goods dropped off at the Ganges fire hall. The treats will keep our firefighters energized and ready to respond with full tummies! Thank you!

Once again a huge bouquet of roses to the produce department of Country Grocer. The donation of potatoes was greatly appreciated by the Fulford Hall fundraising event on the weekend. We sold all of the baked potatoes at the 653 Cafe — they were a hit!

A bushel basket full of pumpkin-coloured roses to Elaine, Harry and their neighbours for the magnificent Halloween display on their streets. It was a treat to be asked over, to dress up, hand out goodies and enjoy an old-fashioned celebration. We had as much fun as the kids. Marg & Ian

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## THEATRE

# Community helps show swing

Hard Times Hit Parade arrives

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Local swing dancers and jazz musicians will find their place in the spotlight in a critically acclaimed theatrical event when Hard Times Hit Parade sweeps Fulford Hall next weekend.

The Jessie-nominated production by choreographer and director Kat Single-Dain comes to Salt Spring in partnership with Graffiti Theatre. Boasting an exceptional professional cast with room for local talent, and success across all demographics, the surprise hit of the Vancouver theatre world is ready to thrill island audiences.

Set in the midst of one of the longest-ever dance marathons of the Depression era, Hard Times Hit Parade contains themes of desperation in tough times, real people as entertainment, and the downside of the winner-takes-all paradigm. Live music by Swing Shift and pairs of dancers who are actually competing to stay on top will form the backdrop for the engaging and exuberant performance.

While the show could easily be performed without recruiting local talent, having the community participate within the artistic framework Single-Dain provides adds a special kind of magic.

"It adds to the show to involve everyone from the community as much as possible. It makes it spontaneous, it makes it real — because I can't control it," she said.

Perhaps it's not surprising that Single-Dain finds the shows that included local participants have been among the best on Hard Times' provincial tour.

The founder of Dusty Flowerpot Cabaret created the show, in part, because she is a swing enthusiast and wanted to give the scene's participants an audience beyond just themselves. She's also artistic director of Vancouver's annual Parade of Lost Souls, which incorporates professional performers and community participation to involve a cast of thousands.



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Scene from a past production of the acclaimed Hard Times Hit Parade. Salt Spring shows will run Friday through Sunday, Nov. 22-24 at Fulford Hall, with a professional cast, local participants and live music by Swing Shift swing band.

That kind of model admirably fulfills Graffiti's mandate for facilitating professional theatre and dance while giving amateur artists the opportunity to learn from the best and participate in their productions.

"It's going to be really co-creative, said Graffiti director Rebecca Nygard. "It's really the perfect example of the work we want to do."

And because of Salt Spring's existing talent base, the island residency was also perfect from Single-Dain's point of view.

"Having a 20-person jazz band with real authentic swing dancing is such a treat to work with," she said.

Dance marathons were popular events during Depression-era 1920s and '30s, when touring professionals and local amateurs vied to win unbelievable feats of endurance. According to HistoryLink.org, an online encyclopedia of Washington state history, "Contestants . . . were required to remain on their feet 24 hours per day with 15 minutes rest time each hour. They were served 12 meals per day, and they ate these at a chest-high table, still shuffling from foot to foot." Dancers were known to collapse or even die after going for 100 days or more without stopping. By the 1950s they were banned across the United States.

Single-Dain said audi-

ences have connected with the Hard Times' setting, perhaps because of the many parallels between that period and today.

Audience members are invited to dress up for the period as they will also be part of the show's complete world. Ushers, ticket sellers and other volunteers will be drawn from the community and appear in character. Cabaret acts by Salt Spring artists will provide entertainment between the dance rounds, just as they did during actual marathons.

Performances take place Friday to Sunday, Nov. 22 to 24 at Fulford Hall at 8 p.m. Everyone with a ticket to any of the performances is invited to dance the night away with the cast and crew at a deejayed swing dance party at the hall after Saturday's show.

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## CHORAL MUSIC

## BOTR traverses new territory

Concert explores  
Canada's place in musicBY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Back on the Rock is exploring exciting new ground for the opening of its ninth season, with a concert that places contemporary Canadian compositions within the context of classical music history.

In two shows at All Saints By-the-Sea on Nov. 16 and 17, the Salt Spring Chamber Orchestra and Choir will perform an intriguing mix of music past and present.

"It's a tour de force of Canadian styles of contemporary composition, both sacred and secular, from reflective quiet pieces to colourful and joyful," said Jim Stubbs, who enters his sixth season as Bach on the Rock's music director and conductor.

"We've taken a step away from the traditional. This particular concert is

very different for us," noted Laurie Stubbs, accompanist and bassoon player.

Music by six Canadian composers will form the core of the concert, with the Salt Spring Chamber Choir performing a cappella — a first for this group.

Bracketing the Canadian section will be music from the Renaissance at the beginning and pieces by Mozart and Beethoven at the end. Stubbs will speak about this interesting configuration at the concerts, demonstrating how the selections illustrate "the continuity and discontinuity between Renaissance, classical and contemporary styles of composition."

Stubbs planned the program believing he and his wife would be celebrating their first concert as Canadian citizens. Bureaucracy is taking longer than expected so this won't be the case, but in the process everyone involved has discovered some amazing new gems in

the Canadian repertoire in pieces by David Baker, Derek Healey, Elise Letourneau, Don Macdonald, Stephanie Martin and Brian Tate.

Stubbs has been consulting with Healey by phone about his piece, Salish Song, which the Salt Spring Chamber Choir will perform. It is based around a First Nations tune that Healey discovered at the Smithsonian Institution. It had been written down in 1913.

"He researched and has written quite a lot of music based on traditional rhythms and melodies. And it's really beautiful music," Stubbs said.

Another unusual piece will come at the end of the concert, with Beethoven's Equali featuring men's voices and four "trombones" (with some other instruments standing in).

Tickets are available at the RE/MAX office. More information on upcoming concerts can be found at [www.bachontherock.org](http://www.bachontherock.org).

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## CONCERTS

## America's African roots shine



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Linda Tillery Cultural Heritage Choir performs Thursday, Nov. 14.

Grammy-nominated choir performs

BY GEORGE SIPOS  
ARTSPRING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Digging for roots is rewarding not just for gardeners.

