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**ECONOMY**

## Momentum builds in push for vibrant core

Strong business support for Ganges revival

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

High rents and sagging tourism were listed as the major concerns of Ganges business owners who gathered at an event to discuss ways to strengthen the downtown economy last week.

The gathering was hosted by the Salt Spring Community Economic Development Commission as a way to launch a conversation about Ganges' business climate and initiatives to bolster the downtown economy.

"The overall feeling in the group was that this is the right time to get something going," said CEDC member Amber Quiring. "The whole idea is to really bring a vibrancy to the downtown core and hopefully attract tourism and locals to shop locally."

The April 17 meeting saw 54 people, including representatives from the chamber of commerce, CRD and individual business owners, attend.

"It was great to get everyone together to voice their concerns and get a chance to speak," Quiring said.

The discussion produced four informal committees that will address specific issues related to revitalizing the Ganges economy.

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PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

**TREE HUGGER:** A Salt Spring youngster enjoys his treetop roost at Centennial Park during Earth Day weekend festivities.

**IN MEMORIAM**

## Guedes called an 'epitome of goodness'

Tragic loss felt by entire community

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring firefighters and members of the wider community are joined in sorrow this week due to the untimely death of Lt. Travis Guedes, who succumbed to an aggressive form of brain cancer on Wednesday, April 17.

Flowers and written memorials for the 35-year-old career firefighter started arriving at the Ganges fire hall immediately following news of his death, as islanders paid tribute to a caring father and citizen.

Firefighter Mark Wyatt, who joined the same recruiting class as Guedes in 2004 and remained close to him ever since, said he was proud to see his friend work his way up from a produce clerk at Thrifty Foods to his final position as a member of the fire department's prevention and inspection team.

"He worked hard for everything he accomplished, and not at the expense of anyone else, but just to be the best he could be," Wyatt said.

"Travis, to me, was the epitome of goodness — there was just nothing about him that was bad. He put everyone above himself always, he had such passion for the fire service and his family.

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# Genuine caring personality recalled

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"He was just pure and good, one of the most solid men I've ever met. And he died way too young."

Salt Spring Fire Chief Tom Bremner said for those in command, losing a firefighter is almost as painful as losing a child, but Guedes is an especially hard loss.

"He was a person that everyone got to know, love and respect for many different reasons: his ease in working in tough situations, his ability to communicate with all levels of personality and his willingness to see the better of every situ-

ation," Bremner said. "For me, personally, he was one of the nicest people I've ever met or worked with."

Bremner credited Guedes for his role as president of the firefighters' association and for helping turn around a dismal situation in volunteer membership to create today's healthy 50-member team. He did so by connecting with recruits from the point of their application and maintaining the connection through the training process and beyond.

"We've lost one of the most amazing young persons in this service and this community — we feel that every moment," said Bremner.

The fire chief thanked the extended Guedes family for the support, love and communication they shared with the department over the past months.

"We're just glad to have shared Travis for the amount of time he had left with us," he added.

Carol Bremner, who is the principal of Salt Spring Centre School, noted the strong impact Guedes had on the island's children. He visited Salt Spring elementary schools annually as part of a prevention team with Capt. Dale Lundy.

"The children were really drawn to his kind, calm manner, and his ability to explain fire safety on their level," she

said. "And a really big thing with kids was his ability to remember names from year to year."

Guedes also trained the entire Centre School staff in first aid two years ago.

"From that point on, everyone felt a real connection with him," Bremner said. "He was a really genuine kind of guy, and passionate about what he did. And I think that came across to the kids and they saw the importance of that."

Guedes leaves behind his wife Sandy and two young daughters, Abigail and Haylee. A memorial service will take place this Sunday, April 28 at the GISS gym starting at 1 p.m.



Mourners pay tribute to the late Lt. Travis Guedes at the Ganges fire hall.

PHOTO BY RICK NEUFELD

## TRANSPORTATION

# Mystery leak causes sinkhole

Ministry to consult with NSSWW

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A constantly flowing stream of water and an ever-deepening dip in the road at the entrance to downtown Ganges have provoked citizen action in response to government's apparent reluctance to intervene.

Like the water serpent Hydra of Greek mythology, the storm water problem on Ganges Hill is seemingly unstoppable: no sooner than one source is dealt with, another two spring up in its place.

Last winter's stream cascaded down the roadside to the foot of the hill near Embe Bakery. That stream has now disappeared, but water is coming up from a crack further down the road near MacDonald Realty. The result is an alarming change in the road surface that's got drivers achieving near lift-off on the approach to town.

The official word from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure on Friday is that "staff are working with North Salt Spring Waterworks District and CRD Wastewater Services to identify where the water may be coming from and to develop a longer term solution."

"In the meantime, the ministry's maintenance contractor is regularly monitoring the roadway to ensure that vehicles can safely travel through this area and will undertake temporary repairs as necessary," according to an email from a Ministry spokesperson.

But Island Escapades owner Jack Rosen is tired of dealing with the water and the Ministry's slow response.

"I've been calling since January," he said. "It's been iced up, my floors are getting destroyed, there's constant mud and water."

"We're fed up with it and we're starting to notice other people are seeing it more and more," he added.

Along with calls to the Driftwood, community response has included a recent "Ganges sinkhole" warning written in chalk on a cement barrier.

Rosen said Ministry officials were quick to remove the writing, but aside from sending out a team to look at the crack a month or so ago, the department has not committed to investigate the source of the problem.

According to Rosen's conversations with Ministry staff, the water is believed to originate from the same drainage issues caused by development further up the hill several years ago. However,

the location of the crack has him concerned. In addition to other pipes, outflow from the sewer treatment centre runs under the same stretch of road.

"If it is coming from a leak in the water treatment plant, it's going right into what was historically a salmon-bearing creek," Rosen observed.

"And you do get other fish coming into there on a regular basis."

Ralf Waters, the Capital Regional District's manager of engineering for Salt Spring, said he was well aware of the dip in the road, but had never heard the water might be associated with a treatment plant leak.

He said the water that goes through the outflow pipe is purified and would not be a danger to the creek, but he promised to have water from the crack tested to make sure it wasn't a plant issue.

Rosen believes that, besides testing the water, MOTI should bite the bullet and dig into the road to determine where the leak is coming from. If it doesn't, a Montreal-sized sinkhole with a car or truck busting through the road surface seems imminent.

"It's definitely a big issue — it needs to be addressed before someone gets hurt," Rosen said.

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**ENVIRONMENT**

## Coastal ecosystems being squeezed to the brink

Speaker calls on individuals to take on 'critical task'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring finds itself at the heart of what may just be the most at-risk ecosystem in the country, according to a presentation made by professor, author and ecologist Andy MacKinnon during a visit to the island on Friday evening.

"You have the most threatened or endangered spaces and they're almost all on private land," MacKinnon told a crowd of nearly 100 people during a Salt Spring Island Conservancy-sponsored event at the Community Gospel Chapel. "The ecosystems here are the second or, perhaps some of them, the most threatened ecosystems in Canada."

"That's the take-home message." Having established his point early on, MacKinnon devoted the majority of his 60-minute presentation to outline how and why conservation efforts offer residents of the Gulf Islands a unique set of challenges.

