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RCMP Manhunt ends at Walker Hook

Six-hour chase washes ashore on Salt Spring

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Pender Island resident faces charges of assault and uttering threats after an inter-island manhunt concluded near Walker Hook on Salt Spring on Thursday morning.

The 32-year-old fugitive, whose name is being withheld to protect the victim's identity, is reported to have fled Otter Bay on North Pender Island by rowboat in the wake of a violent late-night domestic dispute.

According to the Outer Gulf Islands RCMP, the man is alleged to have thrown the victim to the floor and threatened to kill her. Police responded to a 9-1-1 call made by the victim at 2 a.m. Thursday, but the suspect was able to flee while the lone officer on duty awaited backup.

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MEDIA

Driftwood gets tops-in-Canada kudos

Plus six other national awards

The Gulf Islands Driftwood has been named the best community newspaper in its circulation class in Canada.

Results of the annual Better Newspapers Competition put on by the Canadian Community Newspapers Association were released last week, with the Driftwood earning seven top-three awards for entries submitted from 2012 issues of the paper.

Besides earning first place for best all-around

paper in the 3,000 to 3,999 circulation category, it came first for front page in that category and second for its editorial page.

Reporter Sean McIntyre's series on St. Mary Lake earned first place for environmental writing and second place for outstanding reporter initiative in papers under 10,000 circulation, and second place for feature series in papers under 4,000.

A John Cameron soccer photo earned third place for best sports photo in papers with under 4,000 circulation.

The Driftwood topped its circulation category for best-overall honours in Canada in 1984, 2000, 2008, 2009, 2010 and now 2013. Newspapers are judged on writing, layout, advertising, photography and range of coverage.

The paper is also a top-three nominee in six categories — including best all-around in a broad circulation category — for the Ma Murray Awards of the B.C. and Yukon Community Newspapers Association, with winners to be announced on April 20.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

LITTLE SOFTIE: Orson Merry-Dunham pets a chick at Salt Spring Cheese Farm on Sunday. Several events made for lots of Easter smiles on the island.

FIRE DISTRICT Fire hall open house on Saturday

More detailed drawings at architect session

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring fire trustees are hoping the answers to many of the questions they and the public have about the design for a new fire hall will be answered at an open house with the architect this Saturday.

The completion of phase one of the design process will provide more detailed drawings than have been available so far, including floor plans and elevations, and will potentially allow the board of trustees to release the first real cost estimate for the project, trustees reported at their April 1 board meeting.

Trustees also voted four to one to move the project along by approving a contract with Johnston Davidson Architecture to begin phase two. A motion to accept the contract had been tabled at the previous board meeting on March 18 to give members time to read over the document.

"I think there's some urgency here," trustee Richard Hannah said during discussion around the motion.

"I think we would be in dereliction of our duty if we didn't stick to our schedule."

Hannah said the poor state of the existing Ganges fire hall could pose problems when inspectors from the Workers' Compensation Board visit this summer. He also noted the value of maintaining momentum with the project and of ending rumours around an inflated cost.

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WATER

End in sight for Beddis ratepayers

Final phase requires another tax increase

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

About 20 ratepayers at a community meeting of the Beddis Water Service Area on Thursday evening appeared optimistic that years of cost overruns and project delays may finally be a thing of the past.

Participants heard that construction on the final phase of upgrades to the water district's infrastructure could begin before the end of April.

Civil works, such as connecting ratepayers to the new system and installation of a pressure-reducing valve, await the Capital Regional District board's approval of a \$178,000 contract to Victoria's Brunell Construction.

According to Ralf Waters, a Salt Spring-based CRD engineer, work should be finished by the fall.

"There's been a lot of

bureaucracy to go through which I find very frustrating because I don't have a background in government," he told participants.

Since Waters and Kees Ruurs, the CRD's senior manager for Salt Spring, were hired in 2012 to provide local oversight for the project, work is said to have progressed substantially.

During the past year, for example, assembly of the district's new dissolved air flotation treatment plant on Cusheon Lake Road has been finished.

"It was just a bunch of parts," Waters said of the building's status when he took on the job in May 2012.

Thursday's meeting was scheduled in response to ratepayers' ongoing concerns about costs and delays associated with the upgrades which were originally approved by ratepayers in a 2004 referendum.

According to revised budget figures presented on Thursday evening, the cost to complete upgrades

in the water service area is \$415,000. Roughly a third of

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RALPH WATERS
CRD engineer

those costs (\$121,600) have been spent.

Borrowing to cover further expenses will increase parcel taxes to \$500 in 2013 and approximately \$544 in 2014. This year's rate is up 11 per cent from the previous year's parcel tax of

\$449.

Some participants at Thursday's event urged the service area's volunteer board members and CRD staff to take a proactive approach to preserve Cusheon Lake's water quality.

Increased monitoring of septic tanks near the lake, more public awareness of threats to lake health and revising public beach access were suggested as ways to prevent the phosphorus and algal bloom-related issues that plague St. Mary Lake.

The BWSA supplies treated water from Cusheon Lake to approximately 130 households to the north and west of the lake. More information about the project's status and other details presented at Thursday's meeting is available at beddiswater.com.

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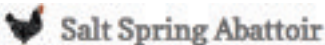


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Suspect cooperative after police capture

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By 4:30 a.m., an RCMP dog unit had traced the suspect's trail to Otter Bay, where police determined the man had used a rowboat to leave the island.

Salt Spring RCMP arrested the man near the end of Grantville Road soon after he was spotted along Trincomali Channel at 8 a.m. by an RCMP helicopter dispatched at first light from Comox.

"Air 8 spotted the suspect on a beach on Salt Spring Island," reads a statement released by the police.

"RCMP from Salt Spring detachment were directed by Air

8 to the area and the suspect was arrested.

Sgt. George Jenkins of the Salt Spring RCMP estimated the man travelled approximately six nautical miles (11 kilometres) against the current before being spotted.

"He was very cooperative," Sgt. Jenkins said of the arrest.

Outer Gulf Islands RCMP Cpl. Rod Pick said the operation's success was a result of the combined efforts of many RCMP units and the Coast Guard.

The suspect was released by Salt Spring RCMP Thursday on a promise to appear before a justice of the peace.

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ENVIRONMENT

Natural wonder transforms Salt Spring beaches

Effects of herring spawn may continue for weeks

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Otherworldly is among the many words Salt Spring residents have used to describe a rare natural phenomenon that's graced the shoreline near Vesuvius Bay and Fernwood Dock since the middle of last week.

"I lived in Vesuvius for some time and never saw anything quite like that," said Loretta Rithaler, one of the first islanders to glimpse the happening as she dropped her daughter off at the Vesuvius ferry terminal early Thursday. "It's usually very quiet."

Rithaler figured something was up by the noise level coming from the normally placid waters near the dock. A quick look revealed a large flock of raucous seabirds gathered on rocky outcrops and private docks.

"We were all intrigued. It was almost like being in the movie *The Birds*," she said. "They don't normally come that close unless we have food, and we didn't have any."

As dawn broke, it became clear that the gulls, along with just about every other kind of shorebird in the neighbourhood, were there to feast on the thousands of herring gathered to spawn in the bay.

"People were pretty amazed," said Ann Alexander, a Vesuvius resident who spent three hours



Seagulls take advantage of an unusually bountiful herring spawn near Vesuvius Beach on Saturday.

kayaking along the shoreline on Sunday.

Alexander said she was amazed to observe a thick swath of herring roe and milt that extended much of the way to Sansum Narrows

"I can't believe how much is there," she added. "That's what really surprised me, there are thousands and thousands and millions of them."

During a spring break excursion to the island, Eric Geppert and his son Andrew couldn't believe their good fortune to witness the event.

After a brief paddle in the bay, they spotted great blue herons, eagles, ospreys, double-crested cormorants, western grebes, buffleheads, seals and sea lions feasting on the fish in the shallow water.

Michel Jutras, a herring fisher with nearly four decades of experience along the B.C. coast, counted no fewer than 20 eagles when he took in the spectacle.

In his first season away from the fishery in 38 years, he found it strangely humorous that the fish

had finally come to him.

Unlike salmon, he said, herring can reproduce for consecutive years. They also have a tendency to get around. He suspects the population currently near Salt Spring may be part of the school that commonly spawns in Barkley Sound on Vancouver Island's west coast.

North American herring populations have been slowly recovering after overfishing led to drastic decline in 1993.

A single female herring can

lay up to 20,000 eggs during the spawn. Spawning populations can lay up to six million eggs per square metre. Despite the mass of eggs, high predation levels result in a survival rate of about one in 10,000 eggs.

According to Briony Penn, a Salt Spring-based geographer and writer, this year's spawns follow a much smaller event in Booth Bay at this time last year.

The cloudy substance in the water, Penn explained, is milt produced by male fish. Milt encourages female fish to lay their eggs and subsequently fertilizes eggs caught up in the vegetation along the inter-tidal shoreline.

She said the eggs usually hatch after about two weeks. Juvenile fish can hang around the area for as long as three months.

"There's going to be a lot happening down there for a while," she said. "There will be action."

Penn encourages anyone with an interest in the natural world to grab their binoculars and head to the beach for a show they're not likely to forget any time soon.

"It's a fantastic spectacle," she said.

A link to a photographic slideshow of the herring spawn is available online at gulfislandsdriftwood.com.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Quilting volunteers needed

Island Comfort Quilts is looking for participants for its annual quilting bee, which this year takes place on Sunday, April 14 at the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and requires helping hands in the areas of quilter, sewer, ironer, hand-stitcher, helper, baker (for lunch goodies), and set-up and take-down support on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Interested volunteers should send an email to islandcomfortquilts@shaw.ca or Marguerite Lee at 250-537-5302 to confirm attendance. Respondents should state which position they would like to fill.

Finalists chosen for novel contest

Short-list judges for Mother Tongue Publishing's second Search for the Great B.C. Novel contest have narrowed down the submissions to five finalists, with a winner to be announced by the end of May.

B.C. writers Gurjinder Basran and David Chartrand have spent the past four months reading 66 submissions given to the Salt Spring Island-based publishing company's contest. They have short-listed manuscripts by Katrin Horowitz, Kathy Para, Tony Power, Lenore Rowntree and Bill Stenson for the final judge, Caroline Adderson, to read.

"The submissions that

we have selected for the shortlist are gripping and finely written. They also happen to reflect the wide variety of circumstances and writing styles that BC fiction authors are exploring."

"The submissions that we have received prove that B.C. is home to a great number of talented writers, both experienced and emerging. Arriving at a shortlist was very difficult, and we suspect that several submissions that did not make our list will someday make their way into print and find their deserved readerships."

The winning novel will be published this fall. The writer will receive a publishing contract with Mother Tongue Publishing, a \$1,000 advance, regional book launches and readings, media coverage, and publication of their novel

in trade paper edition and ebook editions.

The first Mother Tongue contest in 2009 netted Everything Was Good-bye, Basran's skillful and courageous first novel. The book went on to win the 2010 Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize and Penguin Canada bought Canadian rights.

Transitions potluck to feature herb walk and talk

Herbalist and homeopath Jamie Capranos is the key speaker at a Transitions Community Potluck set for this Sunday, April 7 at Beaver Point Hall.

Starting at 5:30 p.m., Capranos will lead an herb walk illustrating common, local "weeds" with magical heal-

ing properties.

The potluck dinner follows at 6:15 p.m. Community members are invited to bring a dish to share, as well as a plate and fork. Capranos will give a talk on herbal antibiotics at 6:45 p.m.

FAC spring meeting set

The Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee will have its spring meeting with BC Ferries executives on Thursday, April 11 at the Harbour House Hotel from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Anyone who would like to address the committee or BC Ferries personnel should contact the FAC prior to the meeting. Phone Bob Jones, FAC acting chair, at 250-537-

5514 to get on the meeting agenda.

Minutes of past committee meetings are available at bcferries.com. More information about the advisory committees is also available on the FAC Chairs website at <http://facchairs.wordpress.com>.

FOR THE RECORD

Last week's Critical Condition health series story incorrectly stated a community recruitment committee was responsible for bringing Dr. David Butcher to Salt Spring.

The committee was formed in hopes of attracting a new physician, but Dr. Butcher in fact moved to the island because of other contacts.

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LIBRARY

Library AGM takes on celebratory tone

Carley and Harkema accept board positions

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Island Public Library Association's latest annual general meeting proved an exceptionally emotional affair as board members and volunteers celebrated a new library and the efforts of those who made it possible.

"Their remarkable loyalty and tenacity took us through the many phases of work that have brought us

to where we are today," said library association chair Rita Archer in her opening remarks Thursday.

At the board's first AGM ever held in its own library building since the association was formed in 1960, participants saluted the efforts of building committee chair Duncan Hepburn and treasurer Peter Sharpe.

Apart from a few outstanding details, Hepburn said, the McPhillips Avenue library project was completed a mere two months behind schedule and approximately \$300,000 below the project's initial \$7.6-million budget.

The building's seamless construction has been matched by a tremendous public response from a wide range of new and returning library users.

"We haven't had a down day yet," he said.

According to library association rules that dictate board members can serve no more than eight consecutive years, Hepburn and Sharpe ceded their positions.

Blair Carley and Jacquie Harkema were elected by acclamation.

Sally Rycroft was re-elected and will assume the role of treasurer.

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Hall process slow-down sought

FIRE HALL

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"I think we need to put to rest that kind of speculation and get an accurate number so the public can judge [if they want to approve the borrowing]."

Trustee Mary Gillies added the cost of the contract, which will commit \$100,400 to the architects and various engineers by the time phase two is complete, has already been budgeted.

"We assigned this amount of money up front because we knew it was going to be an expenditure this year," she said.

A breakdown of the contract supplied by the board on Tuesday morning shows that \$55,000 is allocated to architectural work, \$14,000 to structural engineering, \$13,800 to mechanical engineering, \$9,600 to electrical, and \$8,000 to civil engineering plans.

A strong turn-out from members of the public was apparently aimed at dissuading trustees from approving the contract, however. A presentation made by Ross King under the correspondence section of the agenda asked the board to adopt a different design process and to come up with cost estimates using just 15 per cent of the building's design drawings.

Wayne Tepper asked the board to slow down the process and determine with public input how many square feet are truly necessary for the new hall and what design is "physically and fiscally" in the community's best interest. Tepper stated his opinion that it was too soon to start phase two.

During the public session following the meeting's adjournment, trustee Michael Schubart explained the incremental nature of the design process and said the contract cost is not paid out all at once, and can be stopped at any time without penalty. The contract will become a public document once it has been signed.

In other fire hall business, the board voted not to accept a proposal from Dave Mitchell, a consultant who offered to produce a report on whether a new hall is needed. Trustees noted the cost of \$8,500 would likely end in another technical document, when many similar documents already exist, and said the money would be better spent to communicate the existing information.

Comments during the public session drew attention to the board's difficulty in getting public response to the information it has shared, such as the list of possible amenities to be included in the new fire hall.

Trustee Ron Chamney pointed out the list had been available on the firehallinfo.com website since December but not one person had commented or asked a question about the "wish list." A paper format was also



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Wayne Tepper reads a presentation at a well-attended fire trustees meeting at the Ganges fire hall on Monday night.

distributed. The document is the end result of a list of operations requirements put together by former fire chief Dave Enfield, with updating by current chief Tom Bremner, brainstorming by the firefighters' association and input from the trustees.

