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FIRE DISTRICT

Strong turnout at fire hall open house

Taxpayer portion estimated at \$5 million; first drawings released

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring residents turned out in droves for the latest public open house on a proposed new fire hall that took place at the existing Ganges hall on Saturday afternoon.

Architect Kim Johnston and members of her team were on hand to present a series of new design drawings that gave the public their first chance to see the projected floor plan of the 18,000-square-foot facility, which was designed to include Salt Spring Ground Search and Rescue, the Emergency Operations Centre office and a ham radio operators room, in addition to the majority of the fire department's operations and equipment.

With this latest set of drawings the fire district's board of trustees has estimated a borrowing amount of \$5 million for a \$6-million project, which would increase taxes for the average homeowner by \$51.12 per year for 20 years.

"We're starting to look in more detail at the types of construction that could be used to take this project to the design development phase," Johnston said in her presentation.

FIRE HALL continued on 2



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

PRETTY IN PINK: Art Falardeau picks up a hyacinth plant at Foxglove Farm & Garden Supply's 24th annual Spring Show on Saturday, in between his duties with the 4-H club at the event.

RCMP

Men nabbed after debt shakedown

RCMP seek leads in hunt for '250' tagger

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring RCMP have issued multiple criminal charges to a pair of alleged debt collectors in conjunction with a March 30 incident on Maliview Drive.

Michael Brown and Thomas Wood were charged with harassment, extortion and unlawful confinement after being tracked down by police last week at a Hereford Drive residence.

According to RCMP Sgt. George Jenkins, the men allegedly entered the victim's home to collect a debt owed to a third party.

"Police were called to the scene at 9:44 p.m., but the two fled prior to police arrival," reads a statement from Sgt. Jenkins. "The victim and his girlfriend were not injured and the intruders were known to them."

The men were held overnight at the Salt Spring RCMP detachment on April 2 and transported to Duncan Provincial Court, where they appeared before a judge the following day. Brown and Wood were granted a conditional release. The men are scheduled to appear in Ganges Provincial Court on May 15 to enter a plea.

"This matter is still under investigation as police suspect more individuals may have been involved," Sgt. Jenkins said.

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Sketch of external view of a possible emergency services centre design for the fire district's Lower Ganges Road site, done by Johnston Davidson Architecture and presented at an open house at the Ganges Fire Hall on Saturday. More drawings are available for viewing at www.firehallinfo.com.

Suggested design ready for feedback

FIRE HALL
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"I know that in this room there are probably a varied group as how everybody sees what the most important item here is. Should it be sustainable? Should it be built by local trades? Should it be something that is inexpensive? Should it be durable? All of those questions."

To get a clearer answer on one of the many decisions coming up for the board of trustees on behalf of the public, Johnston provided a comparison between four possible building materials for the external walls, which is estimated to make up 20 per cent of the total building.

"What we've done is take a look at four different wall types," Johnston said.

"The walls of the apparatus bays could be used, and should be used, as storage. If we don't do that we have to build more square footage, because the building just won't be able to accommodate all the storage needs that they have."

Using illustrative photographs from four of the firm's past projects, the project board compared cross-laminated timber, concrete block, pre-engineered steel and post-disaster wood frame for the pros and cons of each material, its

price per square foot of floor area and its R value, or insulating capacity. Estimates were done in conjunction with a cost estimator.

Post-disaster wood frame came in at the lowest price (\$25), followed closely by steel at \$26, while concrete block topped the list at \$37. Cross laminated timber came in at \$29 but carried an R value twice as high as any of the other types, and had the added benefits of being a B.C. product and quick to put up.

"The building is looking to be a 50-year-plus building. So we want to make sure that the choices that you spend your money on now are not going to cost you an enormous amount of money into the future on operating costs," Johnston said.

Questions from the public during the presentation included queries about how to further reduce costs and the facility's square footage.

Johnston said site development could be a major factor, such as reducing parking stalls. She added the building and parking bays don't leave a lot of room for reduction because they have been designed to be as space efficient as possible.

"The idea here is to try to make spaces that are multifunctional, that are used

by various groups. You don't see a lot of offices here," Johnston said. "I can't imagine taking down any of SAR's area [in the vehicle bay] because we've been through that in detail as to what they need."

Tendering the hall's upper floor, with its dorm, kitchen and bathrooms as a future option for development is a possibility. The upper area is also designed to host a fitness area with equipment and floor finish to be provided by the associations involved, not the taxpayer. Johnston noted that not including those areas could negatively impact how the participating organizations function.

"All of this is part and parcel of how these operations run. So you could do it, but you'd be compromising the way they operate," she said.

A breakdown of the most up-to-date cost estimates can be found at firehallinfo.com/budget. A referendum on borrowing is currently planned for the end of June.

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Fire hall or integrated services centre?

Authority question answered by ministry official

Community members who attended a town hall session with fire hall architect Kim Johnston last December voiced support for including other emergency services in the building — which has led to the building being envisioned as an 18,000-square-

foot structure.

The ability to do so was recently challenged by islander Norbert Schlenker and fire trustee candidate Scott Simmons, who suggested at the April 1 fire trustees meeting that including those services in a new hall was outside the fire protection district's mandate and authority granted in its letters patent and governing bylaw.

However, an email from the district's contact from

the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development states this is not the case.

"In 1989, an Order in Council gave the trustees of an improvement district the same powers as a municipal council with regard to the establishment and regulation of fire departments," wrote Joshua Craig.

"The key issue is that the additional responsibilities must be enacted by bylaw.

Salt Spring Island has done so by bylaw #59, paragraph 7.

"Additionally, section 745 (1) of the Local Government Act states that 'An improvement district . . . has all the powers necessary or useful in carrying out its objects.' This means that if the trustees feel that having the EOC and SAR in the building helps with providing the services in bylaw #59, paragraph 7, they may locate them there."



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SCIENCE

Humpback whale carcass buried in Salt Spring manure

Contractors prepare skeleton for future use

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring family's back yard was transformed into a whale carcass processing station on Friday as Mike deRoos prepared to bury a recently deceased humpback in a bed of horse manure.

DeRoos, a biologist and the owner of Cetacea Contracting, brought the carcass back to Salt Spring from Tofino after working with a team of helpers for several days to remove most of the flesh from the whale's skeleton. Once it's spent around a year in the manure, the remaining organic material and oils should be gone, leaving the skeleton in the preferred condition for research and possible display at the Royal B.C. Museum in Victoria.

"We're really, really excited about the skeleton because it's completely intact," said Michi Main, deRoos' wife and a partner in the cleaning and recovery process.

The couple's two young daughters and Mike's father Bob deRoos were also part of the crew that travelled to Tofino for the trip.

The whale is a nine-metre (30-foot) juvenile female that was discovered dead and entangled in fish farm nets last week. DeRoos was notified by a friend on Salt Spring



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Biologist Mike deRoos takes a break from sawing the flesh off a whale carcass at his Salt Spring property on Friday.

about the discovery and was soon making the calls to get the necessary permits to process the carcass.

"Mike's been in the field 10 years, so he has a good network, and there's not too many people who do this sort of thing," said Main,



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

A close up view of humpback whale remains, with skull and vertebrae visible. The skeleton will be buried for at least a year to remove all flesh and oil before it can be used for research and display.

explaining why organizations like the Department of Fisheries and Oceans were happy to cooperate. "And you have to be able to respond pretty quickly to something like that before anything happens to the skeleton."

The whale's age has been estimated by her size (an adult could reach 16 to 18 meters in length) and by a possible identification made by another scientist.

"They're actually difficult to age," deRoos explained.

"But this one, a researcher thinks she's matched a picture of its fluke

to a calf that returned with its mother to the area last year. So it's really just about tracking individuals."

While this is Cetacea's first contract with the Royal B.C. Museum, deRoos has previously worked on a blue whale skeleton that was installed at the University of British Columbia in 2010, among other projects. He got his start in a student summer job cleaning smaller marine mammal skeletons for a museum opening on the northern tip of Vancouver Island. His first major project was a 60-foot fin whale in Telegraph Cove.

"I just happened to be in the right place at the right time with the right experience and skills," said deRoos.

Surprisingly, his carpentry skills were almost as important as his biology degree. (Skeleton recovery now accounts for about 30 per cent of Cetacea's income, while building contracts occupy most of the company's time.)

On Friday afternoon the odour of stale whale oil permeated the family's Salt Spring property, as deRoos and his father worked at removing the remaining material from difficult areas such as the lower spine. A pile of mammoth-sized ribs, the 400 to 500-pound skull, and vertebrae the size of small propellers were already clean.

Main remarked they were happy to see flies attacking the pile, because it meant maggots would soon be doing their job. Aeration tubes spaced between the ground and the manure will help speed up the biological process.

"We've done a lot of experimenting over the years with marine mammals, and we've found manure, especially horse manure, is the most expedient way to remove the flesh without harming the bones," Main said.

The DFO is currently investigating why the apparently healthy whale died. The researchers found no sign of disease or trauma and noted the humpback's belly was full of fish.

NEWS BRIEFS

Gymnast earns B.C. 5th

An aspiring island gymnast looks to be in great shape for next month's Western Canadian Championships in Winnipeg.

Darby McIntyre overcame a devastating performance in the beam event to secure a fifth-place spot at Sunday's provincial championships in Prince George.

McIntyre completed her comeback thanks to a second-place finish on bars and a pair of first-place finishes in the floor and vault routines.

With less than a month before McIntyre competes with Team BC at the Western Canadian Championships in Winnipeg, she's determined to spend the next few weeks getting primed for the big event.

Darby's mother said the family has received a wonderful response from the com-

munity to handle travel and training expenses.

Transit survey now online

BC Transit is looking for community perspectives on proposed changes that could affect bus service on Salt Spring Island.

The main issues include: a new approach to the busy summer Saturday service between Ganges and Ful-

ford, year-round midday and 4:30 p.m. trips to Fernwood, service expansion to Walker Hook, an extension of the Vesuvius route to include Elizabeth and Chuan, and minor route adjustments to the Salt Spring Connector route.

Depending on feedback, the summer Saturday change could take effect before the end of June, with other changes implemented by September.

The survey can be completed at bctransit.com/transitfuture/ssi_future.cfm until April 14.

Two more awards

The Driftwood has added two more first-place national awards to its 2012 collection as results of the Great Idea Awards were released from Toronto.

Gulf Islander Visitors' Guide

won first place for best magazine produced by small community newspapers, and top honours for best special section went to the inaugural Best of Salt Spring Island publication. The Great Idea Awards program is run by Newspapers Canada, and covers special publication, advertising and promotional categories.

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BUSINESS

Landmark island business has closed its doors

Moby's closed 'until further notice'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An iconic island business at the head of Ganges Harbour sealed the hatches on April 3, becoming the fourth Salt Spring restaurant to close up shop in recent months.

"I am very grateful for the patronage of so many Salt Spring residents over the past four years," wrote Robert Steinbach, the owner of Moby's Oyster Bar and Marine Grill, in an email.

Steinbach didn't offer any further explanation for the closure, nor what's in store for the prominent waterfront location.

A sign posted to the front door of Moby's Oyster Bar and Marine Grill by lunchtime Thursday advised patrons the business is closed until further notice. The business employed 12 full-time workers, with up to an additional 14 through the busier summer months.

Commenters on Gulf Islands Driftwood's Facebook site were quick to voice sadness over the loss of the popular island watering hole. Others voiced concerns

about the sluggish economy, the high cost of doing business on Salt Spring and implementation of more stringent drinking and driving regulations.

"Many have stopped going out to pubs out of fear that they'll have their car/licence taken away after sharing a bottle of wine," said James Wood. "I'm no advocate of drunk driving, but I feel the new limits have had a direct impact on the bar scene."

"On a brighter note, there are soon to be at least two new restaurant opportunities available for Islander's to show their loyalty to," commented Jennifer Shaw of the Fernwood Road Cafe.

"It's not all doom and gloom. There will soon be new people in the Market Place space, the new owners of the Noodle Box are making amazingly delicious food (for great prices) and I've heard that the Grace Point space will open again before too long. Get out and enjoy our wonderful food offerings."

"Between the tax situation, ferry fares, the crap economy, the crap weather, and people having less spare time and fewer mad-money dollars — it's really no wonder," wrote Andrew Hill. "I used to go to Salt Spring all



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Moby's officially closed its doors on Wednesday, April 3.

the time, but I can't afford it anymore."

The closure represents a significant loss for island musicians and music lovers who congregated at the pub for live entertainment. As one of the island's top live music venues, the restaurant's closure has forced artists like Dave Campbell to consider their options.

"There are a handful of us local musicians who are trying

to put our heads together to figure out what to do," he said.

Campbell has taken to the Moby's stage countless times as part of various bands since he moved to the island about 10 years ago. During that time, he's witnessed a drop in the number of live music venues on the island.

Nevertheless, Campbell is optimistic someone with enough capital will re-open the venue and provide a new start.

"Maybe somebody is waiting in the wings," he said. "We've seen it close and we've seen it reopen. I'm confident that Moby's will re-open. It's just a matter of how long it's going to take."

In the meantime, he intends to work alongside other musicians to focus on the island's other venues, while looking to possibly expand live music offerings at community halls.

"Necessity is the mother of invention," he said.

John Tylee, chair of the Capital Regional District-funded Salt Spring Community Economic Development Commission, said the closure coincides with his group's near completion of a general plan to promote business development on the island

during the next several years.

Parts of the plan, he said, will be revealed at the CEDC's April 18 public board meeting at the school board office beginning at 4 p.m.

"There are a couple of things we've put in train that do have some relevance to try and strengthen the Ganges business environment," he said.

Tylee pointed to workshops designed to get business owners familiar with social media marketing, more effective branding across various sectors of the island and better coordination of island events between community groups and business owners.

"We are concerned, as everybody is, when three major or prominent restaurants falter in a very short timeframe," he added. "We don't know the reasons and every business has its own story, but the basic thrust of the committee is to try and get businesses working together."

Since the beginning of 2013, three other restaurants have closed their doors, including the Raven Street Market Café in Fernwood, Market Place Café at Gasoline Alley and Bruce's Kitchen in Grace Point Square.



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FLASH-BACK: Vehicles owned by members of the Vancouver Island chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club gave a retro look to Ganges over the weekend.

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NSSWD

Waterworks hosts election hoopla

Incumbents challenged at AGM set for Tuesday, April 16

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As election fever scorches the island, the North Salt Spring Waterworks District's board of directors finds itself fanning the flames of its very own election race.

"We've got more [candidates] than we have spaces," said NSSWD chair Denis Russell, one of two incumbents after another term on the board. "Usually, this doesn't happen, so it'll be a nice change."

Fellow incumbent Marshall Heinekey said his decision to run again is based on continuing the forward momentum generated by the current board and NSSWD staff.

"I really feel I've got my game together as a board director and really understand the issues from a ratepayer's perspective," he said.

Former board member Les Howell has thrown his name in the contest after an eight-year hiatus.

He said receiving good value for the dollar when it comes to the new water treatment plant sought for St. Mary Lake encouraged him to step out of retirement.

"I'm passionate about water quality and supply," he said. "Water is the most important resource we have."

Candidate Norbert Schlenker said he wants to use his business background to make sure proper financial controls are implemented as work begins on the new treatment facility, a multi-million dollar capital project.

"I think it's incumbent on NSSWD, as the biggest water user from the island's lakes, to do what it can to deliver potable water from those lakes in the most cost-effective way," Schlenker wrote in an email. "That may mean new treatment plants or contributions to improving water source quality or encouraging water conservation."