The main reasons date back to the region's settlement by pioneers attracted to the land's relatively mild coastal climate, lush and lucrative forests and promising agricultural potential.

In many ways, the very things that make the region so important from an ecological perspective are the same factors that have made conservation efforts so challenging.

"Because there was such a welcoming climate and because it was settled for such a long time, it was the most developed for urban and agriculture and the most heavily logged," he said. "Salt Spring is a spectacular place and it's a hotbed for ecosystems and species at risk."

Chief among these are the region's coastal Douglas fir forests and few remaining pockets of intact arbutus and Garry oak groves.

The result, he said, has created a region with among the lowest percentage of protected areas in the nation, the highest degree of land converted to agriculture and the highest percentage of private land of any ecosystem type in British Columbia and Canada.

"You shouldn't assume that just because you've got lots of forest around you that it will be like that for a long time," he said.

These challenges, he added, stand to increase as climate change continues to have a marked effect with drier summers and wetter winters.

"Climate change is not something that's going to happen, it's something that's happening," he said, adding that about 20 per cent of the province has already experienced a shift in climatic zone.

MacKinnon has spent much of his career examining the countless links between the sea of organisms that can be found above and below ground in British Columbia's forest ecosystems.

His interest not only touches upon individual species but also the interconnectedness of



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Author Andy MacKinnon addresses Salt Springers about the specific challenges that face the island's unique ecosystems during a Friday evening talk hosted by the SSI Conservancy.

many organisms that form what researchers have labelled the "wood-wide web."

Much of this knowledge has been spread to a broader audience through his popular guidebooks. MacKinnon's more well-known titles include *Plants of Coastal British Columbia*, *Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast and Edible and Medicinal Plants of Canada*.

"Plants and fungi are the two great loves of my life," he said.

If MacKinnon's loves lie in the forest, his passion yearns for con-

servation efforts by organizations and individuals.

MacKinnon's talk couldn't have come at a more opportune moment, as the SSI Conservancy recently launched a public appeal to raise \$400,000 to buy a 32-acre property along the shoreline of Blackburn Lake.

He said the agricultural-zoned property is symbolic of the larger region, where urban and agricultural development has grown to cover roughly 50 per cent of the landscape.

"Protecting those lands is a

difficult task that conservancies and individuals have to back," he urged the crowd. "This is a critical task and it needs the support of everybody on the island."

"Nobody else is going to do it," he added. "Tuum este. It's up to you guys to do this kind of work."

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Blast startles onlookers

A large explosion that appeared to have come from across Trincomali Channel and Salt Spring's north end left many people scratching their heads at around noon on Tuesday.

"It was the loudest explosion I've ever heard," said Annie Palovcik, who was walking in the area with her husband Tom Koppel when the blast occurred.

Palovcik said people had gathered near the Fernwood Dock to try to determine what was happening within minutes of the explosion.

"We were all hearing the sirens," she said.

Cpt. Linda Coleman of the Royal Canadian Navy said the blast was a controlled explosion undertaken by the Pacific Fleet Diving Unit.

The team was tasked to detonate an unexploded "smoke marker" discovered by a member of the

public.

Cpt. Coleman said such markers are often left over from man-overboard drills that are part of naval exercises in the area.

### Toy Run takes shape

Organizers have begun to prepare for this year's

Toy Run, set to take place on the island between Aug. 23 and 25.

The annual Salt Spring motorcycle ride and show is used as an opportunity to collect toys and warm winter clothing for less fortunate children.

"We are of course looking for donations for the kids and our biggest

cost which is food," said organizer Cindy Toutant. "Also, if anyone is willing to volunteer, that would be amazing."

For more information about how to participate in or contribute to the event, contact Toutant at [ssijoe@hotmail.com](mailto:ssijoe@hotmail.com) or the Salt Spring Toy Run Facebook group.

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## Saanich North and the Islands CANDIDATE Q & A PART ONE



**ADAM OLSEN**

**Why have you decided to participate in this year's provincial election?**

*We need a new approach in our provincial government. We must address the growing disconnect between local and provincial governance and top-down government. I am excited by what Elizabeth May is doing in the House of Commons; we need her kind of representation in the legislature. The environment can no longer be an afterthought, it must be a sincere part of every discussion we have in government. It's important for our province and country that*

CURRENTLY RESIDENT OF: Brentwood Bay (Central Saanich)  
YEARS IN POLITICS: 4.5

BACKGROUND/TRAINING/DAY JOB/ETC: Small business owner – Salish Fusion Knitwear and Olsen & Olsen Consulting, Central Saanich Council 2008-2013

INTERESTS/HOBBIES: Playing with my kids, gardening, knitting, hockey, cricket



*we bolster the Green Party's momentum in Saanich North & the Islands. I was raised in Tsartlip First Nation and taught to be a steward of our territory—we need to do a better job. I am a husband and father of*

*two small children, they need us to act now. We need diverse, cooperative and balanced voices in the legislature.*

**What is your position on Salt Spring's incorporation debate?**

*It is important to assess government structures to ensure they are efficient and effective. But, whether to incorporate or not is Salt Spring Islanders' decision to make. In order to come to the best decision you must have the opportunity to have your voice heard and brought to the provincial government. Most importantly, Salt Spring needs an effective, respectful public process with integrity that concludes with a decision. It is not in the best interest of the community to leave this issue unresolved. I understand local government from my experience as an elected municipal councilor and know these decisions are difficult. Salt Spring is a vital vibrant community and for the sake of the community this issue needs to be resolved. I will bring a fresh and willing set of eyes and ears to the issue. In the end I believe in local solutions.*

**How can ferry fares be made more affordable for island residents and visitors?**

*We have an opportunity to think differently about transportation. We must address the needs of coastal communities and assess the real cost of the services. We need to ask questions like: Is a passenger service viable? Can we transport goods more efficiently? By using local working committees already in place we can find innovative solutions that address our local needs. Both the NDP and Liberals have had their hand in the problem. Neither party has presented us with a sound plan to address the finances—only promises that we know are not real solutions. We have had deferred fare increases before—they didn't work. Privatization hasn't worked. We can't rely on LNG promises to solve this one. There is no single solution, we need to consider a range of alternatives that might include more foot traffic, smaller ferries and a renewed commitment from the provincial government to the island communities.*



**GARY HOLMAN**

**Why have you decided to participate in this year's provincial election?**

*I'm running in this election to help establish an NDP government and implement a progressive platform. I also want to continue serving and be a strong voice for my community within an NDP government. As a resource economist, conservationist, and former local elected official, I have a longstanding, proven record of supporting and implementing initiatives to protect green space and water, develop community*

CURRENTLY RESIDENT OF: Salt Spring Island  
YEARS IN POLITICS: 11

BACKGROUND/TRAINING/DAY JOB/ETC: Resource economist, SSI CRD Director, community activist, conservationist

INTERESTS/HOBBIES: Guitar, hiking, reading



*infrastructure and address climate change. As an MLA representing my community and as a member of the NDP caucus, I believe I can be an effective*

