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FIRE BOARD

## Chamney and Schubart win seats

But Eckberg resignation leaves spot to fill

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

There was no change to the Salt Spring Fire Protection District's board of trustees after the re-election of Ron Chamney and Michael Schubart was announced at the district's annual general meeting Monday night, but the mid-term resignation of another member means the island will be doing it all again in the coming months.

Chamney and Schubart emerged with the highest number of votes at the end of Saturday's election and an advance poll on April 10, with a strong lead over challengers Scott Simmons and Darlene Steele.

The final results were 703 votes for Chamney, 709 for Schubart, 403 for Steele and 398 for Simmons. A record turn-out saw 1,110 property owners submit ballots, according to deputy returning officer Anthony Kennedy.

"I think it was a clear result — no ambiguity about what the majority of the ratepayers feel about the direction of the fire department," Schubart said after the election.



Voters lined up Saturday to cast ballots for two fire trustee positions.

FIRE ELECTION continued on 2

HEALTH CARE

## Non-urgent cases clog Lady Minto ER

VIHA recommends visits to off-island clinics

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Vancouver Island Health Authority wants people to consider their options before going to Lady Minto Hospital's emergency department.

"We've been seeing an increasing number of non-urgent cases," said VIHA spokesperson Sarah Plank on Friday.

Acting at the request of hospital staff, the health authority issued a notice on April 10 that asks islanders to think twice about going to the hospital. The announcement follows a spike in hospital visits for relatively minor ailments like headaches and rashes, Plank added.

Although a person's perception of their medi-

cal condition will vary, conditions such as a sore throat, onset of diarrhea or a rash generally don't require a trip to the hospital emergency room, said Dr. Shane Barclay, chief of staff at Lady Minto Hospital.

"We recognize Lady Minto Hospital and its emergency department is a valuable resource to our community," Barclay said in a news release.

EMERGENCY continued on 7

BOSTON BOMBING

## Runner recounts tragedy

Toole describes 'surreal' experience

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A former Salt Spring resident's Boston Marathon dream took a dramatic turn on Monday after a pair of deadly explosions ripped through the finish area of the legendary race.

"It's pretty crazy. I don't really know how to feel about it," said Erin Toole on Tuesday morning, fewer than 24 hours after the disaster. "It's a pretty horrific way to end a great event."

Toole finished her race about 40 minutes before the explosions killed three onlookers, injured more than 170 people and sent much of the city into a lockdown.

When the bombs exploded, Toole was recovering from her race in the shower at her hostel, about five blocks away from the finish area.

"I was so pumped and felt awesome," she said. "When I came out, the whole mood was so different and I had no idea what had happened."

It was a call from her sister in Victoria that told her something unusual had occurred, but it wasn't until she joined other guests gathered around the hostel's television that Toole grasped the situation's severity.

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# Healthy voter turn-out praised

FIRE ELECTION continued from 1

"I think it's excellent that we had such a big turn-out from the community. It's important that people exercise their franchise, otherwise we're working in the dark."

"I guess the biggest thing is, I'm very reassured by the populace of Salt Spring in that they see the value of having qualified people on the board," Chamney said of his reaction to the results. "The cautionary part is, it really was just the election — we can't read too much into it as to the new fire hall. We still have a lot of work to do, this just gives us the mandate to continue."

However, that apparent mandate caused the loss of another board member. Grant Eckberg announced at Monday's AGM that he would

resign immediately because of what the election results seem to say about the fire hall project.

"I feel that I can't really continue to contribute in a positive way to this project, and this project obviously has the support of the community," he said.

Eckberg was chair of the board's finance committee and was known for working toward fiscal restraint. He was elected to his second three-year term in April 2012.

Chair Bruce Patterson accepted the resignation, saying, "I'm sorry to see you go, Grant. You brought a lot to the board. Your insights promoted discussion and overall, we're the better for it."

"I'd like to say thanks, Grant," Chamney added. "It's so important to have watchdogs, in the public

and of course on the board, because it does keep us honest in the way we approach everything... I have to thank you for making us think about the decisions we were making, because they are important decisions."

Patterson thanked Simmons and Steele for participating in the election, and for their parts in bringing important community discussions to the forefront. He said the board would check into its requirements on when to call the new election and would keep the community updated.

Trustees voted to keep the membership of the standing and select committees as they currently exist until they can review the terms of reference. The finance committee is not expected to meet before the next meeting on May 6.

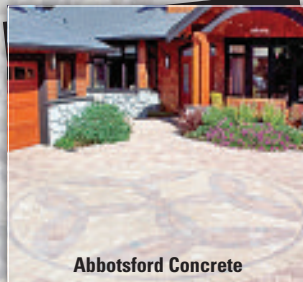
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# City reacts to attack

BOMBING continued from 1

Less than an hour earlier, Toole had been making her way through the finishers' area to meet her father, who'd been looking out for his daughter among the thousands of people gathered at the end of the race.

Speaking on Monday evening, Mark Toole said he realized something was up by the number of fire trucks, SWAT team units and ambulances that began speeding by on his way to meet his daughter at the hostel.

"It feels like Gotham City without Batman," he said.

The explosions went off simultaneously at approximately 2:50 p.m. Two unexploded bombs are said to have been discovered nearby and disarmed soon after the initial explosions.

In spite of the tragic events, Mark Toole and his daughter said they felt very safe in the wake of the bombings.

"The city has been incredibly hospitable," he said.

He described a large security presence, closed subways and spot checks set up around the city.

Speaking from her home on Salt Spring Island on Monday afternoon, Debbi Toole said she was still shaking long after she confirmed her spouse and daughter were safe.

Erin Toole described the whole experience as surreal.

She recounted being comforted and congratulated by a complete stranger as she walked off the plane in Montreal. Soon after passing through Customs, she found herself faced by a wall of journalists as she tried to make her connection to the West Coast.

"I guess it just doesn't seem real," she said, during a telephone interview before boarding her flight to Vancouver. "It's definitely not quite what I expected."

"It was crazy."

Erin Toole, who completed the race in 3:22, said she's spent much time thinking about how



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Erin Toole displays her medal for finishing the Boston Marathon, shortly before bombs went off.

close she came to being near the site of the explosion when the bombs went off. She had even anticipated taking up to 10 minutes longer to complete the 42-kilometre event.

More than 700 kilometres away in Washington, DC, Salt Spring's Margery Moore described a strong security presence soon after news of the explosion broke.

"Since 9-11, DC is in a constant state of readiness, but this has put the whole city on notice," Moore said in an email on Monday night. "The mayor was speaking earlier this evening about the emergency plan the city has in place and is already enacting."

As of Tuesday afternoon, the FBI had initiated an investigation into what it called a "potential terrorist incident."

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# NEWSBEAT

## Heads up!

### Ganges Harbour & Beach Clean-up:

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## EDUCATION

# SEEC program keeps growing up on Saturna Island

Participants get hands-on nature immersion

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It's 9:30 a.m. at Saturna Island's Breezy Bay and I'm clinging to the side of a steep bluff overlooking Thomson Park — but I'm not using my hands for support, because that's against the rules.

For myself and teacher-on-call Schuyler Matthews, our first experience with "Trials and Trails" is different enough from our regular work activities that we'll be talking about it for days to come. But it's all part of a regular week for the 15 teenagers behind me in line, as well as for activity leader Steve Dunsmuir, who is the founder of the Saturna Ecological Education Centre and its main instructor.

"Taking the students through the forest and alternate terrains is part of our P.E. component," Dunsmuir explains, shortly before tracking up the cliff on a slim path made by the island's feral goats.

Later that afternoon the students will enjoy another physical activity, playing a round of disc golf on the course they created in the woods at Haggis Hollow.

Back at the beach area, Wyatt, a student from Lillooet, leads the group in a modified version of hide and seek. Then Taryn, a Salt Spring



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Custom-built bathrooms and dormitories at Saturna's SEEC site.

native, hands out a round of conundrums for students to consider. Much thought is put into the problem of a farmer who is against pesticides but is running out of money after her crop has failed for three years in a row, and the judgement required in a Monsanto-type case against a farmer whose organic corn was infested by a neighbour's GMO seed.

SEEC is a happy story for both Saturna and the school district. Dunsmuir started by integrating ecological and outside learning into the island's elementary and middle years program, partly to help keep enrolment up on an island

of just 300 people. SEEC's success, and its power to draw in students from other islands, helped convince the district to launch an ecological learning stream at Salt Spring Middle School.

The Saturna program has in turn morphed into a residential program aimed at high school students, who stay on the island for three intensive days each week and usually attend for one or two semesters, although some stay for years.

SEEC students' academic credits may be funnelled into science, English and P.E., but the value of their in-depth experience living in this specific place can't really be

explained. Asking questions and observing the immediate environment is a big part of the program, where students are asked to "unplug" from personal electronic devices and spend every Monday morning huddled around a campfire for their weekly meeting (using wood they chopped themselves, and studied to learn which types produce the most BTUs).

Their learning also involves considerable interaction with the social environment, with dormitory living, community mentor relationships with Saturna adults and student partners in the elementary school.

SEEC's distinctive tilt-style cabins are housed on a 10-acre section of the 30-acre Haggis Farm, which is owned by Saturna notables Jon Guy and Priscilla Ewbank.

Current students include a few from the Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island and a large number from all around the Lower Mainland, who arrive at Haggis Hollow Sunday nights and go back home Wednesday afternoons. Wyatt, the boy from a large ranch west of Lillooet, boards during the rest of the week on a neighbouring farm.

Examples of student contributions to the land at Haggis Hollow are immediately visible: a bridge constructed by middle years students stretches over a creek, a path through the pasture was made for last year's legacy project, and a beautiful fan-design gate was created by a Grade 11 student for her

independent study project in carpentry.

Further along the path one can see the program's power house and the pipe supplying water to its micro-hydro plant, which was temporarily knocked out by the demise of an old growth fir after a recent storm. (The centre is completely off the grid and generates its own electricity and solar power.)

On the morning of our visit, that fir forms the basis for an important discussion between the landowner and the students, who are seated around the communal cabin's large table with mugs of tea.

"While you're here I'd like you guys to take the opportunity to ask a lot of questions," says Ewbank, who is a biologist and environmentalist as well as owner of Saturna's general store and its pub.

With independent projects covering subjects like stone masonry, clothing design and filmmaking, plans to host a Calgary school group and the Girl Guides, and travel to an ocean symposium, a music festival and B.C.'s heartland coming up, it's always a busy time at SEEC.

But parents and students who are interested in the program are invited to spend a day or two to see for themselves what it's like.

Registration is open now for the two 2013/14 semesters — more information and application forms can be found at [seec64.ca](http://seec64.ca).

If I didn't have a job to do, I can tell you I'd be signing up.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Drunk drivers busted

Salt Spring Island RCMP officers issued two 90-day driving prohibitions in a pair of unrelated incidents over the weekend.

Just before 11 p.m. on Saturday, police stopped the driver of a speeding vehicle along Lower Ganges Road. The driver, who showed signs of drunkenness, received a driving prohibition and had his vehicle impounded for 30 days after he failed a roadside screening test.

In another case, police pulled over a vehicle after watching it "weave all over the road" at a speed well below the speed limit. He too failed a roadside screening test after providing a breath sample. The man was issued a prohibition on site and had his vehicle impounded.

### Bird alert system

The Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club is letting a new idea take flight by

setting up an email notification system for birders on the island.

As John Heddle explains, "A few weeks ago, a rare Golden Eagle was seen flying south from Walker Hook but that report was 36 hours old when received and the eagle could have been past Portland by that time. Or it may still be hanging around. So for a more timely means of getting the word out, the club is willing to set up an email notification service by which members could

send out notices of sightings, the current location, and confirmations of rarities."

Heddle adds that an email list could also perhaps be useful for notifications of outings or other events of interest to birders specifically, as decided by the membership.

To sign up, people should contact Barry Spence, club membership coordinator, at [sspence@telus.net](mailto:sspence@telus.net).

To volunteer to manage the service, contact Heddle at [jheddle@YorkU.ca](mailto:jheddle@YorkU.ca).

## FOR THE RECORD

• A public comment included in an article about the closing of Moby's Pub in last week's Driftwood erroneously stated, "there will soon be new people in the Market Place space" at Gasoline Alley. Realtor Kelly Regen confirmed no plans have been made for the site

and the business remains for sale.

• The Michael Brown charged with extortion and other crimes as described in our front-page story last week is not the same Michael/Mike Brown who lives on Maliview Drive and owns and operates Fernwood Landscaping.

Concern was raised that readers might make an erroneous assumption that the same person was involved since the crime in question also occurred on Maliview Drive.

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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:

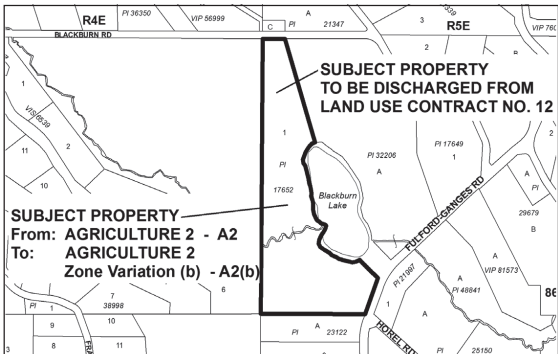
1. By altering Schedule D to allow discharge of the land use contract from Lot 1, Section 86, South Salt Spring Island, Plan 17652, as identified on Schedule 'A' to the proposed bylaw, as shown on the following sketch map (Plan No. 1).

**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 m<sup>2</sup> (1076 ft<sup>2</sup>) 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/ltc/ss/pdf/ssbylamendlu0465.pdf> for Proposed Bylaw No. 465; and at: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/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.
2. Online at the Islands Trust website via the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/ss/meetings.cfm> by completing the Public Hearing, Wednesday, April 24, 2013 Submission Form before 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, April 24, 2013.
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



PHOTO BY ADENA REIMER  
**MUTUAL FANS:**

Salt Spring's James Reimer holds up a jersey sent to his Toronto hospital room by the other James Reimer, a Toronto Maple Leafs goaltender. The West Coast Reimer is waiting for his second double lung transplant.

**ISLANDS TRUST**

**Food cart-site rezoning rolls on**

Pathway funding depends on future development

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A rezoning proposal for the Rainbow Road property occupied by a food cart is headed to public hearing after Salt Spring Local Trust Committee members gave the application first and second readings on Thursday.