"Most likely, it means a combination of such measures, with an eye to minimizing the cost to the district's ratepayers."

Eric Booth, a former Salt Spring Local Trust Committee mem-

ber who has been out of politics for more than seven years, said he's taken an "open mind and an objective perspective" about the prospect of being elected to the NSSWD board.

"I thought it was time to throw my hat into the ring, and offer my time and experience," Booth stated in an email. "However, I can't help but think about what I kept asking myself when I ran for islands trustee in 2002 — "What's the worst that could happen? I could win."

The election of new board members takes place during the NSSWD's annual general meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16 at the Community Gospel Chapel (147 Vesuvius Bay Rd.). Voters will be asked to select three candidates who will fill two three-year and one two-year position on the five-member board.

Voting is open to any district ratepayer who is over the age of 18, a Canadian citizen and listed on title as a property owner.

The AGM will include a board report on the condition of works at the district and an overview of the NSSWD's finances.

AGRICULTURE

Abattoir gives public tours on Friday

Donations can still be made

The Salt Spring Abattoir will be open to the public on Friday, April 12 from 1 to 5 p.m. and to invited guests by appointment that morning.

A sign at the entrance at 1447B Fulford-Ganges Rd. directs traffic to the left, through the gate and past the cottage.

"Although still not completely finished, the abattoir is now able to handle sheep and all kinds of poultry," reports Margaret Thomson from the abattoir society and Agricultural Alliance.

"The grounds have been spruced up and the perimeter fence completed. Further construction, and the fundraising to pay for it, will continue throughout the year."

The public is invited

to take note of the ways they can still help to contribute to this important facility. Country Grocery tapes in Box 27, feed bought from Foxglove or Starbarks, dinners at local farms, and burgers at the Fall Fair will all help to cover the remaining bills.

Donations to the Agricultural Alliance can still be made by mailing cheques to Anne Macey, chair, Salt Spring Island

Agricultural Alliance, 106 Old Scott Rd., SSI, V8K 2L6.

"The alliance and the directors of the abattoir society, which runs operations, are most grateful for the generous support of so many individuals, groups and organizations, that understand the need for local abattoir services for the survival of Salt Spring's small mixed farms and our local food supply," said Thomson.

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THOUGHTS & NEWS

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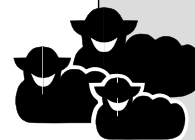
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE Proposed Bylaws No. 465 and 466

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a Public Hearing concerning **Proposed Bylaw No. 465 and Proposed Bylaw No. 466** for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained therein. At the public hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions. A Community Information Meeting will precede the Public Hearing.

DATE: Wednesday, April 24, 2013
LOCATION: Hart Bradley Hall (Lions Club), 103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island
TIME: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Community Information Meeting
5:30 PM onward – Public Hearing

Staff and members of the Local Trust Committee will be available at the hall from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM to provide information about the bylaws and to answer any questions. Members of the public will have an opportunity to comment on the bylaws at the Public Hearing which will begin promptly at 5:30 PM.

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 465, cited as "Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee Land Use Contract Authorization By-law No. 12, 1978 (Blackburn Farm Society), Amendment No. 1, 2013" (Salt Spring Island Conservancy).

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 465 is to amend Salt Spring Island Trust Committee Land Use Contract Authorization By-law No. 12, 1978 (Blackburn Farm Society) as follows:

1. By altering Schedule D to allow discharge of the land use contract from Lot 1, Section 86, South Salt Spring Island, Plan 17652, as identified on Schedule 'A' to the proposed bylaw, as shown on the following sketch map (Plan No. 1).

2. Proposed Bylaw No. 466, cited as "Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 2, 2013" (Salt Spring Island Conservancy).

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 466 is to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 355 as follows:

1. By adding a new Agriculture 2 Zone Variation (b) – A2(b) to allow 2 additional principal uses for conservation, and education and research, with associated buildings and structures not to exceed 100 m² (1076 ft²) for each new principal use. Single family dwellings will not be permitted in this new zone.

2. By changing the zoning classification of Lot 1, Section 86, South Salt Spring Island, Plan 17652, from Agriculture 2 – A2 to Agriculture 2 Zone Variation (b) – A2(b), as shown on the following sketch map (Plan No. 1).

Plan No. 1 – Proposed Bylaws No. 465 and 466



Copies of the proposed bylaws, and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee, may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Wednesday, April 10, 2013 and up to and including Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 12:00 Noon. The proposed bylaws may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website at:

<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltr/ss/pdf/ssbylamendlu0465.pdf> for Proposed Bylaw No. 465; and at: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltr/ss/pdf/ssbylamendlu0466.pdf> for Proposed Bylaw No. 466.

Enquiries regarding Proposed Bylaws 465 and 466 may be directed to the Islands Trust at (250) 537-9144. For Toll Free access, request a transfer to the Islands Trust via Enquiry BC: in Vancouver at 604-660-2421; elsewhere in BC at 1-800-663-7867. Written submissions may be delivered as follows:

1. By mail to the Islands Trust at 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2N8; or by Fax to (250) 537-9116.
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3. To the Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing.

All applications are available for review by the public. Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

NO REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BYLAWS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Pauline Brazier, Deputy Secretary

WATER

Rough waters for monitoring plan

Questions loom over unanswered recommendations

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island's Capital Regional District director has put a \$30,000 water-quality monitoring program on hold amidst concerns the money could be better spent elsewhere.

"Because of all the [water quality] issues, we want to maintain the budget item," Wayne McIntyre told participants at the latest water council meeting in March. "The money is there and the program is on hold."

McIntyre's comments followed a written submission presented to the Salt Spring Water Council by Maxine Leichter on behalf of the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society.

"This is a lot of money," Leichter said. "This is \$30,000 that may not be being spent as well as it could."

In her written presentation to water council members, Leichter asked water council for an opinion as to whether the quality of information collected through the Stormwater, Harbours and Watersheds Program justified the program's

cost.

The SHWP was established in 2005 as a way to collect water-quality data from locations on St. Mary and Cusheon lakes as well as from Fulford and Ganges harbours.

Monitoring compiles samples of such indicators as flow rate, fecal coliform, temperature, pH and phosphorus. Criticism of the program flows from the program's inconsistent collection methods and questionable results.

"It's a useless sort of information," said John Sprague, a water council member and retired biology professor who maintains an active interest in the health of the island and watersheds. "We've handed out \$250,000 to these people and got essentially nothing in return."

"My advice is to stop bleeding money to this outfit."

In her letter to water council members, Leichter and the SSWPS identify multiple criticisms of the program in its current form. The CRD's failure to follow up on SHWP recommendations, poor presentation of data and the possibility that funds could be spent "on other scientific work that would be more helpful to improving water quality at Cusheon and

St. Mary lakes."

Among recommendations made in a SHWP report published in 2012 are a call to identify sources of contaminants and human-related activities which can negatively affect water quality, and obtain new samples to follow up on results obtained in 2009 and 2010.

According to the report, "Sources of fecal coliforms appeared to be agricultural areas, waterfowl and onsite sewage disposal, but more investigations are needed to identify the locations of origin."

"Although no failing septic tanks and fields were identified by SHWP staff, bacterial source tracking analysis shows that fecal coliform bacteria from humans . . . are present in lake surface water. These bacteria are likely entering the lake from stormwater or groundwater."

McIntyre said he hopes further discussions with water council members and representatives on the St. Mary Lake Watershed Working Group can focus on more effective ways to spend the money as work to improve the water quality in St. Mary Lake continues to build momentum.

More information about the SHWP is available at www.crd.bc.ca/watersheds.

GOVERNANCE

Salt Spring governance committee approves terms to continue work

Final report anticipated by Nov. 1

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the committee tasked to summarize the island's governance structure conquered a significant milestone Friday afternoon by unanimously approving their new terms of reference.

The highly anticipated and finely crafted 12-page document establishes what the governance committee is, what it intends to accomplish and how it plans to get there.

"I think there was some frustration that it took longer than expected to complete the terms of reference," said Pat Preston, the committee's media liaison, after Friday's meeting.

"Input from committee members was by email and committee members often found it difficult to keep on top of changes."

According to the TOR, the committee will spend the next month on a request for proposals for a qualified consultant who will research the island's current governance structure and "engage the community in discussion of their perceptions of governance matters on the island."

The consultant will be chosen by the middle of June, with work to begin soon thereafter. A final report and recommendations should be ready by early November.

Informal engagement opportunities will continue through media outlets, social media and community meetings. A more formal approach will involve two public opinion surveys and two public forums.

"It is anticipated that the consultant will be able to present the study in two parts: 1) current governance on the island, socio-economic trends and findings and public

engagement activities . . . and 2) comparison of rural versus municipal forms of local government and results from survey and informal engagement activities," reads part of the TOR document.

"I think there was some frustration that it took longer than expected to complete the terms of reference."

PAT PRESTON
Media liaison,
SSI Governance Study Committee

Governance study committee members will forward the consultant's final report to the provincial government and "make a

recommendation on whether or not there is community interest in proceeding to a municipal incorporation study."

Total funding for the governance study is \$59,000. Half of that will be used to facilitate public engagement programs.

"There are also other tasks relating to the committee to be addressed — committee members' ongoing responsibilities, speaking opportunities, preparing questions and answers," Preston added in an email.

The complete document is available online at bit.ly/XBJ3Tb.

In other governance committee news, members decided not to fill the vacancy created by the withdrawal of Jack Giles.

Citing health concerns, Giles withdrew from the committee in March. Giles' absence drops the committee's membership to 13 members, including three non-voting elected representatives.

Police seek public help in Volvo hit-and-run

RCMP
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In other police news, officers need the public's help to find the owner of a silver Volvo that backed into a

parked car in front of Islands Savings Credit Union on McPhillips Avenue. The incident is said to have occurred on April 2 at approximately 11:30 a.m.
"The Volvo will have minor damage and

a broken tail light," according to information in an RCMP news release.
Police also want the public's help to identify a vandal who's been spray painting buildings on Salt Spring. North

Salt Spring Waterworks District employees have reported vandalism at three sites.
Affected facilities are at Cusheon Lake, Cranberry Road and Broadwell Road.
"One of the tags is

signed '250' style," Sgt. Jenkins added.
Anyone with information relating to any of these incidents is encouraged to call the Salt Spring RCMP detachment at 250-537-5555.

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GOVERNMENT

Lieutenant Governor to visit Salt Spring



The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, in her official portrait.

Farm and community visit topped off with Harbour House reception

The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, will visit Salt Spring on Tuesday, April 16, as part of her tour of the Gulf Islands.

Guichon's busy Salt Spring schedule starts with a visit to Gulf Islands Secondary School at 12 noon. Subsequent stops include Foxglove Farm at 1:15 p.m., the Salt Spring Abattoir at 2 p.m., Salt Spring Vineyards at 2:30 p.m., Salt Spring Island Cheese Company at 3 p.m., a community tea at the Salt Spring Library at 3:30 p.m., and Meadowbrook Seniors Residence at 4:15 p.m.

The day will end with a public reception at the Harbour House Hotel starting at 5:30 p.m. Guichon, who is a rancher in the Nicola Valley, will speak on "the importance of agriculture in community building."

The hotel will serve specially

prepared select local foods.

Members of the community are invited to attend the event, with limited tickets for \$10 each available at the Harbour House reception desk. Residents are advised to either purchase tickets in advance or reserve by calling 250-537-5571.

Guichon was sworn in to her position on Nov. 2, 2012, replacing Steven Point.

The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia website explains that prior to this appointment, Guichon owned and operated Gerard Guichon Ranch Limited. The Guichon family has ranched in the area since 1878 and her father-in-law was awarded the Order of Canada in 1974 for his leadership in cattlemen's associations and his contribution to agriculture in Canada.

Along with her late husband, commercial pilot Lawrence Guichon, she introduced Holistic Management to B.C. ranchers. Guichon's four children now manage the ranch with a 700-head cow-calf and 700-yearling operation.

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ISLANDS TRUST

Advisory group amalgamation rolls ahead

Trust's Executive Committee to consider changes

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The amalgamation of volunteer-led advisory groups is set for approval by the Islands Trust's Executive Committee before the end of the month.

LTC members gave proposed Bylaw 467 first, second and third reading at their meeting in March, before sending the matter to the Executive Committee for consideration.

The decision follows months of discussion between LTC members, Islands Trust planning staff, advisory committee volunteers and members of the public about the changes.

"There are certainly more chairs for it than against the amalgamation," said George Grams, a Salt Spring LTC member.

"There seems to be some division in the committees themselves to this idea, but I think, having weighed staff advice, the needs of the community and the resources available, that the balance demonstrated in this bylaw is well struck, so I'm happy with it."

Once approved, the proposed bylaw will create an 11-member Advisory Planning Commission. The new APC will incorporate functions of the current Advisory Design Panel, Advisory Environment Committee and APC. The Agricultural Advisory Committee will be rebranded as the Agricultural Advisory Planning Commission.

New commissions devoted to special projects, such as the Industrial Advisory Planning Commission, can be convened "from time to time" as required, according to the proposed bylaw.

The volunteers who sit on the island's various advisory groups and com-

missions are mandated to offer insight on land-use applications considered by the island's LTC. Though not legally binding, advisory board recommendations are forwarded to LTC members for consideration.

The LTC's decision to move ahead with the reconfiguration follows mixed reviews from advisory group members.

According to a staff report presented at the March 21 meeting, members of the Advisory Environment Committee passed a resolution on Feb. 14 opposing the move.

"Discussion is to be tabled until all members of the [AEC] can meet in order to put forward a final response to this proposal," reads a portion of the motion.

The lack of a quorum during a March 7 meeting did not allow ADP members to provide an official response.

During an interview on Thursday, ADP chair Neil

Morie said he looks forward to changes as a way to concentrate advisory group powers into a single body.

"It might be an opportunity," he said. "A larger, more inclusive commission might have a little more clout and have more input."

Among the 11 members of the proposed APC, approximately three individuals will be required to demonstrate expertise in each of three distinct areas.

These are: planning development engineering, community engagement, policy development, public administration or a related field; environmental policy, geology, soil science, hydrology, climatology, biology, zoology, ecology, forestry or a related field; and urban design, architecture, landscape architecture or building contracting.

The APC's two other members will be accepted from the community-at-large.

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EDITORIAL

Expertise valued

It's been a long time since an election for Salt Spring fire trustee has attracted more than a sprinkling of attention from island voters.

The last time a trustee election was seriously heated was during a by-election in January of 2004. Ironically, it followed the extremely controversial "firing" of volunteer fire captains Bruce Patterson — the current board chair — and Jeff Outerbridge, for questioning of a new fire truck purchase, and resulted in a changing of the guard.

But the 2013 campaign has become lively as people express concerns that we'll end up with an unnecessarily expensive fire hall/emergency operations centre and want stronger protection against that possibility on the fire board.

The Driftwood has been among critics of rising fire department expenditures and sometimes-

THE ISSUE:

Fire trustee elections

WE SAY:

Cost concern must be heard

quirky fire board operations over the years. It still doesn't appear to function as tightly as it could from an administrative point of view, but the current board consists of smart, committed and experienced people. In the past few years it's brought a long-envisioned replacement for the Ganges fire hall clearly into view, with the process unfolding as it should and would in any other community needing a new emergency services facility.

Current board members also have the trust and respect of the staff and volunteers, which is essential for the morale and proper functioning of the whole organization.

The real fire-hall debate, with solid details and numbers to consider, is just around the corner, and voters will accept or reject the specific plan and costs through a referendum.