*advocate for these goals.*

**What is your position on Salt Spring's incorporation debate?**

*It is up to Salt Spring residents to decide their form of governance. The role of an MLA is to ensure that the community receives comprehensive and objective information regarding the financial and other implications of governance options.*

**How can ferry fares be made more affordable for island residents and visitors?**

*The NDP believes that BC Ferries should be recognized as part of the public highway for coastal communities. That is why we have just announced a freeze on ferry fares for the next two years while we undertake a comprehensive audit of BC Ferries to examine its finances, organizational*

*structure and capital plans. The audit will examine the potential for operating cost savings, for example in administration and the possible use of natural gas engines in new ferries. As CRD Director for Salt Spring, I served on our Ferry Advisory Committee for six years and I believe I understand and can contribute to resolving the issues facing the corporation. As an MLA within an NDP government, I will be an advocate for an affordable and reliable BC Ferries to support our island communities.*



**STEPHEN P. ROBERTS**

**Why have you decided to participate in this year's provincial election?**

*I believe I can offer a balanced approach to governance where we protect our environment but also continue to grow our economy so that we create jobs and generate the revenues needed to provide the government services we have come to expect.*

CURRENTLY RESIDENT OF: Salt Spring Island  
YEARS IN POLITICS: Two months

BACKGROUND/TRAINING/DAY JOB/ETC: BA Honours Economics, COO International Investment Banking Research

INTERESTS/HOBBIES: Kayaking, running, local food and wine



*For too long we have asked two [representatives on the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee] to act as a virtual municipal council. This is unsustainable. We need to look seriously at a cost-benefit analysis for*

*incorporation and be prepared to act once the evidence is in.*

**How can ferry fares be made more affordable for island residents and visitors?**

*We can recognize that the ferry system is an integral part of our provincial transportation infrastructure and adjust the provincial subsidy accordingly. We all have an interest in the prosperity of our island and coastal communities. We believe in highways that open up the interior of our province, and mass transit in our cities. The ferries are part of this investment too. They need to be more affordable for island families and businesses.*

### GET TO KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES:

**Central Saanich All Candidates Meeting**  
Saturday, April 27 at 7 p.m.  
Brentwood Bay Community Hall  
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**Saanich Teachers' Assoc. All Candidates Meeting**  
Saturday, May 4 at 3 p.m.  
Parklands Secondary School  
Sidney, B.C.

**Salt Spring Island All Candidates Meeting**  
Thursday, May 2 at 2 p.m.  
Gulf Islands Secondary School  
Ganges, B.C.

**Saturna Island All Candidates Meeting**  
Monday, May 6 at 5:30 p.m.  
Saturna Community Hall  
Saturna, B.C.

**Mayne Island All Candidates Meeting**  
Friday, May 3 at 1 p.m.  
Mayne Island Community Hall  
Mayne Island, B.C.

**Galiano Island All Candidates Meeting**  
Thursday, May 9 at 6 p.m.  
Location TBD

**WATERWORKS**

# Ratepayers elect continuity on NSSW district board

Board looks to new treatment plant

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Marshall Heinekey, Les Howell and Denis Russell have been elected to help guide the North Salt Spring Waterworks District through one of the most important stages in its hundred-year history.

Approximately 75 people turned out for Tuesday night's

annual general meeting of the NSSWD at the Community Gospel Chapel, well above the 12 members of the public who came to last year's event.

"This is a little bit of a new experience for us," Russell said of the crowd.

The meeting was delayed by nearly 30 minutes as election organizers registered the higher-than-anticipated number of attendees.

Incumbents Heinekey and Russell held on to their board positions by getting 60 and

55 votes, respectively, in the opening round of voting. Les Howell, a former waterworks board member, won on the second ballot with 48 votes, enough to soundly defeat water board hopefuls Eric Booth and Norbert Schlenker.

The results are especially meaningful as the NSSWD continues its effort to construct a new multimillion-dollar water treatment facility at St. Mary Lake.

"We are focused on the future," Heinekey told partici-

pants of the board's resolve to complete the project. "We are excited about what's coming up."

Heinekey said the board is fully aware of the need to dedicate the appropriate level of time and resources to the project to avoid complications experienced during similar upgrades in the Fulford, Beddis and Highland/Fernwood water districts, he added.

Replacement of the 40-year-old treatment plant

at St. Mary Lake is required to comply with drinking-water guidelines established by the federal government and Vancouver Island Health Authority.

"The current treatment plant is antiquated," Russell said.

Board members have initiated the design process for the new plant. A referendum to seek ratepayer permission to borrow funds for the project is anticipated for some point before the end of the

year. Approximate costs of the project will be known at the end of the design phase.

In other NSSWD news, board members decided to hold rate increases to three per cent between 2012 and 2013.

"We feel that operating costs are sufficiently covered," Russell said. "District finances are in a healthy position."

The NSSWD serves 2,069 lots with treated water from St. Mary and Maxwell lakes.

**HEALTH CARE**

# Doctors sign on to new division

Collective status hoped to improve access

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Island physicians will soon have a stronger voice when it comes to meeting local health-care needs with the formation of a Salt Spring chapter of the Rural and Remote Division of Family Practice.

Dr. Paula Ryan helped spearhead the creation of the Salt Spring chapter, which was formally agreed to with representatives from the Vancouver Island Health Authority, BC Medical Association and Ministry of Health on April 12.

"It seemed to me to be potentially a very progressive movement in health care and a way to make change," said Ryan, who was inspired to learn more after members of the South Island division made a presentation to

Salt Spring professionals. "It's just really inspiring to see what's been done. I have great hopes of some really positive results from the division."

Divisions of Family Practice are nonprofit, collective organizations that allow physicians to work together to improve health care delivery in their communities. They are normally based on geographical areas.

Although Salt Spring is too small to form a division on its own, the newly created Rural and Remote Division provides a province-wide network for physicians facing similar issues. Its founding communities were Pemberton and North Vancouver Island, with new chapters now signing on to address locally specific and common needs.

"Currently, physicians are leading the development of the Rural and Remote Division as they see an advantage to building their network across the province in order to

harness the value of working together," the Division of Family Practice website explains.

"It has been identified that these physicians often have different needs, challenges and priorities than their counterparts in larger centres.

"By working together, rural and remote physicians are able to realize the advantage of their network to address common issues that transcend geography. Collaboratively they can prioritize these issues, utilize their collective people power and other resources to achieve results together that would be more challenging to arrive at on their own."

Local physicians have the choice of whether to join the Salt Spring chapter. Those that do will be part of a collective voice that has new and equal authority when working with the health authority and provincial bodies to make health-care decisions, instead of being on

the low end of a hierarchy. "I'm very confident to say the majority of doctors will be signing up," Ryan said.

When it comes to strategizing new solutions, one benefit of joining the rural and remote division is Salt Spring doctors won't have to "reinvent the wheel," but will be able to join with those already working on similar problems in other communities. Possible outcomes include accessing programs like A GP for Me, which was piloted by divisions in Prince George, Cowichan and White Rock.

Physicians and representatives from the other bodies are now signing the chapter's Document of Intent. In the coming weeks local members will meet to begin the first stage of planning before any action can be initiated.