Other comments centred on the difficulty of integrating other services into the new hall such as the plan to lease space to Salt Spring Ground Search and Rescue and the CRD's Emergency Operations Centre. Norbert Schlenker voiced his opinion that instructing the architect to design a building with space for other services is outside the board's mandate because providing space for them is not in the fire district's letters patent. He advised trustees to seek a legal opinion on the matter.

Trustees noted the overwhelming community support for integrating other services, as expressed by members of the public who attended an open house with Johnston Davidson in December 2012. Gillies said if the public still feels this way, the board would undertake whatever steps were possible to make it happen. If not, those services could be removed and the hall size reduced.

Saturday's open house with the architect goes from noon to 3 p.m. at the Ganges fire hall, with a presentation scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Those who can't make it by that time will find a video recording available in the hall's back room.

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ISLANDS TRUST

LTC action re-opens enforcement

Trust to outline metal recycler's options

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee's March 21 decision to nix a rezoning application that could have permitted John Quesnel's metal recycling business at 440 Rainbow Rd. means the Islands Trust can now pursue legal action to seek compliance.

"Unless Quesnel can come up with another option that the LTC is willing to consider, I don't think there is much he can do," said David Marlor, the

Islands Trust's director of local planning services, last week.

Marlor said Islands Trust staff will "let things cool down" before sending Quesnel a letter that outlines how bylaw compliance can be achieved.

"There are some strong emotions around this issue," he said. "We need to be fair."

The letter will include a deadline by which Quesnel must cease work at the Rainbow Road site. Consequences of continued noncompliance will also be addressed in the letter.

The prospect of court action against Quesnel has been placed on

hold since he initiated the rezoning process in 2008. Earlier that year, LTC members voted to direct staff to pursue legal action to uphold the island's land-use bylaw.

A spokesperson from the Trust's bylaw enforcement office said the investigation began when the first complaint about the property was received in January 2006.

Marlor confirmed that renewed permission from the current LTC is not required to re-open the litigation process.

He said trustees may decide to "do something else" if they determine alternative measures could resolve

the land-use conflict.

"I don't know if there are many options left," Marlor said. "He's been doing this for years."

In an interview that followed the LTC's decision to continue no further with the rezoning application, Quesnel vowed to keep operating. He said his metal recycling business is the only way he can support his family. Necessity and a strong sense of support in the community, he added, have encouraged him to keep working.

Trust regulations prohibit Quesnel from submitting any similar rezoning application for one year from the LTC's March 21 decision.

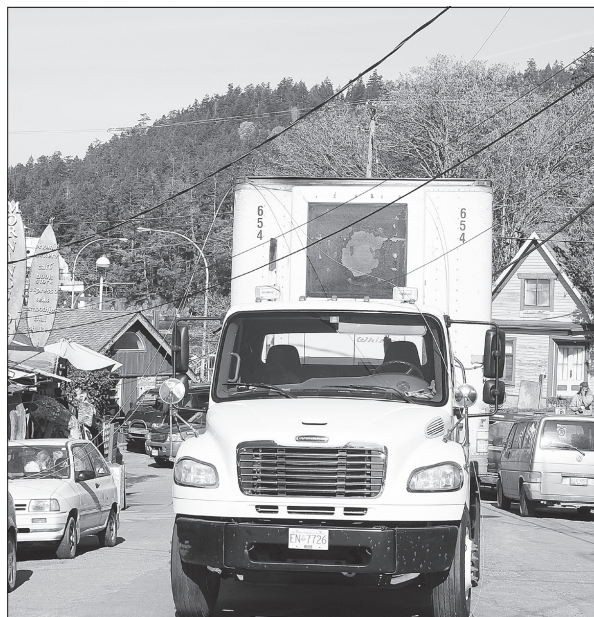


PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

TRIP WIRE: A delivery truck is seen caught up in low-hanging wires on Morningside Road, blocking traffic into Fulford village on Monday.

TRANSPORTATION

CRD director puts parking on hold

Issue linked to governance study

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Transportation Commission will go no further toward establishing a local parking authority at present after the island's elected CRD representative decided against recommending the idea.

Salt Spring electoral area director Wayne McIntyre presented a summary of his investigation to SSITC at its regular meeting on March 19. Noting there have been a number of community requests for parking enforcement in Ganges and Fulford villages, as well as the commission's ability to maintain and regulate parking spaces in its governing bylaw, McIntyre nonetheless concluded the process should not be initiated at this time.

"While not an impossible task to establish under Salt Spring's present governance structure, it surely would be complex and costly to pursue," wrote McIntyre, who investigated the matter with help from Bob Lapham, the CRD's chief administrative officer.

"Legislative change may have to be sought to follow through on a practical dispute and enforcement process. If successful, a Salt Spring Island support infrastructure would have to be prefaced by a regulatory bylaw, with a set of rules, guidelines, taxpayer requisition and a budget.

"The budget and implementation plan would have to include staffing to support the authority, both for ticketing and administration, signage, an agreement with the RCMP and towing companies, etc. as part of the process."

SSITC chair John Wakefield agreed that although parking is a problem, particularly in Fulford, the commission is not in a position to act at this point. Its five-year capital plan

is committed to infrastructure projects such as the bike lanes and sidewalks currently being constructed on Lower Ganges Road.

The group's short-term plan on the issue is to have faded curbs in Ganges repainted yellow to show where parking is and is not allowed.

"We've been working slowly with activating items, but in terms of a bigger solution, we have yet to arrive at that," said Wakefield. He added parking will be an important aspect of the Islands Trust's upcoming work on a Ganges master plan.

As for Fulford, "It's a very obvious issue down there — it's not the kind of thing we have to wait to receive complaints about, because it's a constant problem."

"If it is a huge item, in relationship to others, certainly we would revisit it."

WAYNE MCINTYRE
Salt Spring's electoral area director to the CRD

At least one person closely connected to the commission is not satisfied with McIntyre's reasoning, however. Island Pathways member Brenda Guiled, who attended the March 19 meeting to present a delegation on cyclist and pedestrian accommodation, said she was concerned that the CRD director had linked his decision to a possible change in Salt Spring governance structure.

McIntyre states in his concluding paragraph: "As Salt Spring is presently conducting a governance review, it would perhaps be more effective to present the lack of a parking authority as a limitation of the present governance structure."

Guiled believes that putting off dealing with the parking issue to wait for a change that might take years, if it happens at all, is not good practice.

"My understanding is that elected officials represent all islanders under a solemn oath to govern with the existing tools of office for the betterment of the community," she wrote in an email to the Driftwood.

"It strikes me as odd to defer this, however complex, because it would be best done under a different sort of governance. I wonder, too, about invoking the need for further community consultation, within the context of governance structure change, when the SSITC was formed, in part, and given the authority to address this already well-known and continually pressing issue."

"I just thought that you can only govern under the rules under which you were elected," Guiled added in an interview.

"It would be just as complicated under a municipal set-up, and expensive ... And there may well be no stomach on the island for opening the discussion — and that's legitimate, too."

Ranking community needs has been one of McIntyre's stated aims since his election, however, and he is sticking by his decision to not tie up staff time and community dollars when other pressing matters, such as water system upgrades, liquid waste removal and resolving the health issues with St. Mary's Lake, need to be dealt with.

"I'm all in favour of doing what the community wants to do, but we have to have priorities," he said Tuesday. "If it is a huge item, in relationship to others, certainly we would revisit it. I'm here to serve the public."

McIntyre said he hopes the governance study group will have some findings by this fall.



**SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF ELECTION BY VOTING FOR TRUSTEES**

ELECTION BY VOTING

Public Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District an Election by Voting is necessary to elect, for a three year term commencing at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held on April 15, 2013 and terminating at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held in the year 2016, to fill the offices of two (2) Trustees on the Board of Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District and that the persons nominated as candidates at the Election and for whom the votes will be received are listed below:

TRUSTEES - two persons to be elected:		
Surname	Given Name	Residential Address
CHAMNEY	Ronald Burnet	289 Canvasback Place, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2W5
SCHUBART	Michael	111 Reynolds Rd, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 1Y2
SIMMONS	Scott Micheal	770 Walkers Hook Rd, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 1N5
STEELE	Darlene Shirley	130 Richard Flack Rd, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2C8

VOTING DAY for the election of Trustees will be open on **Saturday the thirteenth (13th) day of April 2013, TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE SALTSPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT** at:

GANGES FIRE HALL, Regular Training Room

AND SUCH VOTING PLACE SHALL BE OPEN BETWEEN THE HOURS OF **Eleven (11:00) A.M. and Five (5:00) P.M.**

ADVANCE VOTING for election of Trustees shall be open on **Wednesday the Tenth (10th) of April 2013 TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE SALTSPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT between the hours of eleven (11:00) A.M. and four (4:00) P.M.** at the Ganges Fire Hall, Regular Training Room.

Given under my hand at Ganges, B.C. this sixteenth (16th) day of March 2013.

Thomas F. Moore
Returning Officer

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

You are qualified as an Elector if you are:

A Canadian Citizen

eighteen years or older on Voting Day
a resident in the Province for at least six months before Voting Day
an owner of land within the boundaries of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District an authorized agent, designated in writing as the said agent, of a Board or Corporation that owns land within the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District

If more than one person is registered on title as owner of land then those owners are entitled to vote providing they meet the qualifications set out above. No persons may vote more than once with the exception that they may vote as an authorized agent and personally if they own land on a personal basis. **Please note that when checking the list of owners provided by the B.C. Assessment Authority the multiple ownership of some properties may not have been recorded. If the property that is being used for voting purposes is held in multiple ownership it is recommended that the persons intending to vote bring suitable identification, as listed below, to avoid any inconvenience.**

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OPINION



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EDITORIAL

Election Fever

There's no surer sign of election season than the sight of campaign offices taking shape, election advertisements and the promise of free muffins.

With a full two weeks to go before the writ is dropped to signal the start of the 2013 provincial election campaign, British Columbia's major parties have been busily oiling their political machines for the 28-day campaign.

As party leaders and campaign organizers exchange verbal jabs in a quest to discover new realms of attack ads, it seems possible that an entirely different kind of race is gearing up in our own Saanich North and the Islands riding.

Rather than painting NDP leader Adrian Dix as "Risky Dix" or reviving the infamous "Christy Crunch" campaign, candidates for the big two parties here on Salt Spring are busy offering baked treats, free coffee and fundraising initiatives to help the local abattoir buy a new saw.

THE ISSUE:

Provincial election

WE SAY:

Politics gets personal

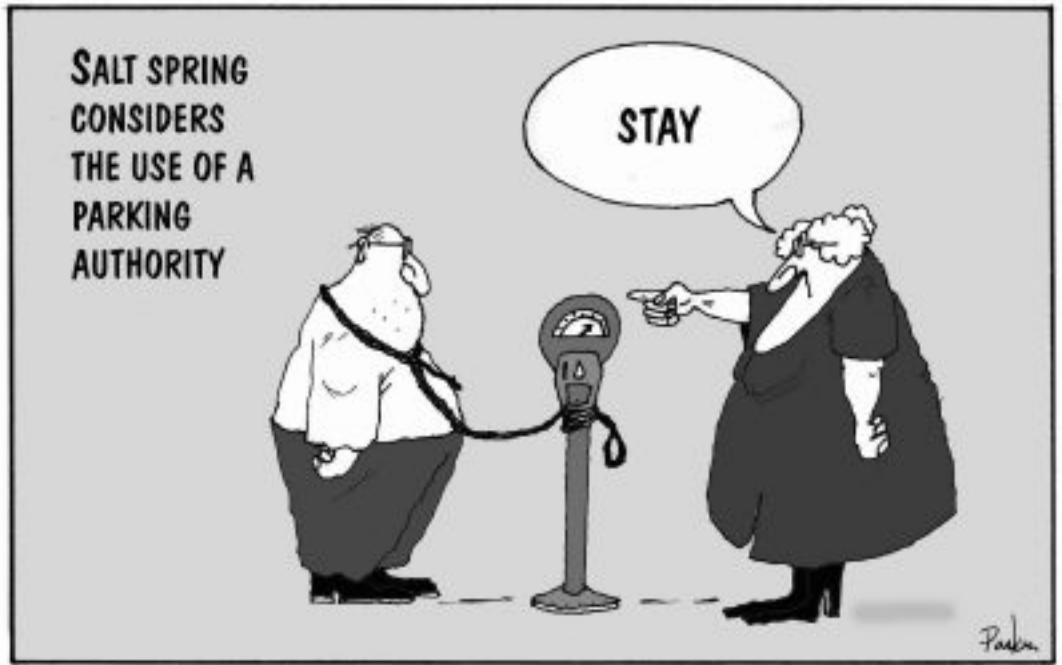
That's a promising start.

In a riding where both the Liberal and NDP candidates live on Salt Spring and the Green contender is a de facto islander given the amount of time he's devoted to wooing the island's federal Green supporters since January, things are bound to get personal.

Instead of the he-said she-said brand of personalized politics that alienates and disgusts so many citizens from the voting process, however, voters can hopefully anticipate civilized issues-based debate that's to be expected from people you're more than likely to bump into at the grocery store after work or while riding a ferry.

Voters will have plenty of chances to see if familiarity breeds respect as the glut of get-to-know-your-candidate meetings gets underway in the coming week. Expect local events to keep election fever flowing through the May 2 all-candidates meeting during the afternoon at GISS — which is co-sponsored by the Salt Spring Forum, the GISS student council and the Driftwood — up until voting day on May 14.

A list of this week's events is available in print in advertisements and the Driftwood's What's On calendar, and keep an eye on our online calendar at gulfislandsdriftwood.com for upcoming election offerings.



VIEWPOINT by WAYNE TEPPER

Size does matter with fire halls

The following was presented to Salt Spring fire trustees at their Monday-night meeting.

Without question, Salt Spring needs a new, properly built fire hall. Our present fire hall is 5,000 square feet.

In 2006 the board proposed to build a fire hall that was approximately 12,000 square feet. Now the plans are in discussion for a fire hall that is approximately 18,000 square feet with a cost of \$6-million plus.

Phase one of the architectural process to build the new fire hall has supposedly been completed and the board is now proposing to discuss plans to move on to Phase 2 with an architectural cost of approximately \$100,000, and then move on to an island referendum in June, two months from now, to decide whether this 18,000-square-foot building should be built.

In addition to a number of other elements, Phase 1 was supposed to include an overall building program, a floor plan, elevations and a design brief. These are items which the fire board and our island community have not as yet seen and certainly have not discussed properly.

This past December, a wish list or what has been termed the "operational requirements for the fire hall," was presented to the community by the fire department. There has never been a comprehensive transparent discussion with the Salt Spring community — who will be funding this project — about what the needs assessment of the wish list or the space requirements necessary for the fire department or what is truly necessary for the conceptual building scheme. How can we justify building an 18,000-square-foot fire hall? And yet we are contemplating moving on to Phase 2 and in two months

we could be voting on a referendum to begin construction?

How many square feet is truly necessary for each entity of this new fire hall? Which components of the "wish list" are truly necessarily to include in this new hall? How many square feet does this fire hall have to be . . . not want to be?

In any other community in B.C. there would be a town council, likely made up of seven members of the community, who would be responsible to act as a fiduciary checks and balance.