However, even if this week's election is not the fire-hall referendum, there's no escaping the fact that public attention has been piqued by the fire-hall project, and the dominant concern for voters is cost. All board members, current and future, must hear and work with that concern.

We trust that in the end the electorate will choose two individuals who will best contribute to the running of all aspects of the fire department and work productively with the community, firefighters and other board members for the next three years.



VIEWPOINT by *Patri Janyk*

Spending choices affect our future

Numerous studies indicate that tax money spent on early support services directed at young families, youth and children results in positive, long-term gains economically and socially.

The idea that society supports families and children proactively with a view to future gains has been referred to by some as "the efficacy of investing in our human capital" (A Comprehensive Policy Framework for Early Human Capital Investment in B.C. 2009). Human capital in this report refers to the policy of "investing in the potential of our children."

Quite simply . . . it pays to invest in our children because our children are our future. Indeed, any economist will advise it is prudent to manage our most important investments with care. Without question our community's sustainable economic growth and social stability are both dependent upon our willingness to invest in and effectively develop our children by prioritizing their needs and the needs to their family.

Governments, like individuals, do not invest in what is not valued. Governments, like individuals, make spending choices. How we choose to spend our money reveals our priorities. Where do we spend? Where do we withhold? Clearly, we cannot have it all. However, sensible spending choices are not synonymous with fiscal irresponsibility for governments or for individuals. It is a matter of view. For example, our B.C. government has held the highest after-tax child poverty rate in Canada for the last eight years (www.firstcallbc.org).

How can a society know which spending choices are the best?

Social stability is one measure of "societal health" and therefore may be a good evaluation of government spending strategies and their results. Social stability begins within the family and is strengthened within the community. Social stability cannot exist without stable families and stable communities. Social stability is perhaps more readily seen when it declines or when it is absent from a society and like good health can go unnoticed until it is gone. When social stability

becomes threatened or diminishes, the consequence of this loss will be seen by an increase in: corruption, fear, desperation, crime, uncertainty, unemployment, homelessness and poverty, and these losses in society bring about the need for more military, more prisons, more policing, more severe penalties and more restrictions on press and media. Indeed, perhaps our best measure of our provincial government's priorities can be revealed by scrutinizing its spending choices.

- While our B.C. government espouses a policy called Families First, it still retains its record in Canada with the highest child poverty rate for children living in two-parent families. (Stats Canada 2010)
- B.C. has the second worst child poverty rate in Canada at 14.3 per cent, ranking just slightly ahead of Manitoba this year after being the worst in Canada for the previous eight years. (Stats Canada 2010)
- B.C. has the most unequal distribution of income among rich and poor families with children. (Stats Canada 2010)
- Working women in B.C. receive approximately "\$2,700 a year less than the national average. (CCPA 2013).
- B.C.'s student-to-teacher ratio is the highest in Canada. (Stats Canada 2010)
- B.C.'s K to 12 public school funding places B.C. lowest in Canada. (Ministry of Ed. 2010)
- B.C. has the highest childcare rates in Canada. (B.C. Teachers' Federation)

Further cuts to social programs in this year's provincial government budget: Ministry of Children and Family Development/Child services/Youth Justice Services — cut five per cent in two years; youth and mental health services — cut seven per cent.

Can we continue to allow our provincial government to make these spending choices knowing the long-term consequences to our children, our youth, our families, our society and our future?

Clearly our future is being built upon the spending choices we make today.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

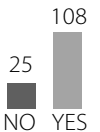
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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should SS emergency services be put into one building?



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ISLAND VOICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "We've handed out \$250,000 to these people and got essentially nothing in return . . . My advice is to stop bleeding money to this outfit." JOHN SPRAGUE, RE THE CRD STORMWATER PROGRAM

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Which defunct Salt Spring business you'd like to see re-open?



COLIN CRYSTAL
Fulford Inn was a good one.



BRETT WEBB
I liked the Gecko Green Living store that moved to Vancouver.



RICK PAGE
The Vesuvius Pub, the Fulford Inn and all those shops where the Mark's used to be.



SKYE WOLFE
I miss the original Luigi's pizza place.



SUSAN GORDON
There's no one business in particular, but as a relative newbie I think we need a cohesive atmosphere amongst the business community.

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.**

Reason and experience

We have been encouraged by the many letters discussing the new fire hall in the last three issues of the Driftwood, and trust that this signifies a good turn-out for the vote; surely more than the three per cent of us who voted last time.

To the firefighters — paid staff and volunteers — we would like to send our deepest appreciation for all you do, along with our hopes that you are not losing morale due to the simplistic single-issue campaign being run by Simmons and Steele.

We had the same reaction as retired fire chief Dave Enfield ("Stability needed" letter, April 3) to the cringe-

inducing term "fire gang" used by Steele in her "no sacred cows" letter that we used to refer to our valued team of firefighters.

We are also baffled by the demands for transparency and to "slow down," when all the complex facets surrounding the building of a new fire hall have been both open to the public and on-going since 2005.

However, we do thank Steele for telling us in her "no sacred cows" letter that we can "vote for whomever we want for trustee," and intend to do just that by voting for the voice of reason and experience: Michael Schubart and Ron Chamney, on April 13 (advance polls today, April 10) at the fire hall in Ganges.

See you there!
R.M. & J.P. DUPOUY,
MOUNTAIN ROAD

We need a fire hall we can afford

Hold your horses everyone, please. We need a new fire hall that Salt Spring taxpayers can afford, which means we should proceed with caution and not jump into electing trustees who, before the costs are known, favour an 18,000-square-foot hall complete with gym, commercial kitchen, space (now) for search and rescue and emergency services. Those should follow later when we can afford it.

We value and appreciate our dedicated and experienced firefighters and want to give them the best space possible from which to function. But to do this responsi-

bly, let us elect trustees who will join the present board to negotiate fairly yet not allow dreams to triumph over the bank balance.

Darlene Steele and Scott Simmons will add value to the fire trustee board and will bring new ideas and a responsible approach to building for our firefighters a new hall that Salt Spring needs and, most important, can afford.

J. HORSBURGH,
SALT SPRING

Chamney's a team player

Many people know Ron Chamney only as a former firefighter and because he is running for fire trustee. He is known in firefighting circles as being passionate about fire safety and firefighters

being safe.

I know Ron better for his life-long commitment to the environment and how the community interacts with it. I know Ron more as a naturalist and environmental educator, as this has been his life's work and he has been very good at it.

Ron is the kind of person who looks at solutions rather than problems and that is why he decided long ago that education was the best tool to be used with environmental (and now fire) threats.

Ron got seriously involved with his community right from the get go. Though he said he was retired, Ron worked with PARC developing a plan to open up more beach accesses on our island, and as a volunteer on the Trail Advisory Committee, and in

the Rotary Club to name a few. I have seen Ron at work and he is always cheerful, hard-working, a problem solver, creative thinker, has good judgement and a great sense of humour. Ron genuinely likes people and knows how to work as part of a team to make things happen.

He is not the kind of person who can sit by when he sees a problem. He is a committed member of the Salt Spring community and is stepping up not as a politician but as a leader. He will be a very good one.

I urge you to vote for Ron Chamney for fire trustee on April 10 and 13.

JEAN GELWICKS,
WOODLAND DRIVE

MORE LETTERS continued on 10

Our island is still the Queen of Bumper Stickers

Everybody knows that Salt Spring is the centre of the universe, right?

How do we know this is the case? It must be true because this "fact" is proclaimed high and wide on bumper stickers and window decals across the island.

It makes you wonder, though, that if a place as eccentric as Salt Spring is at our universe's centre, what could possibly be lying on its outer edges? You might come to the conclusion that the same people responsible for the "Centre of the Universe" sticker might also have come up with one declaring North Korea as a holiday destination for orgiastic fun in the sun.

Notwithstanding Salt Spring's position in the universe, one thing that can be said for certain is that we live smack dab right in the middle of the world of car decals and bumper stickers. Salt Spring is the "Queen of Bumper Stickers." There is more good reading material covering the bumpers, windshields and even the painted metal bodies of automobiles here on Salt Spring than you will find in most libraries.

While some may claim that decals and stickers are just a cheap form of auto body work that covers up holes left from insidious rust (I've found that duct tape works just as well), you are actually doing much more than just improving the cosmetic appearance of your vehicle when you attach one of these stickers to your "ride." You are making a statement about you and what you believe. A bumper sticker personalizes your automobile and gives it an identity closely aligned to your own.

Bumper stickers come in a myriad of sizes, colours and flavours. Most of them can be categorized according to the driver's politics, prejudices, religious beliefs, sexual preferences and favourite hockey team. On the liberal side, they may cry out "Save The Whales" or "Say No to GMO's." On the more redneck side, you may see "Hug a Logger and You'll Never Hug a Tree Again" or "I Brake for Roadkill."

Some printed messages on stickers and decals defy categorization. "Imagine Whirled Peas" sounds like it has a certain amount of deep meaning to it, if you could only "cosmify" your brain to the right wavelength. Another proclaims that "Long Hair Hides a Red Neck." A sticker with quasi-religious connotations declares that "Heck Is for People Who Don't Believe in Gosh." A particular nasty one suggests "If You Love Something, Set It Free. Then Hunt It Down and Finish It Off." This is not exactly the vehicle you would want to climb into if the driver offered you a ride.

Some bumper stickers are less universal and deal with issues that are controversial right here on the rock. A few years ago when lack of parking spaces was still a problem here (nyuk, nyuk), many cars sported the "Zen and the Art of Salt Spring Parking" sticker. The more recent speed-curbing "Slow Down, It's Salt Spring" has created its own hullabaloo because of the



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

debate centering on the legalities surrounding the merchandising of the stickers at the Saturday market. Perhaps it's time for someone to produce a "Shut Up Already, It's Only a Bumper Sticker" to stave off all the ridiculous dialogue on the subject.

Of course, when you buy a used vehicle, you inherit the bumper stickers (and the psyche) of the person who previously owned it (ever try to peel one of those suckers off?). No matter what your personal politics may be regarding fish farms, that "Wild Salmon Don't Do Drugs" sticker that came attached to your previously owned Mazda may make you the recipient of "the finger" or a "thumbs up" from every driver who pulls alongside you.

Likewise, when you trade in your vintage clunker for something more modern and dependable, you may find yourself stripped of some of your identity. The decals might just as well have been painfully ripped from your very hide.

Maybe that's where we should really be affixing those decals and stickers — right onto our skin. Or forget the stickers altogether and brand the message directly onto our bodies. This could be the next step in tattoo art. Lose the flowers and dragons and ring of barbed wire that are so popular these days. Nothing says "Dance Like Nobody Is Watching" as having it inked on your belly. This screams out to the

world that you are truly committed and nobody better get in your way when you are steeped in the act of self-expression.

Let me illustrate how the "human canvas" can take bumper stickers to a whole new plateau. Perhaps the one issue that has garnered the most bumper sticker discussion over the years has been the Islands Trust. Imagine the show of support that would result if the Raging Grannies were to doff their colourful costumes mid-song and display the words "Preserve and Protect" emblazoned upon their chests. Those opposed to the Trust could counter with "Protect Us from the Islands Trust" embossed across their butts.

Nobody asked me, but even if we don't go so far as to print our personal beliefs on our own private body "bumpers," there's nothing wrong with continuing to project our thoughts and moral convictions onto the vehicles we own and drive. Some of these pearls of wisdom can even be useful to the casual observer. "If You Can Read This, You're Following Too Closely" might be enough of a reminder to prevent a possible rear end collision. On the other hand, a 350-word treatise (printed in an impossibly tiny micro-font) might just be the cause of one.

But if I see another annoyingly ubiquitous "Baby on Board" sticker, I might have to counter with a "Baby at the Wheel." That might just open up a lot of driving space around me.

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IN THE GROOVE: Isabella Wood, left, and Pam MacDonald dance up a storm at the RockSOLID dance-a-thon at Mahon Hall over the weekend. Participants enjoyed from one to 24 hours of live and DJ music as part of a fundraiser for the SOLID organization, which supports development projects in parts of Africa.

Excellent fire hall display

We would like to commend the fire department for the excellent display in the fire hall on Saturday April 6, showing site plans, examples of potential layouts, building materials, etc.

We were grateful to the trustees and fire hall personnel for their presence and the answers they were ready to give to our questions. This session certainly helped us to a better understanding of what is proposed, and also disposed of what we consider to be misleading information we have recently read in letters in the Driftwood.

Salt Spring Island must be well served for many years to come by a well-designed new fire hall which integrates search and rescue as well as emergency preparedness operations in one efficient building.

We are concerned that in the case of a serious emergency, i.e. forest or mountain fire, earthquake, etc. our firefighters and rescue personnel will have to be self-sufficient and be supplied with every bit of equipment they need. They cannot call on a neighbouring fire departments that can just run down the highway to lend assistance. Like all the other Gulf Islands, we are isolated and it would take time for assistance to reach us. This of course necessitates a very well equipped fire hall.

We are hopeful that with further outreach to Salt Spring residents, the site on Lower Ganges Road and the fire hall building project will proceed with the full support of the community.

Fire protection and emergency assistance is akin to life insurance — none of us like paying for it, but when it is required, we are all thankful we invested in it.

DEREK AND JENNIFER BARRIO,
SALT SPRING

SAR supports emergency centre

We, the undersigned members of the Salt Spring Island Search and Rescue Society, are convinced that the well-being of our community begins with respect for the value of life and property.

Privileged over the years to participate with the men and women of Salt Spring Island Fire/Rescue in a variety of training exercises and actual missions, we do not believe that stinting on emergency preparedness is consistent with an informed respect for the safety and security of our fellow citizens, their homes and businesses and families and farms.

Our vision of an emergency centre that is consonant with the current provincial standards presumes a permanent space in which the safety of the island's first responders and the security of their material assets is a foregone conclusion; a space that permits for a swift and harmonized response to major emergencies by the combined resources of SSIFR, Ground Search and Rescue and the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC); a space that will allow for the rotation and sustenance of first- and second-response personnel over time, in the event of a complex or extended challenge to the health and safety of any segment of our island's population or property.

Obviously such a space does not exist, but the current trustees of Salt Spring Fire/Rescue want to build one and we are not alone in hoping they do. We think it is an urgent need and we believe that their protocols and planning should — by any measure in which human life is the determinative currency — be encouraged to succeed.

We are proud to endorse their very well-considered and compassionate goals, and we look forward to an even closer alliance in future for the benefit of the whole community.

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Saturday April 13, 1-4 pm:
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Blossom Festival Celebration

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Saturday & Sunday, April 19-20 evenings & 21, 2pm
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Build affordable fire hall

A \$5-million fire hall? The incumbents are glossing over their own figure of \$750,000+ "soft costs" on a \$4-million fire hall or \$937,500 on a \$5-million fire hall (18,000-square-foot @ \$275 per square foot) and this is unfurnished! So \$6 million and before overruns?

Where's the choice? And what's the truth? By voting in new trustees Darlene Steele and Scott Simmons we at least have a chance to explore our choices and build a fire hall taxpayers can afford. With the incumbents . . . another failed referendum and another six years? With always increasing yearly budgets?

DEBBIE FEDORAK,
SALT SPRING

Bad politics gets worse

Scott Simmons' letter in last week's Driftwood claims that "there is no reference in the minutes that SSIFPD did interviews or advertised in 2006-07" to hire the construction manager and that he would "stand corrected" if someone could show him supporting documents.