The rezoning application was submitted to the island's LTC in September 2012, soon after a bylaw enforcement investigation was initiated in response to the presence of a mobile falafel and fries business owned by Alex Lyons.

If approved, the rezoning

would permit operation of the food cart and the possibility of further commercial development.

"The proposal does not include any immediate construction but would enable a broad range of commercial uses not permitted under the current zoning," reads a staff report dated April 1.

The 151 Rainbow Rd. property is zoned Residential 6. The requested C2 zoning variation restricts lot coverage to 33 per cent and allows a dwelling unit as a principal use.

Landowners do not intend to build a roadside pathway as a result of the rezoning application, but could participate in pathway construction when a broader plan for the area is considered by the Capital Regional District through the Salt Spring

Transportation Commission, according to applicant representative Eric Booth.

"My understanding is . . . that the transportation commission is going to be developing a proposal for a pathway on the south side of Rainbow Road, but do not have a firm timeline of when it's going to go . . ."

An Islands Trust staff member confirmed discussions about the funding of a pathway could occur when further development of the property is considered.

"This isn't our only kick at the cat," said Peter Grove, a Salt Spring LTC member.

A date for the public hearing has not been set.

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**INFRASTRUCTURE**

**CRD issues road project update**

Bike lane stretch should be finished by end of May

The end is in sight for the North Ganges bike lane and pathways project.

According to the Capital Regional District, which is overseeing the roadway improvements, Bowerman Excavating is currently completing the last of the excavation on existing driveway crossings and road/path widening.

"A majority of the underground drainage system has been installed and all retaining walls have been completed. The contractor is currently milling the existing asphalt road shoulder in preparation for paving. Weather dependent, the CRD anticipates that the section from Kingfisher Cove to Blain will be completed by the end of April while a further month will be required for the Blain to Atkins section."

People are advised to watch out for construction crews and take extra care while navigating through construction zones.

"The patience shown by islanders as we work towards completion is very much appreciated," the press release states.

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FERRIES

# Two new vessels planned for Route 9

Other FAC concerns still unresolved

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

BC Ferries is proposing the most cost effective way to replace two aging ship on Routes 9 and 17 is to purchase three smaller vessels, as announced at a meeting with the Salt Spring Ferry Advisory Committee on Thursday night.

Gulf Islands stalwart Queen of Nanaimo and its sister ship the Queen of Burnaby, which serves the Comox-Powell River route, are nearing the end of their useful lives and are scheduled for replacement in 2016.

At the bi-annual meeting between BC Ferries executives and the FAC, ferries CFO Rob Clarke explained the corporation has come up with a plan to commission two 145-car ferries and one 125-car ferry to serve the two routes, after looking at several options.

"The Nanaimo is not quite big enough in the summer and way too big for the winter," Clarke said of the 192-car vessel.

The proposal is that a new 125-car ship will act as the primary replacement vessel on both routes when the main ships are scheduled for maintenance and refits. The smaller boat will also see active duty in the Gulf Islands during the high traffic summer months and shoulder seasons, running for a longer period than the Bowen Queen currently does to link Long Harbour and Tsawwassen.

Clarke said the change could allow the corporation to improve the problematic Gulf Islands-Tsawwassen schedule with more "point to point journeys" while maintaining the same service contract with the province.

"What we believe is the vessels we are talking about will be sufficiently flexible to do a lot of things," he said.

The corporation intends to forward an application to replace the older vessels to BC Ferry Commissioner Gord Macatee this



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

BC Ferries CFO Rob Clarke

week. Clarke said the process to acquire new vessels takes around three years.

A public information session explaining why the company is proposing to buy three new ships and the process leading up to its decision will be held on Salt Spring from 3 to 5 p.m. on Friday, April 26 at the Harbour House Hotel. Public comments are invited and will be forwarded to the ferry commissioner for his consideration.

Despite the good news about a potentially better service design for the Gulf Islands, several sticking points continued to frustrate the FAC and attending members of the public.

"There's never been an idea raised by the FAC that BC Ferries has said, 'That's a good idea. We'll do it,'" said deputy chair Bob Jones during a discussion on loading instructions for the Crofton terminal.

FAC member Scott Simmons made a presentation on the issue of "hot ticketing" at the terminal and the problems caused by visitors who don't realize they should purchase their fares prior to loading.

Simmons offered to buy the plywood and make the sign himself after Corrine Storey, BC Ferries' vice president of customer service, said it might be possible to implement an electronic sign if the pilot in Vesuvius works out. Storey then agreed that a static sign could be put up at the ticket booth in the meantime.

The issue of how foot passengers travel-

ling between Salt Spring and Tsawwassen must trade in their through-fare ticket for a boarding pass at Swartz Bay — a time-consuming process during the rush to make the connecting ferry — continues to be an issue.

"I appreciate that you work at it, but it would be nice to see a result some time," Jones said.

Though no immediate solution is in sight, a plan to change BC Ferries' ticketing system could see an automatic station installed on the ground level in two years time. Until then, executives said the corporation would have to stick to its current policy to ensure correct passenger counts in event of an emergency.

Jones also raised the increased buy-in cost for the Experience Card as an issue for islanders, stating those who need the discount the most may be unable to afford the \$105 minimum, and therefore be stuck paying a higher single fare.

John Rowlandson, a member of Island Pathways, made a presentation on the need for a safety plan for cyclists and pedestrians at Fulford terminal. He asked the company to document how it intends to ensure those passengers' safety since a plan for a sidewalk has been downgraded to a paved shoulder, due to Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure lane width requirements.

One FAC idea that did gain traction with ferry executives was Simmons' proposal to develop unused property at Long Harbour as a demonstration permaculture forest. He suggested all the work could be done by volunteers and the end result would attract more visitors to the island and boost the economy.

"We could make it into a magical garden... We could make it into an ecological reserve," Simmons said, calling the plan a win-win for all involved.

Storey agreed it sounded like a great idea and promised to connect Simmons and terminal operations manager Stephen Nussbaum with the company's environmental manager.

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Capital Regional District **CRD**

**Notice of Annual Water Main Cleaning Salt Spring Island: Fulford and Beddis**

Water main cleaning is planned as follows:

- Fulford system - April 30, 2013
- Beddis system - May 1, 2013
- Cedar system - May 2, 2013

Short periods of low pressure and discolouration of water can be expected. This does not affect drinking water safety. Please contact CRD at 250-656-2425 ext. 1 if you have any questions.

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SCHOOL BOARD

# School kudos shared at board meeting

Saturna VP also hired

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Gulf Islands students and teachers have more than a few reasons to be proud of themselves this year, with recognition and thanks from three different organizations shared at the school board's public meeting on Saturna Island last week.

Pender Islands School was one of the winners of the BC Green Games, an annual contest for sustainability projects that is organized by Science World. Led by teacher Julie Johnston, the Pender students came up with a plan to compost their used paper towels and received \$1,000 to fur-

ther their efforts. "Our schoolyard is surrounded by ever-green trees, so we didn't have enough leaves for the compost system we built," the project description on the BC Green Games website explains.

"But we realized that lots of brown paper towels go into the garbage every day. So we made paper towel composting boxes to go beside every sink in the school.

"Now we have lots of 'browns' to go with our lunchtime scraps (the 'greens'), and the school has less waste."

Pender's entry was one of 20 winning projects, selected by a panel of environmental experts from a total of 132 entries from 39 school districts across the province.

Board members

heard that students at Salt Spring's Fernwood Elementary School were honoured for their fundraising contribution to Unicef. Retired teacher Joyce Weir visited the school to share a certificate of achievement with the students.

She also displayed the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee medal she received for volunteer efforts that included the annual Unicef drive.

Middle years and elementary students in the district contributed almost \$1,900 to the Heart & Stroke Foundation this year through their annual Hoops for Hearts basketball tournament and Jump Rope for Heart fundraisers.

A letter of thanks and notice of a return donation of \$186.66

were shared at the meeting.

In other school board news, chair May McKenzie announced the hiring committee's decision to award the position of Saturna school vice principal to Shannon Johnston. Johnston is due back soon from a one-year teaching mission in the Philippines, and before that was a primary teacher at Phoenix elementary.

In an update of the board's financial statements, school board treasurer Rod Scotvold showed the district is still slightly under budget for the year to date, with 70.5 per cent spent over 75 per cent of the school year.

"That's looking very reasonable for this time of year," Scotvold said of the 4.5 per cent variance.

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## LOTTERY WIN

## Scratch ticket reveals win

Islander wins  
\$77,777 grand prize

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Debora Forsyth need not worry about her truck payments for a very long time thanks to a big cash win from a \$5 scratch-and-win ticket.

The Ganges-area resident had just returned home after buying her ticket at Salt Spring's uptown Pharmasave when she found out her "Diamond 7's" game card was a winner.

"Surprised is an understatement," she said.

Within moments Forsyth was on her way back to the drug store, winning ticket in hand, to claim the \$77,777 grand prize.

Forsyth looked a tad overwhelmed when she claimed her prize on the afternoon of April 6, according to Wendy Duke, the cashier who sold the winning ticket.

"She looked dazed, all red in the face, and said: 'I won something good,'"

Duke recalled.

A scan of the winning game card sent the ticket machine into a musical frenzy and the store soon erupted with cheers and applause.

**"This thing rocked and rolled and people started hooting and hollering. I was delighted. I was on a natural high all day long."**

WENDY DUKE  
Pharmasave cashier

"This thing rocked and rolled and people started hooting and hollering," Duke said. "I was delighted. I was on a natural high all day long."

Within two days of her win, Forsyth found herself accepting the cheque at the BC Lottery Corporation's Vancouver headquarters.

She said a big chunk of the cash has already been used to pay off her truck, eliminate some pesky credit card debt and settle her daughters' wedding.

Forsyth said she's fortunately still got a handsome stash tucked away in the bank. She's now patiently awaiting her next big win.

"Maybe I'll win the \$43 million tonight," she said last Wednesday.

"There's no breaks for the wicked."

According to information on the BCLC website, the odds of winning a prize on the \$5 "Diamond 7's" ticket are approximately one in four.

Forsyth said the chances of winning the grand prize are more like 1 in 800,000.

"It shows it can be done," Duke said.

"It can happen on Salt Spring."



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

**SAMPLES WITH A SMILE:** Karina Halle, who owns the Salt Spring Wok Bar (formerly noodle bar) in Gasoline Alley with partner Scott MacKenzie, serves at the Taste of Salt Spring event held at the Harbour House Hotel Orchard Room on Sunday. Part of Salt Spring Blooms in April/Blossom Festival Weekend happenings, the celebration of local food and wine saw a packed house turn out. For more photos, see the Driftwood's Facebook page.

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# PARC activities heat up with the weather

## Rainbow Road Pool

Our annual "destination" swim, Rock to Rock: Swimmin' the San Juan Islands, is underway. A mock route has been plotted from Salt Spring to Friday Harbour on San Juan Island.

Participants record the amount of time they spend in the pool, be it for Aquafit, laps, rehabilitation, or play time. With the accumulation of 100 hours, over four months, you have successfully reached Friday Harbour! Throughout the event participants can enter their names into a draw for one of three \$100 gift certificates to local restaurants. Sign-up at the front desk for this motivating challenge.

## Babysitting Safety

This course is designed for youth, 11 years and up, who want to become a babysitter or may already

## PARCPOSTINGS

be one. The babysitting course covers the responsibilities of a babysitter, safety tips for children of all ages, basic child care skills and what to do in case of an emergency. The fee for the course is \$56 and includes the Red Cross manual. Register now for the Saturday, May 11 session, to be held in the Portlock Park Portable from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a half hour lunch break.

## Salt Spring 'Un-limited'

PARC's Spring 2013 Leisure Guide will be available April 24. The brochure contains information on leisure courses, events, recreational facilities, sport venues, service clubs and more. Copies can be found at the PARC office, the tourist informa-

tion centre, the library, as well as a number of restaurants and coffee shops. The guide is also online at [www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc](http://www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc). If you would like to be listed in our Fall 2013 edition, please contact the PARC office at 250-537-4448.

## Doggie Daycare

Due to its success last summer, the BC SPCA Salt Spring Island Branch and PARC are partnering again this summer to provide a dog sitting service on Saturdays during market hours.

Starting on May 18 (the long weekend), SPCA staff and volunteers will care for your dog while you enjoy the market. A fenced area will provide a safe place for your pet and the location is adjacent to the cenotaph by the washrooms in Centennial Park. To take advantage of this service, all dogs must be registered by complet-

ing a short questionnaire. For the service, donations are requested for SPCA and we suggest a minimum of \$10 per hour.

## Park Use Permits

PARC manages all activities and uses within Salt Spring's community parks, many of which require a park use permit. The goal of the park use permit system is to manage special uses within our parks to minimize the impact on the natural environment, other park users, parks operations and facilities. Anyone intending to hold an event which attracts participants or spectators, such as a rally, class or festival, or anyone wishing to reserve exclusive use of a park area, should apply for a park use permit at least six weeks prior to the activity. The permit should be carried during the event for which it has been issued, so it can be produced upon request.

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CLIMATE ACTION

# Krayenhoff guest at society meeting

Council AGM features Salt Spring's international green builder



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A rammed earth home built with SIREWALL technology, a green building practice developed by Salt Spring's Meror Krayenhoff.

The Salt Spring Climate Action Council's AGM features an international green-building expert with Salt Spring roots on Monday, April 22 at Lions Hall.

"Green-building adventures in India, China and the USA — climate change challenges and solutions is the title of Meror Krayenhoff's Earth Day presentation that will follow the business portion of the afternoon meeting.

"Efficiency is the cheapest form of energy and many energy-efficient building technologies are applicable around the world, including here on Salt Spring," explains press material from the Climate Action Council. "While electrically heated buildings in BC benefit from BC Hydro's legacy dams and low

greenhouse gas emissions, this is not the case for the vast majority of the world's buildings which rely on fossil fuel for heating, cooling and electricity generation. Construction also carries a high carbon footprint. A transformation of the built environment through building retrofits and appropriate new construc-

tion is necessary to reduce global carbon emissions."