"We need to sit down and say, 'What do we need on this island? What are our priorities?' And we haven't got to that step," Ryan said.



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**KARATE**

# SSI shines in Victoria

Cup event marks third anniversary

Members of the Salt Spring Island Karate Club were out in force for the third-annual Victoria Cup tournament on Saturday.

About 30 members of various experience levels converged at the Pacific Institute of Sports Excellence to participate in one of the region's top competitions.

Standouts at the event include Michael Dragland, center judging for the first time, brown belt Christian Stepaniuk earning two first-place medals for kata and sparring, and sensei Leslie Wiens winning first place in black belt kata.



**Notice of 2013 Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 15th, 2013 5-7 pm**  
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Join us for the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting. We will be reviewing the past year's activities and events, providing a year-end financial report and conducting an Election of Directors for 2013/14. A wine and cheese Member Mixer will follow.

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## WATER

# Algal bloom not 'immediate concern'

Cusheon Lake non-toxic bloom offers a gentle warning

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An algal bloom that's surfaced in Cusheon Lake is no cause for immediate concern, according to a spokesperson from the Capital Regional District.

Stewart Irwin confirmed tests of raw water samples from the lake show no health concerns associated with the specific strain of algal bloom detected in the lake earlier this month.

The bloom's most noticeable impact on people who live near the lake is the possibility of "fishy or flowery odours" and clogged water filters, Irwin added.

Horel Road resident Wayne Hewitt said the thin layer of slime that has clogged his water filters repeatedly during the past three weeks is unprecedented.

"I've never had one this severe," he said.

"I haven't noticed a fishy or earthy odour. What I have noticed is that it's really expensive to change the filters every week."

Hewitt said the bloom is an important reminder that people who live and work in the Cusheon Lake watershed need to be conscious of how their actions can affect the lake.

The proliferation of algal blooms is directly connected to the level of phosphorus in the water. Fewer than one per cent of algal blooms produce toxic cyanobacteria like that seen on St. Mary Lake.

"It's really fluky," said island-based biologist John Sprague. "You never know. Really rich water will encourage cyanobacteria."

According to a 2007 report on the state of Cusheon Lake, the highest single-source, at 39 per cent, is in the water that enters the lake from upstream sources. This includes runoff from land in the upper watershed.

Other sources include: land runoff from the Cusheon Lake basin, 15 per cent; regeneration from bottom sediment, 21 per cent; direct input from homes around the lake and shoreline clearing, 16 per cent; and direct human input from upstream septic tanks, seven per cent.

In his report, Sprague says a 15 per cent reduction in the lake's phosphorus levels would

achieve an "acceptable status."

"The prediction of 13.5 ppb of phosphorus as springtime average would be similar to the historic situation before settlement by Europeans," he wrote. "There would probably be fairly satisfactory conditions of minor algal blooms and few problems with toxic cyanobacteria."

In the nearly six years since his report was published, little has been done to reduce the level of phosphorus that flows into Cusheon Lake. Even regular water monitoring by the provincial government to collect important data on the lake's chemistry has been eliminated.

"Essentially nothing has happened," Sprague said. "The only thing is that they've made a few more clearcuts in the upper part of the watershed."

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

# PARC denied federal funding

Spring grants awarded

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The federal government has rejected a Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission funding request that would have enabled construction of a multi-sport outdoor recreation facility in Fernwood.

Commissioners had asked for up to \$250,000 through the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund in 2012. The program has provided

nearly \$50 million to communities across Western Canada during the past two years.

The funding was required to upgrade underutilized school district playing fields next to Fernwood Elementary School into baseball fields, a soccer field, a walking track and family viewing area.

"The fund has been met with resounding interest across Western Canada," reads a note from Donna Mandelkau-Krotec, program manager for the British Columbia region. "While many outstanding

project applications were received, demand for funding was greater than the available funds."

Commissioners gathered for their monthly PARC meeting on Monday afternoon reacted with understandable disappointment upon discussing the news.

"At least we know how to write grants, because we've written a lot of them," said Gregg Dow, PARC chair.

The refusal represents the second time commissioners' efforts to obtain federal funding to support the Fernwood project have

been denied.

"Beyond a certain age, you get graded by performance not effort," quipped fellow board member Stanley Shapiro.

In other PARC news, commissioners dispensed \$7,000 as part of their annual spring grants-in-aid program.

The Salt Spring Rowing Club will receive \$5,000 to build a floating dock and the Salt Spring Island Tennis Association was awarded \$2,000 to fund a golf and tennis camp for youths between the ages of 10 and 16.

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## Volunteers enthusiastic

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Nearly 20 volunteers signed up to participate in the effort during last week's session.

"That's a great response from a one-off meeting," said commissioner Tarquin Bowers.

Groups will address rental fees, beautification projects, local shopping and social media.

"It seemed like the start of something really really good," said CEDC member Dan Logan.

The informal meeting, held at the Salt Spring Public Library, was organized earlier this month after the closure of Moby's Oyster Bar and Marine Grill prompted questions about the business climate in Ganges. Commissioners spoke about the event's success during their regular monthly business meeting on Thursday afternoon.

The CEDC's next meeting is in the school district office board room in Ganges on May 16 at 4 p.m.

**NORTHERN GATEWAY**

# Pipeline resistance needs support

LNG protesters ask for garden supplies, food and funds

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A grassroots community effort that's taken up the fight against proposals to build natural gas and oil pipelines across traditional lands in Northern B.C. is looking to Salt Spring Island for help.

"We'd like to organize a community effort to help support the camp, specifically in the form of gardening tools and supplies, food and monetary contributions," wrote Stu Redfern, a supporter of the group who

lives on the island, in a plea to island residents. "This is our chance to support a community on the frontline of pipeline resistance."

Since it was established by the Wet'suwet'en First Nation about three years ago, Unist'ot'en Camp has encouraged the backers of two major pipeline projects, including Enbridge's Northern Gateway, to find an alternate route.

"The Wet'suwet'en will stop all pipelines by any means necessary," reads information from the group's website. "In solidarity with nations also opposing pipelines in their territories, we do not take any 'not-in-my-backyard' . . . approaches in our strong stance against

poisoning waters for money and greed."

The group's current pipeline fight is focused against the Pacific Trails Pipeline, a 463-kilometre link between the province's natural-gas-rich northeast Kitimat LNG terminal. The provincial government considers the Chevron Canada and Apache-backed LNG project a crucial ingredient in plans to supply lucrative Asian markets with natural gas from the province's North.

Unist'ot'en Camp, which is set up in a remote area south of Smithers, needs equipment and funding to host a spring permaculture workshop near in May.

The three-week event will put community members

and like-minded volunteers to work on the construction of traditional pithouses and permaculture gardens. The project is part of the group's long-term strategy to occupy areas left in the Wet'suwet'en's care.

"We're hoping to find a centralized location on Salt Spring to collect supplies but, for now, we're happy to pick up any supplies folks in the community may have lying around," Redfern said. "We'd also love to collaborate with anyone in the community who has ideas about contributing and organizing for this effort."