What can the community truly afford? What fire hall will fit properly within the island's budgetary needs? A town council would be able to say, "I'm sorry, this fire hall is too big and just too expensive; please go back to the drawing board with another concept."

Here on Salt Spring Island we do not have a town council to act in our behalf for fiscal responsibility. It is up to all of us to understand the details of this proposed hall, to understand what "truly necessary" is for our island community. What size, construction and design, physically and fiscally, is in our island's best interest.

We must have complete and transparent discussions, as a community.

We must become well informed and we must thoroughly discuss Phase 1 with the island community before spending more money and rushing into an ill-conceived project.

I submit that Phase 1 has just begun. It is, in my opinion, far from completed. The discussion about proceeding on to Phase 2 is completely illogical at this point in time and a referendum in June, two months from now, is ridiculous.

The writer is a Vesuvius resident.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should SSL emergency services be put into one building? Yes No

Cast your ballot online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com before Monday at midnight or clip this box and drop it at our office before Monday at 4:30 p.m.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you support the LTC's Quesnel decision?



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ISLAND VOICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "I agree with the library but if an effective fire hall does not get built, what are we going to do, throw books at any fire?"

DAVE ENFIELD, RETIRED SSI FIRE CHIEF

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked:
How should parking violations be handled on Salt Spring?



RACHEL BLANCHARD
There should be a \$50 fine.



JAMIE BORASKI
Make them park out of town for the whole summer.



KAREN ARNOLD
Is parking an issue here? Perhaps people would walk or hitchhike more if there were more consequences.



DIANE ENGLISH
Public shame really works. There should be a calendar called Stupid Drivers of Salt Spring.



JIM SCOTT
I don't believe that Salt Spring Island, at this stage, needs a formal body to set up enforcement. I would hope that common courtesy would prevail.

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 under the Opinion tab.

Candidate insights

The Q&A "face-off" for fire board candidates in last week's Driftwood provided valuable insights into the candidates' thinking delivered in their own words. Candidate Scott Simmons made some particularly provocative statements.

He said, "I have never been a firefighter. I personally do not think ex-firefighters should be on the board." Such flawed reasoning would by extension preclude ex-teachers from serving on school boards, ex-nurses and doctors from hospital board service, and so on. This concept is a non-starter, for it's both non-democratic and wasteful of an incredible amount of specialized knowledge.

But Mr. Simmons was just warming up. He continued: "In my humble opinion, the board is there to protect the taxpayers from excessive spending on the latest firefighter wants." Mr. Simmons apparently believes that it is in the best interests of islanders not to give firefighters the tools and facilities required to protect us. He devalues the depth of the commitment and contribution made by those who volunteer as community firefighters, and ignores the community's obligation to support them. He seems oblivious to the reality that Salt Spring volunteer firefighters willingly protect, whenever called upon, our lives and property.

By Mr. Simmons' logic, we should trust firefighters to defend our lives and property but not trust them to

properly equip themselves for that task. Would he risk his life under such terms?

Firefighters know and accept the fact that every call they answer may put them in harm's way. Why do they continue to answer the fire bell? They respond because they choose this way to contribute to our community.

The rest of us, who sleep much better for their presence, must assume our responsibility — our duty — to elect knowledgeable trustees who will equip firefighters with the tools required to do the best possible job on our behalf. I trust all property owners will do just that on election day, Saturday, April 13, by voting for the incumbent trustees, Ron Chamney and Michael Schubart.

LES BROST,
CHANNEL RIDGE

Access-to-info concerns

In her March 27 letter to the Driftwood, Marilyn Horsdal expressed dismay at the amount of criticism she believes is being directed at the fire department and, by inference, at the firefighters.

It may be that Ms. Horsdal is particularly sensitive to perceived criticism given that her husband, Michael Schubart, is an incumbent trustee/candidate for the fire board. That may be understandable. My husband Mark Lucich is also one of the trustees and, like Michael, he is dedicated to seeing a new fire hall created.

In reality, if Ms. Horsdal had attended any of the board meetings (as I have consistently for nearly two and a half years) she would appreciate that none of the questions

being raised by attendees have been directed at the firefighters. Suggesting otherwise is unwarranted and only contributes to divisiveness.

Members of the public, including myself, have expressed concern about access to information. We want to understand what is being proposed so that we can arrive at informed decisions when the time comes to vote. It's not unreasonable to ask why we need to go from a 5,000-square-foot building to one of 18,000 square feet (the size recently announced by Mr. Schubart in a radio broadcast). It isn't sinister for the public to ask how and when this was determined, if the minutes of board meetings reveal nothing.

It's not inappropriate to question this degree of expansion when the number of fire-

related calls has dropped, and demand for medical response has risen. It's not demeaning to the fire department if citizens are seeking balance between the need for fire protection and the many other demands for our limited resources, especially during times of economic hardship.

Like my husband, I'm convinced that a new hall is needed for the safety and comfort of our firefighters and our community.

I'm also convinced that the board's defensiveness and lack of response to valid questions will only alienate the community, and endanger the success of obtaining a reasonable result.

JULIA LUCICH,
SALT SPRING

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Local focus the key for businesses to succeed

The following is a blog piece from rawesome-coaching.ca by Rawesome Living Foods and Juice Bar co-owner Chris Gay, reprinted here with her permission.

In March I attended a meeting on Salt Spring focused on how to attract tourists to our island, which obviously supports economic development.

As I sat and listened to novel and creative ideas, all I could think of were the locals — the 10,000 strong who live here year round. Who's attracting them? Who's ensuring they are enticed to support local businesses?

Yes, tourists are important to lure here and keep them coming back. In fact, our island has close to 20,000 temporary residents who populate Salt Spring on occasional weekends throughout the year and substantially during the summer months. But when they go home at the end of the tourist season, local businesses need to sustain and maintain through the long, cold winter months.

We're at the tail end of the dark and grey days of winter. Business is slow. I love a story that was shared with me by a frequent patron at our cafe. She was in discussion with a fellow islander who was praising our desserts. This patron emphasized that praise is appreciated but purchasing those desserts weekly will begin to ensure the cafe stays open.

In order to run a business you require more than words. You require action which translates into ongoing patronage.

As a business we need to ensure we are being creative and encouraging people to walk in the door and spend their hard-earned money. We need to ensure "locals" see a benefit to frequenting our establishment. We're hoping quality, fresh, organic and vibrant entrees, juices, smoothies and desserts does that, as well as introducing new menu items, offering workshops and holding special dinners and events to keep up the interest.

Last month, long-time chef and cafe owner Bruce Wood of Bruce's Kitchen closed his doors and left the island. He served traditional cooked food, supported local farmers and was well loved. But when he moved to a larger location, the support didn't increase. We are only a mere base of 10,000 people. He built it, but they didn't come. And it didn't matter that those from away always made sure a visit to his cafe was included on their itinerary. The reality is that they don't live on island year-round. Temporary patronage does not translate into sustainable income.

So why all the focus on tourism? It's sexy and alluring. But we are in a time of increased ferry costs and escalating gasoline prices. Day trips are now being re-thought. "Closer to home"

GUEST COLUMN

and "locavore" are the current mantras.

Operating a live plant-based eatery as we do is a tough sell in any economy. However, what we all know is that health is primary on everyone's mind, especially with an aging population. It's not easy to buy all the key ingredients to support live plant-based menu items locally. But what we do ensure is that we are supporting our local main food providers on the island.

During the summer we work extensively with our local farmers, thus dropping off our reliance on produce from the U.S. When we purchase nuts and seeds, coconut fruit and water and other ingredients from the tropics, we know our sources and only support those local farmers who are utilizing organic and sustainable farming practices. Our "local" includes the global village and those who limit environmental impacts on the planet as a whole.

We do this because we sincerely care about our local population. We believe that if we make our food comparable in price to cooked animal-based versions, people will consider walking in our door. We hope the quality of our food speaks for itself. However, making a change in one's eating and buying patterns is a gradual process. It takes frequent sharing of information, lots of specials and deals. It means some days we make no money but in the end win a

new customer.

Richard Branson, the founder and chairman of Virgin Group states: "The way you treat your employees is the way they will treat your customers."

Our employees are exemplary. They believe in live plant-based food. They create food with love and passion. They spend time among themselves sharing information and education about nutrients, food sources, recipe ideas. And they spend time with customers answering questions, offering alternatives, re-directing them to information sources. All because we believe in the health and well-being of the people of our island. We believe a healthier population will result in a more self-sufficient and resilient place to live. A more alive and vibrant island population. That takes time, service, patronage and collaboration.

So no matter where you live, think about the stories I have shared from our small island. Think about those establishments that support your health and well-being where you live. But do more than think about them. Visit them. Take advantage of what they have to offer and become a regular patron. I know they will appreciate it. And I know that your heart, mind, soul, and spirit will as well.

Remember, local is best when sound business practices are well intentioned and have your health first and foremost in mind.

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Single-issue candidates

As a volunteer firefighter I had the opportunity to listen to all four Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District trustee candidates explain their election platforms and participate in a Q&A session the other night.

I'm concerned that only two of them — Michael Schubart and Ron Chamney — appear to see the big picture and have what it takes to effectively participate in managing a fire protection district.

After all, this year's trustee election is about more than a fire hall; it's also about ratepayer and firefighter safety, education, training and financial prudence.

I know that a new fire hall is an important consideration for ratepayers and firefighters and just so you know, I'm both. The process to acquire suitable property and funding for a new fire hall has been ongoing for years and open to public input the whole way.

I've been able to attend many trustee meetings and open houses and keep abreast of developments. Sadly, I have not seen many other people in attendance and that includes fire trustee candidates Scott Simmons and Darlene Steele.

I would find it difficult to support single-issue candidates, especially when a separate referendum for new fire hall approval has already been approved.

Misinformation abounds. Please be informed and come out and vote.

LT. DOUG PONSFORD,
SALT SPRING

Experience counts

So your house is on fire.

These people get out of their warm beds and show up at your burning home in the middle of the night in the freezing cold.

They save your life. They save your children. They save your pets. They try to save your house and your belongings. Many of them do this for next to no money.

And you are telling me they don't deserve to have the building they want? That they should settle for what you think they just "need!" How do you know what they need?

And you are telling me that future generations of such extraordinary people don't deserve a proper facility either!

On Saturday, April 13, vote for the people who know from personal experience what it is to put your life on the line for others: Ron Chamney and Michael Schubart.

RACHEL JACOBSON,
SALT SPRING

Leadership

The election on April 10 and 13 for fire trustees is not about whether to fund a new fire hall. We will be able to vote on that later this year when all the

information is available.

This election is about much more than that. The election for fire trustees is really about making sure that your firefighters and volunteers have the training and equipment to do their job and keep us and them safe. When there are hard decisions to make, when it comes to keeping our island safe, experience does matter.

I've been involved in emergency operations for decades. I've been a radio operator with the fire department here now for over five years and I have seen first-hand the positive results of the leadership of incumbents Ron Chamney and Michael Schubart.

Because of their leadership, Salt Spring is one of the few volunteer fire departments in the province that does not have a recruiting and retention problem. Our firefighters have been able to demonstrate such a high level of skill and ability that our community has obtained an insurance rating that is saving us at least one million dollars on our fire insurance.

The statements of candidates Darlene Steele and Scott Simmons tell me they do not have an understanding of the complexities of emergency services on Salt Spring or the expertise to manage the unique challenges of providing these services on an island, where support from other districts is not readily at hand. Michael Schubart and Ron Chamney have demonstrated that they have the knowledge and experience necessary to maintain the high quality emergency services that we need here on Salt Spring.

Please remember to vote April 10 or 13 at the Ganges Fire Hall.

STEVE LEICHTER,
SALT SPRING

Stability needed

As the recent retired Salt Spring fire chief, I take exception to some of the comments put forward publicly by candidates Darlene Steele and Scott Simmons.

Firstly with Darlene Steele and her reference to the "fire gang." Wikipedia's definition of gang is "a group of recurrently associating individuals or close friends with identifiable leadership and internal organization, identifying with or claiming control over territory in a community, and engaging either individually or collectively in violent or other forms of illegal behaviour."

To insinuate that the members of the fire service here are members of a gang shows her lack of knowledge of this proud tradition. Trustees, career staff and the volunteers put in countless hours, a minimum of 200 per year, so that they can serve the community professionally and keep themselves safe from the perils of the job.

Also, she says "there is no fire, what's the hurry?" The current facility is well past its "best before date." We all know that we live in a very active earthquake zone. If a mild event were to happen here it is quite feasible that the fire-hall would disappear into a big sink hole, losing all of the valuable equipment and possibly personnel.

As for Scott Simmons' thoughts that a new facility can be built cheaply and that retired firefighters should not be trustees — his personal opinion — the library shows that a building that is quite possibly being used 24/7/365 cannot be built on the cheap.

I agree with the library but if an effective fire hall does not get built, then what are we going to do, throw books at any fire?

Having the experience of past firefighters Ron Chamney, Michael Schubart and Bruce Patterson on the board of trustees is invaluable. Knowing Michael and Bruce both personally and professionally and understanding Mr. Chamney's qualifications to be a trustee, you couldn't ask for a harder-working group of people.

Along with the members of the fire department and the other members of the board, they understand the needs of the department and community and will strive to build us a structure that meets the needs of today and into the future.

Special interest groups always pop up in politics. They come and go, just like the weather. We need stability within the board and I will be supporting Michael and Ron.

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue is an elite group of people who form a great team. Let's not lose that team because of misguided politics.

DAVE ENFIELD,
RETIRED SSI FIRE CHIEF

Blessings from loss

On March 30, 2012 we suffered the devastating loss of our home and a beloved cat to a house fire. On the first anniversary of that fateful day we look back now in gratitude for the blessings that can spring from loss.

At this time we would like to give our deepest thanks to those members of the community of Maracaibo who with sensitivity, compassion and generosity harboured us when we became most vulnerable. You cooked for us, you put a roof over our heads and you gave us clothes to wear. Many kind notes of sympathy were left at our doorstep. It was an overwhelming and humbling welcome to Salt Spring.

A fire truck heaped with sprays of roses to all our good neighbours!
**GUS SZENTNER AND
ROB ELLYATT,**
MARACAIBO

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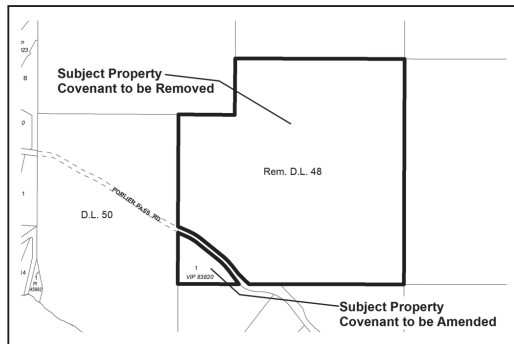
ISLANDS TRUST GALIANO ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing within a Local Trust Committee Business Meeting on amending Covenant ET016476

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the (covenant amendment) at **12:30 p.m. Monday, April 8, 2013 at the South Community Hall, 141 Sturdies Bay Road, Galiano Island.**

At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the covenant amendment shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed Covenant ET016476 amendment pertaining to Lot 1, VIP83820 and Remnant District Lot 48.