Krayenhoff points out that the scale of climate change needs appropriately-sized and well-targeted responses. How do we determine which actions have the most leverage? He describes responses to climate change from building professionals and

students he has met in the field and in lecture halls around the world. What is important from the perspectives of very different cultures?

Krayenhoff invented and developed Stabilized Insulated Rammed Earth (SIREWALL) on Salt Spring. He has since undertaken projects on three continents, lectured and written extensively, and introduced thousands of green-building enthusiasts to the technology. SIREWALL buildings have won numerous awards, including a first place at the World Architecture Festival in Barcelona for the Nk'Mip Cultural Centre Project.

Doors open at the Lions Hall at 2:45 p.m. on Monday and the presentation will begin at approximately 3:40, after the AGM.

Following the presentation there will be a Climate Action Council strategic planning session. Everyone is welcome to attend the whole afternoon or come just for the presentation.

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# Personal prevention strategies urged

EMERGENCY continued from 1

"Our goal is to ensure that those patients with the greatest medical needs receive the care they require by encouraging patients with less urgent medical conditions to consider other, non-emergency room treatment options."

Approximately 80 per cent of the hospital emergency room's 11,000 annual visitors are considered to have "less-urgent" or "non-urgent" ailments. Patients with non-urgent conditions can expect to have longer wait times,

especially when the facility is busy.

The VIHA news release asks patients who have a physician on Salt Spring to make appointments for routine conditions with their GP.

"Residents who regularly travel to Vancouver Island or the Lower Mainland may want to familiarize themselves with the locations of walk-in clinics in off-island communities," states the release.

Another alternative to the emergency room is to call HealthLink BC at 8-1-1 or visit [www.healthlinkbc.ca](http://www.healthlinkbc.ca). The service pro-

vides medically approved confidential health information and non-emergency advice.

"It'll tell you what you need to do," Plank said. "That's a really good one to consult if you're not sure."

Barclay stressed the role of prevention as a way to promote better health and reduce emergency department wait times.

"Preventative health is key to avoiding a trip to emergency," he said. "Wash your hands, get a flu shot, eat well, exercise, don't smoke or abuse substances, and be safety aware."

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# OPINION



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## EDITORIAL

# Election sizzle

It isn't often that the actual voting process is more mind-boggling than campaign strategies, but the recent race for two spots on the Salt Spring fire board is an exception.

Long lineups at the island's lone voting station saw property owners queued into the fire hall parking lot as election staffers hurriedly searched through pages of eligible voters.

Anomalies abound in any election, but the degree of voting-list oddities, mixed with an especially high degree of interest in last week's election produced an exceptional level of bewilderment for voters.

During Saturday's election and the advance poll on April 10, many voters were surprised to discover they were registered in communities scattered hither

and yon. Although street addresses were usually spot on, names of towns and cities from across B.C. and beyond were sprinkled throughout the voters' registry in place of Salt Spring Island.

The source of the problem appears to be lack of cooperation from BC

### THE ISSUE:

Fire board election

### WE SAY:

Process need improving

Assessment in providing the data required in a logical form — which is why property owners were bizarrely listed with first names first on the list. Someone with authority needs to address the property owner data issue with BC Assessment.

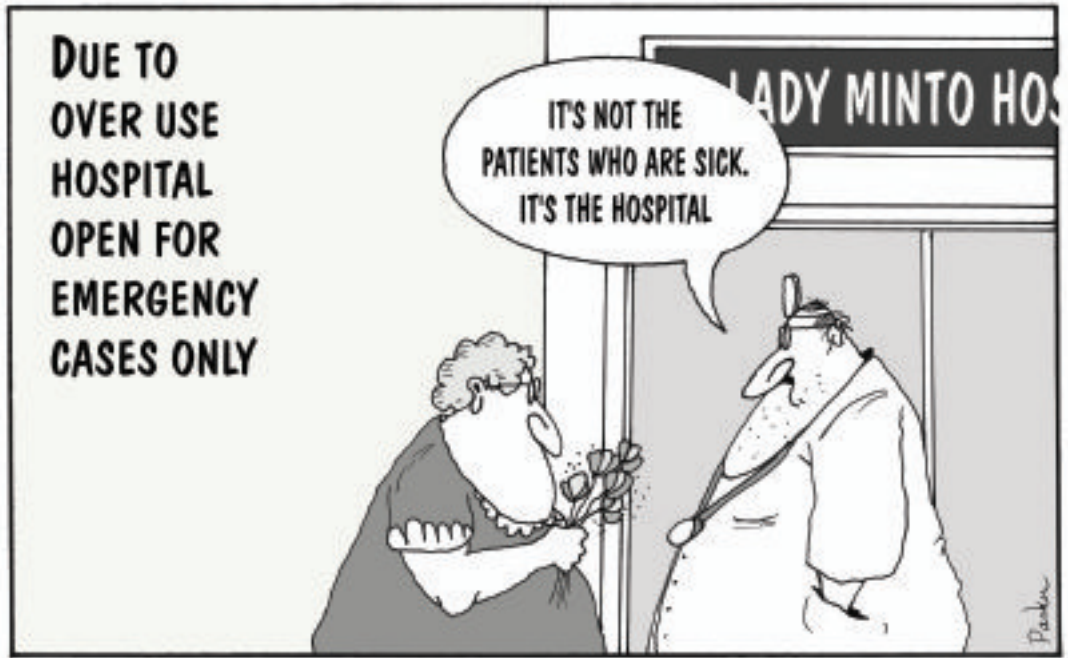
Longer voting hours and a different location should also be implemented, as parking in Ganges on a Saturday plus the daunting lineup no doubt deterred many voters.

Despite the troubles with this election, it was at least an improvement over one held nine years ago.

Back in 2004, concerns were raised about the dearth of privacy screens, and ballots that lacked a specified place where voters could mark an 'X' to indicate their choice.

To cap things off, a minor controversy erupted after it was discovered that an outdated provision jeopardized spousal voting rights.

Surely when it comes to elections we want to make progress, not go backwards. With a fresh fire board vacancy announced on Monday evening and a referendum right around the corner, there's no time to lose to ensure things run more smoothly the next time around.



**VIEWPOINT** by WAYNE MCINTYRE

# No link between parking and study

I am writing to clarify items in the April 3 article titled "CRD director puts parking on hold" and subtitled "Issue linked to governance study."

There was also a follow-up letter from Brenda Guiled published April 10 titled "Parking is a political issue."

The decision to not pursue the parking authority question was a result of due diligence and consultation. It had nothing to do with the present Salt Spring Island governance study, which is simply a review of the present system on Salt Spring, nor was it in any way political.

The Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission (SSITC) has provided input on parking matters since it was established by a CRD bylaw and is aware of its present limitations, such as enforcement ability. As a voluntary advisory commission the SSITC can make recommendations to the CRD board through the Salt Spring electoral area director. Like all Salt Spring CRD commissions and committees, it performs a very valuable service in the CRD board approval process. The SSITC performed such a service in recommending its 2013 transportation budget priorities and as well provided input on overall community priorities.

At the community level, a number of other CRD commissions, committees and other community groups were also polled prior to the preparation of the 2013 CRD budget. Parking issues were not identified as a priority. The SSITC as a specific example only included painting yellow curbs throughout Ganges to signal no parking areas in the motion they passed on their 2013 budget priorities. No further 2013 parking budget items were identified.

The governance study linkage in the April 3 article quoted part

of the final paragraph in my parking report but did not include "This can be done in a number of public meetings, including at the end of a regular governance committee meeting and/or at one of the larger public forums that will be planned to seek public input. These would be opportunities to gauge parking matters as a community priority in relation to others."

In the desire to be open and transparent on community consultation options, the reference was simply pointing out that the consultation process during the governance study will provide community members the opportunity to comment on the present governance model and raise any issues they feel are important. (See Salt Spring Island Governance Study Terms of Reference Study Goal 4: "Identify and document resident and property owner attitudes toward the existing local government system including perceived benefits and concerns.")

It bears repeating that the governance study is NOT an incorporation study and trustees George Grams and Peter Grove and myself are ex-officio, non-voting members of the present governance committee. It will be the voting members of the committee, representing various sectors of the community, who will recommend to the provincial government minister whether a further study should be undertaken, not the local Salt Spring elected officials.

More information is available at [www.ssigovernance.wordpress.com](http://www.ssigovernance.wordpress.com).

The writer is Salt Spring's electoral area director to the Capital Regional District.

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### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

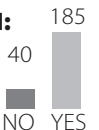
**Are you happy with the fire election result?**

Yes  No

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

### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

**Is Salt Spring's economy a concern for you?**



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# ISLAND VOICES

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "I was just being myself and the way I am on Salt Spring. It might go unnoticed on Salt Spring, but to them we were from an alien planet."** PALU RAINBOW SONG IN TORONTO

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked: Can Justin Trudeau resurrect the federal Liberal party?**



**ISABELL ASHALL**  
*I don't think so. Maybe if he had a bit more experience.*



**ARNOLD BIVER**  
*I do feel he can, because he's young and has a vision that the other leaders do not have.*



**CHRISTINE CLAIR-REIN**  
*I would like to see a difference in Canada's future and maybe he can do it.*



**GERI RAMSAY**  
*I think Justin Trudeau will evoke a memory of a Canada we want resurrected.*



**ANKE SMELEE**  
*He might surprise us.*

## Letters to the editor

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

### Endorsing the candidates, not the plan

Like many home-owners on Salt Spring, I waited patiently in line to cast my vote for fire department trustees, and I was pleased to find the results published so quickly on the Driftwood website.

My own vote was an endorsement of the incumbents themselves — of the two individuals and of their experience. It was also a rejection of an approach that appeared to focus only on cost when to my mind, community safety is priceless and will be better served by having all services under one roof.

It was not, however, an endorsement of the plans recently presented to the community. I think that the board has a distance to go in an attempt to present us with something that will serve us well, meeting current and

as far as we can tell future needs, for a long time, without appearing to be palatial. Admittedly, I need to take a much closer look at those plans before having questions prior to making any kind of personal assessment. I hope that this will be facilitated by having a set available for the public to examine, located perhaps at the library.

Like the majority of voters, I have not attended any meetings, but I do plan to take a more involved part. I don't want to depend on hearsay when it comes to board dynamics or plans. Our community will be best served by a group of objective moderate voices who carry with them the knowledge that only experience can bring.

It is important that we will then be offered plans that the majority will feel comfortable supporting. In all likelihood this will mean a little less costly but eminently workable plan for a new fire hall based on some alterations on the cur-

rent plan. Plan A-2.

It is the responsibility of the trustees to save us money where they can, which means that when it is ready, the referendum should not be an expensive exercise in futility.

And let us hope that on voting day they are prepared for a healthy voter turnout.

**TOBY FOUKS,**  
SALT SPRING

### Democracy

An impressive turnout on Wednesday and Saturday last — and perhaps we should thank Darlene Steele and Scott Simmons for stirring the pot to the point that over 1,100 of us made the effort to vote. A vivid exercise in democracy.

**MARY HUGHES,**  
WOODHALL PLACE

### Congrats

I am on record as a vociferous opponent of Messrs. Schubart and Chamney for re-election as trustees to the fire board.

I am prepared to eat crow

— the people have spoken decisively: not only in favour of them, as firefighters, who know the business inside-out, but also — and much more importantly — as a vote of confidence on the new fire hall plan as (excellently) presented at the open house on April 6.

I had very deep reservations about the award of the Phase 2 architectural contract on April 1 — that is before the open house — to fully develop these preliminary plans without some sort of prior public feedback. The public has given their endorsement to this plan in pretty convincing terms.

I commend the board on their foresight in handling this matter with deft political skill so as to expedite and streamline the fruition of the plan as presented: I think it is obvious that it enjoys popular public support, which will manifest itself in an equally unequivocal yes vote at the referendum.

As you aptly say, firefighters, on the side of your fire truck: "Let's go, guys!" You deserve nothing but the best and Salt Springers agree with you. Let's get on with it!

**ROSS KING,**  
BEDDIS ROAD

### Expensive ads

Lately we have been inundated with expensive ads on the TV, computer and radio about how well our governments have been conducting business.

Both the federal Conservatives and the B.C. Liberals extol the importance of their good governance, bragging about such things as the development of "safe" pipelines, the restoration of damaged soil, the development of various economic action plans, developing digital TV, introducing the educational savings grant and even educating about the War of 1812, just to name a few.

These ads come with an expensive price tag, \$78.5

million (federal Conservatives) and \$16 million (B.C. Liberals), all of which comes out of your pocket. Although Andrew McDougal, the PM's spokesman, says the government has a responsibility to tell us, the people, how they are conducting business, only six out of 1,000 actually went to the website, according to a government survey.

Does anyone else think this is a colossal waste of taxpayers' money, especially when many social programs, scientific research, Statistics Canada, our coast guard stations and other programs that we all hold dear are being closed down or having their budgets slashed?

We want you to remember this when you go to the polling station. We need to be heard.

**SUSAN PAYNTER,**  
FOR SSI RAGING GRANNIES  
AND SSI VOICE OF WOMEN

**MORE LETTERS** continued on 11

# Salt Spring real estate market — winter flu?

After positive trends in the market on Salt Spring Island last year, the first quarter of 2013 did not perform particularly well.

Throughout the entire year of 2012 we saw no further slippage in the median and average sale prices and the sales volume remained steady (even though still below historical average); just under 200 sales for the year.

However, the first three months of this year were a different story. When compared to the same period last year, the first quarter of 2013 limped in with the sales volume down by 27.5 per cent (29 properties sold as opposed to 40 last year) and the average and median prices of SFD (single family dwelling) non-waterfront properties were down by eight and 11 per cent respectively. The average sale price of a SFD non-waterfront home on the island currently stands at \$454,708 (down from \$495,021 in the same period in 2012) and the median price at \$435,000 (down from \$490,000 in the same period in 2012).

However, in my opinion, there is no need for major concern, since the numbers could easily even out as the year progresses and the statistical sample of sales increases. There are

likely several causes for the lower performance this year thus far, such as the continued market correction in Vancouver (Vancouver market trends historically precede ours), the residual effect of the recently imposed restrictions placed on borrowers, the general continued malaise in the market and lastly, but not in the least, the seasonal variations from year to year. Also, the slower than expected (or wished for) economic recovery in Canada and the U.S. is not helping in boosting general consumers' confidence in making major purchases either. And as for investors and institutional funds, at the moment, the equity markets once again provide many more growth opportunities than the lacklustre real estate markets. I think we have been here a few times before!