Anyone who wants to contribute or participate in the effort can reach Redfern at [ssigardendrive@gmail.com](mailto:ssigardendrive@gmail.com).

**PARC**

# Sign initiative enters second phase

Data collected and analyzed

The first phase of the Moutat Park interpretive sign project is complete.

Initiated in January 2013 and formally called the Salt Spring Interpretive Signage Initiative (SSI-ISI), the project was set forth by the Trail and Nature Club, the Salt Spring

Parks and Recreation Commission, and the University of Victoria. UVic co-op student Stevie-rae Robinson was hired as the project coordinator for a four-month work term. Over the past months she conducted an in-depth study to capture the community's knowledge and interests regarding Moutat Park. The research objective is to implement thoughtful

interpretive signage that reflects the community's perspective within Moutat Park.

Robinson's research included 12 community focus groups with key stakeholders, as well as one-on-one interviews conducted with 16 individuals who had a particular investment in the park and its development.

"All participants commented on the park's natural beau-

ty, convenience and accommodation to a diversity of visitors," said Robinson.

Once the data was collected it was organized and reviewed by PARC manager Lorraine Brewster, Joan Wharf-Higgins from UVic and Robinson. During the evaluation, themes in the community responses were identified and grouped into the emotional, learning and behav-

ourial factors.

For the second phase of the project, those themes will inform and inspire the crafting of sample messages. Sign and message effectiveness will be tested by community members and tourists at the Saturday market. Thereafter, the community's evaluation will be analyzed and the appropriate signage strategically placed throughout Moutat Park.

**SQUASH**

# Excitement builds for squash court idea

Sunday meeting will investigate options

Squash players will take a swing at the prospect of a new indoor court on the island during an information meeting on Sunday afternoon.

Markus Wenzel revived the idea of an indoor

squash court for the island earlier this year based on a demand from local players who are forced to travel to Vancouver to play their sport.

Upwards of 60 people have since "emerged from the woodwork" to voice an interest in the prospect of a new facility, he added.

Sunday's meeting is

intended to generate a preliminary vision about the location, cost and financing of a new court.

The event will take place in the PARC meeting room at Portlock Park on Sunday, April 28 at 4 p.m.

Wenzel said the meeting is a great opportunity for any snowbirds who've been out of the country during

the past several months to get brought up to speed on the drive to build a facility.

Wenzel can be reached at [Markus.Wenzel@investors-group.com](mailto:Markus.Wenzel@investors-group.com) for more information.

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## EDITORIAL

# Spring renewal

As islanders shake off the last of those wet and gloomy winter doldrums, there's a certain buzz in the air when it comes to what's in store for island business owners.

The markets are in full swing, the visitors have begun to reappear and locals have already started chirping about traveling into Ganges on Saturdays.

What isn't so common is the renewed interest in the island's Community Economic Development Commission. During the past several years, the CEDC has toiled silently, largely behind the scenes, on a recovery plan for the island's sagging economy.

With businesses closing and the economy languished, more than a few islanders had begun to question what the group was up to.

Much of that changed last week during a CEDC-sponsored brain-storming session at the island's new public library.

The event attracted more than 50 small-business owners from the downtown core as well as representatives from the Islands Trust, Capital Regional District and the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

Whether it's the scent of spring in the air or the recent closure of the island's iconic waterfront pub that got people out is anyone's guess.

More certain is how last week's meeting appears to have galvanized a community response to some island problems.

News that nearly 20 people at the gathering have joined ad-hoc volunteer committees to beautify the downtown core, help promote local events, and address common concerns like high rents and a drop in tourist-related revenues is a noteworthy development.

The approach is among a number of pro-active steps in store for both the CEDC and the island's chamber of commerce during the coming months.

It's can only be hoped the success of last week's event will encourage more initiatives by local boards, commissions and elected representatives to foster closer ties with people on the front lines of island life.

In the case of our local economy, inviting more input from all islanders can only help island business owners sail on through to sunnier times.



VIEWPOINT by Wayne Hewitt

## Cure needed for Cusheon Lake

The ongoing algal bloom in Cusheon Lake started in mid March and has been constantly plugging up water filters weekly, or often in a few days. Water filters are very costly and it is the first time people have experienced filters lasting for such a short time. Luckily, the algal bloom currently has a low cell count of Aphanizomenon. Unluckily, this can quickly change with this known cyanobacterial toxin producer.

There is no way to determine if or when an algal bloom will change into a toxin producer. Expensive continuous laboratory testing must be done. The only way to really eliminate the health risk is to prevent the algal blooms.

The goal and objective of the 2007 Cusheon Watershed Management Plan was to prevent algal blooms. It has not changed and little progress has been made to reach that goal.

Seventeen kilograms of phosphorus must be prevented from entering the Cusheon Watershed to lessen algal blooms. The CWMP states the source of 53.5 per cent of the phosphorus comes from land runoff. Activities property owners or residents do in the larger watershed can impact Cusheon Lake water. That means anyone living even as far away as the upper boundaries of Wright Road, north of Cranberry Road, or part of Mount Belcher Heights and Frazier Road can affect the water quality.

The question everyone should be asking himself or herself is the following: "What can I do to improve the source water on Salt Spring Island?"

If people are serious about protecting the water quality in Salt Spring lakes, they will not use fertilizers or products containing phosphorus on their property. Careful soil sampling and testing is the only reliable method of evaluating

nutrient deficiencies and should done before adding any fertilizers. The numbers on the fertilizer container refer to the amount of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium (NPK) in the product. It only takes 10 grams (the weight of two nickels) of phosphorus to produce one kilogram of algae.

Lawns do not require phosphorus to grow. Nitrogen is what turns grass green. People working on the land should try to avoid unnecessary soil disturbance. Anytime and anywhere the soil is disturbed phosphorus is released. Rain causes the soil particles containing phosphorus to be eroded into streams, springs and wetlands draining into lakes.

The community needs to work together with landowners, especially along streams and lake shorelines to stabilize the banks and replant the important native riparian vegetation. Native aquatic plants help purify water. Cattails remove heavy metals such as zinc, cadmium, lead and nitrate. Rushes can remove bacteria, oil and heavy metals.

Building very expensive dissolved air flotation water treatment plants has now become the norm, but no water treatment plant is failsafe. Protecting the source is crucial. Our lakes are a vital part of the economy of Salt Spring and everyone should help to protect them.

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy is doing something. They hope to purchase the land of the former Blackburn Meadows Golf Course. This would help protect Blackburn Lake and Cusheon Lake.

The Conservancy also needs the support of the community for the passage of proposed bylaws 465 and 466 to facilitate this purchase.

The writer is a resident of the Cusheon Lake area.

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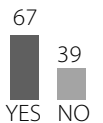
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# ISLAND VOICES

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STANLEY SHAPIRO, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER

## SALT SPRING SAYS

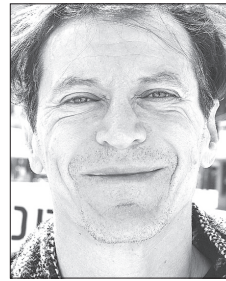
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How did you mark Earth Day this year?