Copies of the minutes from 2006 that show the process for selecting the construction manager and architect were in fact provided to Scott prior to his letter, clearly showing that the capital projects committee had interviewed three candidates of the six that responded to the public bid request, and that Hazenboom Construction had been selected.

More disturbingly, one of our career members spoke to him about these minutes at the time and flagged the noteworthy minutes with post-it notes so he could easily find the appropriate documents. Scott, you now officially stand corrected.

The problem here is that this is just one of many false claims Scott has made during the course of his campaign to become a fire trustee. His practice of manipulating the facts and making inaccurate statements has become commonplace over the last few weeks, and I could go on with his "top 10 inaccurate statements," but that would fill far too much real estate in this paper.

However, the epitome of his bombastic campaign came Saturday following the very informative public open house at the fire hall. The architect made a very articulate presentation and answered many of the questions and concerns posed by the close to 100 people in attendance. Most people came away with a much clearer understanding of what should go into the proposed emergency services building.

Scott, on the other hand, took it upon himself to delve deep into twisting the facts. He filmed the presentation, and, in what I can only describe as one of the most irresponsible acts of sen-

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sationalistic journalism I have ever seen, edited the 40-minute presentation down into four minutes, set to music, that makes a mockery of the fire department and the fire hall process. He uses this video to make another false claim that the fire district is using fear mongering to get what it wants.

I am disappointed by this inane display, and frankly expected a much more professional campaign from Scott. What I have witnessed amounts to ridicule, criticism, misinformation and bad behaviour at public meetings, with no concrete platform, and no reason to vote for him.

My support stays with the incumbents, Ron Chamney and Michael Schubart, who bring a combination of experience, balance and professionalism to the board and to our community.

MARK WYATT,
SALT SPRING

Don't forget caregivers support group

The Salt Spring Island Caregivers and Alzheimer Support Group has existed on our island for 20 years.

Recently three people joined the group and related that their family physicians were not aware of the support group! One person approached the Alzheimer B.C. office in Victoria and only then found out about the services available here.

I think that with the large numbers of new physicians arriving to replace our doctors retiring and moving on, our service has been forgotten.

We meet weekly at 11 a.m. at the Salt Spring Seniors Services building and we have a library of current material on caregiving and dementia. We are supported by the Alzheimer Society of B.C. and the Family Caregivers Network Society in Victoria.

I can be reached at 250-537-5004 for further information.

MARGARET MONRO,
SSI CAREGIVERS & ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP

Bowen Queen: floating hearse

The March 3, 2013, 5 p.m. sailing of the venerable Bowen Queen from Swartz to Fulford was seriously overpacked.

I could not open the passenger door, because, to park us tight, the crew requested us to fold the side mirrors! But I wiggled my way to the sliding door of the Astro-Van and slid out, landing under the Home Hardware semi-trailer. From there I squeezed my way to the upper decks of the Queen. Only because I am muscular and agile did I survive the saga!

From the upper decks I could overview the car deck and caught a morbid image. Live bodies in colourful steel

caskets sailing to their big wet grave, the ship a huge floating hearse.

Then, an old "video" surfaced and played in my mind. Some years ago, while sailing the then younger Skeena Queen, fortunately utterly under-loaded, an old Volvo started spouting flames from under the hood. The chief officer with the thick moustache, cool and professional, had his crew drench the Volvo quickly and saved our souls without any further loss or damage.

As the images were soaking my gray matter, the pre-recorded safety message came on through the ship's loudspeakers, requesting the tightly casketed bodies to familiarize themselves with the location of emergency floating devices so that we may use them to float in an orderly and safe way away from the sinking ship, if and when the captain would evict us with that classic "Abandon ship"! It was macabre . . .

When in such a tight spot, one reverts to prayer, and praying I did at a rapid rate, pleading for a soft Fulford landing. This time around I was heard by the powers that be, as evidenced by this letter being written.

That is my story for today — true to the dot.

TOM VARZELIOTIS,
BOOTH CANAL

Parking is a political issue

I recently sent a letter to the Driftwood about our CRD director's choice to shelve, without further consultation, any study or action re: parking on Salt Spring through the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission, which has authority to deal with this issue. Rather, director Wayne McIntyre is offering it to the Governance Study Committee where ". . . it would perhaps be more effective to present the lack of a parking authority as a limitation of the present governance structure."

I signed and sent this letter as a private citizen, definitely not related to my position as chair of Island Pathways. Rather than print this letter, the Driftwood wrote an article about the issue, conflating my presentation to the SSITC as an Island Pathways representative with my separate, private concern about parking and its use as a governance football.


Please, this is not an Island Pathways issue. Island Pathways is not political at all or involved in any way with governance issues. The private concerns of its directors must not be confused with any of Island Pathways undertakings.

Parking has become a governance issue — whether our elected representative works with our existing parking authority via the SSITC or if he uses parking as proof that a municipal parking authority would be less complicated and expensive.

BRENDA GUILDED,
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Size matters

On Saturday afternoon the plans for the new Salt Spring fire hall were displayed to the island at the downtown fire station.

It is projected to be an 18,000-square-foot building encompassing three double bays for the fire department and one double bay for Salt Spring Search and Rescue. The new fire hall plans also include offices for the Emergency Operations Centre — a CRD entity.

It has been the vision of the fire department to include the EOC as well as SAR within the 18,000-square-foot main firehall structure. At this point in time it is unknown what the cost of the new fire hall will be but estimates of up to \$6 million, including the structure and site development costs, have been discussed.

Our community must decide if it wishes to have SAR and the EOC be part of the new structure. To this date there is no written or verbal agreement with either the EOC or SAR. How much of the new fire hall will be dedicated to these organizations? What is the square foot allotment of space given to each of them?

What will it cost — approximately — to build this section of the fire hall? And who will pay for this? Will the CRD pay for this or the community? Will the community pay for SAR's involvement in the hall? If not who will?

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What will the new fire hall encompass? What components of the "needs list" of the fire department, which was released to the community in December, will be included in the new hall and how will that "needs list" be incorporated into the new fire hall?

Chief Tom Bremner is leading seven island-wide discussion meetings so that any questions about what the fire hall will include and how this structure came to be 18,000 square feet will be explained by the fire department. The dates and locations of these meetings are available on the fire department's websites at saltspringfire.com and firehallinfo.com. Please become educated.

Is it necessary for the fire hall to be 18,000 square feet? Is that what the Salt Spring Island community wants to construct and pay for?

Can we as a community have a voice in the fire hall's outcome? What will ultimately be positively ratified in a referendum by the community?

The fire board has agreed to be completely transparent and open to communication with our island community about the planning and construction of this fire hall. They want a positive outcome in the upcoming referendum, as I do.

Salt Spring Island must have a new fire hall and the community must discuss, question,

understand and decide what is right for Salt Spring Island. What size and scope will this fire hall ultimately be and what island functions will it include?

WAYNE TEPPER, VESUVIUS

New blood urgently needed

I think the current fire board and particularly the architects have done an excellent job in advancing the new fire hall project plans to the stage that was very well demonstrated at Saturday's excellent open house.

As to trustees, the firefighters have had their say; their needs have been thoroughly explored and catalogued; the schedules and drawing committed to paper. The ongoing role of any firefighter in a managerial position with influence over the proceedings, and all ex-firefighting trustees, is now over: go home and stay away. Leave it to the professional engineers, architects, hard-nosed project-management types, and harder-nosed cost-control accountants and auditors. If we send the firefighting posse off to Hawaii for the duration of the execution phase, I think it will be public money well-spent . . . no breathing down necks, no stream of change-orders except with the approval of the board. (And no contingency — typically 10 per cent — often a "slush-fund" to recoup goodies earlier cut-out to get the original contract price down; get the

total cost right first time.)

The next board does not need firefighters because their firefighter-specific input is already received and processed.

Darlene Steele and Scott Simmons might not be firefighting experts, but they are much more relevant to the needs for the forthcoming execution phase; i.e., oversight of project management, cost-control, accounting and audit. Having a firefighter-heavy board might be akin to leaving the chicken coop guarded by the foxes and prone to every firefighters' Santa's list coming true. Darlene and Scott will bring badly-needed balance to the board.

So vote for Darlene Steele and Scott Simmons for vitally needed new blood, a different mindset, an openness to proper process and a guardianship first-and-foremost of the taxpayers' interests, not members of the firefighting fraternity of whom Messrs. Schubart and Chamney are ever-reminding us about. (The more they stress the desire to be on-board to oversee the execution phase, the more they need to be voted-off it.)

If chopping 20 per cent off the size of the building is needed to get from \$6 million down to \$5 million, so be it. I'm pretty sure that the firefighting posse will have included about that amount of "fat" anyway, knowing that they'll look good in cutting it back when the scalpels emerge, as I hope they will, and soon.

ROSS KING, BEDDIS ROAD

RANTS and Roses

Rants

A rant to the creepy vigilante at Mouat Park who left excrement on the hood of my car. Dog walkers beware, women especially. He slinks around wearing a ball cap, hoodie and dark glasses. UL

Roses

A garden full of roses for the wonderful neighbour on Crofton Road who has been leaving divided perennials for free as a gift to passers-by! How marvellous. I can't wait to see how my garden grows. Caffyn

The following people deserve many bunches of white roses for making April 1 a special day for our air force friends: The dinner dance committee of Bill and Dorothy Weston, Les and Ruth Price, Glen and Judy Willett and Laura and Harvey Moore; Country Grocer for kind donations; the Ladies Auxiliary for a great meal; John Moore and his quintet; Harvey Moore, Bob Patterson and Terry Barber for removing the flagpole from Jack Frazer's

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A huge warm bouquet of hamburger-sized roses to everyone at Country Grocer who helped us with our BBQ fundraiser on Saturday — what a success! We so appreciate the opportunity and the service you offer — and are now closer to our goal of buying a new mat! With much appreciation from all of the Salt Spring wrestling team

Roses to Salt Spring Fire Rescue department's Superior Tender Shuttle Accreditation, which has taken hundreds annually off our home insurance bill. Thanks for posting about it online and providing the info on your site so we could follow up.

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roses to Adina Hildebrandt, Elizabeth Buchanan, Brian Hayward, Rob Cannon, Dr. David Webb and Dr. Robert Crichton for being instrumental in helping get the Canada Revenue Agency off my back! With gratitude, Andrea

A soccer goal full of roses for Mike Boizard and Thrifty Foods for sponsoring the U-12 soccer festival this past weekend by supplying lunch, snacks and drinks for everyone involved. The event was a success and the food was appreciated by all.

Thank you Country Grocer, Paul Large and staff for your generous support of the Salt Spring Firefighters' Association's family Easter celebration.

Baby blue peace roses to the Salt Spring Books window dresser and to Adina for partnering for peace for the month of April. The Peace Window Display is beautiful and promotes a culture of peace through books, arts, crafts, community peace memorabilia, T-shirts and more. Thank you, SS Books. Peace is love. Love is peace. Peace Works! of Salt Spring

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RENOVATION PROJECT

Winter's water damage springs full kitchen reno

Space maximized with custom work

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A lingering desire for a better kitchen lay-out became the design imperative behind a whole new space after a water pipe burst at the home of Jennifer Ertel and Dave Roll in January.

Ertel and Roll purchased their Vesuvius-area home when they moved to Salt Spring in 2010. Ertel always felt her new kitchen didn't match the one she'd left behind

in Calgary, but she didn't have a strong reason to activate any changes until a pipe burst in the en suite bathroom upstairs, sending cascades of water through the ceiling light fixtures below. Aside from destroying the kitchen ceiling, water also went through the walls and irretrievably damaged the subfloor, a layer of vinyl tiles on plywood nailed into vinyl sheeting.

"We just decided, we feel like the universe is telling us to do what we want," Ertel said, surveying the now gutted kitchen.

The project is almost a full-

time job for Ertel, who is registered as the general contractor. (Her other full-time work at the moment is taking care of a family that includes three kids under the age of 10, one of whom is an active two-year-old boy. They also often host an international student.)

Directly after the pipe burst, the family was living in the mayhem while a dry-out took place for insurance purposes. They had no functioning kitchen, their cabinets were stacked in their living room, and industrial dryers and fans were running for 12 days before they were able to move into a tempo-

rary rental.

Signing on as the general contractor, Ertel said, was mainly a matter of wanting to get the renovation started and finished as quickly as possible so the family could be back in their home. They hope to be ready by May 15.


"I had talked to a few people, and they wanted to take more time," she explained. Local builders were generous with their advice and support, however, so she was able to connect with people who were available quickly, such as building contractor Jim Taylor and Scott Antonik of Scott's Plumbing.

"My husband's really capable and talented as well," Ertel noted. Roll, who is Shaw's Salt Spring manager, has pulled a homeowner's electrical permit and will complete the wiring himself. He may also do the tiling.

Salt Spring designer Patti Grey of Patti G Design worked with Ertel on creating the new and improved space.

"I hired a designer because I was overwhelmed with the decisions and what would work with the overall house," Ertel said.

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WASTE MANAGEMENT

'Septic savviness' can save major headaches

A little maintenance goes a long way

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Septic systems may be touted as a cost effective method to handle wastewater, but when things go wrong, the results can be far from ideal.

As Salt Spring Island's main way to dispose of wastewater, the popularity of septic tanks is partly due to their acceptance as an environmentally friendly method to dispose of sewage if designed, installed and maintained correctly.

When septic systems malfunction, however, they can become a major source of local groundwater pollution, posing a serious threat to the environment and public health.

The situation is nowhere better illustrated than in and around St. Mary Lake, where phosphorus introduced from septic tanks has contributed to algal blooms and their potentially toxic byproducts.

With growing health concerns, swimming advisories, higher treatment costs and talk of the need for a multi-million-dollar sewer project to curtail any further damage, there's never been a more pressing time to learn more about the system.

As well as wreaking havoc on potable water supplies, poorly maintained septic tanks can have a serious drain on the wallet and property values if left unchecked.

"Maintenance is the key," said Rob Roodenburg, owner of All Islands Septic. "Just like with a vehicle's oil and filters; if you cheap out on the maintenance, you'll be buying a new vehicle every 10 years."

Roodenburg has seen his fair share of what happens when people ignore their septic systems until it's too late.

The results aren't pretty and usually require him to dig deep to tackle the issue.

Taking time to clean a three-foot by two-inch filter at the tank's outflow every six months, for example, is an easy way to avoid greater problems down the line. Despite the benefits of this simple preventive step, Roodenburg added, many septic tank owners he meets on a regular basis have no knowledge about the process.

With septic maintenance is at the bottom of most people's household to-do list to begin with, it's a classic for the out-of-sight, out-of-mind philosophy.

Whereas most of the island's older septic tanks are buried somewhere out in the yard, however, today's building code regulations require at least part of the tank be exposed to the surface. The idea is to make inspections and maintenance more the norm rather than the exception.

"Maintenance goes beyond pumping out the septic tank."

LARISA HUTCHESON
General manager,
CRD parks and
environmental services

If people in the past had an excuse to give up on their septic systems, easy access to those modern tanks can now save much of the leg work.

Plenty of information for anyone who wants to familiarize themselves with all aspects of their septic system can be viewed on the Capital Regional District's website.

Site features include landscaping tips, and a list of provincial and regional regulations.

There are plenty of downloadable pamphlets with tips to keep your septic system flowing smoothly.

The Septic Savvy Homeowner Kit, as well as short educational videos, are available for download at www.crd.bc.ca/septic.

Not surprisingly, taking that pro-active approach is emphasized in much of the website's material.