Much of what we value in music too has its roots in a past that is often obscure, but whose recovery can enrich both our ears and minds.

In the case of African-American music, we think we know the terrain: the blues, gospel, jazz. But behind all that was the earlier, more original tradition of the slave era, only a step or two removed from the musical heritage of West Africa and the Caribbean. This is the cultural soil that California's Linda Tillery has been exploring for over 40 years.

Her work has been partly

scholarly — reviewing documents, researching archival recordings, working as a historian. More importantly, however, she has succeeded in bringing the music back into live performance.

Her Linda Tillery Cultural Heritage Choir presents a live concert at ArtSpring on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

The word "choir" is a little unusual in this context. The ensemble actually consists of four a cappella singers and a percussionist. Since its origins in 1992, the group has performed the dynamic rhythms and sparkling energy of this original music on stages across North America.

Their first recording in 1997 in collaboration with Taj Mahal and Eric Bibb received a Grammy nomination, and from then on their reputation in the roots music world has grown steadily.

Their second recording, called Hippy Hop, received a Parents Choice Award in 2000, and their third, Say Yo' Business, was nominated for a California Music Award in 2003. Two more acclaimed recordings have followed in 2010 and 2012.

Rediscovering the past is deeply satisfying. Two weeks ago we heard music from 17th-century Poland from a time when the solo voice emerged from choral singing and took its first tentative steps toward the cantata and toward opera. Now we have a chance to hear the authentic origins of African music in America. History doesn't get more exciting than that.

The Linda Tillery Heritage Choir is on a short B.C. tour, performing also in Courtenay and on Quadra Island.

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MUSIC

# 'Tapestry of sound' hits Harbour House

Innovative musicians perform for Japanese Garden Society fundraiser

Two traditional Japanese musicians at the top of their game will be part of an energizing blend of sound and style at a Sunday afternoon concert to raise money for Salt Spring's Japanese Garden Society.

JGS members welcome Vancouver-based koto player Kozue Matsumoto and Japan's Hiroshi Yamaguchi to the island for a rare concert that will feature two ancient Japanese instruments presented in a modern context.

Matsumoto's passion for the koto, considered the national instrument of Japan, has sustained her passion to teach and perform in Vancouver and beyond.

Yamaguchi's ability with the banjo-like tsugaru shamisen has earned him accolades from the highest echelon of Japan's traditional music enthusiasts. He has toured the world and is currently visiting British Columbia for a cross-cultural collaborative concert called Bang Danjos.

The two musicians agreed to perform in a concert that will raise funds to help the JGS construct a water feature at the Heiwa Garden Peace Park in Ganges.



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Koto player Kozue Matsumoto.

"We have to keep raising funds to get the garden going, buy replacement plants, compost, and other garden equipment and materials," said JGS member Rumiko Kanesaka.

A Tapestry of Japanese Sounds takes place on Sunday, Nov. 17 between 4 and

6 p.m. at the Harbour House's Orchard Room. Doors open at 3:30.

Tickets are available at the Harbour House Hotel and Acoustic Planet. For more information, contact info@saltspringjapanesegarden.com or 250-653-9778.

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## Exercise and the Brain

Over 30 seniors attended a recent talk on *Exercise and the Brain* by Angela Sealy, coordinator of the B.C. Active Choices program.

This free program offers six months of telephone-assisted support to seniors who want to maintain and improve their health and well-being through exercise. The program is based on research by Harvard University, which shows that even very elderly people can experience health and brain function improvements by walking for 30 minutes at a moderate pace three times a week.

Active Choices volunteer coaches are trained by the program coordinator to provide support to a maximum of two participants. The coordinator also matches coaches and participants and oversees the program. Benefits can include pain reduction, improved mobility, improved sleep, improved

mental functioning and an improved sense of well-being. Since the program began in September 2010, an impressive 190 of the 210 people who started the program have completed it.

Recently retired, Elizabeth said, "[My coach] not only supported me with her sage advice but was able to suggest alternative choices that would see me over whatever circumstances seemed like an obstacle at the time. She suggested different types of activity until I found a suitable exercise regime. I am so happy to report that I have a daily routine of activity that works for me thanks to her relentless support and encouragement in getting me to try other things." Active Choices Participant

"Two years ago when I saw the ad for coaches . . . I thought what a great way to contribute to others' wellbeing while keeping myself motivated to do

the same. I have had the good fortune to coach and work with two lovely women over the last couple of years. It's true — what goes around comes around, so give of yourself and your time to help others be the best they can be." Active Choices Coach

For more information, or to apply to become a volunteer coach or to participate in the Active Choices program, contact Angela at: 1-877-522-1492. A training day for volunteer exercise support coaches will be held on Salt Spring in December or January. Watch this space for details.

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## TECHNOLOGY

# The drones are coming — thanks to islander Cogan



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Salt Spring's Uri Cogan with his DJI Phantom remote-control quadcopter.

Quadcopter elevates art form

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A basic rule of picture taking calls on photographers to find different perspectives. By crouching or raising the camera, a photographer can introduce inspiring elements to an otherwise stale scene.

During a career that's seen him work as, among other things, a photojournalist, broadcast engineer and submariner, Uri Cogan has constantly sought new vantage points. Now nearly 80 and retired, Cogan has preserved a passion for new perspectives by taking his art to new heights thanks to some high-end aerial technology.

"I'm having so much fun with this," he said, during an interview in his studio last week.

Cogan is talking about his GPS-enabled DJI Phantom remote-control quadcopter, equipped with a GoPro Hero 3 high-definition video camera.

Not too long ago, the use of such technology was limited to military applications. While the ethics and applications behind the continued military use of drone aircraft in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Yemen stirs debate, technological advances have brought costs of smaller devices within reach of people without military-sized budgets.

Such drones are being used for professional video production, news gathering and emergency response applications. Fire departments can use them to gain a clearer picture of hazardous situations while search and rescue units can dispatch a drone to cover more terrain without expending valuable person power.

"It has many uses. For me, I do it as a hobby. Maybe, just because I am an artist, I like to play with things," Cogan said.

"The reason I started it is because I'm a photographer. I was interested in doing panoramas from a higher elevation."