**KIRSTEN WALLER**  
*I spent some time outside playing in the first game of the softball season.*



**DEBRA DAVIDSON**  
*We did a flash mob at the fire hall to promote car stops.*



**MARC DAVIS**  
*I was requisitioned to build an organic garden.*



**KEVIN KOPETZKI**  
*I built a raised garden bed for some veggies.*



**GARTH HENDREN**  
*My grandson and I enjoyed the day by going to the swings at Portlock Park.*

## Letters to the editor

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### Walk-in clinic needed

I am writing in response to the April 17 article about Lady Minto Hospital being overloaded with non-emergency cases. The solution proposed was for residents to familiarize themselves with off island walk in clinics or the non-emergency nurse line. This article does not address the real problem, which is lack of access to doctors on the island. As a parent I can say that I have been to the emergency room for non emergency situations with my children. The reason: because we had no doctor on island.

For the record I absolute-

ly will not be spending \$50 on ferry fare, a whole day crammed in the car with two small children (who are likely in this situation both sick) to go off island to a walk-in clinic. If Lady Minto cannot handle the overload then the focus needs to be proposing a real solution, not just telling residents to stop coming.

This is not a solution, nor will it be effective in reducing the amount of people who come in for non-emergency services. I can tell you honestly that it is not my idea of fun to have to sit in the emergency room for sometimes hours with small children, being bumped in line over and over again for more serious cases, and being the subject of some nurs-

ing and doctoral staff (albeit not all) making you feel judged about being there, even though there are no other options on the island. The solution is one that most residents are very aware of: we need a walk-in clinic. P.S.: the non-emergency line, especially when dealing with children, almost always advises people to go to the emergency room.

**TINA SIMPSON,**  
SALT SPRING

### Holman voter

Why I am voting for Gary Holman:

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His work in establishing, funding and developing the Salt Spring Water Council, with its record of fine community service on water issues/public education. His work for the Salt Spring library board in the difficult years before the new library existed.

His personal involvement in the BC Ferries coastal communities consultation hearings. His long-time record caring for Salt Spring, particularly as an exemplary CRD director (like our current director). His

concern for the economic, social and environmental well-being of this riding.

The NDP: an enlightened, not socialist alternative toward levelling the playing field.

**RON HAWKINS,**  
SALT SPRING

### Amazing volunteers

April 21 to 27 is a very special week as it is National Volunteer Week in Canada.

I have the privilege to work with an incredible group of volunteers that visit Lady Minto Hospital residential services (extended care).

These volunteers bring in the outside world to a gener-

ally inside population. They bring love, compassion, laughter, knowledge, friendship plus much more than there are words for. Volunteers serve coffee and tea, assist with games like Bingo, crosswords and Scrabble; bring in entertainment and treats; and, most importantly, visit with the residents. Volunteers help support residents with many extras that enhance residents' lives.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers, and especially our Lady Minto Hospital volunteers — you are amazing.

**BARBARA BRINDAMOUR,**  
LADY MINTO HOSPITAL

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# Selfish concerns no guide for big decisions

Speaking for my species, I have to admit that, generally speaking, we humans are a selfish lot. Oh sure, every once in a while one of us will do something heroic for the sake of others like fall on a grenade or pick up the tab for a restaurant meal, but most of the time we tend to our own self interests and spend our lives looking after "number 1".

Nowhere is this fact of life made more obvious than when we are asked to cough up our tax dollars to help fund a public project that some people regard as a necessity of life while others see it as a frivolous pipe dream for the entitled few. The rallying cry of "If you build it, they will pay," becomes the tune by which we are all asked to march.

It doesn't seem to matter how worthy or essential the proposed facility may look to its proponents; it is just as likely that its detractors will line up on the opposing stripe to thumb their collective nose at it.

Here on Salt Spring Island, this phenomenon makes itself evident on almost a daily level. The recent fire hall controversy and debate was only the latest in a string of similar kerfuffles stretching back to my arrival here during the Great Ganges Sewer War of the early Eighties (and probably even farther back to the time when the first human shucked the first clam in Ganges Harbour).

We've seen it happen over and over again. Whether it's been the library, swimming pool, indoor tennis court, or community theatre, the "nays" on the island have risen in unison to block the approval and construction of a ques-

tionable (in their eyes) facility that could only be financed on the public nickel.

Similarly, other "passion buckets" have not yet found enough support to keep them in the perpetual consciousness of the voting (and paying) citizenry. Among these, you can include the skating rink, the squash courts, the curling ice sheets, and the stainless steel surgical theatre. On the horizon lie some more obscure pet projects which may or may not include a cycling velodrome, an Olympic ski hill, a Formula One Grand Prix race track, and a retractable dome Bingo stadium.

Believe it or not, somewhere in the community you will find almost fanatical support for any or all of the aforementioned "wish list" items. In a nutshell, it comes down to this: if we think it will benefit our lives, enrich our community, and improve the lot of our children and their families, then we are "all in" (no matter what the cost). If, on the other hand, we don't particularly have a personal affinity to the proposed project, then it must be a total waste of time and money.

Often, what we need and what we think we need are not exactly identical. Time passes, we grow older, and we find ourselves not quite at the same high level of activity as we were when we claimed we could not live another day without a racquetball court or a bobsled run.

Trends come and go. What appears to be the "coolest" thing in the world one year becomes



**Shilo Zylbergold**

### NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

the lamest dud a couple of years later. Take the All-Fun Water Slide Park in Langford, for instance. Twenty-five years ago there was no more popular place on earth where you could take the kids for a day of wet thrills and ecstatic splash downs. As it turns out, the joint closed down about five years ago because the equipment became too expensive to maintain and the novelty had worn off over time. The owners also blamed the sketchy weather in the area for slumping attendance (as if a few drops of rain falling on your skin would ruin the "soaker" experience of flying through a plastic tube half-filled with water on your way to belly-flop landing in a waiting pool below).

Some changes border on insanity. A half century ago, the Don Mills Arena in North York, Ontario was a booming mecca for minor league hockey in the region. From the first light of dawn to the wee hours after midnight, its ice rinks served as a playground for both the very young (who had not yet learned to lace up their skates) and grizzled veterans of the seniors leagues (who likewise had trouble bending over to do up their laces on account of their beer bellies getting in the way). As the decades passed, the demographics of the region morphed into a mishmash of subcultures that was not so hockey intensive. The arena directors decided to close down the ice making facilities one night a week and rent out the arena to a bingo operation. The result proved wildly successful,

and soon the arena was devoting three nights a week to bingo. Eventually, the realization hit home that using the arena for hockey was a money losing proposition. Instead, the compressors were shut down, the ice technicians were laid off, and the Zamboni ice resurfacers were parked underground permanently. Every day, seven days a week, from about noon to late into the evening, you could hear the frantic call of not "he shoots, he scores" but "Bingo!" echoing through the crowded building.

Nobody asked me, but wouldn't the whole process work better if, for a change, we could put aside our petty self-interests and take a broader look at how the presence or absence of any of these entities would benefit the community as a whole or just a small segment of the population? Another factor to consider is whether the cost of building such a facility would otherwise detract from those existing infrastructures which already serve us well.