As of April 7 the total number of active MLS listings on the island was about 330 listings, but the number of properties actually for sale could be close to 600 when properties that were allowed to expire, temporarily taken off the market or rented out are



**Tom Navratil**

### PROPERTY LINES

15.2 per cent for the same month.

However, as it was said many times before, a slow market also means a stable market. For the sellers, though sometimes a challenging undertaking in this market, selling is "OK" for a "lower price" as the "lost" value is easily made up when buying another property (assuming a person is selling one and buying another).

For buyers, this market continues to offer some great buying opportunities in all price ranges. We saw some nice home listings under \$300k accumulate over time, four of which sold this year between January and the end of March (none under \$300k sold in 2012 in the same period).

taken into account. As the MLS inventory will decrease with time and future improvement of the market, these "surplus" properties will likely be listed again. The ratio of sales to active listings for the month of March on the island is 3.6 per cent. It illustrates the island's laid-back market attitude when compared to the Vancouver ratio of

The value-conscious buyers were also able to pick up eight waterfront properties this year (28 per cent of all sales) whereas in the same period of 2012 only five sold (only 12.5 per cent of all sales).

April 1 marked the return of the GST and PST tax structure in the province. From a real estate perspective, it's important to remember that sales tax on newly subdivided vacant land (where more than one lot was created) and on new homes was thus reduced to five per cent GST (from the former 12 per cent HST) with the GST rebate on new homes being affected accordingly.

As well, tax on real estate commissions now only carries the five per cent GST tax. The Property Transfer Tax charged on all real estate transactions remains unchanged (one per cent on the first \$200,000 and two per cent on the balance of the sale price). The Property Transfer Tax can be exempted for first-time buyers who have never owned a home before.

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**BLOSSOMING TALENTS:** Danielle Newton, left, reads her haiku poetry, while Anju Otsu participates in a karate demonstration at Saturday's Blossom Festival event hosted by the Japanese Garden Society at Heiwa Garden. A picnic, music and other activities were also enjoyed.

## RANTS and Roses

### Roses

Thanks to the businesses that allowed me to put donation containers inside their businesses to help cover accommodation, food and "getting around" costs for my assistant Tim Harvey and I on our three-day journey to the Dragon's Den show in Toronto. The businesses are: Salt Spring Island Community Services, Mouat's Hardware, Mouat's Clothing, Country Grocer (special thanks to Paul Large), BMO, CIBC, Sports Traders, Island Escapades, Salt Spring Sound, Barb's Buns, Treasures of the

Heart, UFO store (just opened), Raw-some Living Foods, Salt Spring Air, Auntie Pesto's Cafe, Pure Pharmacy, Pharmasave stores, Pomodoro Pizza, Salt Spring Inn, Jill Louise Campbell Gallery, Oystercatcher, Harlan's Chocolates, Mrs. Clean Laundry, Elements Home Design, Golden Island Restaurant, Penny's Pantry, The Curio. With special thanks to Sharon. Palu Rainbow Song

A huge bouquet of spring roses to the kind lady that ran after me and found me outside the Country Grocer

store to return the wallet that I unfortunately forgot at the checkout April 11. Soooooo grateful. VH

Tree Frog roses of gratitude to Gordon and Bev Cartwright for donating all the beautiful wooden furniture and toys to our daycare. The children are putting them to good use and they already being so well loved!

A gigantic bouquet of catnip-infused roses to Doug at SS Garbage for his valiant efforts "driving and diving" to ensure the safety of an adventurous cat. We honour your compassion and dedication! Thanks also to Lisa for quarterbacking. SSIBCSPCA

## Great buys on Fantastic Properties!

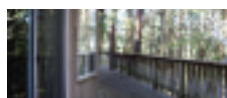


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**ARVID CHALMERS,**  
SALT SPRING

## Challenging the already challenged

Omigod, that Salt Spring Island residents might read something other than letters to the editor comprised of bluster and puffery reminiscent of so many ping-pong matches covering the current "hot topics" or issues that can go on ad nauseum for years.

After reading, or should I say scanning, numerous articles about the fire hall, architects, type of materials to be used, what the phases of building are, etc., perhaps a postmortem should be held on the mother of all buildings — the magnificent library! Obviously one key element of planning was, frankly, overlooked. The handicapped!

Unfortunately, those with disabilities have found themselves having to deal with, first of all, the fairly steep climb upward via the sidewalk, only to find they have to turn around and walk all the way back again to get in the front door!

Having heard about this predicament from others, I went over to find out for myself since I was in the vicinity. Yep! I perceived it to be the most inane configuration ever conceived to challenge the already challenged. And although there's disabled parking behind the library, there's no back entrance for them to enter through. So they have to walk all the way around this structure. Oh yes, there is one disabled parking spot in front of the building. But what makes everyone believe the users are going only to the library? Did someone forget that the old library and the interim one were accessible by the door at ground level?

You can have all the usual prerequisites for erecting a building, but if there isn't some

basic input regarding fundamental disabled needs nowadays . . . then there's something sadly flawed throughout all phases. And it's not just the disabled, but seniors in general, who may find it daunting to tackle the upper regions of cultural heaven.

Meanwhile I'll continue to supplement my reading with serendipitous book finds at the local thrift store. That way, I can dog-ear them, underline precious paragraphs for future reference, and guiltlessly drip tomato sauce on their revered pages.

And, of course, there's always plenty of parking at Lady Minto's.

**JO-ANN FERRIMAN,**  
CROFTONBROOK

## Voting for Holman

The provincial election on May 14 will help to determine whether B.C. shifts towards a sustainable future or continues down a path of ecological destruction: a path which enriches the few at the expense of the many, and continues to sacrifice the environment and impoverish future generations.

We are progressive green voters in Saanich North and the Islands, and we ask these two key questions:

1. Which of the progressive candidates will have the most impact on B.C.'s environmental and social issues?

2. Which one has the greatest electability?

We believe NDP candidate Gary Holman has the greatest potential to influence the next government's environmental, social and economic agenda.

Gary is a skilled resource economist with a proven track record on environmental projects. He has worked tirelessly and effectively for many years on a number of environmental fronts in our community and beyond.

Among Gary's many accomplishments: he worked on the Nisga'a Treaty, the financial restructuring of The Land Conservancy of B.C. and, as Salt Spring Island's elected CRD director for six years, he brought public transportation to the island (our very successful and much-loved bus system), established both the Salt Spring Water Council and the

transportation commission, supported the development of the Area Farm Plan and the Community Energy Strategy, and much more.

Gary Holman has a wealth of relevant experience and he understands the issues. He was also within 300 votes of winning this constituency in the last election, so he is clearly electable.

If we want effective action on climate change, ecosystems protection, and support for a vibrant, sustainable green economy for B.C., we need our representative in government to provide a strong voice for these issues.

It is clear to us which candidate we support. We encourage you to join us in voting for Gary Holman on May 14.

**CHRIS DIXON, JEAN GELWICKS, JON HEALEY, PETER LAMB, SOFYA RAGINSKY, ELIZABETH WHITE,**  
SALT SPRING

## Garbage producers

This is to invite readers interested in facts about Canada as a nation to take note of a fact reported in Harper's of April 2013.

Quoting the April edition of "Harper's Index," page 15: Rank of Canada among the largest producers of garbage per capita in the industrialized world: 1.

Sources of the index data are reported on page 102.

**SHARON AND DAN CALLAHAN,**  
SALT SPRING

## Hot silent auction

Thanks to everyone who donated goods to the Lady Minto Thrift Shop we are able to have a silent auction of some very unique and interesting items.

It's fun for all to view these items, rewarding to find something that you want, and most important, all funds go toward our Lady Minto Hospital or Greenwoods Eldercare centre for patient care.

Items range from a small quilt with a Harley Davidson logo and theme to an antique mulling jug. Also included are a hand-sewn king-size quilt with a maritime theme, Robert Bateman prints, a Pentax camera, Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls, a replica gramophone music box, a seagull guitar, a hand-loomed wool rug and

much more.

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**MARY NEIL,**  
LADY MINTO HOSPITAL  
AUXILIARY

## Share the road

Visitors love to walk and cycle on Salt Spring Island. According to BC Ferries, 33,401 walk-ons used the Fulford ferry terminal between May and September of 2012. That's 28,578 foot passengers and 4,823 cyclists in five months!

Milder temperatures and sunnier skies mean more cyclists will be riding our rural roads and more pedestrians walking along shoulders and crossing busy streets.

While some pedestrians and cyclists will be street savvy islanders, the majority will be from away: unfamiliar with the terrain, unaware of the high speed at which motorists travel, and unsure about where to safely cross the road.

Island Pathways wants to remind motorists, cyclists and pedestrians of how important it is to share the road.

Pedestrians and cyclists are vulnerable road users. We encourage motorists to drive defensively. Specifically, we ask that you reduce your speed to 30km/hr in Ganges, Fulford, Vesuvius and Fernwood.

Outside of these areas, please slow down and exercise caution when you see individuals or groups of people walking along the shoulder. When approaching and overtaking cyclists reduce your speed and give them a wide berth of 1 to 1.5 metres.

Cyclists and pedestrians should wear bright, reflective clothing. In British Columbia, all cyclists are required to wear a protective helmet, all bicycles are required to be equipped with a light when used after dusk. This equipment is widely available on island.

Our community attracts large numbers of active individuals. They come here from all over the world and engage in many physical activities that include walking, jogging and cycling.

Let's do our part to make them less vulnerable and more comfortable. Be sure, be smart, and be safe this summer and share the road.

**JOHN ROWLANDSON,**  
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# what's on this week



## Wed. Apr 17

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Simply Organic.**  
David Storm and guests. All Saints By-the-Sea. 10:10 a.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Sea Capers Organizational Meeting.** Public welcome — bring ideas for June 8-9 festival. Island Escapades. 5 p.m.

**Texas Hold'em Poker.**  
Every Wednesday night at The Local. Sign up 6:30 p.m.

**Improvisational Comedy Workshop.**

Led by Jan Rabson. A fun evening of comedy improvisation games. Location TBA. 7 p.m. Email liveradiotheatre@hotmail.com for info.

## Thurs. Apr 18

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Open Stage Night.**  
The Local. 6 to 10 p.m.

## Thurs. Apr 18

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Static Reaction Dance Music Event** Dance party for youth aged 14-18 with DJs Andrew Walker & ODIC. Non-stop EDM/dance and Dubstep music all night. Mahon Hall. 7:30 to 11 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Knit Night.** All skill levels welcome. Fernwood Road Cafe. 7 p.m.

**Bingo.** Meaden Hall on the first and third Thursday of each month. Legion Ladies Auxiliary fundraiser for GISS bursaries. 7 p.m. with early bird games at 6:30 p.m.

**Rollerblading to Music.**  
Every Thursday night at Fulford Hall. Skate rentals available. 7 to 9 p.m.

## Fri. Apr 19

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Barley Bros.** Every Saturday. The Local. 3 to 5:30 p.m.  
**Gene Grooms.** Live music. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

## Fri. Apr 19

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Aladdin.** StageCoach Theatre School production. Plus silent auction & yummy treats. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.

**Wesley Hardisty Band and Jocelyn Pettit Band.** Lively family-friendly show with two bands led by two brilliant young fiddlers. All Saints By-the-Sea. 7 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**The Dynamic Forest.**  
A presentation by research ecologist Andy MacKinnon at Community Gospel Chapel. A SS Conservancy event. 7 p.m.

**Island Born Book Launch.**  
Launch event for book by Salt Spring's Frank Burnaby. Lions Hall 7 p.m.

**StoryTime at the Library.**  
Join Melissa for stories of Spring and growing. For children 4 to 7 years. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 10:30 a.m.

**SRhythms Class.**  
With Shauna Devin. Still Point Yoga Studio. 7 p.m.

## Sat. Apr 20

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**The Fabulous Flakes — The Party Animal Dance.** All ages dance fundraiser for Fulford Elementary PAC, with silent auction and raffle. Fulford Hall. 5:30 to 9 p.m.

**Live Sitar with Phil.** Live music. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

**Andre Carrasquero.** Venezuelan pianist and composer. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**Aladdin.** See Friday listing. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Dad 'n Me Pancake Breakfast.**  
Drop-in with free pancakes for dads and kids ages 0-6. Family Place. 8:30 to 10 a.m.

**Ganges Harbour and Beach Clean-up.** Join community volunteers in cleaning the beaches and harbour areas. \$50 shopping spree sponsored by Thrifty Foods for the volunteer collecting the most debris, measured in weight. 2 to 5 p.m.

**Minto M.A.S.H.** Open house with demonstrations of equipment, a teddy bear clinic and refreshments. Presented by Lady Minto Hospital Foundation and Salt Spring Fire Rescue. Ganges Fire Hall. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

**Short, Sharp, Sweet: A Celebration of the Short Story.** Readings by John Gould and Shaena Lambert. Salt Spring Library. 7 p.m.

**Salt Spring Blooms in April: Eco- and Organic Farm Tour.**  
Tour six different farms and nurseries. Locations are listed on the official map, available at the visitors' centre. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Salt Spring Blooms in April: Vegetable & Sustainable Garden Planting for Students.** GISS teacher Milly Sinclair and the school's culinary director Mark Kilner introduce students to varieties of vegetables for the school cafeteria. GISS. 11 a.m.

## Sat. Apr 20

### ACTIVITIES

**Central Community Hall Society AGM.** Public welcome. Central Community Hall. 1:30 p.m.

**Women's Financial Well-Being Circle.** Three 2-hour Saturday sessions led by Samantha Sanderson, BA LLB, and Debby Wetmore, MBA. CA begin today. Register with Samantha at 250-537-9296

## Sun. Apr 21

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Aladdin.** StageCoach Theatre School production. Plus silent auction & yummy treats. ArtSpring. 2 p.m.

**Andre Carrasquero.** Venezuelan pianist and composer. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Blooms in April: Earth Day Celebration & Festival Wrap-up Party.**  
Speakers and demonstrations. Food and drink for all. Centennial Park. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Anglican Choral Evensong.**  
Traditional service will be celebrated as part of Bishop James Cowan's last visit to Salt Spring before his retirement. Featuring the All Saints Choir under the direction of David Storm and unaccompanied cello music by Salt Spring musician Jane Phillips. St. Mark's Church. 3 p.m.