The Phantom can reach

an elevation of up to 2,000 metres, though Cogan limits his flights to 300 metres for safety reasons.

He's used the drone to get a bird's eye view of his yard and to soar high above the Burgoyne Valley's community garden. When he becomes more confident behind the controls, Cogan said he hopes to pilot the aircraft off Mount Maxwell to capture stunning pictures of the bluffs and forest canopy.

"Generally I don't crash, but to get here I flew it into trees, I crashed it into buildings, I flew into roofs, I flew it into the ground, I flew it into myself; I crashed it any number of possible ways and I had to replace quite a few parts," he said. "They're readily available but, still, it's a learning curve."

"The drones are coming" may be a catchy headline, but the truth is: they're already here.

Video footage from Cogan's drone can be viewed at [www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com) or on the Driftwood's Facebook page.

## RAINBOW ROAD POOL

# Volunteers invited to dive in

Positions available for all abilities and interests

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Joan Douglas knew the Rainbow Road Pool was the kind of place she wanted to be the moment she walked through the door.

"It's really the essence of community here and I recognized that right away," she said during a recent interview in the pool's lobby, overlooking a popular weekday Aquafit class.

Two years after she first set foot inside the pool building, Douglas is responsible for coordinating the facility's six volunteers. Among other duties, the small but enthusiastic group greets visitors, tends the front desk and organizes special events.

Douglas has begun a campaign to double the pool's number of volunteers in order to offer people more flexibility and options.

Anyone who steps forward, she added, can expect to be immersed in a fun, welcoming and energetic environment.

"People come here and they're happy because they're doing something good for themselves and they're getting together with people who are also feeling really good about what they're doing," she said. "I think that's wonderful."

Because visiting the pool is often the highlight of a person's day or even week, it's really important that volunteers be able to foster a sense of positivity, Douglas said.

According to pool manager Jim Raddysh, the facility's volunteer workforce plays a crucial role to assist the pool's eight staff members.

"The volunteer positions don't take away a

worker's job; they are here to enhance the level of service that we offer," he said. "Having said that, a volunteer is not going to be left alone to fumble about. There is always somebody here to help them along at whatever level the volunteer is able to work at."

Raddysh said a volunteer doesn't even need to know how to swim. Just wanting to spend time at the pool is often enough.

The volunteer opportunities cater perfectly to a concept Raddysh calls passive recreation. Rather than doing laps or taking classes and lessons in the water, passive recreation is about spending time at the pool or other active setting with children, grandchildren or friends.

**"It's really the essence of community here and I recognized that right away."**

JOAN DOUGLAS  
Volunteer coordinator,  
Rainbow Road Pool

"One of the things we believe is that recreation takes many forms for many people," he said. "We provide recreational opportunities for active and not so much for passive, but the volunteer position can sometimes be a semi-active and semi-passive recreation."

To get involved, drop by the pool at 262 Rainbow Rd. or call 250-537-1402 for more information. Applicants must undergo a short interview process and provide a criminal record check. Volunteers are able to swim for free after 20 hours of services. Shifts of two, three and four hours are available.

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REAL ESTATE

# HPI shows steady decline



Tom Navratil

PROPERTY LINES

In spite of a possible perception that this year might have been a busy one for real estate, the sale numbers show differently. To the end of October, 148 properties changed hands. In the same period in 2012 we had 159 sales and in 2011 — 146 sales. The 10-year average for the entire year is 224 sales. 2013 is not over yet but undoubtedly it will be the sixth consecutive year with the annual number of sales under 200. Every single year before that (prior to 2008 and back to 1999), registered well over 200 sales annually; the best year ever was 2003 with 316 sales — over 150 more properties sold that year than at present. This, on a purely statistical basis, could explain why your home might not have sold yet in spite of being reasonably priced and showing well.

The average and median sale prices of the SFD non-waterfront sector slipped by about 10 per cent as compared to the same period in 2012. This may be partly due to higher number of sales of lower priced homes this year: to the end of October there were 18 SFD homes sold for under \$300,000, but only nine in 2012 in the same period. Townhome sales did not do very well this year at all — only eight sales as compared to 12 and 14 for 2011 and 2012 for the same period. The current average sale price of a non-waterfront SFD on the Island is \$471,662 and the median is \$425,000.

Now, speaking of average and median prices, what is HPI and why? HPI stands for Housing Price Index, a tool developed under the auspices of Canadian Real Estate Association and tailored to each participating market. Beginning with the Nov. 1 monthly news and stats release, the Victoria Real Estate Board joins other major Canadian markets in moving away from the use of average and median prices when discussing market trends. The average and median prices are well understood terms and have been used as the market indicator tools since day one. The problem is that they are subject to

being skewed by outliers and demographic trends — hence we see their values go up and down even in a flat curve market. So, in their place comes the relatively new MLS® Housing Price Index (HPI).

The MLS® HPI is a price trend tracking tool that analyzes the various features in all sold properties and generates a model of a "typical" home in each participating board area, which is identified as a "benchmark" home. The HPI then tracks the value of that benchmark home over time. While there are obviously many types of homes in each area, the HPI generates a benchmark value for single family homes, condos and townhomes. The value of this approach is that the same benchmark home is compared on a monthly basis, providing a more reliable "apples-to-apples" comparison over time.

In order for the MLS database to generate the HPI for a region, it needs a minimum number of annual sales. Luckily, Salt Spring Island qualifies, at least in the Single Family Detached sector. The base line for the HPI, for all participating regions in Canada, is the number 100 starting on the reference date of Jan. 1, 2005, and for every month thereafter generates price trend data. Going forward, and with actual numbers, the September HPI in 2008 for Salt Spring Island (SFD non waterfront) was 143.0, in 2010 it was 133.5, in 2012 it was 124.7 and then this September it was 113.4 (a loss of 9 per cent from September 2012). It clearly indicates a steady decline from September 2008.

The analyses using average and median values do not negate this trend but neither do they confirm it. After the initial and definite decline from the market peak in 2008/2009, both the average and median prices tend to go up and down each year, being open to the interpretation that the market decline has largely levelled off. Not so with the HPI: it shows a steady decline, a definite trend. This is the reason why it was invented, even if it shows us what we do not necessarily want to see. Namely, that the market decline on Salt Spring Island might not have levelled off yet. How accurate the HPI will be for our local market remains to be seen.