"Maintenance goes beyond pumping out the septic tank," said Larisa Hutcheson, the CRD's general manager of parks and environmental services. "It includes having regular inspections by an authorized person, installing an effluent filter, conserving water, protecting the drain field and much more."

Lack of maintenance, Hutcheson added, is the number one cause of failure of an onsite sewage system.

"Maintenance of your septic system will help prevent health hazards from occurring in our communities and protect drinking water quality," she said.

Similarly, adjustments must be considered when contemplating any kind of home improvement project that could have an impact on a home's septic system.

Hutcheson warns home and business owners to make sure paint, solvents and other chemicals don't end up in the septic system, where they risk penetrating groundwater resources.

Further information is available at any of the CRD's regularly scheduled Septic Savvy workshops, which are free community events designed for property owners. Schedules and more information about the workshops are available through the CRD's website or by calling 250-360-3030.



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Lots to learn from project



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Jim Taylor, left, and Jennifer Ertel discuss Ertel's kitchen renovation.

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"You have to think about not just what you like, but the resale value. I think doing a renovation is much harder than building a new house because you have to work with everything that's already there."

Other decisions were made with help from Taylor, such as moving the hot water tank. The tank was situated in a corner of the kitchen, cutting off a large area of potential counter space, and will now be located behind the wall in the laundry room.

"We're trying to make environmentally friendly choices and use less electricity and water whenever possible."

JENNIFER ERTEL
Salt Spring homeowner

"Jim's very knowledgeable. Little things that we wonder about he's already thought of," Ertel said.

Small windows are being replaced with larger ones, French doors have replaced a shorter sliding glass door, and a new vertical window was inserted between the door and the living room. All of these measures will open the room up to more light, an

ongoing issue in this part of the house.

Formerly the kitchen was divided from an adjacent dining room by a sub-wall and a hallway — that area has now been completely opened up. Another casual eating area is being created with a custom-made two-level island with seating for six people.

After much research, Ertel hired Sean Balint of Counter Culture Cabinetry to create custom-made kitchen cabinets (deeper and taller than standard size), the island and a large armoire-style cabinet that will help the visual transition between the dining room and kitchen.

The cabinets and armoire will be in fir, while Balint and Ertel are hoping to find a butcher-block sized chunk of local maple for the island.

"We worked hard to get the price point on the kitchen," Balint said.

"It looks beautiful but it's not far off from what she could get from Home Depot. And it's all customized to suit her taste and also use her space the most efficiently."

Shaker-style doors for the upper cabinets and slab ones on the lower areas will create a combination that both looks interesting and is easy to clean and care for where children's fingers are apt to travel.

"The design defines the kitchen and dining room spaces, keeping work and social zones distinct but related," Balint observed.

The island is a particular highlight. Nine and a half feet in length, it will

provide space for homework or breakfast at one end while kitchen prep goes on at the other. The final three feet toward the centre of the room is dropped to table height, while the bulk is standing height with space for work and stools. Balint has also curved the island in a kidney shape to allow easy flow of movement between the dining room and living room; the cut-out piece of maple could become a fold-down shelf in the laundry room.

Decisions still have to be made on the kitchen counter-tops, but Ertel is thinking about recycled paper stone or soapstone.

"One thing about this process, it's given me the opportunity to make this whole thing a little bit more energy conscious," said Ertel, who is choosing new appliances that are above and beyond standard efficiency levels. "We're trying to make environmentally friendly choices and use less electricity and water whenever possible."

The reno has also allowed her to put a gas line in for a propane stove. Meanwhile, old cabinets have been donated to the Salt Spring Conservancy office and given to friends.

While the challenges of taking on such a project are not minimal, Ertel said the biggest one is probably to create a workable budget and then stick to it.

"Write it up and keep going back to it. If you are going to change it, make sure you're comfortable with your reasons for it," she advised.

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CONSUMER PROTECTION

Questions help homeowners avoid the big rip-off

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Springtime spurs many homeowners into action as they take advantage of better weather to start or complete home improvement projects.

Unfortunately, the desire to possibly "get a deal" with

as little effort as possible can result in disaster.

As one Salt Spring Island contractor told us recently, there can be a huge difference between a professional in a particular field, and someone who "just does it."

For example, it's probably

not a good idea to hire someone for a task that requires specific skills just because they're at your home performing another job and tell you they can do it.

And about that "deal"...

Even if one person's hourly rate is cheaper, that doesn't

mean the final bill will be less than one received from a professional, whose training, experience and use of proper equipment usually combine to get a job done more quickly.

Hiring companies or individuals that carry both Workers' Compensation Board cover-

age and liability insurance is also recommended, in order to avoid a nasty surprise if something goes wrong on the job.

While it might take a bit of effort and assertiveness up front to ask some questions, get commitments and details in writing, and make requests

to see documentation, it really is the only way to assure you'll get good value for your money and to protect yourself from a bad experience. And, remember, if you're paying someone to do a job, it's your right to expect this information be provided to you.

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✓ BUSINESS HISTORY

- Ask for the WCB registration number.
- Ask for liability insurance registration number.
- What specialty training do you have?
- How long have you been in business under the current company name?
- What experience do you have in the industry?
- Provide references for similar jobs.
- Are you an authorized dealer for the products being supplied?

✓ GET IT IN WRITING

- Get multiple quotes.
- Is the proposal detailed and professional?
- Does it cover everything — materials, labour costs, deposits?
- Ensure you have in writing how any changes to the initial proposal will be made and how those changes will affect a quote.

✓ GUARANTEES

- What guarantee will you provide that work will be done and materials used to my satisfaction?
- Are manufacturers' warranties in place?
- Do you offer an owners' manual at the end of the project?
- Are changes detailed in an "as-built" file?

✓ WHO WILL BE AT THE SITE?

- Are you a full-service company or do you use sub-contractors?
- Who is responsible for work done?
- Who is responsible for warranty work?

✓ WORK ROUTINE

- Do you work on many projects at once?
- Is this a part-time job? If so, can you complete it on time?
- If there is an issue, how will you respond?

✓ TIMELINE

- Provide an outline of time to complete the job.
- Provide a materials list and list of materials that will be back-ordered.
- Is everything documented?
- Will you provide regular communication with progress reports and any changes to estimated costs?

✓ WHAT DO I HAVE TO PUT DOWN?

- It should be deposits only to get the job rolling.
- Progress payments as materials arrive.
- Progress payments as the installation is completed.
- 10% hold-back released upon acceptance of the project.

✓ WHAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE?

- Compare all quotes, reviewing of materials, installation and deposits.
- Big swings in the pricing for labour or materials, or the time to complete, mean someone has not addressed all of the requirements of the job.

✓ SO, WHO DO I WRITE THIS CHEQUE TO?

- Cheques should go to the business, not an individual.

WARNING SIGNS

WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR AND AVOID:

- An acquaintance that is a "handyman."
- Someone who has a regular job and does the work "on the side."
- Quick estimates.
- A very low estimate.
- Someone who will not supply references.
- No details in a quote.
- No warranty guarantees.
- A request for money to be paid up front.
- Someone with a post office box address only.
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SPRING HOME IMPROVEMENT

ISLAND GARDENS

Warren Langley achieves balance with Zen garden



PHOTO COURTESY WARREN LANGLEY

Warren Langley's Zen garden: a rewarding labour of love and beauty.

Natural line and form guide planting decisions

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Signmaker Warren Langley is known on Salt Spring and around the world for his beautiful and unique carved cedar and stone signs, but there's another side of his creative expression that occupies a far more intimate emotional space.

Langley's Zen forest garden has been a work of art in progress for almost 30 years, with the initial landscaping and planning started in 1986. By this point the garden design is essentially complete, but its upkeep takes an average of two hours every day — an experience the artist continues to enjoy.

"It brings balance to my life because I'm always busy in my workshop," Langley explained.

Though there are no formal boundaries to show where it starts and begins, Langley figures the garden takes up around an acre of his property. Another two and a half acres are landscaped and shaped with lawn and open area, while a buffer zone of forest separates the edge of the property from the highway and supports a more natural, untouched habitat for birds and animals.

The garden includes all the elements that together make it the ideal West Coast retreat. (Langley's exquisite attention to detail and clear connection to the land gained the attention of Canadian Gardening, which ran a feature story on the property in 2004.)

Undulating paths are bordered with hedges of natural ferns, a pond is harboured by local rock and smooth carpets of moss are edged with small trees and shrubs such as Japanese maples, Himalayan pines and sculpted boxwood. Langley has kept a sheltering canopy of forest trees intact overhead, with limbing help from his brother, the tree service expert Wayne

Langley.

"It allowed light in the garden without having to remove the beautiful trees in the environment," he said, noting how this creates a cathedral effect, shelters the lower plants and provides perches for resident barred owls.

"I try to work with what the land has to offer, and bring out its natural elements," he continued. "My whole idea was to have the least impact but get the most from the garden."

Everything in the garden, from the meandering journey of the paths to the individual plants and sculptural elements, was selected to complement the property's gentle rolling character and to create a peaceful atmosphere.

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LAWN MAINTENANCE

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Fact sheets on website

(NC) — From Health Canada, take a look at this snapshot from its website fact sheet Healthy Lawn Tips:

1. Although it may look untidy, leave grass clippings on your lawn when you mow it to provide nutrient recycling.
2. Aerate compacted soil in the fall to help oxygen, water and nutrients reach roots.
3. Over-seed patchy areas in difficult spots.
4. In heavy traffic areas replace grass with mulch or paving stones.
5. Check your lawn for early signs of pests and other problems such as holes caused by small animals digging for insects.
6. Set your mower so that your grass is seven

to eight centimetres high to encourage deeper roots and help fend off weeds.

7. Water infrequently, but when you do, make sure you allow the water to get deep into the soil (about 1.5 centimetres) to promote deep roots. Over-watering starves the soil of oxygen and invites disease. Apply at least 2.5 centimetres of water. Put a container on your lawn to measure how much you've watered. An empty tuna can is about the right height.

8. Maintain good soil with ample depth and organic matter to prevent problems.

More information is available online at www.health.gc.ca/pmra.

Fact sheets include Starting a Lawn, Lawn Maintenance, Life of a Lawn and Common Lawn Problems.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Well-known garden expert and entomologist Linda Gilkeson gives a presentation on natural pest management in the garden at Foxglove's 24th annual spring show on Saturday.

Labyrinth component used



Cetan-style labyrinth on Langley's property.

ZEN GARDEN

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"It's not a reflection of my gardening experience," said Langley, who has made many choices through trial and error.

"It's just an exercise of working with form, shape and motion."

"It's just an exercise of working with form, shape and motion."

WARREN LANGLEY
Zen garden creator

Langley's planting choices primarily have to do with working with the line and motion of the landscape — but a second consideration is what will thrive with the

least maintenance. That includes plants that will survive visits from the deer, which Langley chooses not to fence out because they were on the land before he was.

He points to a contorted hazelnut, for example, featuring branches that twist almost into corkscrew curls.

"The deer will take the leaves up, but they will expose a lot of the character I like in trees, so the overall look contributes something I like in the environment," he said.

Langley no longer bothers with planting flowers because the deer will just eat them, but he does include species to provide splashes of colour amongst all the green. The pieris shrub produces beautiful white blossoms in spring and its foliage turns red in fall, and Japanese maples also lend well-placed seasonal crimson.

Elements such as a driftwood gazebo with an undulating shingle roof also underscore formal consideration and the idea of movement. Traditional gravel and washed stone beds produce the effect of water in dry form. (Part of Langley's annual maintenance is painstakingly handpicking the fir needles out of these beds.)

A 60-foot Cretan style labyrinth on an adjacent lawn, meanwhile, underlines the spiritual nature of the gardening exercise. The labyrinth was inspired by and built with the aid of Langley's girlfriend Dawn Young, and is formed of stone borders including a few semiprecious stones and crystals.

"The whole idea is to find balance, find a feeling of sacredness and peacefulness . . . so basically, it's very meditative for me, and it's very peaceful for me," Langley said.

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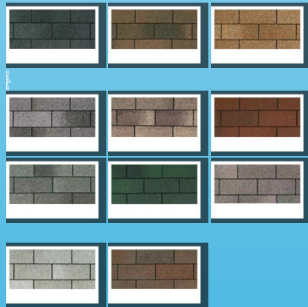
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DANCE MUSIC

Salt Spring teen creates dance party just for youth

DJs play Mahon Hall for special evening on April 18

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When DJs Andrew Walker and ODIC hit the decks at Mahon Hall on Thursday, April 18, their audience will be made up of an exclusive demographic: students aged 14 to 18.

The dance event for youth is Walker's plan to help his peers forget their troubles for just one night. It's also an extension of the musical activities the Grade 11 student at Gulf Islands secondary has been working on for the past three years.

"This event is for Gulf Islands teenagers. Dance music has



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DJ Andrew Walker has organized a dance party for April 18.

risen to the top. It is really big on the radio and I want to share the music with them," Walker said.

"It's one night where teens can just forget about whatever is stressing them and just dance and have a good time."

Walker, who moved to Salt Spring from Calgary with his family last year, was a former resident DJ at the Southland Leisure Centre's Teen Night, deejayed gigs on a weekly basis and performed at many other music events.

His remix bootleg of Justin Streisand was featured on numerous radio stations, including 90.3 AMP Radio in Calgary.

Since living on Salt Spring, Walker has wasted no time pursuing his music in his

new home. He can be heard every Thursday night on his CFSI radio show called The Mix from 10 p.m. to midnight, and he also played at the last Gulf Islands Secondary School dance.

"We have a killer sound system and professional lighting. It is going to be a sick night — they cannot miss out," Walker said of the April 18 show.

DJ ODIC (Niko), a former GISS student, shares the bill.

The event goes from 7:30 to 11 p.m. and is open to Grade 9 to 12 students (ages 14-18) with ID required.

Doors will close at 9 p.m., so people should get there by that point of the evening.

Walker's music can be heard at soundcloud.com/djandrewwalker.

CONCERT PREVIEW

Joe Stanton treats island audience

Friday night at Long Harbour B&B

Singer/songwriter and fingerstyle guitarist, Joe Stanton's philosophy of "playing wherever they'll listen" has taken him and his Martin D28, on a 30-plus-year journey.

He has performed everywhere from his favourite haunts along the Sunshine Coast — which he calls home — to a concert in a hot air balloon over the Swiss Alps, to the famous Kerrville Folk festival in the hill country of Texas and the world finger-picking championships in Winfield, Kan.

Stanton is giving an intimate house concert on Friday, April 12 at Long Harbour Bed and Breakfast in a co-presentation with Fridas Villa.

Tracy Harrison of Fridas Villa says, "Stanton's acoustic guitar style has been likened to that of his heroes, Leo Kottke, Chet Atkins and Bruce Cockburn, and his songwriting has resulted in five CDs and two singles."

His styles range from bluegrass and contemporary folk to alt country. His albums have all received radio airplay in Canada, the U.S., Europe and Australia.

Last year Joe released his fifth CD, Vintage, a compila-



Joe Stanton

tion of songs from his previous CDs, as well as a couple of new tunes. He is now working on the next recording project — a collection of his instru-

mental guitar pieces.

"By far the best description of Joe Stanton is from The Vancouver Province, where they call him 'John Prine in the Rainforest,'" says Harrison.

Seats for Friday's show should be reserved by contacting Diane at 250-537-1059.

A donation of \$15 at the door is recommended. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m.

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LITERARY SERIES

Page and Adderson at lit night

Short story form in focus

The second Short, Sharp, Sweet short-story evening is on at the library this Saturday night, April 13 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Featured authors will be Kathy Page of Salt Spring and Caroline Adderson from Vancouver.