Amending Covenant ET016476 — In general terms, the purpose of the original covenant is to place additional use conditions on a portion of a lot at 8395 Porlier Pass Road. The covenant was registered on the parent parcel (D.L. 48) to regulate the industrial use of a portion of the District Lot 48, now Lot 1, VIP83820, lot zoned Forest Industry (FI). When the larger lot (Rem DL 48) was subsequently subdivided from the smaller lot (Lot 1) the covenant remained on both parcels. The remnant parcel is zoned Forest 1 and Agriculture and therefore, the covenant does not pertain to any permitted uses for this lot and can be removed. The covenant will remain on the smaller Forest Industry (FI) lot to which it is relevant, but be amended. The proposed amendment in general will be to remove the decibel measurement requirement (paragraph 1) and to add a screening requirement. Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 in the covenant are proposed to be amended.



A copy of the Covenant ET016476 and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the (covenant amendment) may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing March 22, 2013 and up to and including April 5, 2013.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) (e) of the Local Government Act, additional copies of the Covenant may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Galiano Island, B.C., commencing March 25, 2013 and can also be viewed on the World Wide Web at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca> and selecting www.islandstrust.bc.ca/lc/gl/default.cfm.

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. The office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, by Fax (250) 405-5155 or email to: information@islandstrust.bc.ca, prior to **4:30 p.m., April 5, 2013;**
2. After **4:30 p.m., April 5, 2013** to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at **12:30 p.m., April 8, 2013.**

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

Inquiries regarding the proposed covenant amendment may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Kris Nichols, Planner, at (250) 405-5170 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

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Kathy Jones
Deputy Secretary

RANTS *and* Roses

Rants

A rant to the dishonest person who found my watch in a family dressing room at the pool and didn't turn it in. May you receive the same treatment at the hands of another thief. Rita Archer

To John Quesnel: I think you do a good and very necessary job, and need to stay on the island. I write this by way of friendly advice, post-decision, not as an antagonist to you or your business. You "had your day in court," but there are

other sites. My antennae say that you are losing the battle in The Court of Public Opinion by hanging in and fighting this out to the bitter end with neighbours. "There is a tide in the affairs of men . . ." (Shakespeare: Julius Caesar) So — for your own sake — stay "community-friendly," and don't become "community-adversarial." Ross King

Roses

Copper-dusted roses to all the kind people who put their Country Grocer receipts in Box #31 and to those who donate their refund cash at the Refund-it Centre. Thank you again and happy spring to all. Copper Kettle Community Partnership folks

Bouquets of gratitude to the Schmah family for hosting the great Easter egg hunt on Sunday. PB

Minute omission

I have spent hours at the fire hall making digital copies of all the public documents and this is what I have found. There is no link to the old 2006 project that died and the current fire hall project in the minutes except the mention "we retain the same architect."

Dec. 19, 2011 New Business
Moved by Mary Gillies, seconded by Ron Chamney, "That we retain the same Architect, Johnston Davidson Architecture + Planning Inc. for the new fire-hall." CARRIED

Moved by Bruce Patterson, seconded by Richard Hannah, "That we retain Hans Hazenboom as Construction Manager for the new fire-hall."

Moved by Ron Chamney, seconded by Bruce Patterson, "That this Motion be tabled until the next Trustee Meeting." CARRIED

Dec. 19, 2011
Public meeting Michael Schubart in the Chair.

Stated: The Architect . . . still on retainer from past contract will participate.

Jan. 16, 2012
Old business

Tabled motion to retain Hans Hazenboom as Construction Manager. Moved by Ron Chamney, Seconded by Grant Eckberg, "That the Motion be taken from the table." CARRIED

Moved by Grant Eckberg, seconded by Mary Gillies, "That the Board of Trustees reaffirm the previous Motion to retain Hans Hazenboom as Construction Manager." CARRIED

Hans was present and accepted the position.

Notice the word "same" is missing in the motion to hire the construction manager. There is no reference in the minutes to say that SSIFPD did interviews or advertised in 2006-7 and because of that we are going hire the "same" construction manager.

All supporting documents are on my website at scottsimmonsforfireboard.com.

If anyone can show me supporting documents linking the two projects I will stand corrected.

SCOTT SIMMONS,
SALT SPRING FIRE TRUSTEE CANDIDATE

No sacred cows

New Delhi has legislated against the "sacred cows" within city limits; but not so here on Salt Spring. Clearly the building of a new fire hall and any questioning about the decision-making process, communication or lack thereof, and time frames proposed are all sacred. Or so it would seem. I however feel that the public has a right to more information and to challenge some of the premises in the building planning process.

Here is what we do not know:
Is there one building design or are there options for consideration?

What square footage of building is required?

Cost per square foot?
How much are soft costs such as service hook-up and development?

Where is the specific needs assessment for the Salt Spring Fire Department?

Date on which the land title will transfer free and clear to Salt Spring Fire Protection District?

Costs of additional equipment as required in a new fire hall?

MORE LETTERS

Cost recovery from any groups who may rent/use space within the new fire hall?

Total cost of the project?
When will public consultation occur?

Will various options at different price estimates be presented for public consideration?

Will suggestions from the public be incorporated after the consultation process?

Given that none of the answers to the questions above are in the public arena, and if this information is available it is only known to a select few on the fire board, I would say that comments about "Nattering Nabobs" and "wake up and smell the smoke" are seriously out of line.

The public needs transparency, real information and clear options so they can make an informed decision about how best to spend their hard-earned tax dollars. Vote for whomever you want for trustee; but before you vote make sure you know that the candidate has your best interests at heart.

DARLENE STEELE,
SALT SPRING FIRE TRUSTEE CANDIDATE

Support business

After growing up on Salt Spring and returning from college, John Quesnel's recycling was a place of inspiration for me and other young entrepreneurs.

That's what we needed to feel connected to his community (our community) to staff my own business — just like John to support my island's community. John has given me the courage and tenacity to take on the challenges of a new business in my 32nd year.

My commitment to recycling (years of volunteering) working with Peter from Salt Spring Recycling Depot and my college degree (appliance technician) is backed with the intention of keeping our island green.

Is this what we want our community government to do to us after pooling all our resources into one idea to clean up Salt Spring, and then get shut down?

At the March 21 LTC meeting I heard this absurd comment that most people only have one car to dispose of in their entire lifetime. Hey folks, one-car families no longer exist.

John Quesnel's business is not about more cars. It's about safe disposal. What did you do with your last old car?

I thought from observing John's example that if young entrepreneurs from Salt Spring could create a business space, add hard work, success will follow.

Is that possible on Salt Spring now? Or has that been taken away?

JONAH MARSHALL,
SALT SPRING

Economy and environment

Having read the recent articles and letters to the Driftwood, I gather that young people are very important to this island.

Young people are important to me too. I have six kids who are growing up here and I meet many young people at Family Place and in the schools.

It is true that the economy is important

to Salt Spring Island. It is also true that many young people hope to make their living farming here. Some of the parents I meet hope to set up orchards and nut trees and gardens that their children and grandchildren can benefit from.

When I was a kid growing up here, people in the Lower Mainland barely mentioned Salt Spring Island. Now, Salt Spring Island is famous. It is the most well-known amongst the people who enjoy the organic lifestyle.

In addition, I think we have something here that really works. In recent letters and articles in the Driftwood, it is the environmentalists versus the families. It should not be that way. In many cases, they are the same thing. Most families I meet came here to raise their children in a beautiful, clean, natural setting where they can learn about nature and farming.

In conclusion, there is a persistent idea that if we let the environmentalists have their way, there will be no jobs. However, the organic food industry is huge right now. There is a lot of potential in this, for our economy, for jobs and for young people.

I honestly feel that we can have it both ways, a good economy and a clean environment.

JENNY MCCLEAN,
ATKINS ROAD

Bunny back story

Great article last week by Shilo about cottontails! ("Getting to know your cottontail neighbours.") How he spoons us good information without provoking an ugly face, I'll never know.

I can add a tad about the back story. When game managers in Washington state wanted to let cottontails loose on the wet side of the mountains they got stock from the eastern states instead of the dry-land type from the Okanagan. When B.C. decided to do the same, biologists went to Washington state and got that eastern subspecies.

From Sooke they spread pretty fast, hopping from suburb to suburb up Vancouver Island's east side as far as Campbell River. Chances are pretty good that the bunnies let loose here in the middle of the 2000-2010 decade are part of that population. A DNA test would tell us.

By the way, the bigger rabbits that come in black, white, black and white, and browns are European stock, probably from Britain. Different critter, often raised commercially for food. And as an aside from the by-the-way, don't confuse either of these bunnies with hares, which aren't on Salt Spring Island as far as anybody knows.

B.C.'s snowshoe hares and jackrabbits are hares. Don't ask why, but while cottontails have kits, hares have leverets. Lots of them.

I think Shilo's idea of sitting down at a table together with our lagomorph live-ins is a fine one. The walrus, carpenter and oysters did, I understand. Cottontails should be tasty; they eat out of the same gardens we do, after all.

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Fire trustees respond: part two

Information for April 13 election

Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District ratepayers have four candidates to choose from to fill two open seats on the district's board of trustees when elections take place on Saturday, April 13.

Incumbents Ron Chamney and Michael Schubart seek re-election to the seven-member volunteer board while newcomers Scott Simmons and Darlene Steele are the challengers looking for seats.

Ballots for the election can found at the Ganges fire hall from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on election day and results will be announced at the district's annual general meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 15. An advance poll will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10.

Candidates responded to four questions from the Driftwood to aid the public in making voting decisions. Responses to the first two were published last week, with the second two as follows.

Aside from the fire hall, what are the key issues you foresee the fire district facing within the next three years?

Michael Schubart: I think that the key issue — other than the fire hall — is maintaining a well-organized and efficiently operated fire/rescue service for Salt Spring Island.

I also think that finding ways to integrate services currently provided by separate organizations will be very important in the future. We need to reduce duplication of costs.

Darlene Steele: The key issues facing the fire district and the community are the same issues facing the entire country in the next three

years. We are in an economic recession, with a hold the line budget for all levels of government. Until our deficit is flat lined, our GDP increases and our unemployment rates lower we will all be directly affected.

Taxpayers are financially exhausted and we do not exist in a microcosm. The fire service currently has a total tax request of \$2,375,000 per year (Finance Committee Draft Aug. 16, 2012) and as of Dec. 31, 2011 we held long-term debt of \$1,187,519 for purchased equipment, some of which will not be paid off till 2021. So like everyone we need to be wise, prudent and cautious about future debt loads.

Ron Chamney: Careful budgeting must be an important issue for every trustee. My first year on the board we managed to cut the budget. Since then we have kept operating budgets constant. However, simply being fiscally responsible is not enough; every dollar spent must be well spent — and it has been.

a) The cheapest, safest, most effective way to fight a fire is to prevent it. Public education and inspection programs now evolving on Salt Spring are the key to reducing costs, preventing loss and saving lives.

b) Investing in programs such as Superior Shuttle Certification has annually made possible at least \$1,000,000 in annual fire insurance savings to Salt Springers.

c) Recognizing that other sources of funding must be explored, trustees and firefighters have established a charitable foundation able to apply for grants and give tax receipts for donations.

Partnerships now being developed with Search and Rescue and the Emergency Operations Centre will both save taxpayer dollars and lead to a stronger, more efficient, and closely coordinated emergency response system.

Scott Simmons: The Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District current budget is \$2,375,000. In 2004 SSIFPD budget was \$725,000. That is an atrocious tripling of the budget in one decade. On a per capita basis Salt Spring is spending approximately \$230 per person. According to the SSIFPD 2010 long-term strategic plan, SSIFPD wants to purchase another approximately \$4 million in new trucks by 2020.

Currently the SSIFPD has approximately \$1 million in debt. I calculate that the proposed fire hall and new trucks will add approximately \$70 on a per capita spending basis. SSIFPD will have an accumulated debt of about \$10,000,000 plus annual compounding interest.

Salt Spring does not have heavy industry, very little commercial tax base, it will be up to you the residential property owners to pay off this massive compounding debt.

If elected, are you committed to attending all the public meetings, committee meetings and reading hours required over the three-year term, regardless of the fire hall decision?

Scott Simmons: Yes, I will be there and will read every scrap of information I can get my hands on. Reading and learning is my lifelong passion.

Michael Schubart: Yes, just as I have been doing during my previous three terms.

Ron Chamney: Of course. Whatever the time demands this places on me, our firefighters, among the best I have ever known, deserve — and will continue to receive — my best efforts to keep both them and the community safe.

Darlene Steele: Yes.

Who can vote for fire trustees?

People can vote in the April 13 election for Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District trustees (with an advance poll also available on April 10) if they meet the following qualifications:

- Canadian citizen
- 18 years or older on voting day
- A resident of B.C. for at least six months before voting day
- An owner of land within the boundaries of the fire protection district
- An authorized agent, designated in writing as the agent, of a board or corporation that owns land within the SSI Fire Protection District.

If more than one person is registered on title as owner, then all owners are entitled to vote if they meet the requirements for citizenship, residence and age as described above.

People may want to bring proof of land ownership and proper identification to the polling station.

For more details, see the legal ad on Page 5 of this issue of the Driftwood.

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BACK IN THE BLING OF THINGS: Neacol Miller of Bling Squared jewellery is happy to see the return of the Saturday market, which opened under sunny skies on March 30 to an enthusiastic Easter weekend crowd.

Wake up and smell the bad advice

Regarding fire trustee Ron Chamney's "Wake up and smell the smoke" piece in last week's Driftwood, Mr. Chamney is in a rush to closure here with the potential for bad consequences.

A "project milestones" strategy should be implemented (the architect will be well-served in this) by which means the board obtains interim cost-assessments, progress reports and project reviews, based on less than 100 per cent of the drawings. These cost assessments will have progressively "tighter" variances (in a plus/minus sense).

From my professional experience, this would be very useful in evolving the ultimate cost while still at an early stage, with plenty of scope for "cutting one's coat according to one's cloth."

And so, the board will allow themselves to be forewarned of nasty surprises at an earlier stage than "Too late! The drawings are all done and cost a lot: we can't tear them up and start again with more architect's costs! This is the plan! This is the budget!" and find themselves painted into a corner — over-budget, out of time, open to criticism and embarrassed.

I do not advocate procrastinating, but rushing matters will lead to imperfect solutions for Salt Spring taxpayers.

**ROSS KING,
BEDDIS ROAD**

Fire hall facts and perceptions

BYTED HINDS

Firstly, I would like to thank Michael, Ron, Scott and Darlene for putting their names forward for a position on the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District board.

Each of them has their own agenda that may or may not be in the best interests of the fire department at this particular time.

I would also hope that the electorate will take advantage of their opportunity to vote. With a turnout of less than three per cent in the last election to the fire board one wonders if the electors take their responsibilities seriously.

It seems that the only time the board gets any publicity is when there is something controversial being undertaken that prompts some residents to come out of the woodwork to criticize actions being taken by the board. (Remember the cell tower fiasco.) (Remember the bowling alley debate.)

Now we have a debate on the procedure used when hiring the architect and project manager which, as pointed out very clearly in Elizabeth Nolan's piece in last week's paper ("Records shed light on early fire hall project decision"), was a free and open competition for both contractors. The information was freely available to anyone

who wished to do the research, but without any knowledge another fiasco is in the making by some uninformed folks.