The writer is a Pemberton Holmes Salt Spring Realtor®.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

**RHYTHM MAKERS:** Wendy Stuart and Dave Kempling are part of the Salt Spring Pipes & Drums group participating in Monday's Remembrance Day parade in Ganges.

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## Wed. Nov 13

### ACTIVITIES

**Amalgamation of the Daily Colonist & Daily Times Newspapers.** A presentation to the SS Historical Society by Paul Minvielle. Central Community Hall. 2 p.m.

**Who Cares?** IWAV presents documentary film screening and community conversation. Tickets include drinks and snacks afterward. ArtSpring. 6:30 p.m.

**Coral Reefs of the World.** All-new photos from Bonaire Marine Park, with underwater photography of Ken Sutherland presented by Ann Donahue. Lions Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.

**Comedy Improvisation.** From beginners to pros ages 15 and up. With Jan Rabson and Bob Twaites. GISS Room 208. 7 p.m.

**Texas Holdem.** Sign-up 6:30 p.m., games start at 7 p.m. The Local.

**Swing Dance.** Every Wednesday evening. East coast swing, Lindy Hop, fox trot & more. SSE Activity Centre. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

## Wed. Nov 13

### ACTIVITIES

**PCOC Course.** Three-Wednesday required boating permit course run by the Salt Spring Power Squadron begins tonight. SSI Sailing Club. 7 to 9 p.m.

## Thurs. Nov 14

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Linda Tillery & the Cultural Heritage Choir.** Grammy nominated, percussion driven vocal ensemble with mission to preserve and share African-American roots music. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

**Open Mic With Dave & Ross.** Every Thursday. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Island Spinnors and Weavers Guild.** Show Ask and Tell. Visitors welcome. ArtSpring. 10:30 a.m. to noon.

**Pasta Fresca Dinner & Hockey.** Watch the game at The Local. 6:30 p.m.

## Thurs. Nov 14

### ACTIVITIES

**Don't Be Scared By the Numbers.** Workshop for not-for-profit group board members about understanding financial accountability, led by Terry Bolton. Pre-register with PARC, 250-537-4448. Portlock Park portable. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**In Conversation With Susan Benson and Jim Erickson.** A look behind the scenes of stage and film craft. SS Library Program Room. 7 p.m.

## Fri. Nov 15

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Richard Cross.** Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

**Soul Shakedown.** The Local. 6 to 9 p.m.

**Randy Bachman Vinyl Tap Tour.** Legendary rocker gives Every Song Tells a Story fundraiser concert for plane crash survivor Lali Formaggia. Fulford Hall. Doors at 6:30 p.m., music at 7:30 p.m.

**Meat Draw.** Live band. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

## Fri. Nov 15

### ACTIVITIES

**Seventh Annual Giant Book Sale.** Thousands and thousands of good-quality used books sorted in 35 categories. A benefit for the Salt Spring Literacy Society. Farmers' Institute. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Authority Meeting.** Public welcome to observe meeting. Portlock Park portable. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Defend Our Climate, Defend Our Communities.** Gathering to protest pipelines & express concern for environmental issues in Canada. Centennial Park. 12:30 p.m.

## Sat. Nov 16

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**The Barley Bros.** The Local. 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Aki and Pierre Guitar Duet.** Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**Randy Bachman Vinyl Tap Tour.** See Friday listing.

**Salt Spring Chamber Choir & Orchestra.** Choral selections by Canadian composers and Beethoven. All Saints By-the-Sea. 7:30 p.m.

**CR Avery and Sarah MacDougall.** An intimate concert. Steffich Fine Art. 8 p.m.

**The Coalition.** Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Seventh Annual Giant Book Sale.** See Friday listing - plus new books added. SS Farmers' Institute. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Literary and Music Festival.** All-day come-and-go event features local authors, improv storytelling and poetry, plus book art exhibit at Mahon Hall starting at 10:30 a.m. Plus Michael Kevin Jones cello concerts at 4:45 p.m. and 8 p.m. (See a detailed event schedule in ad on page 10.)

## Sat. Nov 16

### ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Island Foundation Open House.** Come and learn how your community foundation helps island charities. Refreshments served. Salt Spring Public Library. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Deep Writing Retreat.** For women writers, with local poet/writer Lorraine Gane. Location TBA. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Info/registration: ganegoodger@saltspring.com or 250-537-5294.

**ABUN\*DANCE African Dance Class.** South End Dojo. Beginners 1 to 2:15 p.m. Advanced 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.

**Community Dance.** Featuring the Dancehall Players. Snacks to share welcomed. Beaver Point Community Hall. 2 to 5 p.m.

## Sun. Nov 17

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Salt Spring Chamber Orchestra and Players.** See Saturday listing. All Saints By-the-Sea. 2 p.m.

**A Tapestry of Japanese Sounds: Tsugaru Shamisen and Koto Live.** Traditional Japanese music, presented by the Japanese Garden Society. Harbour House Orchard Room. 4 to 6 p.m.

**Japanese guitarist Youji Nakajima.** Harbour House Hotel. 6 to 9 p.m.

**Home Routes presents Rick Scott.** House concert with all proceeds to artist. Oloriz home at 270 Robinson Rd. 7 p.m. Dinner included in ticket price starts at 5:15 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Seventh Annual Giant Book Sale.** Best bargain day! Farmers' Institute. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Sun. Nov 17

### ACTIVITIES

**Pearson College Outreach Event.** Learn about the college's peace education mission. SS Public Library. 2 to 4 p.m.

**Island Arts Centre Society AGM.** ArtSpring. 4 p.m.

## Mon. Nov 18

### ACTIVITIES

**Home-Based Business Fair and Sale.** With Salt Spring businesses. Mahon Hall. 3 to 8 p.m.

**SS Parks and Recreation Commission.** Monthly public meeting. Portlock Park portable. 5 p.m.

**Salt Spring Fire Protection District Board Meeting.** Public welcome to meeting of trustees. Ganges Fire Hall. 7:30 p.m.