Page has published seven novels including *The Story of My Face*, which was short-listed for the Orange Prize in 2002, *Alphabet*, a finalist for the Governor General's Literary Award in 2005, and *The Find*, short-listed for the Relit Novel Award in 2011.

Page's story *The Second Spring* after Liberation was awarded the Bridport Prize for Short Fiction in 1994 and her short fiction has been anthologized, translated and broadcast on BBC Radio. Early stories are collected in *As in*

Music, and Page is currently working on a collection of linked stories.

Adderson is the author of three novels, the latest of which, *The Sky is Falling*, was short listed for the Commonwealth Writers Prize and long-listed for the International IMPAC Dublin award.

Her two short fiction collections, *Bad Imaginings* and *Pleased to Meet You*, were listed for the Governor General's and Giller Prizes respectively. She is also the winner of two Ethel Wilson Fiction Prizes, three CBC Literary Awards and the 2006 Marian Engel Award for mid-career achievement.

The literary series is presented by the Salt Spring Public Library in conjunction with Salt Spring Books and funded by The Writer's Union of Canada National Public Readings Program of the Canada Council for the Arts.

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The sessions follow the school year until early June with a Christmas break.
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Bella Voce - 6:15 to 7:30 PM
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Registration opens on April 15, 2013. Early discount if registered by June 1, 2013! There is also a special fee for the second (or third!) sibling. Registration fee: \$50.00. Non-refundable; deducted from the total cost.

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what's on this week



<p>Wed. Apr 10</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Advance Poll for SS Fire Protection District Election of Trustees. Ganges Fire Hall. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Texas Hold'em Poker. Sign up 6:30 Every Wednesday night. The Local, 6:30 PM</p> <p>Thurs. Apr 11</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Open Stage Night. At The Local. 6 to 10 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Salt Spring Local Trust Committee Meeting. Public business meeting at Lions Hall. 9:30 a.m. Town hall session at noon.</p>	<p>Thurs. Apr 11</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting. Members of the public welcome to attend. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.</p> <p>Rollerblading to Music. Every Thursday night at Fulford Hall. Skate rentals available. Fulford Hall. 7 p.m.</p> <p>Nia Class for 50 +. Blissful, sweaty fun with Arleen will change how you feel about your body and about exercise. Fulford Hall Annex. 10 a.m. Info: Donna, 250-653-9985.</p> <p>Fri. Apr 12</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Joe Stanton. Singer/songwriter and finger-style guitarist performs in an intimate house concert. Long Harbour B&B. Doors open at 6 p.m. and show begins at 7 p.m. Reserve seats through Diane at 250-537-1059.</p>	<p>Fri. Apr 12</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Matthew Stubbs Concert. French composers' repertoire performed at Octagonal Music Society concert by pianist Matthew Stubbs. Seating is limited, so please RSVP to octamuse@gmail.com. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>StoryTime at the Library. Explore the wonder of growth from tiny seeds to new plants with Elizabeth. As well as enjoying seed stories, children will get to plant their own seeds. Salt Spring Island Public Library, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>SSI Abattoir Open House. A sign at the entrance directs traffic to the left, through the gate and past the cottage. 1447B Fulford-Ganges Rd. 1 to 5 p.m.</p> <p>Symbolically 8 Opening Reception. Opening reception for fourth annual spring exhibition at Gallery 8. 5 to 8 p.m.</p>	<p>Sat. Apr 13</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Swing to a Latin Beat Fundraiser Dance. The SS Arts Council's final fundraiser dance of the season - Swing to a Latin Beat. Featuring Salt Spring Island's Swing Shift Big Band. Mahon Hall. Doors at 7 p.m. and music at 7:30. Tickets at Re/Max, SS Books and SSAC office (250-537-0899).</p> <p>Barley Bros. Every Saturday. The Local. 3 to 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Zocalo Trio. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Salt Spring Fire Protection District Election of Trustees. Ganges Fire Hall. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p> <p>Short, Sharp, Sweet: A Celebration of the Short Story. Readings by Kathy Page and Caroline Adderson as part of a four-Saturday series. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 7 p.m.</p> <p>Blossom Festival Blossom Picnic. Japanese Garden Society's Blossom Picnic at the Heiwa Garden. Festivities include poetry reading, live music, karate kids demo, plant sale, Japanese bento lunch box and other goodies. 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Blossom Festival Home Garden Tour. Get a program guide and map from the Ganges Visitors Centre. 1 to 4 p.m.</p> <p>SS United Soccer. Five-a-side tourney for youths aged nine to 18. Portlock Park. Begins at 8 a.m.</p>	<p>Sun. Apr 14</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Piano Bar. With Diana English. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Community Quilting Bee. Island Comfort Quilts' annual event to make quilts for islanders suffering from a serious illness or injury. Farmers' Institute. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Blossom Festival Haiku Workshop. Haiku Workshop by Terry Ann Carter. Salt Spring Island Public Library Program Room. 1 to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Blossom Festival A Taste of Salt Spring. A culinary delight of various foods from Salt Spring restaurants and growers matched with wines from Salt Spring wineries. Harbour House Hotel Orchard Room. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Blossom Festival Home Garden Tour. Get a program guide and map from the Ganges Visitors Centre. 1 to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Tatjana Liberty-Horucki Artist Reception. For photographer's exhibition at Fernwood Road Cafe. 2 to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Mon. Apr 15</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Vessel. Dance by Out Innerspace Dance Co. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Mon. Apr 15</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>ToddlerTime at the Library. Bring your little ones aged 3 years and younger for 30 minutes of finger plays, rhymes, songs and bounces. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Salt Spring Fire Protection District AGM. Ganges Fire Hall. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Tues. Apr 16</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Reception for the Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia. Her Honour will speak on the importance of agriculture in community building. Limited tickets are available for \$10 each at the Harbour House reception desk. Harbour House Hotel. 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Lady Golfers Opening Day. Nine-hole scramble followed by lunch for \$20. Bring a friend. Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club. 10 a.m.</p> <p>North Salt Spring Waterworks AGM & Election of Trustees. AGM and election for board positions. Community Gospel Chapel. 7 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Floor Hockey. Every Tuesday. BYO sticks. Pucks supplied. Fulford Hall. 7 p.m.</p> <p>Out Innerspace Dance Workshop. With Tiffany Tregarthen at the GISS Dance Studio. 7 p.m. Register through ArtSpring.</p>	<p>Wed. Apr 17</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Simply Organic. David Storm and guests. All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:10 a.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Improvisational Comedy Workshop. Led by Jan Rabson. A fun evening of comedy improvisation games. TBA. 7 to 10 p.m. Register at liveradiotheatre@hotmail.com</p> <p>Texas Hold'em Poker. Sign up 6:30 Every Wednesday night. The Local. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>www.driftwoodgulfislandsmedia.com/calendar/events/</p> <p>view our new online comprehensive interactive calendar of events listings</p> <p><i>we want to be YOUR go-to-place for everything happening on Salt Spring</i></p>
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EXHIBITIONS

- The 4th annual Symbolically 8 spring exhibition opens Friday, **April 12** at **Gallery 8** in Grace Point Square with a reception from 5 to 8 p.m. Show runs daily until May 12.
- Opening exhibition of **Pod Contemporary**, Art on Paper, featuring eight local artists, runs from **April 12 to June 6**, 10 .m. to 5 p.m. daily at **102-120 Fulford-Ganges Rd.**
- Verna Meyer** shows paintings at the **Harbour House Hotel** this month.
- Exhibit of photography by **Tatjana Liberty-Horucki** opens at **Fernwood Road Cafe** with an artist's reception on Sunday, **April 14** from 2 to 4 p.m., and runs until May 18. Until then, people can see **Rob Cronin's** photos at the cafe.
- 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.
- 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 and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by appointment at 250-537-9606.
- 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 **Saltspring Fancy**.

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CONCERT

Fiddlers' double bill puts award winners on stage

Wesley Hardisty, Jocelyn Pettit, family and friends

Two fantastic fiddlers are front and centre at an upbeat, family-friendly concert set for All Saints on Friday, April 19, as Wesley Hardisty of Salt Spring presents a double bill with the Jocelyn Pettit Band.

Pettit is a vibrant fiddler, step-dancer, singer and composer who has ignited stages across Canada, the U.S., Scotland and Malaysia with her lively Celtic music and dance.

For the Salt Spring show she will

be joined by her mother Siew Wan Khoo, on piano and fiddle; her father Joel Pettit, on bodhrán; and good friend Bob Collins, on guitar.

She has appeared on national television and radio, received multiple award nominations, shared the stage with Scottish legends The Battlefield Band, performed with Irish supergroup The Chieftains, and will soon be heading to perform in France.

Hardisty and Pettit met when they played the 2010 Vancouver Olympics Victory Ceremony with the Daniel Lapp All Star Fiddle Orchestra.

Hardisty is well known as a fiddler, guitarist and composer, whose music — a blend of rock, folk, Celtic and Métis sounds — is compelling and emotional.

His debut CD 12:12 won the 2012 Aboriginal Peoples Choice Music Award for Best Fiddle CD. Joining him on stage will be Richard Cross, Leonard Hall and Laurent Boucher.

Doors open at 7 p.m., with music at 7:30.

Tickets, available from Salt Spring Books, are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, with kids under six admitted free.



Fiddlers Wesley Hardisty and Jocelyn Pettit.

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The Canadian Health Measure Survey says 53 per cent of adults aged 60 to 79 do not have dental insurance, and the lack of coverage is one of the main reasons why they don't see a dental professional. Since older adults have specific dental needs, seniors and their caretakers should be aware of the importance of regular dental care.

Bacteria from your mouth can travel and develop into serious infections affecting your overall health, specialists say. Many

medications can cause dry mouth, a condition that can contribute to cavities and other oral problems. Seniors also develop more cavities on the roots of their teeth than younger adults.

So whether you're at home or in a long-term care residence, regular treatments by a dental hygienist can help prevent more serious health problems. Together, you can plan a daily oral care routine that will keep your teeth, and you, healthy for life. www.newscanada.com

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DANCE

Out Innerspace Dance returns to island

Duality of internal and external explored in Vessel

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Vancouver's Out Innerspace Dance Theatre will be on Salt Spring this week to share its latest creative endeavour and interact with the community through performance and workshop dates from April 15 to 16.

On Monday, April 15, the company presents Vessel at ArtSpring, with a performance beginning at 7:30 p.m. Workshops with GISPA dancers and the general community are set for the following day, with registration open for a class with Tiffany Tregarthen on Tuesday night.

The island visit is a homecoming of sorts for Tregarthen and her co-artistic director David Raymond, who did a residency at ArtSpring in the summer of 2011 and returned to perform Me So You So Me in 2012. Now touring select small communities with the Made in B.C. program, the company is looking forward to engaging dialogue around their latest work, a complete revision of their very first ensemble piece.

"We were really excited to have the opportunity to do it again, and really excited to do it through Made in B.C. because then it has a life beyond the premiere," Tregarthen said on the phone from a tour stop in Vernon.

She feels that the communities involved in the program, particularly Salt Spring, are those where people are strongly connected to "creative play" in their everyday lives and aren't afraid to share their opinions.

"People want to see something, feel something and be engaged. That's huge for us, and it's important for us to put our best foot forward and to be artists in the community, and not just a show."

Tregarthen and Raymond co-founded Out Innerspace Dance Theatre in 2007, although they first began collaborating in 2004. A residency in Belgium in 2006 allowed them to explore some of the key ideas that inform the company's ongoing work: the interplay between everyday experience and the mysterious realms of the subconscious, the use of other cultures, time periods and disciplines to inspire movement, and the incorporation of other media into the choreography itself rather than adding support after the fact.

"The company is a house for David and I to collaborate. The work is distinct to collaboration and not one person's vision," Tregarthen explained, adding the process of bringing their vision together is tedious, meticulous and challenging but brings many positive results.

Out Innerspace's innovation comes with choreography



PHOTO COURTESY TIFFANY TREGARTHEN

Dancers in Out Innerspace Dance Theatre's Vessel show coming to ArtSpring on Monday.

that forces dancers to move the body in a way that doesn't exist, or changes the way bodies normally move. The dance-making process itself includes heavy research and theoretical considerations.

"We try to crystallize what inspires us [in different fields] and then put that together in a new way," Tregarthen said, describing these notes as the DNA for a new dance language.

Collaboration at Out Innerspace extends beyond Tregarthen and Raymond's partnership. Company dancers and production designers are also involved.

"I think a lot of what inspires us to dance is outside of dance, but we choose dance as the centre of that expression," Tregarthen said, noting that incorporating the various staging components allows the performance language to be diverse.

The opportunity to bring Vessel back has allowed the company to explore the same themes, but with new movements that reflect the relationships and resources they've developed in the meantime.

People can learn more about Out Innerspace and themselves by attending the dance workshop Tuesday evening, which will be held at the GISS dance studio. Creative free play at the session will involve transforming text, drawing, nature, cultures and imagery into movement. Participants will connect with some of the themes in Vessel, as well as with each other.

"There's really no wrong way to dance. That's probably the best part of these workshops for us," Tregarthen said.

Tickets for the show (adults \$23, youth \$5) and registration for the workshop (\$20) can be accessed either at the ArtSpring box office or online at artspring.ca/ticketcentre.

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RECITAL

Storm leads mixed Simply O program

This month the popular organ recital series Simply Organic takes place on Wednesday, April 17 in All Saints By-the-Sea.

The program offers a fun time for the audience, who will be invited to choose a favourite hymn for all to sing, accompanied at the organ by David Storm.

Well established as music director of the Anglican parish, Storm has not only played both organ and piano at services for several years, but has also performed at Music and Munch as a soloist and accompanist for a wide genre of music.

At Wednesday's Simply Organic,

fans of the event can expect a few jewels in the form of lively organ pieces interspersed with the hymn singing and even a sweet vocal solo from one or two members of the All Saints choir.

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CEREMONIES

Flagpole dedicated to Jack Frazer

Community celebration held Easter Monday

BY LAURA MOORE
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

It was a day to remember on Easter Monday as air force families gathered to celebrate the 89th year of the forming of the Royal Canadian Air Force on April 1.

The Salt Spring committee has for many years hosted a dinner dance on that date. This was the final year for the event as some of the members now live off island, but the celebration may continue through Nanaimo or Comox.

Jack Frazer ran the committee and many friends came from Vancouver Island to the celebration each year.

There was an added event during the afternoon as a

new flagpole was dedicated at the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce's Ganges Visitors Centre.

A fly past by Salt Spring Air added to the excitement. Pilot Harold Kirkpatrick along with photographer John Cameron circled overhead. Cameron took a memorable picture from the air as people waved at the aircraft.

It is a community flagpole, for use with specific national days or local events which have their own flag to fly.

The flagpole is dedicated to the late Jack Frazer, who died in December, and the family kindly donated the flagpole from the Frazers' garden.

Born in Kamloops in 1931, Frazer had a long service with the RCAF.

One tour was with the Golden Hawks aerobatic team when he flew in shows across Canada and the States. He and his wife June had



SALTSPRINGAIR PHOTO

A new flagpole installed outside the Ganges visitor centre is commemorated in an April 1 ceremony.

tours in Europe, Washington and Africa.

They came to Salt Spring in 1986, and from 1993 to 1997 he was Member of Par-

liament for Saanich and the Gulf Islands.

June Frazer and children Kim, Lee and Brad also attended the celebration.