**Dances of Peace and Crystal Bowl Sound Healing.**  
Earth Day celebration. Still Point Yoga Studio. 7:30 p.m.

## Mon. Apr 22

### ACTIVITIES

**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.

**SSI Climate Action Council Society AGM.**  
Presentation: 'Green-building adventures in India, China and the USA - climate change challenges and solutions' by Meror Krayenhoff, Roundtable and strategic planning session. Lions Hall. 3 to 6 p.m.

## Wed. Apr 24

### ACTIVITIES

**Public Hearing for Bylaws 465 + 466.** Proposal to rezone property abutting Blackburn Lake from Agriculture 2 to an Agriculture 2 zone variation that allows biodiversity conservation, and education and research. Lions Hall. 5:30 p.m.

**Texas Hold'em Poker.**  
Every Wednesday night at The Local. Sign up 6:30 p.m.

**Hatley Memorial Park Gardens.** Head gardener Barrie Agar gives presentation to the Salt Spring Garden Club. Non-members welcome. Community Gospel Chapel. 7 p.m.

**Any Day Now Film Screening.** Inspired by a true story from the late 1970s about a gay couple who take in a teenager with Down Syndrome when he's abandoned by his drug-addicted mother. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m. A SS Film Festival event.

## Tues. Apr 23

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Evalyn Parry.** Award-winning songwriter, poet and ironic social commentator. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Men's Floor Hockey.**  
Every Tuesday. BYO sticks. Pucks supplied. Fulford Hall. 7 p.m.

## Wed. Apr 24

### ACTIVITIES

**SS Seniors Services Society.**  
Annual general meeting. SS Seniors. 2 p.m.

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- The Incredible Burt Wonderstone** — Superstar magicians Burt Wonderstone and Anton Marvelton have ruled the Las Vegas strip for years, but they face competition from a street magician who makes their show look stale. There's a chance they can save the act if Burt can find what made him love magic in the first place. The Incredible Burt Wonderstone serves up some goofy laughs.

**EXHIBITIONS**

- The 4th annual **Symbolically 8 spring exhibition** runs daily at **Gallery 8** in Grace Point Square until **May 12**.
- Opening exhibition of **Pod Contemporary, Art on Paper**, featuring eight local artists, runs to **June 6**, from 10 a.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** is at **Fernwood Road Cafe** until **May 18**.
- 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** features 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 **Lloyd Nicholson, Leanne Brusatore, LeeAnn Norgard, Peter Allan, Heide Van Impe, Ken Ketchum, Dawn Davies, Lorne Shantz, Bob Rogers** and **Saltspring Fancy**.

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## ART REVIEW

# Expert skills in textile arts make for exciting exhibit

ArtSpring lobby show on through April

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Textile and Surface Design Group may be a newly formed entity but its members are anything but newcomers to their craft, as evidenced in their inaugural show in the ArtSpring lobby this month.

Artists and quilters who have been quietly expanding their skills in silk fusion, wire beading and unusual machine stitches over the past few years are now ready to express those interests as a specific medium — and what a joy it is to see the fruits of their labours.

Besides the pleasure of working with materials such as silk and cotton, the abundance of techniques that can be used to create a deeply nuanced visual field must be part of the fascination for artists like Susan Paynter, an award-winning quilter who has contributed many wonderful pieces to the show. Paynter has been pursuing new forms for years in special workshops and classes, and her adept use of textiles and techniques has become truly masterful.

Spring, a beautiful scene of bright foxgloves, ferns and cedars, contains incredible richness and depth even just amongst the flowers in the foreground. Within that closer plane she creates multiple points of distance by variously stitching into the fabric background, using photo transfers and going into three-dimensional space with fabric blossoms. An imposing cedar also carries depth with its rounded trunk and stitched fronds.

Photo transfers are also used to good effect in Paynter's answer to an oxymoron challenge called Ethical Oil. Images of First



From left, Karen Selk's Saturday market scene; Winter Sunrise by Ineke van Hasselt.

Nations activists in a blue sea that's being filled with toxic goop put the actual faces to the quandary.

In Gramma Tree, part of a map quilt challenge, Paynter recreates wispy lichen and rough bark over a background of soft forest light. The cross roads of Stevens and Forest Ridge are stitched into a gentle map grid.

Karen Selk is another experienced fibre artist, whose map quilt is a beautiful transformation of the Saturday market, with colourful umbrellas lining a brick boulevard like rows of flowers in unspoiled yards.

In another scene, shimmering starfish extend into three-dimensional space over a sea of un-dyed silk fusion, embellished with beads and natural silk cocoons. Rainforest could also double as a sea scene, with star-like ferns contrasting with a river of soft purple stones. The use of different textured textiles creates the sense of depth.

Ineke van Hasselt has created a beau-

tifully stylized scene in Winter Sunrise, contrasting pure shapes in cherry pink (a round sun and long strips of clouds) with a cool landscape in grey and cream. Bare trees on the left side are balanced perfectly with the smaller bushes in the right foreground, where bright berries pick up the dark pink.

Elna Gravelle explores texture to good effect in Archipelago, a beautiful combination of blue and sea green over a burlap background. According to the label, the materials include "painted trans-web, distressed with heat." A mesmerizing delta of islands is built into that with embroidery, beds and fibres.

Also noteworthy are Gillian Kidd's delicate use of colour in rusted silk and cotton; Bobbi Janowiak's beautiful colour sensibility in hand-dyed organza Shimmering Leaves; and Karen Tottman's use of materials in Shabby Chic, among many others.

## FILM

# Epic legal battle anchors film

Any Day Now shows April 24

BY PATRICIA LOCKIE  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Child custody battles have long provided grist for the Hollywood film mill. Most of us still remember Kramer vs. Kramer, an Oscar-winning legal drama first shown in 1979.

Since then, filmmakers have found a motherload of emotion ready to be exploited amidst the ruins of terminal family breakdown.

Any Day Now, another in the Best of the Fest series presented by the Salt Spring Film Festival Society, tells the true story of what at the time was a unique custody battle. Set in 1979 in southern California, the film asks us to look at the nature of family and who gets to call themselves a family. The social and legal issues explored are as relevant today as they were 34 years ago.

The plot line involves a struggling musician and drag-queen performer, Rudy Donatello, played by Alan Cumming, his maturing relationship with a closeted district attorney and their bid to be allowed to become the permanent legal guardians of a 14-year-old boy with Down Syndrome. The boy's mother has been arrested and imprisoned.

The couple's unconventional lifestyle makes them predictable targets for a court system that is biased and inflexible. Rudy and his partner must wage an intense and lengthy legal battle to adopt the child they have come to love as their own. Blinkered sexual attitudes hobble the men's attempts to create what they want most — a family.

Actor Cumming, whom television audiences will know as Eli Gold in the series The Good Wife, and also as a presenter on the PBS Masterpiece Mystery series, has received glowing tributes from film critics for his performance in Any Day Now.


Film festival society administrator Jane Aitken says, "I think the film will appeal to the sense of justice, tolerance and child-honouring within our community. It has been rapturously received by festival audiences across North America and I'm sure the caring and open-minded Salt Spring film-going audience won't be an exception.

"It's an emotional arthouse drama rather than a Hollywood tearjerker."

Any Day Now screens at ArtSpring on Wednesday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m.

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**LIVE THEATRE**

# StageCoach ends busy year with Aladdin

Musical, improv and silent auction this weekend

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

StageCoach Theatre School is ramping up to share its art with the community this weekend with the annual end-of-year performance capping off its 14th successful season.

Students from kindergarten to middle school ages are taking their skills on stage for three performances at ArtSpring, opening with an evening show on Friday, April 19 at 7 p.m., repeating the format on Saturday, and ending with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

The Junior, Intermediate, Fun To Be Five, Elementary and Senior Improv classes will present their creations during the first half of the production. After the intermission, the Onstage students will perform the musical feature Aladdin.

"This play is much more challenging than what we've ever done before, because we have more kids and the songs are much more musically complex," said Adina Hildebrandt, the school's artistic director.

Enrolment at StageCoach's after-

school and Friday classes has grown 25 per cent each year for the past three years, with a new class added each year based on parent and student interest, meaning more island children than ever before will be performing.

StageCoach producer Maggie O'Scalleigh added that because the theatre training promotes communication above all else, the benefits for these students will continue well beyond their StageCoach years. Kids who may be shy are transformed on stage, giving them self-confidence and self-knowledge they can use in other areas of their lives.

"For some of these kids, communication skills have been learned by being in an ensemble," O'Scalleigh said. "Basically, they've learned how to interact and communicate."

Every year the StageCoach must say goodbye to its oldest students as they prepare to move into high school. This year a large number of the senior class, many of whom have been with the program for five or more years, will be graduating. While it's sad for the instructors to see their charges perform their last StageCoach show, the experience and commitment of these students inevitably comes through the performance.

"Their ability to explore their self-



PHOTOS BY JEN MACLELLAN

Zeanna Trussler as Sultan, left, and Jackson Walde as Aladdin are two of many fantastically costumed actors in StageCoach's April 19-21 show.

worth and self-expression is so moving," Hildebrandt said.

"We've watched them grow for so many years."

The play Aladdin is based on the original story and will include songs from the Disney movie. As usual, the end-of-year production will feature music by a live band led by Karen Arney. Fantastic Arabian Nights costumes were created by Michele

MacKenzie and Rebecca Niedziela, while original art by Gretta Hildebrandt will be projected onto the back screen to set a most magical scene.

Audience members are also encouraged to check out the goods and services available at the silent auction, and the concession.

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## Ron Crawford shares art piece story

An April 25 audience will get a glimpse into the artistic process with a presentation by Ron Crawford at the Salt Spring library's program room.

Crawford is the creator of the library lobby's massive Once Upon a Time acrylic and plaster painting, who will describe the three-month process of creating the piece

that incorporates the first lines of 49 books, including some by Salt Spring writers.

"I am pleased that Ron is kicking off what I hope will be an ongoing series of discussions related to the arts," said library arts coordinator Pat Preston. "I want to give local artists, particularly those whose work may not yet be recognizable, an opportunity to

show their work to the public. I also hope Salt Springers will want to participate in interesting dialogues about the arts."

Once Upon a Time is one of six juried artworks chosen for the new library.

Photographs by David Borrowman, which captured Crawford's process, will also be displayed in the program room.



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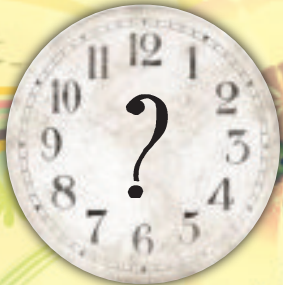


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## ENERGY

# SEEING THE LIGHT

Solar power group sets shining example

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

*It may not be the first spot that pops to mind when it comes to harnessing the sun's energy, but a group dedicated to the promotion of solar power and appropriate technologies hopes to set a shining example for renewables in the Gulf Islands.*

The term "appropriate technology," according to group cofounder Jan Slakov, refers to human-scale and centralized methods of generating power at the household level, be it as rooftop solar panels, a small wind turbine or micro-hydro installation.

Since it kicked off in 2010, the group has provided a public forum for more than 30 islanders to troubleshoot

and share information about the production of energy for a variety of different household applications.

According to Rainbow Road resident Steve Abbott, it's hoped the group can show people cost-effective alternatives to the status quo.

"It's not easy, but it certainly is possible," he said during a recent tour of his backyard workshop.

Abbott has devoted his life to using simple, affordable and readily available materials to address the pressing needs of people who lack adequate water, sanitation and energy infrastructure.

Outside his Rainbow Road home is a foot-pump-operated hand-washing station constructed from a few pieces of PVC tubing, some plastic buckets, a blue plastic water bottle and about 30 centimetres of discarded fire hose.

The simple design has taken off in Haiti, where efforts to rebuild the impoverished country in the wake of a devastating 2010 earthquake that killed more than 200,000 people continues amidst a host of obstacles.

Although many of his efforts have focused on areas that



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Steve Abbott with his solar pathfinder device that helps people assess their property's "solar map."

face a more extreme need for transition, such as refugee camps, post-disaster situations or international development projects, Abbott has turned his insatiable curiosity and resourcefulness to Salt Spring, where he's already inspired many to make the leap with their own projects.

Much of the energy he devotes to the cause stems from a deep-rooted belief in the need to be less dependent on fossil fuels.

Given what he's already accomplished as an engineer in parts of Africa, Nepal and the Caribbean, Abbott can't help but be optimistic about Salt Spring's prospects.

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## GARDENING

# Micro-organisms take kitchen waste to new heights

New kind of compost created

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Brian Smallshaw can tell you that winning the blue ribbon for the best garlic at Salt Spring's annual fall fair has nothing to do with luck — it comes down to having the right soil.

Smallshaw suspects part of his success begins under the kitchen sink, where his family discards a steady stream of organic waste into a 19-litre (five-gallon) sealed plastic container.

Unlike the piles of rotting food undoubtedly found in the homes of many waste-conscious islanders, however, Smallshaw has turned his under-sink space into a small-scale science experiment.

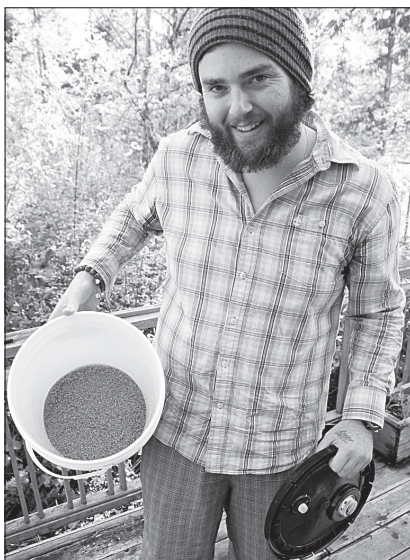
Thanks to the help of some invisible critters, known collectively as Effective Micro-organisms (EM), he's generated solid results that extend far beyond the garlic patch.

EM is a specially formulated liquid mixture of bacteria, yeast and fungi that is said to counter harmful pathogens and encourage conversion of organic waste into garden-ready nutrient-rich compost.