Maybe then, instead of protesting with statements like, "I'm 93 years old and I don't play hockey," or "Kids today don't read anyway," or "We live in a steel building with a sprinkler system," we can raise ourselves up a couple of notches up the humanity scale.

And if all else fails, and we find that we didn't really need a "deluxe" fire hall with a titanium fire pole and all the other bells and whistles? Hell, we can tear roof off, put a retractable dome over it, and use it for a much more essential 24-hour bingo parlour.



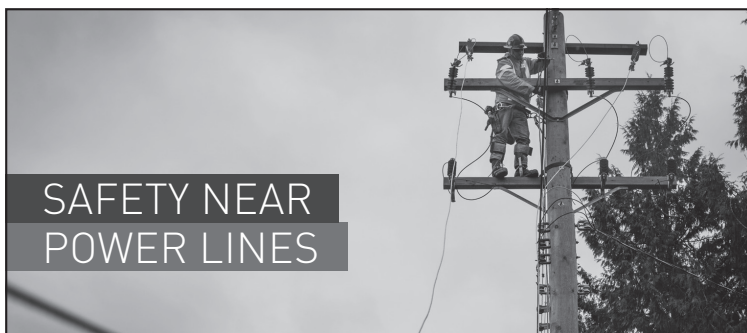
PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

**GIFTED:** Search and Rescue members are all smiles with their new wheeled transport. The stretcher wheel was financed by a grant received from the Salt Spring Foundation.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

**MEDICAL PRACTICE:** Lady Minto Hospital admitting clerk Lori Teather takes charge as "Hot Lips Houlihan" at Saturday's Minto M.A.S.H. event.



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## RANTS and Roses

### Mega Roses

We are blessed to have such a wonderful and supportive community from the people that made the RockSOLID fundraiser work.

Thanks to the crew: Dave and Living Water Media Services, sound & lighting; Louise Adele, artwork; Diane and Mobius Communications, poster, branding & website updates; Barnyard Grafix, Apple Photo, Imagine That Graphics, CoCo LoCo Lou, Al's Gourmet Falafel and Fries, Salt Spring Finest Natural Water, Mahon Hall, Salt Spring Exchange, Gulf Islands Driftwood, CFSI, Heather Martin-McNab, Erin Fawcett & Sam Barlow, Shirley McIntyre, Meghan, Kendra and Alec, Deb Hellicar.

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olates, Chorus Frog Farm, Bees Wax Works, Gina McMahon, Mistaken Identity Vineyards, Jonn of Ashlie's Pantry, Betty Lou Lake of Fit for Life, Love My Kitchen, Auntie Pesto's Cafe, Muse Masks, Sports Traders, Harlan's Chocolates, Salt Spring Books, Dragonfly Art Supplies, Salt Spring Inn.

The Japanese Garden Society would like to send a huge bouquet of roses to the friends of the Heiwa Garden who made the Blossom Picnic such a wonderful event. This list is incomplete, and we'd like to send an even bigger bouquet to the rest of our supporters in the community: SS Chamber of Commerce, Caffyn Jesse, Deb Stevenson, Iroko, Harry Warner, Tetsuya Aoyama, Keiho and Kanako, Raffi, Peter Levitt, Shirley Graham, Terry Ann Carter, Elehna de Sousa, Petra Otten, Curt Firestone, Sean McIntyre, Akiko and Aki Otsu, Terri Bibby, Shinobu Murata, Hannah Brown, Bob Rogers, Artspring, Country Grocers, Thrifty Foods, Fujiya Victoria, Aki and Miki Kikuchi, Ikuko and Gary Kunz, Rie and Mike Papp, Yoshi Tajima, Kaori Lane, Mana Nakata, Lionel Demandre, Brian Smallshaw, Mearmie Summers, Sandi McKerrell, Brenda Guiled and Karate Kids, Don Gillespie, Stella Weinert and SS Elementary Grade 5 students, Elodie Stauffer, Malcolm McConnell, Tania Aguila, Wynona Cook, Rada Fournier, Marie Rempel.

### Roses

Famously flashy rock star roses to everyone who supported our Annual Salt Spring Centre School Airband! Special appreciation to Pomodoro Pizza, Harlan's Gelato, West of the Moon, Thrifty Foods, Brian and "Soundma Mark" from the Tree House Cafe. Salt Spring Centre School

A big garden full of roses to everyone who helped with the garden renovation and first planting of veggies at the GISS Garden last weekend. Special thanks to Neil Kerrigan and the TASK students for dismantling the old boxes and building the new ones, Paul Sinclair for pitching in at the 11th hour to build two more, Mike Best and Chamber of Commerce volunteers Blair Howard, John Quesnel, Melissa Howard, and Dawn Davies who filled the new boxes along with Susan Lercher, Pauline Martens, Kelda Logan and her boys and GISS student Lorence Byrans. Thanks also to Len Wallbank, Mike Best and Chorus Frog Farm for the donation of plant starts and Bailey dog for pest control. From Chef Mark, Milly and all the salad eaters at GISS.

A huge bucket of "blue" roses to everyone involved in the excellent performance of Aladdin this weekend. The pre-show had lots of Salt Spring talent and the main attraction was fantastic. Thanks to the StageCoach team for making it happen!



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Sidney—Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Ave., Thursday, May 23, 7—10 pm

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Pender Island Community Hall, Sunday, May 26, 11 am—2 pm

Meetings will begin with a short presentation followed by a question and answer period and an opportunity for discussion with park reserve staff.

Parcs Canada vous invite à formuler vos commentaires concernant la récente ébauche du plan directeur de la **Réserve de parc national des Îles-Gulf**

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Salle agricole de l'île Mayne, le samedi 25 mai de 12 h à 15 h

Salle communautaire de l'île Pender, le dimanche 26 mai de 11 h à 14 h

Les séances commenceront par une courte présentation suivie d'une période de questions et d'une occasion de discuter avec le personnel de la réserve de parc.

## Bad timing by BC Ferries

A few days ago I travelled from Salt Spring Island to Victoria through the Fulford Harbour ferry terminal and, along with many other drivers waiting in the lineup, had an extremely frustrating experience.

It's simply unacceptable for B.C. Ferries to temporarily replace the Skeena Queen, which normally services this route, with a 48-year-old vessel carrying 30 fewer vehicles and requiring more complicated loading techniques.

Despite the best efforts of the crews, working under stressful conditions, travellers missed important medical appointments and were forced to postpone or cancel other arrangements. The vehicle area of the terminal was quite chaotic as several lanes had been blocked off with cones, forcing drivers to block the public access road to the businesses and homes adjacent to Fulford Harbour.

Why does it take a month to service the Skeena Queen? Can it not be done in less time? And why must this servicing be done when traffic is ramping up in the spring? Why not schedule it for mid-winter,

when traffic volumes are lower?

If servicing must be done during busier times, why not replace the Skeena Queen with two smaller vessels, synchronized to depart Fulford Harbour and Swartz Bay at the same time?

Allowing traffic to plug one side of the steep road to Fulford Harbour creates a hazardous situation for vehicles and pedestrians trying to safely negotiate it, not to mention the delay it will cause to emergency vehicles attempting to respond to a fire, medical issue or accident.