## Tues. Nov 19

### ACTIVITIES

**Stay & Play Drop-In.** Parents and caregivers with children age 0-6. Family Place. Noon to 3 p.m.

## Wed. Nov 20

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Simply Organic.** Recorded organ music played on instruments from cathedrals and concert halls around the world. Free music followed by freshly baked muffins and coffee for \$2. All Saints By-the-Sea. 10:10 a.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Dying With Dignity.** Ethical Concerns at the End of Life with speaker Bob Wild. Portlock Park Portable. 1:30 to 3 p.m.

**Macbeth.** National Theatre Live Encore presentation of Shakespeare's Macbeth, with Kenneth Branagh as Macbeth, and Alex Kingston as Lady Macbeth. The Fritz Movie Theatre. Shows at 3 and 7 p.m.

**Transgender Day of Remembrance.** Candlelight ceremony to honour transgender people who have been killed around the world. Centennial Park pavilion. 4:30 p.m.

**Swing Dance.** See last Wednesday's listing.

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**The Fernwood Road Cafe** hosts an exhibit of amazing underwater photography of **Ken Sutherland** and **Ann Donahue**. A Meet the Artist reception runs on **Sunday, Nov. 17** from 2 to 4 p.m.

Paintings of the North by **Judith Currelly** is now showing at **Duthie Gallery**. Winter hours are Friday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by appointment at 250-537-9606.

- Photos of work by stage designer **Susan Benson**, RCA, and film set designer **Jim Erickson**, SDSA, are on display in the **Salt Spring Library** program room in **November**. Benson and Erickson give a unique presentation on **Thursday, Nov. 14** at 7 p.m. in the program room.
- Photographer **Avril Kirby** has an exhibit of work called Veils at the **Harbour House** through **November**.
- An exhibit of photos by **Ken Ketchum** and **Bob Rogers** is on display in the **ArtSpring** lobby during the month of **November**.
- Kathie Smithson's** works in pastel are showing at **Cafe Talia** this month.
- SOLID at the Market Place** (in Gasoline Alley) shares African Art by **Louise Adelle**.
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# Seal-watching proves rewarding



**Tamar Griggs**

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You must enjoy observing animal behaviour and be curious about nature's stories that unfold all around us whether we are present or not. When you are present, you must really see with your heart, mind and eyes, and not just look.

Wildlife photography takes reading one's environment — of ocean currents, ripples and bubbles on the sea, anticipating the next move of a bird or seal. You must be present and prepared, quick with your camera. When action occurs, you leap into a breathtaking dance between your camera, your eyes, your heart. It is meditation and intuition.

I feel privileged when I can sit for hours when nothing much is happening (to my eyes!) and watch the seals hang out in the ebb tide, obviously enjoying the rush of ocean over their bellies and rubbing their bellies on the pebbles under the sea.

Bold Bluff Point at low tide is the Seal Spa, where seals gather in bliss to get massaged by the ocean currents and pebbles. When they are not feeding, or playing, they watch the world around them: passing boats, birds, drift-



Nursing baby seal and mom photographed at Bold Bluff.

PHOTO BY TAMAR GRIGGS

ing logs, my dog and me, planes and each other.

This morning a sweet story evolved. Spunky, a baby seal, wanted to play with Mama, and Mama wanted to nurse her baby. Spunky would have none of it. Three times Mama hauled out onto the slippery rocks smothered in seaweed, and rolled over, coaxed Spunky to nurse. Spunky made a half-hearted attempt to come out, turned around and slipped back into the sea, saying, "Catch me if you can!" Mama watched her baby vanish and patiently followed.

They played under water, swirling around each other, surfacing to kiss. Spunky rode on Mama's back. I have one photograph of the two seals under water. Spunky has his mouth wide open as if yelling, "No! I don't want to nurse!"

Finally Spunky was hungry and ready to nurse. Mama found an easy spot in a tide pool, and rolled over on her side to give her baby her rich, warm milk. He nursed and nursed

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*Tamar lived 20 years at Bold Bluff where her passion for nature was expressed in photography and writing. Visit www.tamargriggs.com.*



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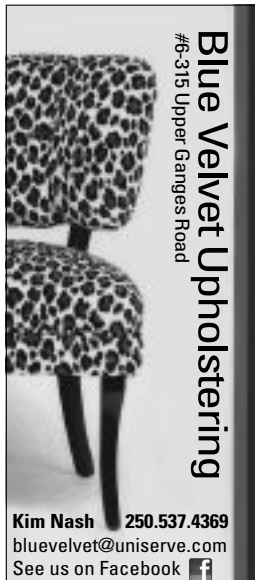
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## LGBTQ ISSUES

# Transgender day on next week

First Transgender Day of Remembrance to be held Nov. 20

Article submitted by the GLOSSI board: Bill Turner, Robert Prince, Gordon Handford, Caffyn Jesse, Deirdre Rowland, Karen Ferguson and Rouan Percy.

GLOSSI (Gays and Lesbians of Salt Spring Island) is a vibrant and active community on the island, although we have had some challenges this fall. The theft of the downtown Pride flags after the Pride weekend is one recent homophobic act that disturbs the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer) community. Not deterred, GLOSSI is raising money to replace the stolen flags and, additionally, will purchase new flags for our transgender community, with whom we will be offering a special public ceremony on Nov. 20.

Since GLOSSI evolved from a small social group in the '90s to an out-and-proud force for celebration of queer life, our overwhelming experience has been Salt Spring's readiness to celebrate with us, and stand in solidarity in the face of homophobia. The community's willingness to embrace us has touched and strengthened us.

A few years ago, supporters on Salt Spring stood with local gay business owners, who were being targeted. When a Pride flag was burned this September, a local woman scraped up the remnants and sewed them into a beautiful "Phoenix Rising" banner. After Pride, 12 flags worth \$450 were systematically stolen from a church and businesses, an act that required some careful planning. Now, a board member has received an anonymous homophobic letter. The RCMP has open files on the last two incidents.

GLOSSI president Bill Turner commented on the theft: "It's disheartening because Salt Spring is not just accepting of the LGBTQ community, but has embraced and celebrated with us over the past nine years."