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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:
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For more information please contact:

Bob Jones, Acting Chair
Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee
Phone 250-537-5514

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HUMOUR

Getting robbed the right way

There are many excellent reasons to visit Thailand. The scenery is sublime, the beaches are a dream, the food is ridiculously good (and cheap) and the people are unfailingly kind and gracious (and don't forget: beautiful). A winter-weary Canuck could use any of these impulses as an excuse to hop a flight to Bangkok.

Or you could just go to get the crap kicked out of you.

No, I jest — but a lot of visitors to Thailand do elect to be pummeled and prodded by a stranger's hands, elbows and knees — they even pay for the privilege. It's called a Thai massage.

It's kinder and gentler than your average massage — someone described Thai massage as yoga without the exercise. It's administered with a minimum of equipment — frequently just a mat on the floor — and there's often half a dozen other customers getting massages in the same room.

That's a good thing. Because sometimes the masseuses whisper back and forth to each other and few sounds are more musical and beguiling than the Thai tongue, whispered.

Massages are easy to come by in most of Thailand, but you have to know what you want. I, for instance, could have had the Head Massage. Or the Hand Massage. Or the Back, Neck and Shoulder Massage. I might have opted for the Four Hands Oil Massage or the Eight Hands Oil Massage. Or I could have tried the simple Body Oil Massage (comes with your choice of jasmine, lemongrass or lavender and, the brochure promises, "makes your skin softy" (stet).

All of this is offered in one of a succession of small shops on the streets of Bangkok by a bevy of smiling, gracious women dressed



Arthur Black

WIT & WHIMSY

in sarongs — and all dirt-cheap to a Canadian used to wallet-gouging back-at-home massage prices. The Eight Hand Massage is the most expensive option. It goes for \$34 Cdn for one hour. Imagine: four attendants kneading away your bodily woes for a full 60 minutes.

Tempting, but I chose the (much) cheaper Doctor Fish Massage.

Better than eight hands, I had several hundred mouths nibbling my feet and ankles for 20 minutes. Pure bliss.

Mind you, I didn't have smiling, gracious sarong-clad attendants. I had fish. Tiny fish in a large tank. I sat on the edge and dangled my bare tootsies and let the fish do their work.

Think of it as Piranha Lite. The fish swarm your feet and nibble your calluses, flesh tags, bunions, corns and blisters. It is almost impossibly ticklish at the beginning, but if you stick it out it becomes delightful.

Does it hurt? Not a bit. Although a hotel guide tells the cautionary tale of a tourist who insisted on a double session. "Forty-five minutes — too long" warns the guide. "His feet bleed."

Three dollars buys you 20 minutes and that felt just right.

The fish seemed pretty satisfied too.

There was another form of Thai massage I heard about but never got to try. It's called Rassameesaitarn, which, I gather is Thai for "face-slapping."

That's right. You pay somebody to slap your face — guaranteed to get rid of frown lines, wrinkles and droopy skin.

I didn't see any practitioners in Bangkok, but I hear there's a place in San Francisco that will give you the treatment: \$350 for 10 minutes.

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FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARDS OF THANKS

Emma Yardley and Daniel Squizzato would like to thank everyone who made their wedding at Beaver Point Hall on March 31 such a beautiful and unforgettable experience. Fresh Coast Catering for their delicious food; Zavallennahh & her amazing band for all the dancing; Billie Woods and Howard Fry for their stunning photos; Hazel Gardner for her inspiring words; the Boosys for all their help (and piano playing!); Mother Nature for her 18-degree weather; and our beloved friends and family who made it all happen!

COMING EVENTS

SALT SPRING ABATTOIR OPEN HOUSE

Friday April 12 1-5pm
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COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of
Central Community Hall Society

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DEATHS

DR. IAN MOYES THOM

Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, on November 14, 1924, Dr. Ian Thom passed away on Salt Spring Island on April 4, 2013. Ian will be sadly missed and forever loved and remembered by his wife of 60 years, Minnie; his daughter, Lesley Reynolds (Victor); his son, Andrew (Debbie Nowell); granddaughter, Camille Reynolds; sisters-in-law Moira Thom and Janet Reynolds; and cousins David Thom and Joe Gallelli. Ian was predeceased by his brother, Cecil.

Ian spent his boyhood in Edinburgh. During the Second World War, he served as a radio operator on Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters ship, HMS Bulolo, which played a vital communications role in the Allied war effort during the D-Day landings and in operations around Malaya, Singapore and Sumatra until the end of the war. After the war, Ian studied medicine at the University of Edinburgh. While a student, he met the love of his life, Minnie Jane Berry Murphy, and they married after his graduation in 1952. Ian practised medicine in Birmingham and Watford, England, before moving with his family to Regina, Saskatchewan, in 1962. Ian was a respected and beloved family physician in Regina for 27 years before retiring to Salt Spring in 1989.

Ian was a compassionate and skilled doctor and a proud Scotsman. He had an inquiring mind and loved fast cars, planes, boats and radios. Above all, he loved people; he was a devoted husband and father and a valued friend. Ian's family would like to thank his friend and physician, Dr. Ron Reznick, and the staff at Greenwoods, who cared for Ian with love and respect during the last year of his life.

A celebration of Ian's life will be held at 181 Fort Street, Salt Spring Island, on Sunday, April 28 at 2 p.m. Friends are invited to join his family to share their favourite memories of Ian and to raise a glass in his honour.

*An honest man here lies at rest
As e'er God with his image blest;
The friend of man, the friend of truth,
The friend of age, and guide of youth:
Few hearts like his, with virtue warm'd,
Few heads with knowledge so inform'd:
If there's another world, he lives in bliss;
If there is none, he made the best of this.*

- ROBERT BURNS

DEATHS

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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COMING EVENTS

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 two Trustees for a term of 3 years each and one trustee for a term of 2 years.

NOMINEES FOR TRUSTEE ARE:

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Norbert Schlenker

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

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COMING EVENTS

REGULAR MEETING of DWD

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CALL FOR ENTRIES 11TH ANNUAL

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COMING EVENTS

CALL FOR ENTRY

Originals Only
Summer Show & Sale 2013

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This unique outdoor event is open to fine artists living on Vancouver Island, the surrounding outer islands and Powell River. This is a juried show but the jurying process allows for the inclusion of artists working at various levels. All work must be original and conform to show standards of acceptable media and art forms.

Further information is available on the Originals Only website at: <http://www.originalsonly.ca/>

COMING EVENTS

SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE-RESCUE

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.

COMING EVENTS

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Where: Mahon Hall
Tickets: Salt Spring Books, ReMax, SSAC Office 537-0899; info@ssartscouncil.com

COMING EVENTS

INFORMATION

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COMING EVENTS

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Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the

Scott Point Water Works District will be held at 7pm on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at RVVC Pavilion (241 Scott Point Drive).

There will be an election for one trustee Position.
Trustee reports and meeting documents are available at www.scottpointwaterworks.com

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Salt Spring Seniors Services Society
Wednesday, April 24th • 2:00 p.m.
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Tip of the Week:

The New Moon in Aries is recognized to be the official launch into spring, according to many traditions. Spring Equinox itself represents the crack of dawn - that moment when the sun's light peeks over the horizon, where even the smallest portion of the sun's disk casts a blinding light, as to officially ignite the day. This can also be compared to an illustrious, sparkling diamond on a ring. Yet, the residual influence of Pisces is symbolic of the sleepy, half awake and groggy feeling one often feels upon awakening. The New Moon in Aries is like morning coffee. The New Moon chart hosts 5 planets in Aries. Sun, Moon, Venus and Mars are all very closely aligned and Uranus is there too. So, as splendid and marvellous as the actual and archetypal igniting light of daybreak is, the New Moon chart taken as a whole is the deeper story right now and it is quite complex. Uranus in close 90 degree aspect (square) to Pluto and Jupiter in close Square Aspect to Chiron are some of the main factors. Uranus and Pluto represent a deep revolutionary theme that dawned in late summer 2011 synchronizing with the "Occupy Wall Street" uprising that spread across the globe. This charged interaction will continue through to late 2015. The Jupiter/Chiron Square represents a revolutionary theme where social justice and cultural healing issues are implied. The Venus/Mars factor brings with it raw sex drive and ambition, pushing aside purely romantic sentiments. So here we go, the lit fuse of spring 2013 has reached the fireworks, or the dynamite, as the case may be. Incidentally, this Aries New Moon will wax to Full in Scorpio as a Lunar Eclipse. How simply snaky!

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Like the season you are on a dynamic roll now. Your passions are running high inspiring you to explore. Dreams of what might be are dancing in your thoughts. Yet you are changing as well. Not only your looks, but your style, desires, passions, interests and goals are all undergoing a metamorphosis.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

Visions of a bigger and brighter future are formulating in your mind. To this end you are going for the power in whatever way that makes sense to you. Creative plans are gestating and are a source of excitement. The past couple of years have been especially expansive and you are intent upon perpetuating the momentum.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

Renewed friendships and longings for love and life are all playing on your emotions. You are ready to do what you must to increase your options. This includes taking a few risks. The future beckons and it is important that you be willing to break through inner and outer lines of resistance. This will become increasingly true as this month unfolds.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)

A big green light is shining in front of you. This represents a significant go-ahead opportunity. If you have been waiting for the opening, this is it. Yet, a learning curve is implied. Be ready and willing to gather tools, equipment and/or training as necessary. Take the initiative yet maintain an even pace until you feel confident to accelerate.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)

Your sights are set on new horizons. This implies that you will enter new territory, not only literally but in your beliefs and philosophy as well. Yet be careful not to scatter your focus and energies, which is likely now. Remain as concentrated as you can to bring to completion existing projects while planning and preparing for new ventures.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

Something ends and something begins. This eternal law of renewal, of change linked to death and rebirth is a deep message and one that is underway for you now. Yet this change may simply be the end of old attitudes, perceptions, modes of behaviour, lifestyle rhythms and so on. Tune-in and co-operate co-creatively.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)

A powerful seed has been planted in your relationship life. Expect the new sprouts to emerge by the next Full Moon, a Lunar Eclipse by the way. It is possible that an issue that may emerge is more than one love interest. Either way, the emotions it stirs and the visions it arouses stand to be large indeed.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)

A fresh spark in your usual routine is igniting new passions. These will have revolutionary implications and will shift you into high gear. Deciphering which direction to take may prove challenging, however, as you will likely be enticed by two at least and perhaps even several. With some inventiveness you may be able to have it all.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)

The trumpets are ringing on the airwaves announcing that the games are about to begin. An exciting and stimulating if dramatic cycle has begun. The nature of cycles is that there are ever many and they overlap so this may simply be adding to current momentums. Compare it to a day at an amusement park and now it is time to ride the rollercoaster.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)

Something big, exciting and yet dramatic, even earth shaking is shifting things around close to home. House renovations, additions to the family, new projects and/or ventures are underway and evident to all who are invited to enter in. If you are planning an important launch of some kind, it may however be best to wait until early summer.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)

The seeds of new perceptions and perspectives have been sown. These will become more evident very soon, a week, maybe two. These will impact your personal life, perhaps especially in the romance department. New prospects, adventures and love are all likely. These will all prove very energizing and will feel large.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Your ambitions are being spurred from a trot to a full gallop. The season and perhaps even the entire year have been off to a slower start than usual. But that phase has come to a close. The quiet, still snake has begun to move with determination. The shift could come as a surprise and be full of drama, intrigue and excitement.

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LOCAL HISTORY

Aldous and Amblewood name origins uncovered

Early surveyor honoured near school zone

Aldous Road is a Salt Spring byway that's somewhat shrouded in mystery. Many islanders would probably need to be reminded just where it is, even though anyone who's had a child in middle or high school on the island has likely passed it countless times.

Residents can be forgiven the oversight for two reasons: one is its length, stretching the short distance between Park Drive and Kanaka Road. The second is the overpowering presence of Kanaka Skatepark, a facility whose instant name recognition obviates the need to know which street it fronts.

According to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Aldous Road was first dedicated

in July 1946 through subdivision plan VIP 6224, and was named for early surveyor Frederick Gray Aldous.

There are scant records to tell us who Aldous was and how his history unfolded, but a few clues can be found. Ruth Sandwell's book *Rural Space: Land Policy and Practices of Resettlement on Saltspring Island, 1859-1891* contains a short reference to Aldous in the footnotes to a chapter on early land pre-emption.

Ashdown Green was the first person appointed to survey Salt Spring in 1874, in part to reconcile unofficial settlements with the government's preferred grid plot scheme.

According to local historian Charles Kahn, while completing the island-wide survey, Green and his team "buried small pieces of china a metre or so below the stakes" to confirm the accuracy of plot



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STREETS OF SALT SPRING

locations in the future.

However, Sandwell shows that Salt Spring lot mapping was in fact contested for decades. Aldous, who was employed by the Surveyor General's office, was one of the later engineers tasked to remedy Green's earlier report.

"Many pieces of island property were missed by Green in the first comprehensive survey," Sandwell explains, adding that complaints were logged from the original survey date all the way up to 1943, when Aldous filed his field notes regarding "the S.E. Quarter of Section 52" (located midway along modern Isabella Point Road).

Other historical references to Aldous include the fact that he surveyed 143 acres of land owned by the Hudson's Bay Company in 1927 so it could become Victoria's Gorge Vale Golf Club. He also appears to have served in the Corps of Royal Engineers during WWI—a notation in military records states he relinquished his command in November 1919 but retained his rank as lieutenant.

Today there is just one street address on Aldous Road: number 110 is home to the Salt Spring Co-operative Preschool. The nonprofit organization bought the land from the Gulf Islands School Board for \$34,000 in the late '90s and constructed the existing one-level building with community help, opening its doors to families on Oct. 17, 2000. At the time of opening the organization was

the only member of the Vancouver Island Co-op Preschool Association to own its school building — making Aldous Road an area of historic interest for more than just its namesake.

Amblewood Drive, the next island road on our list, has a more recent vintage. Islander Jacqui Swan supplied the Driftwood with the information that she and her husband were responsible for creating the road when they purchased an old red farmhouse on Beaver Point Road around 1990 and subdivided its large property into seven lots.

"I don't recall how many acres of property came with the house. The property included a lot across the street at the corner of McLennan Drive," Swan wrote in an email.

"I think we came up with the name Amblewood Drive as there was

a street in Broadmead/Royal Oak of the same name that we liked."

Norman Twa was hired to do the road work. Swan and her ex later sold the farmhouse and built a small house on the lot to the south side of the farmhouse (just above Beaver Point Road) and lived there for a short time before selling it to Glen and Debbie Mollen.

"We then built a larger home at the very top of Amblewood facing south. We sold the lot across the street on Beaver Point to the Stevens family," Swan said.

Next up on my investigation into Salt Spring street names we head into the deep south with Andrew Place and Anna Drive.

Anyone who can help provide information, as Jacqui Swan so kindly did, is requested to please send me an email at dwsalty@driftwoodmedia.com.

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One of the authors of a classic West Coast plant handbook is speaking on The Dynamic Forest on Salt Spring next Friday night.

Andy MacKinnon, co-author of *Plants of Coastal British Columbia*, will address the effects of massive timber cutting on the B.C. coast and how Salt Spring wildlife populations have been affected. He will also talk about expected changes in Garry oak ecosystems as a result of climate change.

The April 19 event, organized by the Salt Spring Conservancy and co-sponsored by the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club., starts at Community Gospel Chapel at 7 p.m.

The conservancy describes MacKinnon as "a true Renaissance man, with experience as a botanist, ecologist, naturalist, guitarist, singer, writer and researcher."