I take exception to Scott Simmons' portrayal of the process used to hire the contractors involved as flawed. Having spent untold hours on this process to be sure there was no opportunity for criticism, his interpretation is an insult.

The process was not flawed and had Scott taken the time and put in the effort to do the research he would have discovered that himself and not be making wild accusations about a preferential process.

Also, Scott seems to think that all has been decided on for the new building, including the size, cost, etc., which shows his lack of knowledge of the process.

One must have an approved design, a formal cost estimate, an approval from the board, and finally the property owners' approval for the funds. We are not even to step one, but Scott has decided that things are not as they should be. I would like him to put forward any concrete facts supporting his position.

Darlene Steele also has a problem with decisions made by this board and

IN RESPONSE

previous boards. Again, where are the facts?

Her portrayal of the fire chief being ill informed is completely without merit. The chief is an employee of the fire district and as such is not the spokesman for the board unless directed by the board to speak on their behalf.

The chief has invaluable input into the operation of the department and recommends to the board his expert opinions on matters relating to the

district and its operations. With all this said I think that the loss of either Ron or Michael at this time would be a travesty by electing two inexperienced trustees. To move this project forward needs a steady hand with people who have the knowledge of this very specialized aspect of our community.

Please join me in voting for Michael Schubart and Ron Chamney on April 13.

The writer is the former chair of the Salt Spring Fire Protection District.

DARLENE STEELE

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Open Stage with Richard Cross. Every Wednesday night at Moby's. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Stitch Dimension Quilt Guild. Meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Salt Spring Baptist Church. 7 p.m.
Texas Hold'em Poker. Every Wednesday night at The Local. Sign up 6:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
New Fire Hall Info Session. Learn about the proposed new Ganges fire hall project. Ganges Fire Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.
Bingo. Meaden Hall on the first and third Thursday of each month. Legion Ladies Auxiliary fundraiser for GISS bursaries. 7 p.m. with early bird games at 6:30 p.m.
Rollerblading to Music. Every Thursday night at Fulford Hall. Skate rentals available. 7 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Liberal Candidate Meet & Greet. Meet Saanich North & the Islands candidate Stephen Roberts. Coffee and muffins provided. Salt Spring Coffee Co. 8:30 to 10 a.m.
Larry Melious Photo Talk. New work along with a few seldom seen vintage pieces at Cafe Talia. Join Larry for a cappuccino with your questions about his photography. 10 a.m.
StoryTime at the Library. Enjoy the old favourite Jack and the Beanstalk and other growing stories with Linda. For children 4 to 7 years. SS Public Library. 10:30 a.m.
Stay & Play Drop-in. Light lunch provided. Parents and kids ages 0-6. Family Place. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
SSI Governance Study Committee Meeting. Public welcome. SS Public Library. 5:30 to 7 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Barley Bros. Every Saturday. The Local. 3 to 5:30 p.m.
Laila Garsys. Live music. Tree House Cafe. 6 p.m.
Paul Mowbray. Guitarist performs live. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Home Routes. House concert with David Bradstreet and bassist Carl Keesee. Oloriz home, 270 Robinson Rd. 7 p.m. Doors open 6:30.
Balkan Babes. A cappella women's ensemble singing traditional Balkan music. Salt Spring United Church. 7:30 p.m.
West My Friend. Indie folk band. Moby's. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
SS Blooms: Eco- and Organic Farm Tour. See up to 10 farms and gardens. Noon to 4 p.m. Plus free gardening talks and seminars. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Locations marked on official map, available at the visitors' centre.
Short, Sharp, Sweet: a Celebration of the Short Story. Gillian Campbell and John Vigna give a reading at the SS Library. 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
ToddlerTime at the Library. Bring your little ones aged 3 years and younger for 30 minutes of finger plays, rhymes, songs and bounces. Public Library. 10:30 a.m.
Internet Safety for Parents. Internet/Social Media Safety Education and Digital Citizenship 101 For Parents with Constable Darren Laur. A co-presentation with Centre For Child Honouring, along with GISS, SIMS and DPAC. Gulf Islands Secondary School. 7 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Open Stage with Richard Cross. Every Wednesday night at Moby's. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Advance Poll for SS Fire Protection District Election of Trustees. Eligible property owners can vote to fill two seats on the board of trustees. Ganges Fire Hall. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
History of Ganges. Charles Kahn, author of Salt Spring, the Story of an Island will give a presentation at the SS Historical Society meeting. Central Community Hall. 2 p.m.
Queen Margaret's School Information Evening. Learn about Duncan independent school at SS Public Library. 5 to 8 p.m.
Texas Hold'em Poker. Every Wednesday night at The Local. Sign up 6:30 p.m.

Thurs. Apr 4
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Open Stage Night. The Local. 6 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Krayenhoff Memorial Bridge & Lunch. All profits go directly to support local OPT (Planned Parenthood) Clinic. Fulford Hall. Noon.
Stay & Play Drop-in. Come in for a bowl of soup. Toy library open. Parents and kids ages 0-6. Family Place. Noon to 3 p.m.

Fri. Apr 5
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Rock SOLID 24-Hour dance marathon in support of SOLID with live acts and DJs around the clock. Mahon Hall. Friday 6 p.m. to Saturday 6 p.m..
Dave and Ross. Live music. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.
Le Vent du Nord. Fabulous Quebec folk band. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
The Coalition. Live rock band. Moby's. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Dad 'n Me Pancake Breakfast. Drop-In with free pancakes for dads and kids ages 0-6. Family Place. 8:30 to 10 a.m.
SS Co-op Preschool Open House. Registration and information including new light participation option. SS Co-op Preschool. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Foxglove Annual Spring Show. With guest speaker Linda Gilkeson at 11 a.m., 4-H animals display (from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and more. Foxglove Farm & Garden.
SSI Wrestling Fundraiser. Hot dog and hamburger sale at Country Grocer. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Fire Hall Open House. Presentation by architect Kim Johnston at 12:30 p.m. plus video recording and design drawings throughout afternoon. Ganges Fire Hall. Noon to 3 p.m.
BCNDP Open House. Open House for BCNDP Campaign Office. All are welcome for coffee, tea and conversation with SNI candidate Gary Holman. Lancer Building. 1 to 4 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Vancouver Bach Choir. Vancouver's leading choral ensemble in concert. ArtSpring. 2 p.m.
Piano Bar. With Deborah Inkster-Kneebone. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Greg Gammon. Folk rock music. Moby's. 8 p.m.

Sun. Apr 7
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Pickleball Sundays. Fulford Hall. 9 a.m. to noon.
SS Blooms: Eco- and Organic Farm Tour. See up to 10 farms and gardens on Salt Spring. Noon to 4 p.m. Plus free gardening seminars. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Locations marked on official map, available at the visitors' centre.
Karma Klass Yoga. Free yoga class, with donations for charitable purposes gratefully accepted. Still Point Yoga Studio. 11:30 a.m.
Transitions Community Potluck and Jamie Capranos. Jamie Capranos, homeopath and herbalist, will introduce the magical healing properties of common, local "weeds" with a herb walk at 5:30 p.m. Potluck dinner follows — bring a dish to share, as well as a plate and fork. Herbal Antibiotics talk with Jamie starts at 6:45 p.m. Beaver Point Community Hall.

Tues. Apr 9
ACTIVITIES
Stay & Play Drop-in. For parents and kids ages 0-6. Family Place. Noon to 3 p.m.
Men's Floor Hockey. Fulford Hall. 7 p.m. BYO Sticks. Pucks supplied!
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EXHIBITIONS

- The Textile & Surface Design Group** shows work in the ArtSpring lobby through April.
- Verna Meyer** shows paintings at the Harbour House Hotel this month.
- The Salt Spring Textile and Surface Design Group** exhibits its work in the ArtSpring lobby through April. The art on display includes a variety of art quilts, mixed media fabric pieces and silk fusion.
- Cafe Talia** will be featuring photographs by **Larry Melious** through the end of the month, including new work along with a few seldom seen vintage pieces. Join

- Larry at the cafe on April 5 at 10 a.m. for a cappuccino and questions about his photography.
- Tattoo artist **Noah Mott** shows ink drawings and larger scale driftwood works at **Barb's Bakery and Bistro** through **April**.
- Salt Spring Coffee Co.** is showing photographs by UVic student **Tia Casper** this month.
- Duthie Gallery** shows work by prominent artist **Judith Currelly**, among others. Spring gallery hours are Saturday & Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by appointment at 250-537-9606.
- Photographer **Rob Cronin** has an exhibit at the **Fernwood Road Cafe** until **mid-April**.
- Ingrid Korner** shows her art at the **Country Grocer Cafe** through the month of **April**.
- Salt Spring Basketry Guild** members show work in the display case of the new **Salt Spring Public Library**.
- David Moss** has paintings in **Penny's Pantry**.
- Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** features work by **Peter Allan, Heide Van Impe, Ken Ketchum, Dawn Davies, Lorne Shantz, Bob Rogers and Salspring Fancy**.

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The April 6-7 weekend features 12 free seminars on a variety of horticultural topics, along with free eco and organic farm tours. The tours continue the following weekend, along with the Blossom Festival, with a focus on the Blossom Picnic and Haiku Workshop. It's also the weekend of the Home Garden Tours, plant sales and A Taste of Salt Spring – a food and wine-tasting extravaganza!

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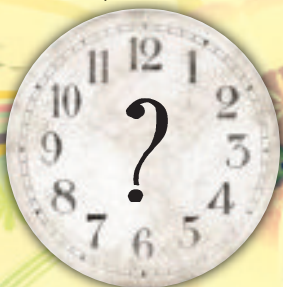
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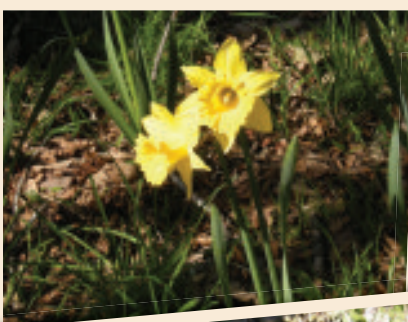
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**Saturday, April 6:
10 am-3pm:**
H Club projects on display at Love Farm & Garden

**Saturday - Sunday, April 6-7,
11 am-3:30pm:**
Garden Seminar Series

**Saturday - Sunday, April 6-7,
Noon-4 pm:**
Eco and Organic Farm Tour

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
APRIL 13 & 14:

Saturday Market
As part of Salt Spring's famous Saturday Market, volunteer organizations will have a booth at the Market for sale of sapling coniferous trees.

**Saturday, April 13,
11-2:30pm:**
Official Launch of Blossom Festival Weekend by Japanese Garden Society

**Saturday April 13,
1-4 pm:**
Blossom Festival Home Garden Tour

Sunday April 14, 1-4 pm:
Blossom Festival Home Garden Tour

Sunday April 14, 2:30pm:
Haiku Workshop (location & exact time yet to be determined)

**Sunday April 14,
4:30-6:30 pm:**
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SATURDAY & SUNDAY
APRIL 20 & 21:

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**Saturday & Sunday,
April 19-20 evenings & 21, 2pm**
evenings: Stagecoach Theatre Year-End Show: Aladdin at ArtSpring

Saturday April 20, 11am:
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**Saturday April 20,
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Saturday, April 20, 2-5 pm:
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Pledge time nears for RockSOLID

Musicians lined up for 24-hour event

There are only a few days left to gather pledges and get in line for prizes for RockSOLID, a 24-hour dance marathon being held at Mahon Hall starting at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 5.

The fundraiser for SOLID, the non-profit Salt Spring Organization for Life Improvement and Development, offers dancers the ability to win a number of fabulous items and experiences by raising pledges of \$50 or more — plus the rare chance to dance an entire day away to a “solid” line-

up of over 20 local music acts and DJs.

Prizes on offer include a chartered flight around Victoria, Port Renfrew and the Cowichan Valley, one night's accommodation in a one-bedroom ocean-view chalet at Salt Spring Spa, and a whale-watching tour for two with Marine Wildlife Tours. Another lucky winner will receive pampering with a professional hair cut and styling plus product gifts at Aveda Salon in Victoria.

Friday's events get going with live music by Coastal Giants. The Coalition will take dancers through the midnight hour and then DJs take the reins, starting with Interhill Records at 1 a.m. and rounding out a list of talent with d.j. beat-

farmer at 9 a.m. Fiddler's Hatchery and the Samba Band will then re-energize the troops, leading into a series of fun acts through the day. Barb Slater takes things back to the spiritual and grounded for closing ceremonies and a chant circle.

Pledge sheets are still available at SOLID Exchange and Salt Spring Books. Participants must bring their donations and pledge sheets to the event to be eligible for prizes. A fabulous collection of local products and services generously donated by the Salt Spring business community will be drawn on an hourly basis for dance pledge participants.

Those who don't want

to dance all night but still want to catch some favourite acts are welcome to join in. A 24-hour pass for \$40 allows dancers to come and go as they please; a three-hour pass for \$15 will accommodate those who just want to catch a set or two; or families can try the \$30 family rate for two adults and their children under 12.

Sound will be provided by Living Water Media. Yummy and sustaining treats will be available at the concession by CoCo LoCo Lou and Al's Gourmet Falafel & Fries.

See the group's Facebook page under Salt Spring Organization for Life Improvement and Development for more details and full line-up.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Programs focus on 'Growing Things'

Friday story-time for ages four to seven

With new spring growth brightening island days, public library programs for

children focus on a Growing Things theme through April.

StoryTime at the Library for children aged four to seven years returns on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. On April 5, Linda reads Jack & the Beanstalk

and other great growing tales. Elizabeth shares more growing stories on April 12, and may send listeners home with a seed or two to plant in their own gardens.

Melissa shares

spring and garden stories on April 19, and on April 26, Margaretha once again brings the seashore to the library so children can explore its wonders up close.

For children up to age three, Lorraine

and Marsha provide a fun-filled 30 minutes of stories, rhymes and bounces every Monday at 10:30 a.m.

Parents and children are encouraged to join in the songs and rhymes.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

SHOULDER SEASON: Terra cotta figurative works by Deborah Gainer take the stage as part of the Easter Art Tour's feature exhibition held at Mahon Hall over the weekend. Work by Gainer and three other late Salt Spring artists — LeRoy Jensen, Gordon Caruso and Allan Crane — drew in the long weekend crowds.

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CHORAL MUSIC

Vancouver Bach choir comes to ArtSpring

Salt Spring welcomes acclaimed singers on Sunday afternoon

BY GEORGE SIPOS
ARTSPRING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It's astonishing to think that the Vancouver Bach Choir, now the most senior and established choral group in the province, started performing in 1930, eight years before Lion's Gate Bridge was built.

But sure enough it's true, and their visit to ArtSpring this Sunday, April 7 for a 2 p.m. concert marks the choir's 82nd season.

Of course the choir has seen many singers come and go, and has seen fluctuations in their fortunes, but they are riding high at the moment under their young conductor Leslie Dala. That Dala also works as chorus master for the Vancouver Opera probably explains much of the new energy the choir brings to its music.

It also contributes to the program they will sing on Salt Spring — lots of great choruses from Puccini and Verdi (including the famous Anvil Chorus from *Il Trovatore* and the Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves from *Nabucco*). Sunday's audience will also hear non-operatic choral masterpieces ranging from Bach's *Jesu Joy* to Handel's Hallelujah chorus and Coronation Anthem.