The EM idea was developed in the 1980s by a university professor in Japan's Okinawa region. His research blended an ancient composting technique used by Japanese farmers with modern-day environmentally conscious research to improve soil quality.

By combining the highly concentrated EM fluid with a mixture of wheat bran or wood chips, molasses and water, Smallshaw produces large garbage-can-sized batches of a material called bokashi, the key ingredient for his unique brand of compost.

"We mix up 100-pound batches every summer or every other summer and store the dried mixture in a couple of large plastic barrels," he said. "We then keep a smaller bucket of bokashi in the



Travis Clayton with a bucket of bokashi.

kitchen handy for daily use."

The process to create the bokashi mix takes approximately two months, but premixed varieties are available commercially on Salt Spring and through various online retailers.

Each time anyone in the Smallshaw household discards vegetable matter or leftover cooked food into the bin under the sink, two or three handfuls of bokashi are added to the mix before replacing the lid.

"More compostable

material goes in, then more bokashi, until the bucket is full," Smallshaw said.

After about a week, Smallshaw sets the sealed bucket in a warm part of the house where the bokashi is allowed to work its magic for another week. By using two buckets, Smallshaw has developed a cycle in which one bucket is under the sink as the other is set aside to ferment.

After another week, the contents of the fermented bucket are dug into the garden and the empty container is placed under the sink to await another load of discarded food.

"To dig it in, I pick an already harvested or fallow bed, dig a hole about a shovel-blade deep, dump in the compost, put a shovelful of dirt on it, mix the two together, and then cover with dirt," he said. "The raccoons often come and dig some of it up, but most of it stays in the ground."

While Smallshaw admits the jury is still out within the scientific community as to the merits of

EM on overall crop yields, soil remediation or water purification applications, he can attest to a better smelling and easier-to-handle compost. He's also observed a proliferation of earthworms within weeks of introducing it to his garden.

"[In Japan], they make some fairly grand claims," Smallshaw added. "For us, I think it does make better compost."

According to Al Pasternak, a leading proponent of EM, the substance's benefits make it ideal for residents of urban or rural areas who want to make the most of their table scraps.

As an advocate for food security and waste management based in Vancouver, Pasternak became intrigued by EM about five years ago. Since then, he's seen the benefits of EM across the province.

Even in the growing number of communities where municipal composting programs have been introduced, he added, using EM in the home to speed up the

composting process can lead to significant financial savings at the municipal or district levels.

"People still need to use their food waste and EM is a way of dealing with food waste on a local level," he said. "The advantage is, once it goes into the compost bin, it breaks down really quickly."

Pasternak said it's not uncommon for discarded food waste to be ready for use as compost in less than a month; that compares to anywhere between four and eight months for traditional methods.

"It breaks down a lot faster," he said.

Another bonus, he added, is EM's ability to eliminate the nasty odours that turn so many people off kitchen composting.

The payoff, he said, is a happier household with fewer animals snooping in the compost bins.

For more information about EM and a copy of Smallshaw's bokashi recipe, visit [www.cityfarmer.org/bokashi.html](http://www.cityfarmer.org/bokashi.html).

## Pathfinder tool proves useful

### SOLAR

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"If we can slow or even stop our pillaging of the carbon store that the earth collected over millions of years, that will be a good thing, but it will take all of our wits to replace it with conservation measures, with solar energy, with wind, with biomass from the forests," he said. "Any one of those sources, with the exception of simple conservation, has the potential to be done badly, but each of them, including conservation, has an enormous potential to be done well."

**"These are the most cost-effective measures to start with."**

STEVE ABBOTT

*Solar energy proponent*

Abbott recommends anyone who's keen to take that forest step consider taking advantage of something that's already there, a property's exposure to the sun.

"My first move would always be to adapt the house to passive solar heat if possible, and add solar thermal

hot water as soon as possible," he advises renewable energy newbies. "These are the most cost effective measures to start with."

As a way to help people make their own transition, Abbott has offered to help people assess their property's "solar map" with a solar pathfinder he and fellow group member Elizabeth Buchanan have acquired.

The briefcase-sized kit contains a three-foot-tall monitoring station that can be assembled in a few minutes. Once it's set up, the kit shows the best place to install solar panels by revealing the level of solar exposure a given area can expect to receive at various times of day and during different times of the year.

A quick example in his backyard reveals he can expect full sun between 8:30 a.m. and mid afternoon throughout much of the year. According to the unit, a tall stand of fir trees on the property to the west will cast a shadow for much of the afternoon and evening, even during the summer months.

By making the device available to the public, Abbott said he hopes to take the guesswork out of solar energy installations. Giving people more confidence about their potential for a quick return on investment, he said, will

hopefully encourage them to give solar power a shot.

"The instrument works very well on overcast days, to give a snapshot of what shading conditions for the site would be for each month of the year and for each hour of the day," he recently wrote on the solar group's community forum. "I can work the instrument for folks, or lend it and show you how to use it, depending on your needs and capabilities."

The solar and appropriate technology group is among 26 citizen-led clubs formed as part of the broader Transition Salt Spring initiative. With groups dedicated to agriculture, renewable energy, transportation, mental health and personal development, Transition Salt Spring groups are designed to bring like-minded islanders in touch with one another to promote local actions for a more sustainable community.

The group offers an online meeting place being used by more than 350 islanders.

More information about the solar and appropriate energy group is available through the Transition Salt Spring website or by calling 250-537-5251.

Information about Abbott's solar pathfinder can be obtained by calling 250-931-7189.



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## LITERARY EVENTS

# Lambert and Gould next in Short, Sharp, Sweet series

The Short, Sharp Sweet short-story celebration continues this Saturday at the Salt Spring library with writers John Gould and Shaena

Lambert.

Gould is the author of the novel *Seven Good Reasons Not to Be Good* and of two collections of very short sto-

ries. His short story collection called *Kilter: 55 Fictions* was a finalist for the Giller Prize and a Globe and Mail Best Book.

Lambert is a well-recog-

nized novelist and short story writer. Her first book of stories, *The Falling Woman*, was a Globe and Mail Best Book of the Year, and her first novel,

*Radiance*, was a finalist for the Rogers Writer's Trust Fiction Prize in 2007 and the Ethel Wilson Prize in 2008. Lambert's stories have been cho-

sen three years running for Best Canadian Stories.

The April 20 event runs from 7 to 8 p.m. in the library's program room.

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## PERFORMANCE

## Parry spins cycle-themed show

Acclaimed performer returns to Salt Spring for Tuesday event

BY GEORGE SIPOS

ARTSPRING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What do you do when your father is a folk singer, your mother a children's performer and folklorist, and your brother a musician in the rock band *Arcade Fire*?

The answer, it seems, is you turn into Evalyn Parry, Canada's most amazing hybrid of singer, poet, social activist, playwright, storyteller, comedian, passionate bicyclist and a whole lot more.

Parry brings her new show called *SPIN* to ArtSpring on Tuesday, April 23. Starting with the incredible true tale of Annie Londonderry who in 1894 was the first woman to bicycle around the world, the show segues into song and visual image and storytelling about questions of personal freedom, women's emancipation, 21st-century consumer culture, and who knows what else.

Parry is accompanied by percussionist Brad Hart, who conjures an astonishing array of sounds using a specially prepared bicycle as a musical instrument.

*SPIN* premiered in Toronto in 2011 and was nominated for a 2011 Canadian Folk Music Award. Since then it has gone on to tour Canada.

It is certainly one of the more unusual performances ArtSpring has presented for quite a while, and everyone who has seen the show elsewhere reports that it is a wonderful and eclectic experience.

Salt Spring's new OutSpokin' bicycle shop will lend Evalyn and Hart two bicycles while they are here to look after their transportation needs on the island.

Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. performance on April 23 are available from the ArtSpring Ticket Centre in person, at 250-537-2102 or online at [tickets.artspring.ca](http://tickets.artspring.ca).

# people&community

## ISLANDERS' ADVENTURES

# Toronto gets blast of Salt Spring from Palu's den trip

Islander predicts 'best ever' Dragons' Den episode

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

It may not have been quite as zany as Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure, but Tim Harvey and Palu Rainbow Song came back from their Dragons' Den experience in Toronto last week full of tales — some of which they can't quite tell.

"Palu absolutely rocked out. He absolutely blew people away," said Harvey, the Salt Spring man who was determined Palu (AKA Paul Beckman) should make his date with the Dragons and ended up accompanying him as a much-needed assistant.

Palu qualified for the popular CBC-TV show after an audition session was held on Salt Spring at the end of January. But his attendance was contingent on being able to bring someone with him to either hold the light or play the didgeridoo in the TV studio to properly demonstrate his solar meditation bow invention — the subject of his business pitch.

While Harvey and Palu cannot divulge what happened on the set, Palu feels they contributed to what could be "the best Dragon's Den episode ever."

They have no idea when their part on a show may air.

"I was just being myself and the way I am on Salt Spring," the long-time and colourful resident said. "It might go unnoticed



PHOTO COURTESY PALU

Palu Rainbow Song, left, and Tim Harvey, both of Salt Spring Island, on the Dragons' Den studio set in Toronto last week.

Salt Spring, but to them we were from an alien planet."

Harvey said he really enjoyed being Palu's assistant, from travelling

with him to being part of an impromptu dance party in the back of a subway train after Palu started playing his guitar and singing.

His first-in-his-life subway train ride prompted creation of a brand new song, part of a string of what may have been his "best songs

ever . . . because I had the power of TV and the power of the Dragons — I was loaded up."

The pair also earned a free cab ride from a driver from Ethiopia because of a song Palu wrote and performed for him about the man's home country.

For their first night they stayed at a hostel near the CBC studio because they had to meet a 6:45 a.m. time slot on April 9, and stayed with a relative of Harvey's for the second night.

They are both grateful for community donations that helped cover out-of-pocket expenses, which they kept to a minimum. (See the Roses section on Page 10 of this issue of the paper.)

Palu also sold, bartered and gave away some of his solar meditation bows in Toronto.

The only negative aspects of the trip were confiscation of the battery used for his light by airport security personnel on the way home, and the airline's misplacing of his guitar and didgeridoo — again on the return trip.

Still riding high on the positive experience earlier this week, Palu wanted to add: "Don't slay what's good in your life over others stuck in past grudges and anger. Be free, be beautiful and full of love. Let them slay their own inner dragons they're unable to rise above because they can't live fully in the present."

CBC TV says Dragons' Den is the highest-rated unscripted Canadian program on television, with an average audience of over 1.4 million Canadians each week.

## INVASIVE SPECIES

# It's 'broom busting' time again

Earth Day and May 4 drop-off give focus to the task

BY JANE PETCH  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Earth Day, April 22, will once again see volunteers placing Cut Broom In Bloom signs along island roadways.

It's that time of year when Scotch broom delivers its swaths of bright yellow by the roadsides, across pastures and under the Hydro lines.

For some, it's a lovely flower, the herald of spring. For others it's an invasive imported weed that is moving into the sunnier spots on the island, and providing a flash corridor for wild fire.

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy needs your help.

Stop the spread of broom. Cut down the broom in your back yard. Organize a neighbourhood broom bash. Volunteer your truck to take the cut broom to a disposal site. If you need loppers, borrow a set from the PARC office or the conservancy office.

It is important to dispose of the cut broom as its resins make it highly flammable, dead or alive.

Bring your cut broom to the invasive weed drop-off on Saturday, May 4, at Portlock Park, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Co-sponsored by PARC and the conservancy, you can pick up a free coffee, and for a \$5 donation, drop off a load of broom, or other invasive weeds.

The broom roots should be clean, no rocks or soil, as that affects our ability to chip the plants. No giant hogweed

please.

Ivy will be collected in a trailer that can be taken to farmers.

You can also use the goat solution. EcoReality Cooperative welcomes freshly cut broom for its goats. Call Jan Steinman at 250-653-2024 to arrange delivery.

Cutting broom in bloom, when its energy is going to produce seed, and before the summer drought, prevents this non-native weed from re-growing. Cutting is the most effective. Pulling broom larger than a pencil disturbs the soil and triggers a host of new broom seedlings.

For more information on removing broom, see [www.saltspringconservancy.ca](http://www.saltspringconservancy.ca).

Call 250-537-0880 or 250-537-4877 for more info and to offer your help.

It will feature the All Saints Choir under the direction of David Storm and unaccompanied cello music by Salt Spring musician Jane Phillips to create spaces of meditation in the service.

According to Rev. Richard Stetson, a simple format of readings from Scripture, choral and congregational song, silence and prayer make the service gentle and contemplative. Anyone is warmly welcome to attend.

There is no admission fee, but donations of appreciation are gratefully received.

## FAITH

# St. Mark's hosts evensong day

Final Cowan visit to parish

The traditional Anglican service of Choral Evensong will be celebrated at historic St. Mark's Church at Central, this Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m.

It will be part of Bishop James Cowan's last annual visit to the Parish of Salt Spring Island before his retirement at the end of August this year. The service will celebrate the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist, which takes place on April 25.

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

### Information Session - Vessel Replacement Program

BC Ferries representatives will be on hand to discuss plans for replacement of the *Queen of Nanaimo*. Story boards explaining vessel design and project timelines will be supplemented with a Question & Answer period.

A public information session will be held:

Friday, April 26, 2013, 3 pm to 5 pm at the  
Harbour House Hotel

People unable to attend the information session who would like to learn more about vessel replacement can visit [www.bcferrries.com](http://www.bcferrries.com) beginning Monday, April 22, 2013. Details can be found there along with an email address for submitting your input.

For more info:

Peter Simpson, Director, Fleet Operations Strategy  
[peter.simpson@bcferries.com](mailto:peter.simpson@bcferries.com)

HOSPITAL COMMUNITY

# Extended Care Unit concerts spread warmth and caring

Three groups share talents with residents

Lady Minto Extended Care Unit residents, family members and staff have been treated to a variety of performers at its last three concerts.

A concert by Sweetwater and a birthday party combined to create a festive afternoon on Friday, April 12.

On Feb. 15, in honour of

St. Valentine, Sue Newman presented a musical comedy, and honouring St. Patrick, Bob McIvor and friends entertained with Irish folklore on March 15.