"One of B.C.'s best-known ecologists, he has also researched the structure and composition of old-growth forests, ecosystem processes and their relationships to climate and ecosystem conservation."

MacKinnon is a research ecologist for the Coast Forest Region of the B.C. Forest Service, where he does ecosystem classification and mapping of the B.C. coast. His areas of responsibility include research in forest ecology and ecosystem-based management.

He serves on provincial and national research committees. His current research interests include natural disturbance, old-growth forests, non-timber forest products, and native plants, fungi and lichens.

Suggested donation at the door is \$5 to \$10.



Andy MacKinnon

BUSINESS

Workshop promotes pitching skills

Toastmasters hosts April 21 session

People with an idea or product to pitch won't want to miss a special workshop being presented on Salt Spring on Sunday, April 21.

"You'll learn how to present your idea and yourself for success," explains a press release from the Salt Spring Toastmasters Club, which is organizing the event called Learn to Pitch Your Idea or Product With Confidence.

"First impressions are critical and you'll discover how to be prepared for any setting. By the end of the day you will have a winning pitch and all the ele-

ments you need for delivering it.

"You'll have a chance to practice speaking in small groups, and you'll receive valuable feedback that will help you build your confidence and abilities."

Arthur Black, writer, speaker and former CBC host, will start the day off with "war stories from the lectern."

Participants will then discover speaking tools for maximum impact, find out "how to get rid of the dreaded ah's and um's," how to use eye contact to win over audiences, and using gestures and body language to make a point.

An opportunity to talk about one's product will also be provided. Afternoon sessions will

focus on developing materials into a short presentation, including hot tips for making a great first impression and a winning pitch.

The workshop will be of interest to artists, consultants, local businesses and anyone with an idea or product to sell.

People can register now by contacting Nora at 250-537-7448 or Laura at 250-538-0215. Registration deadline is April 15.

The cost is \$50, which includes lunch.

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BOOKS

Author shares story of adventure and growth



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Author Frank Burnaby's wife Gayle and their infant son Kokko, with the home the family built on a tiny island in the Maldives in the 1970s glimpsed in the background. The story of how they got there is told in Burnaby's new book called *Island Born*.

Island Born launches April 19

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

If you've ever dreamed about leaving everything behind to sail around the world until beaching on that perfect Pacific atoll, you're surely in good company.

The sea adventure and its co-conspirator, the island survival story, have fascinated the public for centuries, beginning with Daniel Defoe's novel *Robinson Crusoe* in 1719. Living on a small boat or a remote island clearly brings some challenges, but the independence and enforced simplicity of such lifestyles can make either choice sound ideal — from a safe remove, that is.

Salt Spring writer Frank Burnaby is one of the rare people in the world who has actually known both parts of the equation, completing an amazing emotional and physical journey with his young wife Gayle in the 1970s. Their adventures and the birth of their son Kokko on a tiny island in the Maldives are recounted in Burnaby's memoir *Island Born*, which will have its official Salt Spring launch at the Lions Hall starting at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 19.

The story of how this young couple purchased and outfitted a boat, learned how sail, and took off "the wrong way" around the world into the troubled waters of the Middle East and beyond includes more than one component that readers will find astounding. Hardly less surprised is Burnaby himself, who has come to see how remarkable these feats were

from the vantage of the present day.

"Experiences grow on you and you begin to realize what they were," Burnaby said.

"I'd never thought of having a baby in my life, much less on an island. And much less deliver it myself."

Looking back on his writing he says, "I'm amazed when I read it. I think, 'Are these people nuts?' And in a way they were, wonderfully nuts."

Burnaby met Gayle in Venice Beach in 1972. He was 27 and she was 17; he came from a comfortable background while she lived in the projects and on the streets. Something brought them together that was enough to convince Gayle to believe in Burnaby's dream and join him in England, where he purchased a vintage 40-ft cutter built of Burmese teak.

Travelling east, they were the first sailboat to go through the Suez Canal after it was reopened following the Arab-Israeli wars. They were trapped in Ethiopia for months by a combination of being detained by naval gunboats on two separate occasions and then missing the trade winds. They even weathered an extra-marital affair before arriving at last in the Maldives, where they were to build their home with permission and support from a local headman.

"It really wasn't about place, it was about a place inside us, more than outside of us," Burnaby said of their



FRANK BURNABY

bare bones island life.

"Finding a way to be self-reliant was a way to continue our relationship of intimacy with ourselves and the world around us, and what started us on our sea voyage. So going from boat to island came as a surprise to us too, but when we realized what was going on we just went for it — totally."

"We both had a similar approach to understanding our lives," Burnaby said.

"Gayle was a tough one. She didn't look to anyone to decide what she was going to do ... When she decided to sail across an ocean, she sailed across an ocean. When she decided to have a baby on an island, she found the resources within herself to do it."

Gayle died of cancer when her son was just 14, after the family had returned to North America. Kokko himself has become a corporate head hunter based in Seattle. He is an artist in his spare time and sails on the weekends.

"The story of his origins is a source of pride for him," Burnaby said.

While Burnaby didn't write *Island Born* to impart a lesson to his son or anyone else, he feels it can be a metaphor for how to live through one's imagination.

"I think it's really important to dream from that place — and step into your dream," he said.

"You may not be able to sustain that life, but you have to put yourself out there."

Island Born is available at Salt Spring Books and on amazon.ca.

The book launch begins at 7 p.m. with refreshments and an author discussion starts at 7:30 p.m.

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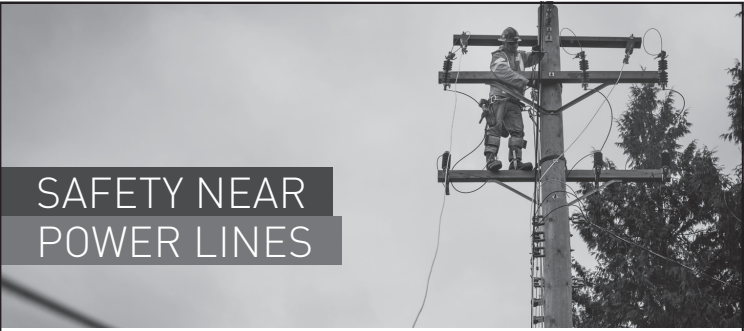
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ART/DANCE

Creative works get aired

Pollinate arts/music show unites islands

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An evening of integrated dance, performance and visual arts is set to transform Mahon Hall into a hive of creativity this Friday, April 12, with the Pollinate event celebrating the return of spring.

Produced by Sara Jolene and Jaime Murdoch, the event promises a cross-pollination of creative expression through voice, movement, paint, textiles and sound, featuring artists from Salt Spring and Victoria.

"It's kind of a new venue for creative expression in this area, and for all different mediums together," said Murdoch, who is the event's artistic director.

"We're hoping people will have a better sense of the creative endeavours of people from Victoria and Salt Spring, and see how they're alike and how they're different."

Jolene, the event coordinator, added another intention behind the show is to help inspire participants to find their own creativity.

The night's musical program will feature DJ performances from Victoria's Returning Saturn collective. Press material explains that group member Dodd is a mainstay of the Enthos Conference and Festival who blends "trancey, glitchy, dubby and techy tidbits into memorable dancefloor journeys."

Compass Rose, an artist "raised on the beats of reggae, dub, African chants, trip hopping vocals, opera, and Indian breaks" guides dancers on their journey through "deep bodied dub, playful glitch, mysterious downtempo, psychedelic trances, trip-hop-hip-hop vocal magic, and funkalicious grooves."

Anchor Hill hails from the wild coastal forests of B.C. With years of Latin/jazz training, DJ performance and production behind him, "Anchor Hill is a unique blend of phat,



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Pollinate directors Jaime Murdoch and Sara Jolene are ready to celebrate spring and the arts.

broken mid-tempo beats, flowing melodies, glitchy edits and organic samples. His eclectic styles range from Eastern-infused downtempo and trip-hop to psychedelic crunk and funky tribal glitch-hop." Sound for the event is by Indigo Sound.

Participants can warm up for the night ahead with Laughter Yoga led by Cedar Soulfeather. The evening will also include a spring-inspired dance performance by Naomi Jason and poetry readings by Kaive Love, Brian Hartlen and Ahava Shira. Grace Jordan of Salt Spring Bees n' Teas will have raw organic honey harvested from her bees on Lees Hill for sale, and will share her knowledge of bees as well as her poetry.

A gallery of work by local

painters, weavers, and sculptors will be supplemented by live creative acts. Exhibited work will feature work by Murdoch, a weaver and textile artist, Sean Goddard's glass and metal insects, Neacol and Stanley of Bling Squared (including a live glass sculpture demo), Andrea Russell's leather masks, Louise Goodman sculpture, paintings by Michelle Duncan, Cerika Voce, Kristen Rae, Mitchell Soulfeather, and live painting by Robin Freeasabird and Katie Onushko.

The evening's fun will be rounded out by a photo booth with donation by Jen MacLellan, plus goodies and snacks by Seed of Life Catering.

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DUPLICATE BRIDGE

April Fool's no joke for bridge

BY JILL EVANS
 DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Baa — March certainly went out like a lamb, warm and sunny! And seven full tables of players gambolled to Seniors on the evening of March 25 for a Mitchell movement, where they gambled about the hands they got.

But bah — a computer glitch lost all the scores so there were no results other than an interesting evening and good company.

The next game was on April Fool's Day, but there was no fooling around by the computer this time, and no fooling around with slow play, either, thanks to little timers on some of the six and a half tables. There

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were challenging hands, with George Laundry and Paul Retalack coming out on top again.

Second place went to Joanne Elizabeth and Jill Evans, with Nick Beringer and Pat Sutherland in the third spot, and the Zelly Taylor/Ian Thomas pair in fourth place.

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Paul Retalack, results from the little "Bridgepad" gadgets recently acquired went through perfectly, and winners were immediately known and then posted to a website

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MEDICAL EVENTS

Minto M.A.S.H. features Mega Code Kelly

Kids also urged to bring teddy bears to clinic

There's not many places where teddy bears can get the full medical attention they deserve.

One exception is at the Minto M.A.S.H. set for Saturday, April 20 at the Ganges Fire Hall, where the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation hosts its third annual Equipment Fair and Teddy Bear Clinic in partnership with Salt Spring Fire Rescue.

"Everyone is welcome to take part in this event and children are encouraged to bring along their teddy bears to the Minto M.A.S.H. tent where they can have a check-up with a nurse and doctor," explains a press release from the foundation.

"Stethoscopes will listen to teddy bear hearts and Band-aids will be available for scrapes and bruises and to simulate a trip to the emergency room. Kids become comfortable and less anxious when they see how their teddy bear is looked after so well."

This year the fair features the AED equipment. The Lady Minto Hospital Foundation spearheaded this program that aims to install Automated External Defibrillators at strategic locations across Salt Spring.

"Access to an AED can be the difference between life or death for someone having a heart attack."

AED training is now part of the WorkSafe BC first aid certification required for all businesses with more than six employees. The

foundation is coordinating AED training as part of this program. (People should contact the foundation office at 250-538-4824 to sign up for this important training.)

Mega Code Kelly will make a return appearance at the fair. M.C. Kelly is a versatile medical training "manikin" and offers a wide range of educational opportunities for local doctors and nurses. Demonstrations of this sophisticated medical equipment will also take place.

The portable FAST ultrasound machine, which has become the standard of care in Canadian emergency departments, will also be demonstrated.

The event runs from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.



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Your emotional and psychological health is important as you perform your role as care giver but do be aware of the possible signs of burnout. Your healthy body, mind and spirit benefit your loved one as much as they benefit you.

In the next few weeks, we will examine care giver burnout - signs and self care.



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YOUTH SOCCER

U15 girls soccer team makes Salt Spring Island proud

Team clinches gold-cup final

BY MARK NORDINE
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

"White is the colour and soccer is the game. We're all together and winning is our aim. So cheer us on through the sun and rain because Salt Spring, Salt Spring is our name."

This was the anthem that erupted from the island's U-15 girls soccer team just before kickoff at the Gold District Cup final on Saturday.

A silver-league title victory in March qualified the team for gold-round action last month. On March 9, the girls won a gold-round semifinal in a 1-0 double-overtime heart-stopper to make the finals against arch-rivals Bays United.

Having beaten them two years earlier to win the silver district cup, the girls were set to play them again in a final.

Bays United started brightly with most of the



PHOTO COURTESY U-15 GIRLS TEAM

Salt Spring Golden Cleats U-15 soccer team members and coaches with their gold medals and trophies following the Gold District Cup win against Bays United on Saturday. The team was in the silver division of the Lower Island Soccer Association league, which they won, so the gold-level win was even more sweet.

pressure until halfway through the first half, when Salt Spring earned a corner kick. Jordan Kitch-

en drove the ball perfectly to the top of the six-yard box before Kaya Mongard headed the ball into the

goal for a 1-0 lead.

Bays responded like thunder. Just before the end of the first half, their

star player broke through to the top of the six-yard box and unleashed a blast headed for the top corner. Salt Spring keeper Katie Hunt dove and knocked the ball away to preserve the Salt Spring lead before the half-time whistle.

In the second half, the girls continued their stellar defensive performance.

Alyssa Andress man-marked their star player and nullified their main threat. Sweeper Junessa Sladen-Dew's timing and decision-making skills were impeccable. Right-back Riley Kirkpatrick was calmness under fire personified. Left-back Emma Bishop's hard work and tenacity were tremendous. Centre-back Lauren Moulton's tight checking denied the Bays' strikers any chance to turn with the ball.

Captain Jordan Kitchen in centre midfield led by example, through good defensive work and timely clearances. Centre midfielder Kasea Camp-

bell broke up countless plays and proved an ever-present offensive threat with her huge throw-ins. Outside midfielders Callysta Boyd and Jennifer Hernandez implemented some hard-nosed tackling to frighten their opponents. Front runners Kay Siguerson and Maja Nordine applied relentless pressure on the Bays defenders, keeping momentum on our side. Finally, goalie Hunt had to make two more show-stopping saves to preserve her shutout, not only to grab the shutout but MVP honours as well.

By the final whistle, the U-15 girls achieved what few other teams have; they won the league in silver and the district cup in gold. They really have given Salt Spring something to be proud of. Our girls play with skill, hard work, sportsmanship, love and laughter. They are the epitome of the "beautiful" game.

Salt Spring is our name and soccer is our game.

RUNNING

Sneakers running club members eye season finale at Sooke

Bennett posts strong 15K result

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Sneakers running club finds itself within a few strides

of 11th place in the overall Vancouver Island Race Series' standings with only one race to go before season's end.

"We now stand in 13th place in the team competition of the island series and are in striking distance of 11th if we can field a large team in

Sooke for the wind-up of the series," wrote Sneakers' spokesperson Lynn Thompson in an email that followed Sunday's race.

"Tenth might even be possible." The Sneakers club is among approximately 80 teams from Vancouver Island registered in the

annual competition.

The team received some valuable points in Merville on the weekend as Catherine Bennett completed a 15-kilometre event in 1:22:18.

Bennett's time earned her a sixth-place finish in her F60-64 race category.

Thompson said Bennett's points increased her average points per race, giving her a strong chance to finish in fourth place for the series.

The Sneakers complete their VIRS season on Sunday, April 21 with the Sooke River 10K event.

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Megan Brooke and Nick Honour spar as Chris Barclay referees at a Salt Spring Island Karate Club in-house tournament on Saturday at the Salt Spring Elementary School gym. About 50 club members participated.