People who would like to contribute to the new flags will find collection boxes for donations at TJ Beans and Salt Spring Coffee. Continuing the work of raising awareness around queer issues, GLOSSI will hold a Trans-

gender Day of Remembrance, a ceremony to commemorate the murders of transgender people around the world.

To many supporters on the island, LGBTQ people are so much a part of everyday life there might be a feeling that discrimination is not really an issue anymore. However, just being LGBTQ is often a contradiction to traditional ideas about gender, sexuality, orientation, masculinity and femininity. Celebratory and educational efforts like GLOSSI's can illicit fearful or hateful reactions anywhere. Salt Spring is no exception.

Turner says the flags will be replaced and put up again for Pride 2014.

A mother of two, who because of the above discriminatory events wishes to remain anonymous, says, "I'm fortunate to live in a community that supports my lesbian family, yet the flag-theft shows there is still homophobia, and work to be done. I hope our community will send a clear message and not tolerate hatred."

Despite homophobia's ugly appearances, GLOSSI members were delighted with the response to this year's ninth annual Pride events, when people flocked to watch, or walk with us in the parade. We danced, roller-skated and chanted, wore crazy wigs, impossibly high heels or sensible shoes, as is our wont, and streamed rainbow flags over our shoulders. Meaden Hall was swarmed for the sold-out dance and for four nights Mamma Priscilla's Cagney Revue played at ArtSpring to a full house.

In GLOSSI's continuing work, we are supporting members of the QSA, the Queer-Straight Alliance, a student group at GISS. One student, who has identified as transgender since age 14, explains being trans means "Anyone who identifies as a gender other than the one assigned at birth, even if they never have gender reassignment surgery, and anyone who doesn't fit into the boxes of female or male, especially intersexuals."

The QSA holds bi-weekly meetings, which principal Lyall Ruehlen enthusiastically supports. The QSA student says peers are reluctant to make their identity public at school. Gordon Handford, a GLOSSI board member, comments "such meetings are as important for those who don't come as for those who do — just to see that there is some space for them

out there."

An issue that directly affects trans people is bathrooms. The QSA is working for two of the school bathrooms to be available to both genders.

Another issue is bullying. A member experienced cyber-bullying related to being trans, but shrugged it off, saying, "I didn't have to respond to the cyber-bullying." However, the student acknowledges that many trans teens, in addition to gay and lesbian teens, are less resilient, and suicide rates are high in these groups.

Allies in the QSA learn about being cis-gendered. Cis-gendered, says this student, means "anyone who identifies with their birth-assigned gender." Having a term to describe non-trans people "is an opportunity for cis-gendered people to realize that they take the gender binary for granted," says Moe Wendt, a trans man. Chelsea Wendt, a trans woman and Moe's partner, adds, "Being a non-trans person isn't 'normal,' it's just being a member of a majority group. In truth, it's all normal."

Trans people face severe discrimination and hate. Over 1,123 identifiably trans murders have taken place around the world in the last five years. These killings, which usually target trans women, are especially numerous in the U.S. and South America. Details of the murders indicate underlying transphobia and misogyny. Chelsea Wendt believes "Trans people being murdered is part of the anti-LGBT push-back."

GLOSSI will hold a Transgender Day of Remembrance, held each November in cities across Canada and the U.S. The first memorial on island will take place at the pavilion in Centennial Park on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 4:30 p.m. We will remember those who have died and hold a candlelight ceremony. Everyone is welcome.

If we are willing to be curious and open, our trans friends and their lives encourage new ways of thinking and being. What are the positive implications we might think about? Chelsea Wendt offers, "The trans experience reveals the flaws and myths of the gender binary system. That's a great gift to the culture of our times."

What possibilities are there outside of the gender binary box? Check in and ask yourself, or join us at any GLOSSI event, such as Transgender Day of Remembrance.

## DUPLICATE BRIDGE

# Technological glitch steals results

BY JILL EVANS  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Was it a wicked little gremlin hiding in the fog, or a waning full moon that caused the BridgePad machines to fade out after two rounds on Oct. 21?

Or was it a hiccup by Shaw that cut transmission by Wi-Fi to the computer? We'll never know, and we'll never know the results of that game, except that the East/West players had good cards and good results while the North/South group stared glumly at their pointless hands all

## BRIDGETRICKS

evening. Seven and half tables had groped their way through the mists only to have their efforts obscured, but as Arthur Ashe said, "Going for it is more important than winning or losing" and everyone had a pretty good time playing the game.

By Oct. 28 the fog had cleared and so had the BridgePad problem. World Series Game 5 was on TV

that evening, which may have kept some baseball fans at home, because there were only five tables for bridge. Highest batting average went to Al Wilke and Nadene McCoy, with Ian Thomas and Zelly Taylor in second place. Gillian Muat and Jennifer Quick were third, and fourth were Liz and Oleh Mycyk.

And then the dark days of Standard Time descended for the Nov. 4 games. Undaunted, there were seven full tables and a return to Mitchell movement. The shining

lights N/S were the Taylor-Thomas combo, E/W Blanche Poborsa and Patricia Brown. Slightly dimmer N/S was the Laundry-Retallack pair, and E/W by a lumen Joanne Elizabeth and Jill Evans. Still beaming brightly N/S were Ted Baldwinson and Terry Clement, and E/W were Boodie Arnott and Jacquie Stevulak.

Again, to make up for that lost game on Oct. 21, E/W got the interesting hands and this time the BridgePads were working just fine.

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**Elsie Alberta Lorch**  
 AUGUST 26, 1922 - NOVEMBER 5, 2013

Elsie passed away peacefully at Greenwoods Eldercare  
 Society on Salt Spring Island where she had been a  
 resident for three years. Elsie was predeceased by her  
 husband Dan Lorch in 1987. She is survived by her  
 sister Betty Lavender of Winnipeg, her sons Rick Lorch  
 (Anita), Jeffrey Lorch (Barb), daughter Cathie Newman  
 (Cid), grandsons Justin Lorch, Nathan Lorch, Michael  
 Lorch, Jason Lorch, and very close friends Shirley Legary  
 of Winnipeg and Georgia Trousdale of Vancouver.