For the most recent show, musicians John Moore, saxophone, Karen Arney on piano, Donna Vanderwekken, double bass, and vocalist Judy Sims entertained "with embellished melodies through their repertoire of songs familiar and memorable," according to a report from ECU volun-

teer coordinator Margaret Mackenzie.

"Lyrics concerning the complexities of love were sung in a creative and carefree way, which were interspersed at times with a lone saxophone."

The concluding song — Much Too Marvellous for Words — "captured the flavour of the performance," said Mackenzie.

She added that the group's presentation "emphasized the importance of connecting us not only inwardly but in an

outward way to others as well."

After the quartet played Happy Birthday, the party continued with a special cake and a joyous visit with friends and families.

Newman's Feb. 15 show was an eclectic one, "looking at life through humour while in her clown persona, Belinda Stitwell. As residents chose a Valentine theme from her magic hat, Belinda responded in costume, song and dance."

Newman's repertoire included Broadway tunes,

and readings from William Blake and Charles Dickens.

"From tap dancing to ballet she was flamboyant and graceful simultaneously," said Mackenzie.

McIvor's March 15 instrumental and vocal sextet gave a lively and invigorating concert of Irish music.

"From tunes such as Galway Girl and The Parting Glass, their rich tenor and bass voices were complemented by the accompanying guitars, violins,

banjo and harmonicas. "The musical pleasure of this group rests on their mutual awareness and love of music. Their intuition and competence in their melodious songs were enriched with harmony and rhythm. There were tender moments when dancing occurred with staff, residents and volunteers."

Mackenzie said everyone at ECU is grateful to the many performers who share their talents each month.

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**IT'S ALL IN THE TIMING**

- Because your body makes most of its' own cholesterol while you sleep, taking cholesterol medication at bedtime is helpful.
- One Spanish study found people who took their low dose daily a.s.a at bedtime had lower blood pressure than those that took it in the morning.
- You can also ask your pharmacist if the medication you are taking depletes important nutrients in the body and may require supplementation.
- Antibiotics can wipe out your "healthy" gut bacteria. Regular use of acetaminophen can reduce a naturally occurring and powerful antioxidant called glutathione, which combats free radicals and heavy metals.

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## WOMEN'S WELL-BEING

# Finance circle offered

Three Saturday sessions for women

Worries about having enough money combined with feelings of financial depletion are an emergent trend leaving many feeling fearful and alone.

Two Salt Spring women, Samantha Sanderson and Debby Wetmore, are teaming up to offer a three-week program for women who are ready to address these issues within a small group structure.

Together the team will create a safe environment where participants can begin to take charge of their financial lives by understanding how feelings from their past history are contributing to their struggle.

Sanderson, a retired lawyer, has many years of experience in developing women's leadership, building support systems and peer counseling, and will bring these skills to the group.

Wetmore has provided fee-only

personal financial advisory services for more than 20 years and more recently has been researching, writing and teaching about "money, fear and fearlessness."

Wetmore's research shows that uncomfortable emotions like fear, anger and frustration often lead to feelings of powerlessness.

"And when we are feeling powerless and anxious our mental cognition is impaired, making it difficult to make choices that will serve us," she says. "In fact, we often do just the opposite, perpetuating the problem. The good news is that these uncomfortable feelings can be the doorway to greater self-awareness and new opportunities we may not have considered before."

The by-donation sessions will run on Saturday, April 20, 27 and May 4 from either 10 a.m. to noon or 3 to 5 p.m.

Location details will be provided on registration, which should be done by calling Sanderson at 250-537-9296 by April 18.



PHOTOS BY JEN MACLELLAN

**FROM START TO FINISH:** Hope Caldwell, above, works on a quilt as part of the Island Comfort Quilts annual bee at the Farmers' Institute on Sunday. At right, Gwyn Strike shows one of the 30 finished quilts (and 29 bags) completed by some 150 volunteers.



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If you aren't registered by April 23, you can register when you vote. You'll need identification that proves both your identity and residential address. A complete list of acceptable identification is available from Elections BC.

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A candidate must be nominated in writing by 75 eligible voters of the electoral district. Nomination kits are available from your District Electoral Officer or online at [elections.bc.ca](http://elections.bc.ca)

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**Vote on General Voting Day** Voters can attend any general voting location in the province from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Pacific time), Tuesday, May 14, 2013.

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# Test drive proves 2014 Forester stays true to its roots

Vancouver Island trip nets top review

BY LORNE DRURY  
METROLAND MEDIA  
WHEELSTALK.COM

UCLUELET, B.C.: The drive from Nanaimo to Ucluelet on the west coast of Vancouver Island is a challenging one at the best of times.

It's even more of a test when you do it at night because for much of the journey in this rugged area there is nothing to light your way other than the headlights of your vehicle.

To get to Ucluelet, you make your way north to Parksville and then head west through Port Alberni.

It is from here that you encounter constant elevation changes as the road snakes back and forth through tricky



2014 Subaru Forester on the beach in Ucluelet.

mountain passes en route to your destination in the spectacular Pacific Rim area.

That was the scenario my

driving partner and I faced as we arrived in Nanaimo and joined the first wave of journalists in the country to test

Subaru's redesigned Forester compact sport ute.

A flight delay meant that we didn't get into Nanaimo

until near dark and then we faced a two-and-a-half hour drive to our destination.

But it soon became evident the new fourth-generation Forester that we were driving was easily up to the challenge.

We were given the keys to a performance-oriented 250 hp XT model that features a new 2.0-litre direct-injection twin scroll turbocharged engine, mated with one of the best continuously variable transmissions (CVT) I have tested.

The Forester's full-time all-wheel drive system alluded to a feeling of confidence as we made our way through the twisty bits, particularly in one area where the pavement was a bit damp and greasy with snowdrifts off to either side of the road.

For casual observers, the exterior styling of the 2014 Forester will appear little changed, but Subaru aficionados will notice that the look is bolder this time around. While the footprint of the Forester is not much different, the cabin is roomier in both front and rear.

Meanwhile, power in the performance Forester XT model has been increased by 20 hp, yet the fuel economy is best-in-class for all-wheel drive models and near the top of the entire compact SUV category.

The Forester, which first debuted in 1997, is among Subaru's most important vehicles as it accounted for 23 per cent of the company's 31,003 units sold in Canada last year.

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## CLASSIC CARS

# Tourliner: 1950s body with 21st-century technology

Camper truck part of huge June car show in Vancouver

BY ALYN EDWARDS  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Russ Moen's camper truck gets so much attention at car shows he has to hide it so he and his wife can look at other people's rides.

It has received awards at every show since the amazing highway home was completed in 2010. No wonder. This eye-popping 1954 Chevrolet cab over engine (COE) truck from Vancouver Island took five years to build with an estimated 6,000 hours spent by the Port Alberni industrial electrician and a lot of help from his friends.

He calls it "the mothership" because it has so much modern technology.

"It's not the type of vehicle you just get in and go. There is lots to check out to get up and running, like a new motorhome," Moen says. Some of the features of this hand-built rig that is used to travelling long distances and staying in at car shows include:

- Modified motorhome chassis
- Re-engineered Cummins diesel with 400 horsepower and 800 lb/ft torque coupled to automatic overdrive transmission for maximum fuel economy
- Full air ride suspension
- High output stereo, three rear-view cameras, heated seats, air conditioning, leather upholstery
- Camper made from aluminum with fibreglass rear fenders
- Birchwood interior with cherry trim and teak floor with soft surfaces in dark

saddle leather

- Diesel stove, refrigerator, shower, toilet, rear air conditioning, inverter, flat screen TV, LED lighting

- Carries 70 gallons of fuel and 70 gallons of fresh water.

Moen's concept was to build his Tourliner like it came out of the 1950s but with today's technology hidden beneath the body and coachwork. The camper cues came from the aerodynamic aluminum Bowlus Road Chief travel trailers of the mid 1930s.

He flew to California with a list of leads on trucks and found two identical 1954 Chevrolet COE vehicles. A newspaper ad led Moen to Ukiah where he purchased the truck he would eventually use as the basis for the Tourliner. He bought another truck just like it in pieces on an old naval base called Rough and Ready Island near Stockton from an owner who had been collecting old vehicles for decades.

Moen is no newcomer to building and restoring special interest vehicles. They include a 1955 Chevrolet with a 454 LS7 engine; stock 1973 Camaro Z28 and 1966 Corvette convertible with a 425-horsepower 427-cubic-inch engine; custom 1957 Chevrolet hardtop with full Corvette suspension and running gear.

His current ride is a 1934 Ford three-window coupe hot rod with a 383-cubic-inch engine and six-speed manual transmission.

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## MAINTENANCE

# Brakes, tires, shocks form a critical 'safety triangle'

Strong relationship between all three components

Consumer group Car Care Canada recommends ensuring that all the safety features on your car are properly maintained and in proper working order.

Car Care recommends paying particular attention to the three parts of a vehicle — brakes, tires and shocks — that work all together and are often called the safety triangle.

**Brakes:** Brakes are the most critical safety item on a vehicle. And studies show that after tires, they are the leading vehicle defect reported at highway accidents. All three parts of the safety triangle must be in good working order to ensure top stopping, or braking performance.

**Tires:** Tire inflation is something very straightforward that motorists can check themselves. Low tire pressure can increase braking distance. At any one time, vehicles stay on the road courtesy of about four hand-sized pieces of rubber compound. Without that contact, very little keeps the vehicle on the road.

It's well worth a motorist's while to keep their tires properly inflated, rotate them at least once a year, and replace them when the tread gets worn.

Of course, tires can play an especially vital

role in wet or snowy conditions because their adherence to the road is vital in stopping a vehicle under adverse conditions.

**Shocks/Suspension:** Tires can also be an early warning system for other problems such as alignment or a failing suspension. When many motorists think of their suspension, they think of it in terms of comfort only.

A good suspension means a smoother ride. But tests have shown that having even one worn shock will compromise vehicle safety by increasing braking distances and decreasing driver control. Stopping distances may be between one-half and one full vehicle length shorter when a vehicle is equipped with top quality shocks in good working order. Car Care Canada encourages motorists to have their shocks inspected annually by a qualified technician.

There is a strong relationship between shocks, brakes, and tires, and Car Care Canada believes it is vital to ensure proper maintenance of each point on this safety triangle. Car Care Canada also reminds motorists that they should always practice proper overall vehicle maintenance.

A properly maintained vehicle is less likely to break down. Breaking down in the middle of nowhere can be a safety hazard of its own.

For more information about vehicle maintenance and safety, visit the Be Car Care Aware website at [www.cararecanada.ca](http://www.cararecanada.ca).


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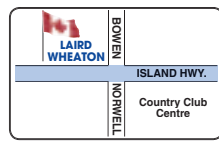
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## Subaru market share should grow

### FORESTER

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So when Forester project manager Takuji Dai set out on the path for the 2014 model, his goals were to enhance the core strengths of the previous generation — safety, utility and performance — and improve on the weak points such as fuel economy, interior roominess and the transmission.

From early indications, he was successful in all areas. The 6.2L/100 km highway fuel economy rating is tops in class for AWD models, while there is more rear-seat legroom and the new Lineartronic CVT is a step forward. With the new direct injection turbo 2.0-litre, power is up from 223 to 250 hp even with the improvements in fuel economy.

As always with Subaru, safety isn't forgotten as the 2014 Forester has once again been named a Top Safety Pick by the IIHS in the US.

For those who aren't performance oriented, the Forester comes standard with a naturally aspirated 2.5-litre horizontally opposed Boxer engine, producing 170 hp and 174 lb/ft of torque. A new six-speed manual transmission is standard with the 2.5i entry-level model, starting at \$25,995.

At the top end of the Forester lineup is XT Limited with navigation and the Eyesight pre-collision safety sys-

tem, priced at \$37,995.

The manual transmission is available on the 2.5i entry level and the Touring package, as is the CVT as an option. All other trim levels get the CVT only, while a high-torque version of the CVT with six- and eight-speed manual shift models with steering wheel paddle shifters is standard on the direct-injection turbo model.

All CVT models also get a new feature called X-Mode and Hill Descent Control that works together with the all-wheel drive system to provide extra control in slippery driving conditions.

Among the other new features for 2014 are anti-whiplash front seats, a driver's knee airbag, brake override and impact sensing fuel system cut-off.

For those who enjoy off-road adventures, the Forester enjoys 220 mm of ground clearance — higher than many crossovers and SUVs. Electric power steering is standard this time around.

Subaru engineers made the 2014 Forester more passenger-friendly with lowered side sills (38 mm lower) for easy ingress, along with wider rear door openings, making it easier to accommodate child seats in the rear.

The sightlines were already outstanding in the Forester, but visibility in the 2014 model has been improved even more with tweaks like higher

front seats, relocation of the exterior mirrors and the A-pillar and the addition of a rear view camera for all models except the base.

Greater use of high-strength steel has improved body rigidity on the new Forester and thus suspension performance is a cut above the outgoing model. In fact, during our time with the Forester it appeared composed at all times, except for an encounter with one huge pothole that would have shaken the occupants of any vehicle.

The XT model also gets something called SI Drive that gives the option of using I (Intelligent), S (Sport) and S# (Sport Sharp). I, for normal driving situations, provides smooth power output and improved fuel economy, while S increases use of higher engine speeds and S# gives sharper throttle response and eight-speed stepped shifting.

The compact sport utility segment in Canada continues to grow at a rapid rate with sales up 25 per cent from 2008 to more than 311,000 units in 2012.

Even in a competitive environment, with the changes for 2014 the Subaru Forester will no doubt grow market share, bringing in new customers to the brand while holding on to the loyal Subaru followers who love them because of their commitment to safety and reliability.



The 2014 Forester has a more upscale interior look and feel with many new amenities and conveniences available.

### Subaru Forester 2014 at a glance

**BODY STYLE:** four-door, compact sport utility vehicle.

**DRIVE METHOD:** symmetrical full-time all-wheel drive.

**ENGINE:** 2.5-litre DOHC 16-valve horizontally opposed four-cylinder Boxer engine (170 hp, 174 lb/ft) with six-speed manual or continuously variable transmission (CVT); 2.0-litre DOHC 16-valve four-cylinder Boxer engine with twin-scroll turbocharger and intercooler with CVT.