Soprano Robyn Driedger-Klassen,



PHOTO COURTESY ARTSPRING
Vancouver Bach Choir in performance.

who is fast making a major name for herself in Canadian opera, will join the choir for such diverse works as the *Kyrie* from Mozart's *C Minor Mass* or Wagner's *Bridal March* from *Lohengrin*.

All in all, this will be a chance for everyone on Salt Spring, especially the large choral music community, to hear a legendary Canadian choir live.

The concert is sponsored by Mouat's Home Hardware and Lyle Eide, while Country Grocer will host

an intermission reception in ArtSpring's galleries for the audience and visiting singers.

Tickets, at \$28 regular and \$5 youth, are available from the ArtSpring Ticket Centre at 250-537-2102 or online at tickets.artspring.ca.

Patrons should note that since the demise of the HST on April 1, performance tickets are now subject only to GST — thus all ArtSpring tickets have suddenly become seven per cent cheaper.

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CONCERTS

Home Routes hosts year's finale with Bradstreet-Keesee evening

April 6 house concert features Juno and nominee

Salt Spring's Martin and Carrie Oloriz will host two legendary folk artists for the final Home Routes show of the touring season with a performance by singer/songwriter David Bradstreet and bassist Carl Keesee on Saturday, April 6.

"He was fantastic," said a recent Home Routes host, Tim Cameron, of Bradstreet's show. "Performing his own songs with his excellent guitar playing kept the audience wanting more. In the intimacy of our living room, there isn't a bad seat to be found, great sightlines — and the sound was perfect."

According to his website, Bradstreet is perhaps best known for his song *Renaissance* (Let's Dance That Old Dance Once More), which became a hit for Valdy in the 1970s.

Bradstreet has been recognized for his work as a singer/songwriter, composer and producer with 21 albums bearing his name; a high-profile Juno award early in his career; three subsequent Juno nominations

and music credits, including a Gemini nomination; film and television soundtracks and scoring; talent discovery and record production for numerous artists including Jane Siberry, Bill Hughes and Robert Priest.

He has toured extensively and is a veteran of many coffeehouses, concert halls and folk festivals.

"[David Bradstreet] performing his own songs with his excellent guitar playing kept the audience wanting more."

TIM CAMERON
Home Routes Host

Bradstreet and Keesee were both members of the Woodstock band Lazarus and Lazarus II, and formed a lifelong musical friendship from that point.

Keesee was born in Oklahoma and studied music at university in Texas. He started his professional career in association

with Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul and Mary. He later spent many years in Canada as part of Bradstreet's band and was a member of the Florida Razors with Tom Wilson.

He currently resides in Texas and is part of the vibrant Austin music scene.

The two musicians reunited for the album 08.20.10, a mix of old and new songs they recorded live off the floor in August 2010 to critical acclaim.

"Carl and I have travelled many miles together, from being members of Lazarus, to the years we spent touring in support of my A&M projects, to the Street Records years. For this recording, we played the songs in my studio together until the day they felt right, then hit the record button," Bradstreet explains on his website.

Sample songs can be heard at www.davidbradstreet.com/082010.html.

The concert takes place at the Oloriz home at 270 Robinson Rd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and music starts at 7.

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CONCERT

Juno-winning band at ArtSpring on Friday

Enthusiasm of fans is legendary

BY GEORGE SIPOS

ARTSPRING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Now that the daffodils are out, it may seem a strange time to be hosting a musi-

cal group named after the north wind, as ArtSpring will be doing on Friday, April 5.

But Québec's Le Vent du Nord is no ordinary band and they are warmly applauded wherever they play around the world.

In over a thousand shows

since their founding in 2002, Le Vent du Nord has performed across North America and throughout Europe, bringing the exciting blend of traditional Québécois folk tunes and the band's original compositions. The mix has won them two Junos, a Canadian Folk Music Award

and many other trophies of recognition, though the most important reward is the enthusiasm of their fans.

The four musicians — Nicolas Boulterice, Simon Beaudry, Olivier Demers and Réjean Brunet — play everything from fiddle to hurdy-gurdy to button

accordion in a mix that transports audiences to the barns and kitchens of La Belle Province.

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AUTHOR SERIES

Library celebrates the short story

Short, Sharp, Sweet debuts April 6

A prestigious group of authors and short fiction writers from Salt Spring, Victoria and Vancouver will be on hand to share their work at a series of readings taking place at the Salt Spring Public Library on Saturday evenings during April.

Short, Sharp, Sweet: a Celebration of the Short Story is being presented in conjunction with Salt

Spring Books. It is funded by The Writer's Union of Canada National Public Readings Program under the Canada Council for the Arts.

This second series of literary events to be held in the new Library Program Room kicks off on Saturday, April 6 at 7 p.m. with readings by Gillian Campbell and John Vigna. Campbell is a Salt Spring resident whose work has been published in numerous literary journals, including Grain Magazine, Creekstones: Words & Images, The

New Quarterly and The Antigonish Review. Her first novel The Apple House was released last year.

Vigna is the author of the short story collection Bullhead. His work is also found in a number of literary publications, such as Event, The Dalhousie Review and Cabin Fever: the Best New Canadian Non-Fiction. He is the recipient of the Dave Greber Award for Freelance Writers and the Sub-Terrain Lush Triumphant fiction contest. Vigna lives in Vancouver and

teaches at Douglas College and the University of the Fraser Valley.

The series continues with a slate of award-winning and acclaimed writers from the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island region. Salt Spring Island author Kathy Page and Caroline Adderson of Vancouver appear on April 13; John Gould of Victoria and Vancouver's Shaena Lambert are set for April 20; and Bill Gaston and Dede Crane, both of Victoria, will bring the series to its finale on April 27.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Grafton stories among great new finds on library shelves

Relationships, dogs, wine and more

BY MAGGIE WARBEY
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

I popped into the new library to pick up an armload of relaxation and found on the New Fiction Shelf a never expected, much desired book that will thrill Sue Grafton fans.

Kinsey and Me Stories is the fabled collection of early short stories written by Grafton for the pleasure of her family, friends and self, published together with the much more recent recollections of her early family life. Indeed, several of these stories are the kernels of later novels, but reading them in the concept stage provides a lot of insight into the writing process as well as the added delight that this exceptional author is willing to share so much with her loyal fans.

Who could resist **Couples: the Truth, or What Really Goes on Inside Other People's Relationships?** Based on interviews, current research and experience, the message of this book is that we all deserve happiness in our "private" lives; but what

actually constitutes "happiness," "love," "commitment," and so on?

This broad-reaching book examines what actually happens between people involved in all sorts of relationships to get to the truth of what compels and satisfies couples of today.

Arthritis for Dummies is a useful presentation of the facts and fallacies of a disease that affects so many.

Starting with definitions and descriptions, the text moves on to expectations of doctors and treatments, lifestyle strategies for increased comfort, and even traveling with the disease and looking at promising new treatments. It is a good, basic guide for what to expect when one is living with what is, or can become, a debilitating disease.

The Wineries of British Columbia is a peek at the vineyards that make up the province's growing wine industry.

Following a brief examination of the development of B.C.'s wines, mostly since the 1986 World's Fair, the author presents the social and production history of each vineyard and describes the spe-

cific wines produced. Salt Spring's own growing wine production is represented by two wineries, though clearly several more could be mentioned in the next edition.

The Puppy Diaries: Raising a Dog Named Scout is sure to be a popular book. As an expansion of the author's column on the New York Times' website, this book documents the first year in Scout's life, and also presents the author's experience-based views on doggie diet, adoption and rescue, even training. The Puppy Diaries is all together a good, happy read for dog lovers of all breeds.

Larry King: My Remarkable Journey documents the life and times of this American icon. The tale meanders back and forth through events, both big, like meeting many famous and influential people, and small, like having a suit made in Brooklyn; through memories of family, activities, and experiences; through people such as kings, presidents, Hollywood stars and everyday humans; and through the personal perceptions and beliefs that make the man. It is candid, moving and entertaining: a real treat for King's fans everywhere.

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Easter on Salt Spring

EASTER BOUNTY: Calli Rae, left, displays her creation at the Budding Artists event at Mahon Hall on Saturday. (Photo by Jen MacLellan.) The Foxglove Farm & Garden Easter egg hunt yields happy results for Beau Morgan on Sunday morning, top right, while a basket of chicks proves equally appealing at Foxglove. (Photos by Rick Neufeld.)

POETRY

Haiku artist at Blossom Picnic

Carter to host artful poetry workshop April 14

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

If, as celebrated American poet Robert Frost once declared, poetry depicts what is lost in translation, the world of haiku may be considered the genre's ultimate guidebook.

Since the 17th century, haiku poets have sought to capture the fleetingness of time by evoking vivid imagery through the playful use of language. The art form has inspired an empire, embodied a religion, helped define a culture and, more recently, inspired a gathering of young Salt Spring Island poets.

"They like writing about the sea, about roadkill, about the fog," said Terry Ann Carter, one of the country's leading haiku poets, of her visit to classes at Gulf Islands secondary, Salt Spring Island Middle School and Salt Spring elementary in March.

"It seems to me that these kids from Salt Spring are especially sensitized to nature. They see and hear and feel so much of it around them... I truly enjoyed working with them."

As part of the festivities associated with this year's Salt Spring Blossom Festival, adults too will have the chance to hone their haiku skills when Carter revisits Salt Spring to lead a three-hour workshop organized by the Japanese Garden Society.

The event includes a haiku-writing workshop for anyone keen to learn more about the literary form. Participants will also learn how to make a prayer flag on which to write their poems.

"The idea is that they hang outdoors and, eventually, the wind, rain and sun will dissolve the haiku," Carter said. "It will go

back out into the universe from where it came."

Carter became infatuated with haiku after she experienced the mesmerizing chants of a Japanese monk during a haiku event at the University of Toronto nearly 20 years ago.

Since then, she's explored haiku culture by devouring all she can about the form's history, uncovering new interpretations by modern poets around the globe and encouraging newcomers to ponder the form's promise.

"I just love hanging out with haiku poets," she said. "They are all such interesting folks, interested in bees and whales and clouds and the wind, but also human nature, how that big picture interacts with the smaller picture."

As the president of Haiku Canada, her trip to Salt Spring is but the latest stop in an itinerary that's included engagements with adults and youths in China, Singapore, France, Bahamas and the United States.

The Way of Haiku: Haiku Composition with Terry Ann Carter takes place on Sunday, April 14 at 1 p.m. in the Salt Spring Public Library's program room. Registration for the event is \$30 (\$25 for low-income participants).

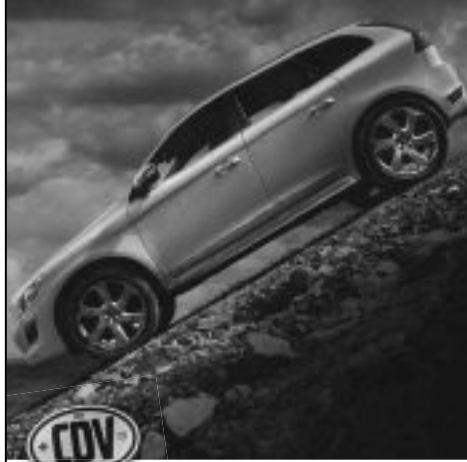
To secure a spot, contact the JGS at info@saltspringjapaneseegarden.com or call Rumiko Kanesaka at 250-653-9778.

A bowl of Japanese matcha tea with a bite-sized sweet will be available for an additional \$5 cost. Payment is required upon registration.

Carter will also present Haiku Tales as part of the Japanese Garden Society's Blossom Picnic in the Heiwa Garden (Peace Park) on Saturday, April 13 between 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

The picnic will include readings by Elehna de Sousa, Peter Levitt, Shirley Graham and Salt Spring Elementary School students, martial arts displays, and musical performances by Raffi and Alan Moberg.

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WEDNESDAY

STITCH DIMENSION QUILT GUILD meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the SSI Baptist Church (rear door), 7 to 9 p.m. New members welcome. Info: stitchdimension@gmail.com; or Janet Rothwell, 250-537-7606.

GENEALOGY GROUP meets on the last Wednesday of each month for discussion and sharing at the Mormon Church, 7 p.m. Info: daudia@shaw.ca; 250-537-2588.

every WEDNESDAY

BOOMERFIT at Fulford Hall, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Enjoy a variety of class formats for optimal fitness and fun; led by certified personal trainer, trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com, 250-537-4656.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP for people caring for individuals with Alzheimers and others. Every Wednesday at Salt Spring Seniors (379 Lower Ganges Rd.) at 11 a.m. Info: Margaret Monro, 250-537-5004.

CHAIR YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN for parents and their kids aged 0 to 6 at Family Place. Sign up weekly at Family Place, 1 to 3 p.m.

FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE is open at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Info: 250-537-9573.

YOGA with Dorothy Price. At the Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm, 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.

LEVEL 1 YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio, 9 to 10:30 a.m. AND 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS meets at the house behind Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church on Drake Road at 11:45 a.m. Do YOU have a problem with food? Join us!

PERFORMANCE DANCE CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 5 to 6:30 p.m. Multigenerational expressive dance class suitable for dancers of all levels. Info: Anna Haltrecht, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com.

PILATES CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Pilates is a body conditioning system that builds flexibility and long, lean muscles, strength and endurance. 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com

PUMP PRIMERS co-ed heart health fitness class. All Saints By-the-Sea, 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.

SENIORS STRENGTH & FLEXIBILITY classes with Tricia at South SS Seniors, Fulford Hall annex, 9 to 10 a.m.

SSI ROTARY CLUB meets each Wednesday for a deliciously prepared lunch with community focused speakers and presentations at the Harbour House Hotel from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. If interested, contact club president David Waddington at 250-537-0854 or via email: David@Waddington.ca.

STAMPS GROUP meets at SS Seniors Services, 10 a.m.

SWING DANCE PRACTICE at the Core Inn, third floor. For all levels. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

TAEKWONDO CLASSES in the studio space above Elements Home Design, 6 p.m. Info: Paul Mazzei, 250-931-8887, gyatso5@gmail.com.

VIPASSANA MEDITATION with Heather Martin at The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm, 7 to 9 p.m.

YOGA LEVEL 1 with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

ZEN MEDITATION at 210 Cedar Lane at 7 p.m. Call 250-653-2411 for details. Newcomers always welcome.

ZUMBA TONING class with Lee Sigmund at Still Point Yoga Studio, 4 to 5 p.m. No April 10, 17 or 24 classes.

THURSDAY

BINGO runs at Meaden Hall on the first and Thursday of each month. Early bird games start at 6:30 p.m., with regular games at 7 p.m. Legion Ladies Auxiliary fundraiser.

SS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION meets on the last Thursday of the month at the school board meeting room from 4 to 6 p.m.

every THURSDAY

AL-ANON meets at the rear annex of Our Lady of Grace church on Drake Road from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., and at the portable behind Lady Minto Hospital from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

BADMINTON for ages 12 and up at the GISS gym. Drop-ins welcome. Must have own racquet and non-marking gym shoes. 8 to 10 p.m. \$3. Info: Gail Temmel, 250-653-4613.

BRIDGE LESSONS at SS Seniors Services, 10 a.m.

DRAGONBOAT RACING team for men and women practices on Monday and Thursday from April through August. Carpool from Moby's pub: 530 p.m. Contact Mary Rowles, 250-653-4139; onthewater181@gmail.com for more info.

FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE is open at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-9573.

FIT FOR LIFE CLASSES with Betty-Lou Lake. All Saints lower hall, 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. Focus on balance, strength, flexibility. Target group is boomers and up. Info: blake@telus.net; 250-537-1638.

FUSION BELLY DANCE with Kaia Mitchell at Still Point Yoga Studio, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by Fusion Belly Dance Choreography at 7:45 p.m.

MIXED LEVELS YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

NIA — Come experience the joy of Nial! Ongoing Thursday morning 50+ classes with Arleen in the Fulford Hall annex from 10 to 11 a.m. Blissful, sweaty fun that will change how you feel about your body and about exercise. Dance - Kick - Laugh - Strengthen - Soften - Express - Play - Relax - Breathe - Sense - Heal. Call Donna at 250-653-9985 for more info.

PICKLE BALL at Fulford Hall, 1 to 4 p.m. \$5. Instruction and equipment provided. Info: Hafiz, 250-653-9579, hafiz@softlinedesign.com; Leonard, 250-653-4424, wordish@shaw.ca.

SSI WEAVERS AND SPINNERS. A different program each week for all fibre folks. ArtSpring multi-purpose room, 10:30 a.m.

SS WOMEN'S AA closed meeting Thursday nights at OAP wing of Fulford Hall.

STAY & PLAY DROP-IN. Come for a bowl of soup! Parents and kids ages 0-6. Toy Library open. Family Place, 120 Park Drive, 12 to 3 p.m.

VIJNANA YOGA with Liz Young at The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at North End Fitness from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. (with babysitting available) and at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

every FRIDAY

BOARD GAMES NIGHT at Thrive Lifestyle and Salt Spring Coffee Co. Cafe, 6 to 10 p.m.

BOOMERFIT - FULFORD HALL, 9 to 10 a.m. Enjoy a variety of class formats for optimal fitness and fun; led by certified personal trainer, trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com, 250-653-4656.

BRIDGE at SS Seniors Services, 1 p.m.

COFFEE TIME at SS Seniors Society, 10 a.m.

ENERGIZE YOGA with Suzanne Tremblay at Still Point Yoga Studio, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

EVERYBODY STRETCH — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music with Catherine Bennett. Still Point Yoga Studio, 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 10 to 11 a.m. Move with less pain and stress by learning how to make any activity more effective and more enjoyable. Info: Anna, 250-537-5681; anna@bonesforever.com

INVASIVE SPECIES DROP-OFF. Help control invasive species in our community! There is an invasive species drop-off every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 220 Kanaka Rd. The drop-off site is organized by species to better assist you.

KIDS' YOGA (for 5 to 9 years) with Suzanne Tremblay at Still Point Yoga Studio, 2:30 to 3:15 p.m.

LEGION MEAT DRAW at the Legion, 5 p.m.

MAH JONG at SS Seniors Services, 12:15 p.m.

MIXED LEVELS YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

PUMP PRIMERS co-ed heart health fitness class. All Saints By-the-Sea, 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.

RESTORATIVE YOGA with Suzanne Tremblay at Still Point Yoga Studio, 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.

STAY & PLAY drop-in for parents and kids 0 to 6 at Family Place, 120 Park Drive, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Light lunch provided.

every SATURDAY

DAD 'N' ME Pancake Breakfast for kids and their dads at Family Place, 120 Park Drive, 8:30 to 10 a.m. Time for dads and their kids to meet, eat and play together.

INVASIVE SPECIES DROP-OFF. See Friday listing.

LEGION MEAT DRAW at the Legion, 5 p.m.

YOGA VINASA/FLOW with Sarah-Jane Smith at Still Point Yoga Studio, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS with Lee Sigmund at Still Point Yoga Studio, 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

every SUNDAY

BADMINTON for ages 12 and up at the GISS gym. Drop-ins welcome. Must have own racquet and non-marking gym shoes. 7 to 9 p.m. \$3. Info: Gail Temmel, 250-653-4613.

INVASIVE SPECIES DROP-OFF. See Friday listing.

KARMA KLOSS yoga at Still Point Yoga Studio, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free (with donations gratefully accepted).

PICKLE BALL SUNDAYS at Fulford Hall, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Instruction and equipment provided. Info: Hafiz, 250-653-9579, hafiz@softlinedesign.com.

TAI CHI CHEN & YANG STYLES. All levels class at Seven Stars Tai Chi Club, 210 Cedar Lane, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: Osman, 250-537-5667.

MONDAY

SSI FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT trustees hold their business meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Ganges fire hall, 7:30 p.m. Public welcome.

SSI PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION meeting dates for 2013 are April 22, May 27, June 17, July 22, Aug. 19, Sep. 23, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16 in the Portlock Park Portable at 5 p.m.

every MONDAY

BEGINNERS/LEVEL 1 YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

BONES FOR LIFE® MOVEMENT CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 2 to 3 p.m. A comprehensive exercise program to increase strength and agility through dynamic movement and weight-bearing activity. Info: Anna Haltrecht, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com.

CHESS at SS Seniors Services, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with lessons from 11 a.m. to noon.

DRAGONBOAT RACING team for men and women practices on Monday and Thursday from April through August. Carpool from Moby's pub: 5:30 p.m. Contact Mary Rowles, 250-653-4139; onthewater181@gmail.com for more info.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE meets every Monday at 6:45 p.m. at Salt Spring Seniors Services. Info: George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastorale@shaw.ca.

EVERYBODY STRETCH — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music with Catherine Bennett. Still Point Yoga Studio, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS with Alice Friedman at The Gatehouse, 190 Reynolds Rd., 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. Info: Alice Friedman, 250-653-4332, alicef@saltspring.com.

LIFE DRAWING every Monday at the Core Inn (third floor), 1 to 3 p.m. Info: Jose Campbell, 250-537-1121. Drop-ins welcome.

PILATES LEVEL 1 CLASS at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 11 a.m. to 12 noon. This class is designed for people new to Pilates and those wanting to work on deepening their understanding of Pilates. Info: Anna Haltrecht, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com

PUMP PRIMERS co-ed heart health fitness class. All Saints By-the-Sea, 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.

READERS' THEATRE at SS Seniors Services, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

SENIORS YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio, 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

TAEKWONDO CLASSES in the studio space above Elements Home Design, 6 p.m. Info: Paul Mazzei, 250-931-8887, gyatso5@gmail.com.

TAI CHI CHEN STYLE. All levels class, including beginners, at Seven Stars Tai Chi Club, 210 Cedar Lane, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: Osman at 250-537-5667.

TOASTMASTERS public speaking group meets Mondays at the Catholic Church, lower room, 135 Drake Rd. 7 p.m.

THE CLINIC by OPT: Options for Sexual Health is open every Monday at the Core Inn 2nd floor, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 250-537-8786.

UBUNTU Community Song Circle with Barb Slater at Still Point Yoga Studio, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

VIJNANA YOGA with Cathy Valentine at The Gatehouse, Stowel Lake Farm, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

VIPASSANA MEDITATION with Nicola Bishop at Still Point Yoga Studio, 7 to 8:15 p.m.

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

YOGA FOR FERTILITY: Next clinic series begins Feb. 18 with Clare Branchflower, 4 to 5:15 p.m. Info: 250-537-2444.

ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS with Valri Cunningham and Shannon Joyce at Still Point Yoga Studio, \$10 drop-in, and first time is free, 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Info: Shannon, snomaiden@gmail.com

TUESDAY

PROBUS group for retired professionals/business people meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Meaden Hall at 10 a.m. with special guest speakers each time. Info: Bruce Eggertson, probus.ssi@gmail.com

SSI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Portlock Park portable, 4 to 6 p.m.

every TUESDAY

ART GROUP meets at SS Seniors Services, 1 p.m.

CHESS CLUB meets at SS Seniors Services, 7 p.m.

FELDENKRAIS with Alice Friedman at Still Point Yoga Studio, 5 to 6:15 p.m.

FIT FOR LIFE CLASSES with Betty-Lou Lake. All Saints lower hall, 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. Focus on balance, strength, flexibility. Target group is boomers and up. Info: blake@telus.net; 250-537-1638.

KUNDALINI MOVING MEDITATION from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and ECKHART TOLLE PRACTISING PRESENCE from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Info: Amrita, 250-537-2799.

LOST CHORDS CHOIR meets at SS Seniors Services, 10:30 a.m.

NIA class with Arleen at Still Point Yoga Studio, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Blissful, sweaty fun that will change how you feel about your body and about exercise. Info: 250-653-9235.

PARENT TOT DANCE. For parents/caregivers and their children ages 0-3 at Family Place, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

PICKLEBALL ADVANCED sessions at Fulford Hall from 2 to 5 p.m. Instruction and equipment provided. Info: Hafiz, 250-653-9579, hafiz@softlinedesign.com.

PICKLEBALL NITE CLASS at Fulford School, 6 to 9 p.m.

RESISTANCE STRETCHING — New class with Lauren King/Kip Squier at Still Point, 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.

SS SEARCH & RESCUE — Learn ground survival, search and rescue techniques at the SAR Hall, 7 to 9 p.m. Or phone Chuck Hamilton, 250-537-6601.

SMARTSOMATICS CLASS with Nelly Kosteljik at North End Fitness, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-2056; <http://smartsomatics.shawwebpage.ca/>

TAI CHI Yang style all levels class, including beginners, at Seven Stars Tai Chi Club, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: Osman at 250-537-5667.

YOGA VINASA/FLOW with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE — Slow Flow... for tired bodies! SS Centre of Yoga, 5 to 6 p.m.

ZUMBA GOLD with Lee Sigmund at Still Point Yoga Studio, 1 to 2 p.m. NO CLASSES in April until April 30.



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PARENTING

Internet safety sessions offered

Child Honouring events planned for students and parents

The Centre for Child Honouring is teaming up with Gulf Islands secondary, Salt Spring Middle School and the District Parent Advisory Council to bring an expert speaker to the island to discuss online safety for youth.

Darren Laur of Personal Protection Services will help adults understand the power of digital technology

and how to best manage a tween or teen's high-risk behaviour online on Monday, April 8 in a presentation called Digital Citizenship 101 For Parents. The free presentation for parents and other interested members of the community takes place at the GISS multipurpose room starting at 7 p.m.

Youth will also have the benefit of Laur's expert knowledge, with presentations planned for all students at SIMS on Monday morning and at GISS in the afternoon.

Laur will explain how online predators covertly "social engineer"

kids for access, the importance of digital citizenship, online ethics, online critical thinking and the challenges surrounding children's privacy (digital dossier), cyber-bullying, sexting and what parents can do to protect their child's digital footprint.

Centre for Child Honouring founder Raffi Cavoukian will introduce Laur and mediate a question and answer session after the presentation.

For more information, visit: <http://childhonouring.org/events.html>.

GUIDING

Thinking Day baby welcomed

Kaiser-Okuda daughter born closest to special date

The Salt Spring Island Trefoil Guild has welcomed Jasmin Aurora Kadek Okuda Kaiser as the island's 2013 Thinking Day baby.

Jasmin was born Feb. 27, 2013 to parents Putu Okuda and Roland Kaiser and big sister Jaquelynn, accomplishing the birth closest to Feb. 22's Think-

ing Day.

The date is celebrated by Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world, as the birthday of both Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout and Girl Guide/Scout movements, and Lady Olave Baden-Powell, who was the World Chief Guide.

The Salt Spring Island Trefoil Guild, an adult-only group of Girl Guides of Canada, presented its second annual Sparks doll to baby Jasmin in honour of the event.



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Baby Jasmin with her Sparks doll.

AGRICULTURE

'Youth Retro Gardens' come to 2013 Salt Spring Fall Fair

New event supports family food production

The Salt Spring Island Farmers Institute is encouraging young people to grow food for themselves and their families leading up to the 2013 fall fair.

An initiative of the institute's Outreach to Youth program, Youth Retro Gardens recalls the Victory Gardens island grandparents may have grown during the Second World War.

"The main purpose is the fun and experience of gardening, particularly for youth new to gardening," a press release explains.

The event is open to all young people, either through their schools or by contacting the Farmers' Institute at ssifi.org.

Participants will grow gardens in 100 square feet, the same size plot as the historic Victory Gardens. Gardens can be grown at home, on a plot of land owned by a friendly neighbour, in a



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Family horticulture display from a past fall fair. This year a new Youth Retro Garden class with a poster as its entry will make its debut, but kids should get planning now.

whole-school garden or in a school-class garden.

As an added incentive, the first students to apply through their elementary schools will receive, for free, seven packets of Dan Jason's Salt Spring Seeds. Carrots, two kinds of greens, tomatoes, peas, beans and squash will provide enough seeds to fill the plot.

The rules for the fall fair competition component are straightforward: the entire evaluation will be

based on the submission of a poster, which could contain anything, including photos, hand-drawn illustrations and poetry.

"A poster about total failure in the garden is a perfectly acceptable entry," the press release states.

"Just get the seeds in the ground!"

Parents whose children are interested in growing enough food to feed the family and join the fall fair event should contact their schools to register.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 11, 2013

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Harbour House Hotel

121 Upper Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting. If you have any questions or concerns you wish to raise with the committee or with BC Ferries, please contact the chair of the Ferry Advisory Committee [in advance of the meeting.](#)

Minutes of committee meetings are available on BC Ferries' website: www.bcferries.com.

For more information please contact:

Bob Jones, Acting Chair

Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee
Phone 250-537-5514

Darin Guenette, Public Affairs Manager
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60th Wedding Anniversary
JOHN & EDNA PHILLIPS
Married April 6, 1953
at Sacred Heart Church
in Victoria, BC

CELEBRATIONS

Marjorie Martin's 90th Birthday!

The family would love to have you join us for this celebration.
Saturday, April 13th 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Come and Go Tea at All Saint's Parish Hall.
No gifts please BUT offerings of songs, poems, stories would be most appreciated.

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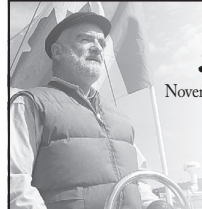
SSI Historical Society
Regular Meeting
2:00 pm Wednesday
April 10, 2013
At Central Hall

Charles Kahn, author of "Salspring the Story of an Island" will give a presentation on the History of Ganges

Tea/Coffee to follow the meeting
All are welcome

Help Preserve Salt Spring Island History
Make a Charitable Donation to the "Archives Legacy Fund"

DEATHS



Harold Brochmann
November 18, 1935 - March 27, 2013

Born in Oslo, Norway November 18, 1935 passed away after a lengthy illness on Salt Spring Island March 27, 2013.

A true Norseman always comfortable in a boat. He will be greatly missed by his wife Candace, daughter Kari (Ty) granddaughter Keira of Atlanta, Georgia, son Craig of Toronto, Ontario, stepdaughters Kelly Langill, Christine Gray (Travis) and grandchildren Therese and Damien Gray of North Vancouver. Also many cousins in Norway. Predeceased by son Michael.

Harold's varied teaching career took him from Nova Scotia to Ghana, St. Vincent, and culminated in North Vancouver. He retired to Salt Spring Island where his passion for sailing (Whisper and Gypsy) and pruning maple trees was unlimited. Harold was involved with Eggheads, on the Board of Directors at Greenwood's, Library Board and was past Commodore at the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club.