Elsie was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba the third child  
 of Charles and Sarah Alberta Lavender. She had a happy  
 childhood making many life-long friends. She met Dan  
 Lorch in Winnipeg and after the war, where Dan served in  
 the RCAF, they married and moved to Vancouver, then  
 North Vancouver to raise their family. Once her three  
 children were in school Elsie fostered 21 babies for the  
 Children's Aid Society as well as doing volunteer church  
 work and helping the disabled. When retirement finally  
 came, Elsie and Dan moved to Lang Bay. Although Dan's  
 time there was short Elsie continued to live there until  
 her 80th birthday when she moved to Salt Spring Island.

The family would like to thank the wonderful, caring  
 staff at Greenwoods, the staff at Lady Minto Hospital,  
 Dr. Woodley and the late Dr. Berg.  
 No service by request.

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**COMING EVENTS**

**Islands Trust**

**Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority**  
**First Annual Open House Community Meeting**

Friday November 29, 2013  
 1:00 - 3:45pm  
 Lion's Hall 103 Bonnet Ave.

You are invited to meet the SSIWPA team, including the newly formed Technical Advisory Committee. Come participate in the consultation process for collaborative watershed management and improved ecosystem health on Salt Spring Island.

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**INFORMATION**

**to our patients**

Please be advised that the office of

**DR. ROBERT CRICHTON**  
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Monday, November 18 -  
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**READY TO EAT:** One of several full tables at the Luncheon for Veterans held at Meaden Hall on Nov. 5. After a significant hiatus the event was revived this year by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92, with Ladies Auxiliary assistance, as part of Veterans Week activities.

**EDUCATION**

# College holds outreach day

Pearson College visits this Sunday at library

Abiding connections between the Gulf Islands and Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific will be celebrated at an outreach event at the Salt Spring Public Library on Sunday, Nov. 17.

"The Gulf Islands consistently provide a favoured destination for our students for their project weeks, and is home to alumni, former faculty and many supporters," states Josée Couture, coordinator of engagement and research for the college.

Salt Spring residents will be thanked

for their contributions to the college and its students, and guests will become better acquainted with the college's mission and the ways islanders can further engage with the Pearson community.

Pearson College welcomes up to 160 students from 80 countries, who live, study and grow together for two years (Grade 12 and a gap year) at a campus situated in a rainforest at the western tip of Vancouver Island. The college uses education as a force to unite people, nations and culture for peace and a sustainable future.

To attend the event that runs from 2 to 4 p.m., RSVP to Josée Couture at 250-391-2481 or jCouture@pearsoncollege.ca.

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## This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor  
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**Tip of the Week:**

Scorpio time will hand off to Sagittarius on November 21 at 7:48 pm PST. Symbolically, the sign of the archer symbolizes the resurrection after death. The higher mind, higher principles, ethics and moral conduct, broad mindedness, vision, philosophy and the deeper and higher truths that humanity have always and continue to seek and celebrate are all features of Sagittarius. Perhaps above all is the realization that unity is the ultimate truth and that separation and division are simply lower expressions of it represents the Sagittarian credo. The wilds of nature in all its rugged, majestic and pristine beauty represent other layers yet. The fact that the archer literally is depicted as pointing its bow-drawn arrow at the Galactic Center symbolizes the ongoing quest to realize higher truths. This center is also symbolic of the heart and of the soul, which are closely linked and which when fully realized in consciousness represent enlightenment. The 9th Zodiac Sign can be associated with number 9 which, in turn, can be succinctly described as symbolizing the 'humanitarian rebel'. Concern for the welfare of all and acknowledgement that all people are equal beyond all apparent differences is another feature of 9. As well, both number 9 and Sagittarius represent endings and completion. This last month of the year leading up to Winter Solstice should also be recognized as the darkest time of the year. As the saying goes, it is always darkest just before dawn's light. Yet, there still remain one more week of Scorpio and it too may be seen to hold beauty in the processes of death that it represents. For if it were actually the death of beauty itself, then the vast grandeur of nature which Sagittarius symbolizes would be no more.

**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**

Sometimes the cycles of change and transformation are long and steady. You should know since you are currently undergoing such a cycle. As powerful as it has already been, it will continue for some time yet, up to two years in fact... This is a metamorphic process. Consciously tuning-in and cooperating with this powerful process is your best bet.

**Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)**

A big invitation to be more cooperative in all your relationships has been sent your way. This may lead to lucrative collaborations and/or heal some rifts that over ambition or assumption may have caused. Deepening commitments to offset tendencies to scatter you focus these days is also ideal. Let the Full Moon in your sign guide your way.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)**

Bringing your thoughts, ideas, dreams and visions down to earth and into manifestation is a deep theme these days. Yet, the first step is to be crystal clear about what they are. The clearer and more focused you are the better. Avoid tendencies to spread it too thin and thereby send out mixed messages. Dig a little deeper to find your vein of gold.

**Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)**

A new quality of creative power is rising in you. You will know it as it shines with the shimmer of individuality. Breaking through and free of conventional thinking and behaviour is the price. This is where doing the work and persevering is extra important. This includes merging your talents and resources with those of others. Advance slowly and deliberately.

**Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)**

Some very significant events of late close to home have left their indelible mark. These may be described as deep and powerful. At best they are activating a healing process, perhaps of the spiritual sort. This implies the need to dig deeper into your well of faith. Amidst it all, you feel spurred on by ambitions to improve and increase.

**Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)**

A busy cycle is underway. A varied array of errands, appointments, correspondences, studies and ventures are keeping you busy. Many of these unexpected are also leading you into new territory. With such a steep learning curve underway these days you probably have to step it up to keep pace. Expect and accept this as the new norm.

**Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)**

A steady process of building upon new foundations continues. These are linked to

increasing your personal power, position and/or earning potential. Working diligently behind the scenes is featured. This includes new tools, increased efficiency and some rearrangements in your home and/or office. Do the work and your confidence levels will soar.

**Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)**

The pioneering spirit is leading you into new territory. This is causing you to work harder to push through any blocks and barriers within and without. Fortunately, your focus is extra sharp these days. Yet you are also focused on the bigger picture and the long term. Entertaining new creative angles and possibilities is featured.

**Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)**

A steady flow of endings continue. That new beginnings and rebirth are certain to follow, even simultaneously. Mixed blessings are likely. A deep healing process is also implied. Consolidating new foundations is featured. Yet, you have to be willing to do the work. This includes obtaining new tools, training and techniques.

**Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)**

A powerful new momentum has begun. It involves communications, key meetings and research. Others will feel the intensity of your expressions. Though deep and potent they may also be perceived as beautiful. Meanwhile, you feel inspired to invest somehow. Opportunities to expand your scope and reach are available but you have to be assertive.

**Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)**

A major new cycle has begun for you. Though it may prove challenging the rewards and increase in personal power will be there as long as you do the work. This will require that you dig deep. The good news is that this work stands to be very creative. This is a call from within to assume new positions of power and authority.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)**

A rare glimpse into the deeper depths is expanding your overall scope and vision. Call it an awakening of or to your higher mind. This will contribute to feelings of creative confidence. Use this impulse to initiate creative projects and give birth to latent talents. Accept the push coming from others as your invitation to get going.

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## NOTICE OF OTHER VOTING THETIS ISLAND RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION SERVICE AMENDMENT REFERENDUM, 2013

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to the electors of the Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association Annual Financial Contribution Service Area, within a portion of Electoral Area G – Saltair/Gulf Islands, that a vote will be held on the following question:

“Are you in favour of the Board of the Cowichan Valley Regional District adopting “**CVRD Bylaw No. 3713 – Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association Annual Financial Contribution Service Amendment Bylaw, 2013**”, that authorizes the CVRD to increase the maximum annual financial contribution to the Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association, (TIRRA), from \$40,000 up to \$100,000 per year to assist TIRRA with costs associated with the operation, collection and transportation of solid waste and recycling materials on Thetis Island?”

YES or NO?

TAKE NOTICE that the following is a synopsis of proposed Amendment Bylaw No. 3713, to which the question refers and that this synopsis is not intended to be and is not to be understood as an interpretation of the bylaw. The complete bylaw may be inspected at the Cowichan Valley Regional District Office located at 175 Ingram Street in Duncan, BC, during regular office hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, excluding statutory holidays, or on the CVRD website at [www.cvrdr.bc.ca](http://www.cvrdr.bc.ca).

### SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED BYLAW

“**CVRD Bylaw No. 3713 – Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association Annual Financial Contribution Service Amendment Bylaw, 2013**”, provides for the following:

- Annually requisitioning up to \$100,000 per year which corresponds to a maximum annual parcel charge of \$282.49 per parcel within the service area.
- Assists TIRRA with costs associated with the operation, collection and transportation of solid waste and recycling materials on Thetis Island.

### GENERAL VOTING

**GENERAL VOTING DAY** will be open to qualified electors of the Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association Annual Financial Contribution Service Area on **Saturday, December 7, 2013**, between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm, at 248 Pioneer Road, Thetis Island, BC, (Pioneer Pacific Camp).

### ADVANCE VOTING

**TWO ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES** will be open at the Forbes Hall located at 292 Mission Road, Thetis Island, BC between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm, on **Wednesday, November 27, 2013 and Tuesday, December 3, 2013.**

### ELECTOR REGISTRATION

If you are not on the list of electors, you may register at the time of voting by completing the required application form available at the voting place. To register, you must meet the following qualifications:

- 18 years of age or older;
- Canadian citizen;
- resident of BC for at least 6 months immediately preceding voting day;
- resident of OR registered owner of real property within the Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association Annual Financial Contribution Service Area for at least 30 days immediately preceding voting day; and
- not otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

**Resident Electors** must provide **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

**Non-resident property electors** must produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature) to prove identity, proof that they are entitled to register in relation to the property (title certificate), and, if applicable, written consent from any other property owners noted on title.

### MAIL BALLOT VOTING

Eligible voters within the Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association Annual Financial Contribution Service Area who:

- would be unable to attend a voting place due to physical disability, illness or injury; or
- expect to be absent from the TIRRA Annual Financial Contribution Service Area on general voting day **and** at the times of all advance voting opportunities, may vote by mail.

Applications for mail ballots may be arranged by contacting the CVRD Legislative Services Division at 250-746-2503 on regular business days between 8:00 am, Wednesday, November 6, 2013 and 4:00 pm, Wednesday, December 4, 2013, or online at [www.cvrdr.bc.ca](http://www.cvrdr.bc.ca). Regular office hours are from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding Statutory Holidays.

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**VICTORY RUSH:** Members of the GISS Scorpions senior boys soccer team express their joy at being the number one AA-level team on Vancouver Island following their fourth straight win at the Nov. 5-6 UVic tournament to qualify for provincial championships in Burnaby from Nov. 18-20. The team was also undefeated at North Island championships. See the sports section of [www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com) for a full report from Lo Camps. In other high school sports news, the junior boys volleyball team finished second at the mid-islands last week to qualify for island championships on Nov. 12-13, while the senior boys volleyball squad came fourth at the north islands and hosts the island finals this Saturday and Sunday.

## SOCCER

# Powell River overpowers locals

Women host Cowichan

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An undermanned Westcastle FC squad couldn't overcome the odds in a weekend contest against Powell River on Sunday.

"It was always going to be a long game," said Jordon Morrison, a spokesperson for the team.

Westcastle escaped with a 4-0 loss despite having only seven players make the trip to the Sunshine Coast.

"Chris Griffiths stood on his head and kept it a lot closer than it should

have been," Morrison said.

The loss drops Westcastle to seventh place in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's Division 3A with a 2-2-3 record.

Westcastle will try to regain its footing in an away game against the division-leading Castaways (6-1-2) on Nov. 16.

In Salt Spring Old Boys' action, the feisty Cordova Perch mounted an impressive comeback to secure a 4-2 win.

Salt Spring's new passing style enabled John McDonald and Graham Tweddle to give the home team

an early 2-0 lead.

The Perch awoke late in the first and took the lead early in the second. A breakaway goal gave the visitors an insurmountable lead late in the game.

The Old Boys travel to play Vic West Scottish at Finlayson on Sunday, Nov. 17. Kickoff is at noon.

Results from the Salt Spring United O30 women's team were not available.

Salt Spring's women host the Cowichan Cougars at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17 at the Lower GISS field.

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