**CARGO CAPACITY:** with rear seat up 974 litres, with rear seat folded 2,115 litres.

**TOWING CAPACITY:** 453 kg (996 lb).

**FUEL ECONOMY:** 2.5i manual 9.5/7.0 L/100 km city/hwy; 2.5i CVT automatic 8.3/6.2; 2.0 XT 8.9/7.2.

**PRICE:** \$25,995 to \$37,995.

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**BENAY, NORMA PATRICIA**  
Feb. 14, 1925 – Mar. 22, 2013



Norma passed away in Victoria, BC at 88 years of age. She will be missed and lovingly remembered by friends, relatives, her three daughters; Leslie, Elizabeth and Kelly, grandchildren; Sarah, Sean, Jessica, Emily, Claire, and Alison, and great-grandchildren; Lauren and Matthew.

We would like to thank Danielle for being a caring friend and neighbor for many years.

There will be no service by request.

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*Janine Lendi*  
JUNE 26, 1953 - APRIL 5, 2013

A beloved local massage therapist and world-wide scuba diver and underwater photographer died Friday, April 5 in her home in Friday Harbor.



Janine Lendi was born in California, and loved the ocean and warm, sunny days. Her great passion was scuba diving, and she traveled extensively to view the world underwater and photograph her adventures along the way. She was most at home in the water, and adored all the creatures of the sea. Her e-mail address was mermaidjanine.

Janine's deep compassion for others led to a lifetime of caring for people, first as a licensed respiratory therapist, and then as a massage therapist. She had a big, generous heart, ready sense of humor, sparkling turquoise eyes, a radiant smile and a vibrant personality, and was always ready for a new adventure.

In 1998, Janine moved from California to Friday Harbor. She loved living on the island and zipped around on one of her many scooters, which she much preferred to her Toyota 4-runner. She always wore dazzling turquoise, magenta, and purple colors, and her garden was a palette of blue, purple, and chartreuse.

Janine said one of the happiest days of her life was when she met Paul Isserlis, a native of Scotland who has lived and worked in Canada since the 1970s. They married in April 2010 and divided their time between San Juan and Salt Spring islands.

In the last few years, medical issues hampered Janine's mobility—but not her spirit. She will be greatly missed by her husband, her sweet cat Tarna, and her many friends from San Juan and Salt Spring islands, California, and various places around the world.

A celebration of Janine's life is being planned. Information to come.

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Mar. 13, 1930 – Apr. 10, 2013  
See obituary on page 31

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DEATHS

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Turner, Gwendolyn Audrey

June 23, 1920 – March 25, 2013



On Monday, March 25, Mrs. Audrey Turner of Victoria passed away at the age of 92. She will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by her two sons Rob and John (Cecilia); grandchildren Trisha, Joshua, Tyrell, Nicole and Ryan; and nephew Tim (partner John). Her husband Jack predeceased last August.

Audrey was born in Prince Albert and raised in Saskatoon where she was active in many sports. Her specialty was diving. She was a three-time national diving champion in 1946, 1947, and 1948. In 1948 she won the Canadian Olympic trials but missed the Olympics as the country did not have enough money to send a female diver. Audrey was inducted into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame in 1971.

Audrey and Jack married in Saskatoon and Jack's employment with Imperial Oil took them to many locations in Alberta and a few further afield. Audrey remained active in diving, swimming and recreational administration. On retirement they settled in Victoria and enjoyed the charms of Vancouver Island.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Cerwydden Care Centre in Duncan for their kindness and care in Audrey's final months.

Audrey has been cremated and had requested there be no funeral service. The family gathered to share stories and remember a wonderful woman.

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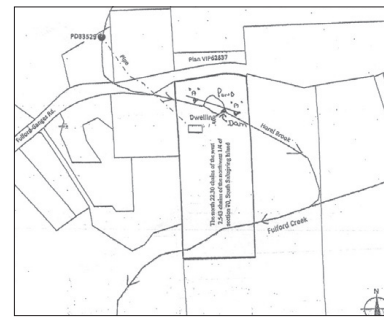
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**GARDENING**

# Hatley Memorial Park featured at next garden club gathering

Head gardener of Royal Roads park visits Salt Spring for garden club presentation

Barrie Agar, the head gardener at Hatley Memorial Park on the Royal Roads University campus, is the Salt Spring Garden Club speaker on April 24.

Part of the estate of Lord and Lady Dunsmuir, the gardens are a centrepiece of the Victoria-area campus. According to a garden club press release, the park's showpieces are the formal gardens, especially the Italian, Japanese and rose gardens.

The site also contains hundreds of heritage trees significant for their size, rarity and diversity.

Hatley park is a national historic site and one of the few Edwardian estates in Canada.

Agar worked on a big estate in Ireland and did her horticultural training there. She worked in several specialty nurseries upon returning to Canada and has taught in the horticultural program at Malaspina College.

For the Salt Spring evening, she will be talking about the gardens at Royal Roads, using historical and current photographs.

Next Wednesday's meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Community Gospel Chapel hall beside Portlock Park. It's free for members and \$5 at the door for non-members.

New members are very welcome and may join the Salt Spring Garden Club by coming to the meeting.

The annual membership fee is \$20 (single) or \$25 (family).

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**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

## SIMS talent show hits stage April 27

Salt Spring Island Middle School celebrates its students on Saturday, April 27 with a talent show.

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## This Week's Horoscope

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**Tip of the Week:**

The Full Moon in Scorpio on April 25 is a Lunar Eclipse. The New Moon in Taurus on May 9 is a Solar Eclipse and the other Solar Eclipse of the year occurs in Scorpio as well on November 3rd. It is an interesting synchronicity worth mentioning that Taurus and Scorpio, which are polar opposite signs, or the two sides of the same coin, both share close symbolic links by translation with the Chinese Snake, which is the year sign we are in now. The earthy wisdom of the snake which implies practicality and ambition is the Taurus aspect and the skin shedding transformational aspect refers more to Scorpio. Pay close attention and you will see a good deal of both in added measure already underway everywhere! Generally, eclipses carry an added charge compared to the usual New and Full Moons. The degree of impact does depend upon the specifics of one's actual Natal Chart and this requires close examination by an astrologer. This Full Moon occurs at 5 Scorpio 46. It was once generally believed that eclipses brought bad luck. While it is true that they can certainly synchronize with significant changes, endings and new beginnings, these can in fact be positive ones. So, the next few weeks will prove very pivotal, certainly for some more than others but everyone will feel the impact at least indirectly. In fact, the changes implied often begin prior to the actual eclipse, even up to a several weeks prior. Astrology is a wonderful tool to more closely examine the effects and support people to be more aware of what is implied and how to consciously handle the changes. P.S. Happy Earth Day - April 22.

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

The Sun entering Taurus will add traction to your drive. Your ambitions have been increasing steadily. This trend will continue and very noticeably this week. All being well you have already initiated projects. If not, it may require extra enthusiasm and effort to build your momentum. Begin it now!

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

You are ready to take a pioneering approach. The desire to express your self in a variety of ways is likely. Despite a slow start to the season, you have likely already begun to sample the soil. You can expect your energy levels and ambitions to rise now and for the next several weeks. Commitment is the keyword.

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

Dreams of what might be are beginning to dance in your imagination once again. Yet, in order to receive the inspirations you may have to step back and out of the limelight for a while. If you have already retreated then allow yourself to remain there for a while longer. You can still keep your communications alive and dynamic from there.

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

An impulse to build upon new and existing friendships is leading you to reach out. The best way might be to invite friends out to play. Since you are feeling extra inventive these days you should have access to an abundance of good ideas. These may even gain wider recognition. Trust your feelings and be willing to take risks.

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

Shifts and changes close to home are gaining your full attention. These are likely activating you in your public and/or professional life. The reverse scenario is also possible. This is activating visions of the future and creative directives. Use this influence to gain public attention and to request favours and earned rewards.

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

A purification process continues. It is likely that it is linked to your career. However, your love life stands to be affected, for better or worse. There is a deeper psychological theme at play which speaks of purification and renewal. Now is a good time to initiate healthier rhythms for the sake of your love life and career.

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

'Love is in the air...' Are you getting your share? If not, you are experiencing a rising determination to feel fulfilled in your most intimate relationships. The keys to your success includes seeing a bigger picture and increasing your exposure. Yet, be careful not to look for love in too many places and faces. Clarify what you need then list your wants.

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

Spring is in the air and it is becoming increasingly clear. For you the focus is mainly upon spring cleaning. It is important for your success to be willing to work hard and give more than usual. You may still be contending with conflicting desires. This extra effort may include some soul searching to decipher your priorities.

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

The seasonal change is calling you out to play. Yet, there is a serious streak to it and it may not simply be all fun and games. A sporting and competitive tone is implied. Up until recently, the urge to remain behind the scenes was strong but that cycle is done. A spirit of adventure is rising beckoning you to ride with it.

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

A whole new initiative is underway. You may have to exercise restraint not to paint blue war stripes on your face. You are laying a lot on the line and wish you could feel more confident. Even so, you are pushing to get to the bottom of things. You want to produce something of integrity and beauty.

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

You are beginning to see the world as with new eyes. This includes your place within it. You are open to entertaining new prospects and possibilities. The timing is extra good to do so. Yes, you will likely have to gamble to succeed. That is the way the game is played. At least take the risk to trust your heart felt feelings about what you want and need.

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

A big momentum is steadily building. Whether by desire or necessity your ambition levels are rising. You are ready to enter new territory. Fortunately, your confidence levels are also rising and this trend will continue into 2014. Make good of this wave and do not take it for granted. Focus to build a momentum that extends years into the future.

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Pamela was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to many. She was gracious and loving to all who came across her life path and will be remembered for her gentle smile and her desire to be a blessing to others each day. Pamela shared her passion for gardening and her love of birds with all who came to visit.

Her unwavering faith and strength of character upheld her in challenging times and she enfolded her family with a depth of love and caring that is beyond description.

Pamela will be missed deeply but her spirit will keep us company in the garden of life and in the hovering of the hummingbird and butterfly.

We extend a deep appreciation to those who cared for Pamela with compassion and respect during the last few weeks of her life. A special thank you to Jill and the nurses from the Community Health Team. Thank you to the Palliative Response Team from Victoria Hospice, the nurses and staff at Cowichan District Hospital, Dr. Frazer Black, Dr. David Brook, and all the caregivers who supported us in caring for Pamela at home.

"I shall pass through this world but once.  
Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness  
That I can show to any human being,  
Let me do it now.  
Let me not defer or neglect it for I shall not pass this way again."

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**LAST KICK:** Salt Spring youth soccer players got a sunny day Saturday for their fun wind-up tourney at Portlock Park. The next big soccer happening is the Challenge Cup tourney for adults on the May long weekend.

## WRESTLING

# O'Donnell gets #6 spot in Canada

Salt Spring athlete represented Team BC in Saskatoon

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Molly O'Donnell wrapped up another successful wrestling season with a sixth-place finish in her division at the national wrestling championships held in Saskatoon over the weekend.

"Within less than a week, Molly went from a short-term mission trip in the Philippines to compete nationally in Saskatoon," her mother Darcie said

on Tuesday.

"As a parent I am very proud of how she conducts herself. She has a superb attitude, always respecting the officials, coaches and the other athletes."

O'Donnell, a Grade 9 student who attends Queen of Angels School in Duncan, began competing with a team in the Cowichan Valley after getting her start with Salt Spring Island's talented stable of young wrestlers.

O'Donnell is a sixth-generation Salt Spring resident who attended elementary school in Fulford. She will be back on the island full-time when she starts school at GISS in September.

Her success at this year's national championships is especially sweet given that she was actually too young to attend the 2012 tournament, despite qualifying for the event.

As a member of Team BC, she ranked sixth in Canada and was the only girl in her division from British Columbia to place.

Having made it onto the radar of several scouts, there's some hope O'Donnell's wrestling skills will carry through to the post-secondary level.

"I think everyone is very excited about her possibilities," Darcie said.

## TRAIL RUNNING

# Salt Spring poised to host fall trail run

Plans afoot for Castaway endurance event

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
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A group of Salt Springers hope an island endurance race they plan to host in the fall will boost tourism, promote healthier lifestyles and unite the community.

"The goal is to have a self-sustained event and for any additional money raised to be designated for trail building and maintenance on Salt Spring," said Dave Melanson.

Melanson is among a contingent of islanders that has already devoted several months to planning the inaugural Castaway Trail Endurance Run, tentatively set for Oct. 5.

The event, which will feature 20-kilometre and 50-kilometre races, is believed to be the first athletic competition of its kind on the island.

"I don't know that anything of this proportion has been attempted, but the spirit of fundraising to help protect and preserve the magical place we all live in is nothing new," Melanson said.

Besides offering runners a challenging and scenic trail race, Melanson said, one of the event's goals is to contribute to and promote the island's growing network of trails.

Rigorous training for various ultra-marathons in Canada and the United States has offered Melanson a new appreciation for the variety of trails available to island residents. He's also become more aware of the resources needed to make sure all the trails are kept in great shape.

"The time spent out in the trails on Salt Spring brings me a deep sense of joy and fulfillment and

this is something I want to share with everyone," he said. "Too often I hear people say: 'I want to go hiking. Are there any trails?'"

"We hope to create a day when folks can come out and enjoy the trails with the security of knowing there will be someone to point them in the right direction."

Despite best efforts of trail builders, he added, hitting the trails with confidence can be a daunting task for newbies and visitors to the island.

Attendance at the event is predicted to reach anywhere between 50 and 100 participants, with nearly as many community volunteers needed to make sure everything runs smoothly.

The group will hold fundraising events in the months ahead where people can contribute time and/or money to the cause.

"We will rely on the good spirits of local business and volunteers to help fill the requirements for volunteer staff and certain amenities such as food and drinks for participants at designated stations along the course," he said.

In the meantime, the organizers face a barrage of logistical challenge such as obtaining land-use permits and insurance and ensuring the safety of participants. Thus far, the race has received the okay from the Capital Regional District as well as a handful of private landowners.

"These things seem much less daunting when you have seen the beauty in the terrain and the potential for so many to experience the joy and overwhelming beauty of my favourite parts of the island," Melanson said.

For more information about the Castaway Trail Endurance Run, contact Melanson at dave.melanson@gmail.com.

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Dave Melanson, left, and Matt Cecill are among a group of islanders who've proposed a challenging trail run event for Salt Spring this fall.