"Harold has always been the owner of a restless intellect, a man who could not bear to let things pass without understanding them in detail. Although physically robust it was his mind that made him such good company. He was especially determined when he came across a statement that was supposedly supported by fact or 'statistics', to actually make sure that the 'facts' were real facts and that the statistics actually supported the conclusions"

"Harold was a much loved curmudgeon, full of wit and intelligence and will be badly missed by everyone who knew and loved him"

A heart felt thank you for the amazing love and support shown to Harold and myself during this emotional time. We are so fortunate to live on this beautiful island surrounded by such compassionate friends, Home Care nurses and Caregivers. Thank you Dr. Reznick and Jean.

A herring and aquavit gathering to be announced.
"God bless us everyone."

SALT SPRING ABATTOIR OPEN HOUSE

Friday April 12
1-5pm
1447B Fulford-Ganges Road

For more information
www.saltspringabattoir.ca

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A DEMONSTRATION OF CLAIRVOYANCE
The Continuous Light Sanctuary
Friday, Apr. 05, 6:30 pm
506 Lower-Ganges Road
(Masonic Hall)
Suggested Donation \$10
Info: 250-537-2154

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DEATHS

NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT

2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Ratepayers of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16th, 2013 at the Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, B. C.

As required by the Letters Patent of the District, the Annual General Meeting will be held for the following purposes:

- To receive from the Trustees a report on the condition of the works and a statement of the financial condition of the Improvement District
- To discuss with the Trustees any matter relating to the works or finances of the Improvement District
- To fix the remuneration of the Trustees for the ensuing year
- To elect Three Trustees for terms of 3 years each.

NOMINEES FOR TRUSTEE ARE:

Eric Booth
Marshall Heineky
Les Howell
Denis Russell
Norbert Schlenker

Meeting Notice

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District will be held on **April 15th, 2013** at the **Ganges Fire Station (105 Lower Ganges Road)** commencing at 7:30pm. Fire District ratepayers are encouraged to attend.

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COMING EVENTS

Bible Believers Fellowship
of Salt Spring Island

Sunday service 10 - 11:30 am
sharing the saving gospel of Jesus Christ
Romans 10:17 Psalm 119:105

Bible reading Hymns Prayer

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Side stairs - upper room
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more info: 250-537-4934

COMING EVENTS

Grand opening!

Gary Holman's election campaign gets its official launch on SSI **Saturday, April 6th** with the opening of our new office in the Lancer Building, ground floor.
Address:
323 Lower Ganges Rd.
Drop in any time from 1 to 4 pm to kick things off with a big, happy & hopeful gathering. There will be coffee and cookies, and a chance to talk about changing government with Gary as our next MLA!

COMING EVENTS

Call for New Applications

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B.C.'s longest running, juried, arts and crafts show, representing the best of the Gulf Islands runs from June 14th - September 15th.

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COMING EVENTS

Salt Spring Hospice
& Bessie Dane Foundation
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday
April 17, 2013
7:00 pm at Lions Hall
103 Bonnett Avenue

All SS Hospice members are encouraged to attend and eligible to vote. Members of the Public are also welcome. For more info 250-537-2770

Swing to a Latin Beat

Mahon Hall Fundraiser
Featuring Salt Spring's
Swing Shift Band
When: Saturday, April 13
Doors open at 7:00 pm;
music at 7:30
Where: Mahon Hall
Tickets: Salt Spring Books,
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COMING EVENTS

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Salt Spring Golf Club



Tuesday, April 16 @ 10:00 am
9 Hole Golf Scramble
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Gulf Islands Seniors Residence Association
Saturday, April 20th, 10am
at Meadowbrook

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Salt Spring Seniors Services Society
Wednesday, April 24th • 2:00 p.m.
At 379 Lower Ganges Road

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LEGALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Annual General Meeting of **GLOSSI, the Gays & Lesbians of Salt Spring Island**, will be held at:
The Lions Club of Salt Spring Island
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This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

Tip of the Week:

The New Moon in Aries, the 1st official one for spring 2013, is on April 10th. Especially since there will be 5 'planets' in Aries - Sun and Moon (officially called 'luminaries') Venus, Mars and Uranus, which are already in Aries. Yet, it is the New moon in Aries cycle that will prove to really activate the season and perhaps the entire year into much more dynamic motion.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

The pace of things continues to accelerate. You have already taken some initiatives yet there the bigger ones have yet to begin. This is likely causing a stir in your love life as well, for better or worse.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

Many desires and ambitions are actively gestating. These may not be so apparent to others but you know it. The time to make your plans more public has not yet arrived.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

You are getting more attention these days. Hopefully you want it and it is the kind you want. Something is kicking off in your public life. Unfortunately, there are disturbances in the field you must contend with.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)

A period of reflection and retreat have taken a turn. Now you are being pushed into the limelight. This could be a good thing if you want it. Your confidence and/or trust levels may still be wavering more than you would like.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)

The new cycle that is about to begin will give you a boost. You have likely been dealing with a lot of complex issues over the past few months. At best, you have been getting your affairs in order and clearing the clutter.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

A cloud of confusion is finally clearing. Everyone has been dealing with it. Yet, there may be some clean-up to do to get things in order again. It is time to look to the future. The more able you are to take an independent lead the better.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

The seeds of change were sown at the last New Moon in your sign. These do indicate a mix of inspirations and ambitions but perhaps some confusion and doubt. To perpetuate your growing confidence it is important that you explore new avenues.

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NATURE

Will 2013 be an encore year for our wriggly friends?

Indications are that plenty of tent caterpillar egg masses on trees



BY JENS ROLAND
FOR SSI CONSERVANCY

Pity the poor tent caterpillar.

Its life is fraught with the challenges of staying alive all winter as an egg, hatching as a tiny larva (likely this week) and running the gauntlet of predation by ants, spiders and birds, infection by viruses, and attack by parasitic flies and wasps. And it's only trying to make a living on some succulent apple tree, alder or willow.

Few Salt Springers will pity these hungry defoliators, especially after last year's massive outbreak. Several species of tent caterpillars across Canada show population outbreaks every nine to 12 years, the severe defoliation occurring for two to three years at the peak of that cycle. Our west-

ern tent caterpillar, *Malacosoma californicum*, exhibits this pattern dramatically.

Our hope is that last year's hatchlings will have suffered enough mortality to start the collapse of the infestation.

The most important among the natural enemies of the western tent caterpillar are viral disease and insect parasites. Virus, specific to this species, is passed from the female moth via the surface of the egg mass she lays; the 300 or so caterpillars hatching from that egg mass are infected as they chew their way out. Infected caterpillars die and re-infect older caterpillars.

They also pick virus

from the surface of leaves and bark. In this way the disease builds up as the summer days progress.

The main insect parasite attacking tent caterpillars is a Tachinid fly which looks much like a big house fly. It lays conspicuous white eggs on the caterpillar, often near the host's head. The fly maggot hatches out of the egg, burrows into the caterpillar and devours it from within. As with diseases, numbers of these flies build up over several years.

An orchardist friend clipped 70 of the egg masses from his apple trees in only 20 minutes . . .

What can we expect this year? An orchardist friend clipped 70 of the egg masses from his apple trees in only 20 minutes, which sounds like the infestation isn't over yet.

It only takes one egg

mass per apple tree to result in severe leaf loss. I kept these masses warm for a week to force hatching; 95 per cent survived, suggesting that the mild winter had little effect on the population. Let's hope there are enough viruses and parasites to help start collapse of the caterpillar outbreak.

What can a homeowner do? Not much when egg masses are high in an alder tree. On small trees like apples there is some hope. Egg masses can be picked off during winter, but it is much easier to see and to remove recently hatched caterpillars and their silken tent.

You'll see them over the next several weeks. Cut the tent off and drop it in a bucket of soapy water or onto a fire.

My guess is that we will have to endure one more spring with the creepy-crawlers before the ultimate demise of the current outbreak.

The writer is an insect ecologist on Salt Spring Island.



Above, A spring aggregation of tent caterpillars, some doomed by parasitic fly eggs (City of Victoria photo). Below, August is the time that the adult female moths fly and lay their single silvery-grey egg mass (USDA).



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WATER COUNCIL

Water group ponders options

Rainwater workshop going ahead despite funding challenges

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As Salt Spring Water Council members prepare to celebrate the group's 10th anniversary, financial uncertainty threatens to dampen the festivities.

"Water council is here to serve the public and we require help," said council member Ron Hawkins.

At a March 22 public meeting, members discussed implementation of membership fees or modest admission charges for workshops as ways to boost revenue.

How to act on the fee issue means finding a balance between recovering costs and encouraging public participation, noted Suzan Chamney, the water council's part-time coordinator.

"There's no right answer," she said.

Chamney has spent much of her first two months on the job exploring fundraising options and grant opportunities. Part of the challenge, she

said, has been navigating stringent regulations that govern how registered societies can obtain funds.

In the meantime, modest savings are to be had as a result of the decision to hold the water council's bi-monthly meetings at the Portlock Park portable rather than the Lions Hall.

Since it was formed in 2003, the water council has sought to broaden the public's understanding of Salt Spring's potable water resources, said Peter Lamb, the group's vice chair and a former coordinator for the group.

"We haven't packed up our marbles and gone home yet."

SUZAN CHAMNEY
Coordinator,
SSI Water Council

For much of the group's existence, council funding was split between the Islands Trust, the Capital Regional District and the North Salt Spring Waterworks District.

A decision by the NSSWD to focus funds

on a St. Mary Lake water treatment plant, along with uncertainty about stable CRD and Islands Trust support, have precipitated the council's budgetary pinch.

"We have no assurances, unlike in the first six years for general funding, to make sure we can do the things we've been doing for a number of years," Lamb said.

He said the council needs between \$8,000 and \$10,000 in annual funding to continue its work.

For the time being, Chamney added, the group's financial woes won't affect a rainwater workshop scheduled to coincide with Drinking Water Week at the end of May.

"We haven't packed up our marbles and gone home yet," said Suzan Chamney. "We're not totally dead in the water, but we need help with core funding."

Further information about the water council's role and events is available at ssiwatercouncil.com. The group always welcomes financial contributions from individual donors. Contact Chamney at SSI-WaterCouncil@shaw.ca.

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SOCCER

Still lots of thrills to come in Salt Spring soccer season

As you have guessed by the sunny weather, another soccer season is winding down — everyone knows we only play when it is wet!

It has been another successful season for the Salt Spring United Soccer Club and its 400 members, but there are still a few loose ends to complete before the final curtain is drawn on the 2012-13 soccer season.



Malcolm Legg

SOCCER ROUND-UP

hope to bring home some silverware. Get out to support them if you can.

District Cup

This year's District Cup finals will be played April 6 and 7 at Juan de Fuca. Salt Spring has one entry in the girls U-15 gold cup final. This group of highly motivated girls and their coach, Mardon Dary, have had a great year, winning the girls U-15 league and now challenging for a cup victory as well.

Time and day of the game has not been set, but the executive of SS United and all its members are behind them in their quest, as they

Youth Wrap-up Tourney

Again this year we will stage our five-a-side tourney for youths aged nine to 18 on April 13 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Portlock Park.

The groupings look to be as follows: girls U-9 to 12, girls U-14 and 15, boys U-9 and 10, boys U-11 and U-12 silver, boys U-12 gold to U-14 and a co-ed group with boys U-16 and girls U-17. There will probably be four teams per grouping and they will play round-robin games over the day to complete their

season.

There will be a concession, some skill testing (we hope) and a possible exhibition game involving the SS United referees versus an unknown opponent to date.

Basically it's a day for showcasing some soccer skills, some good games and a whole lot of fun. Make sure you do not miss this.

AGM

SS United will hold its annual general meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 13 at the Portlock Park portable.

We invite all members to come and see what is planned for next season and get us feedback on things you would like to see in the program.

We will, of course, have our usual election of officers and are always looking for new people to help us run this program for soccer on Salt Spring. Positions



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Soccer balls are still on the field this spring.

open include sponsorship/communication-newsletter, trophies-tourneys and risk management, and believe me we would appreciate the help.

We will also have our budget approved and highlight registration fees, which will not go up (hooray!) and also discuss changing the Mini

Program season. If you have any interest in helping out our soccer executive in any way, please contact Colin Walde at cwalde@shaw.ca.

2013/14 Fee Structure

As I mentioned, next year's fees will not be going up as we are going to try to stay within our allocation

of funds as in the previous season, partially by off-setting with some sponsorship money. If you wish to take advantage of the early-bird savings by registering before April 30, 2013, please go to our website, www.saltsspring-soccer.com to register and get the details.

May Long Challenge Cup

The final event for the season will be the Salt Spring Challenge Cup as our adult teams will compete against visiting teams from Victoria, Vancouver and Vancouver Island on the May holiday weekend. Three days of hot soccer action at men's and women's competitive, rec and Over 35 divisions should keep everyone busy with lots of great soccer action to watch.

As you can see, there is still lots of soccer to go, even with the wonderful sunny weather, so get out and take some of it in as the soccer season never really ends!

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Will we see former Flame Iggy pop with the Pens?

Jarome Iginla has just made the Pittsburgh Penguins the most powerful team in the NHL — or at least that's what everyone will have you believe.

The 35-year-old was traded to the Penguins last week after initial reports had him going to the Boston Bruins.

The move ended over 16 years with the Calgary Flames for Iginla, who earned a reputation as one of the team's greatest players and captains, holding nearly every scoring record for Cowtown.

Iginla now moves on to the next chapter of his career with the Pens, who already have an abundance of talent with the likes of Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and Kris Letang, not to mention the recent acquisitions of Brenden Morrow and Douglas Murray.

To say the Pens are ready to make a run at the Stanley Cup is quite the understatement as they have assembled easily the most competitive playoff team in the league — on paper.

Call me a skeptic or a hater, but I'm not completely sold on people essentially handing the Cup over to the Pens, who were obviously still top contenders without Iginla, Morrow and Murray, but now face even more pressure to succeed with their top-flight acquisitions.

As far as proven playoff experience, Iginla has only made it out of the first round once in his career, albeit in a very successful Stanley Cup run that ended with a Game 7 loss in the finals against the Tampa Bay Lightning in 2004.



Patrick Cwiklinski

OFFSIDE

A lot of people (hopeful fans mostly) also seem to think Iginla playing alongside Crosby is a shoo-in to happen right off the bat. That's another misconception, as the Pens captain has been having a heck of a season playing with Pascal Dupuis and Chris Kunitz as his wingers. Both Dupuis and Kunitz have risen to the occasion and become high-level point-producers in the NHL.

So where does that put Iggy? It would probably make sense to put him on a wing with Malkin as the centre and James Neal on the other side, which is a pretty formidable line in terms of offensive talent and just sheer size, especially considering you have the option of putting a player like Morrow on the third line and moving him up should a certain combination fail.

The Pens definitely have the star power to win a cup, but chemistry is such a vital part of any championship team that it remains to be seen whether Iginla can fit in with his new crew right away and become a nightly contributor, especially come playoff time.

It's a low risk gamble for the Pens, considering what they gave up in order to get one of the NHL's premier talents, but it doesn't go without saying that they'll be laughing all the way to a Stanley Cup with Iginla in their line-up.

All it really means is the Pittsburgh faithful are going to keep their team under an even tinier microscopic lens.

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