Many of those waiting in line were unaware a smaller vessel would be servicing this route. If B.C. Ferries had better publicized this change, travellers could have planned to accommodate it.

As the cost to travel this route continues to increase, B.C. Ferries customers deserve better treatment.

**MARK PERRY,**  
SALT SPRING

## Safety is serious

I would like to extend my thanks to the Salt Springers who stood up and were counted. Fire/rescue is a serious element of our

island's safety and it was very encouraging to see the voter turn-out at our trustee election.

So many of you threw your efforts behind me without being asked and my special thanks to everyone who backed me. I understand that the support shown me does not signal an acceptance of our new fire hall in its entirety but the vote was an acceptance of what I stand for. I look forward to working with all of Salt Spring Islanders to build a better and safer home for our emergency people.

As the fire district moves forward into the future it is important that we also pause to think of those who have given so much to this island and its safety. We have recently lost a brave and dedicated firefighter — Travis Guedes. Let us not forget the sacrifice of those who protect us.

Travis; Pugna Magnus Pugnorum.

**RON CHAMNEY,**  
SS FIRE TRUSTEE

## Parking in neutral

Further to the discussion about a parking authority in the last three issues of the Driftwood:

CRD director Wayne McIntyre wrote, in his

"parking authority" report in the Salt Spring Transportation Commission's March 19 agenda package, "While not an impossible task to establish [parking designations, signage, and enforcement] under SSI's present governance structure, it would surely be complex and costly to pursue."

Further, "As SSI is presently conducting a governance review, it would perhaps be more effective to present the lack of a parking authority as a limitation of the present governance structure."

Since the SSITC is charged with being our parking authority, it seems we don't lack that. And I expect activating one would be complex and costly under any form of governance.

But no matter. Apologies to Mr. McIntyre for reading any political positioning into his statements. It's great to know that he's neutral on these things and that he's been listening to his SSITC citizen advisors on the parking authority, enough to skip any discussion of his report at the March 19 meeting.

He includes in his clarification the governance study's weblink, which is appreciated. For those who would like to see, in full, what sparked this inter-

change, go to [www.crd.bc.ca/agendas/saltspringislandtran\\_/2013\\_/march192013ssitcagen-1/march192013ssitcagen.pdf](http://www.crd.bc.ca/agendas/saltspringislandtran_/2013_/march192013ssitcagen-1/march192013ssitcagen.pdf), page 8.

**BRENDA GUALED,**  
SALT SPRING

## Take care of hazards

One day last week one of Meadowbrook's residents, as she was walking along Meadowbrook's path, came upon a scattering of small stones where a cyclist, riding down the gravel path, had braked sharply and turned onto the paved path below.

She knew that some of the less agile residents who depend upon walking aids to get around find it very difficult to get through such a rough spot and so when she got home she took her broom and walked back to sweep away all those stones.

Sometime later, coming back from the store (although 94 years old and almost blind, she still does her own shopping because she doesn't like "to trouble" anyone else to do it for her) she discovered some more stones scattered in the same place from the same cause.

Thinking to save herself walking all the way to her

room and back to fetch the broom again, she gave one of the larger stones a push with her foot and fell down. She found she could not move and so lay there for 10 minutes or so until someone came along and fetched help. She now has a broken hip and will not be able to walk that path again for a long time.

I don't suppose the cyclist who scattered those particular stones is likely to read this letter, but if those of you who do will remember and remind others that it is only common decency when you create a hazard for others that you take care of that hazard before others are hurt.

Meadowbrook is happy to share its path with the community, but the path's main purpose is to give a safe place where our residents can get outdoors and walk around. It is not easy to walk around on a broken hip.

It's true, the cyclist, if he fell off his bike going around that corner, would probably not have broken his hip — just scraped his shin, but please remember, it's likely that you too one day will grow old and will know what I mean.

**MARY TOYNBEE,**  
MEADOWBROOK

# SSI Conservancy walks give look at lakeside gem

Guided tours of Blackburn property offered weekly

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy launched the first in a series of Friday afternoon nature walks around Blackburn Lake last week to show people the beauty and environmental significance of the group's latest fundraising initiative.

"This is a very rich place and it would be a very happy thing if we could protect it as a nature reserve for the community," said SSI Conservancy executive director Christine Torgimson, who led the first of five weekly walks.

About a dozen people who joined the first tour learned how the property's extensive wetlands play an integral role in the health of Cusheon Lake, the source of drinking water for hundreds of island residents.

That the property was managed as an organic golf course for the past 20 years has helped preserve the property's environ-

mental integrity, especially as a haven for birds and amphibians.

Since tours will be guided by a different person each week, participants can expect to learn something new regardless of how many times they take part.

Torgimson said the SSI Con-

servancy is a nature reserve.

Should the SSI Conservancy's fundraising campaign reach its goal, islanders can look forward to visiting the property for generations to come, Torgimson said.

"There are a lot of people on



Participants enjoy a guided tour of the Blackburn Lake property. PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

## DID YOU KNOW ?

- Over 70 per cent of the water arriving to Cusheon Lake flows through the two streams and lush wetlands of this property.
- Conservancy scientists have located 11 species at risk on or near the property.
- The property's streams and lake offer homes for coho salmon and cutthroat trout, with ponds offering safe places for young fish to thrive in Salt Spring's main salmon-bearing watershed.
- The Blackburn Lake property acquisition budget is about \$1 million. Fundraising efforts have thus far raised 60 per cent of that total.

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provide public access."

Upcoming walks will be guided by naturalist Karen Ferguson, April 26; botanist Carrina Maslovat, May 3; avian ecologist Susan Hannon, May 10; and bug expert Linda Gilkeson, May 17.

Anyone who wishes to take part can meet, rain or

✓ For healthy drinking water into the future

✓ For a place for people to enjoy

✓ For its many birds and abundant wildlife

servancy has organized the free walks to offer islanders and visitors the opportunity to visit the property during the financial campaign to raise the \$400,000 needed to seal the deal and preserve the 32-acre

this island who have good history with Blackburn Lake," she said. "That's why we want to

shine, just before 3 p.m. at 265 Blackburn Road. The tours last approximately one hour.

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**ART SHOW**

## Seed pods explored in sculptural works

LeeAnn Norgard shows ceramics at SS Fine Art

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Botanical forms are the source of inspiration behind the next solo show at Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art, with sculptural ceramics by LeeAnn Norgard featured from April 26 to May 5.

Vessels, Pods & Potential opens this Friday with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Norgard's sensitive interpretation of natural forms into porcelain vessels is already known to many through Lan's Hands Studio and the annual Salt Spring Potters Guild show. For her first show as a member of the cooperative gallery, Norgard has taken an abiding interest and used it as the launching point for a much deeper exploration of those themes and her craft itself.

Since joining the gallery in January, Norgard has felt encouraged to pursue new levels in her work, partly because of her interaction with other members. "There's an underlying support for experimentation and pushing yourself beyond what you think your limitations are — so that's been really helpful, being around that kind of energy," she said.

"This has been a fabulous opportu-



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

A ceramic maple key wall piece by LeeAnn Norgard.

nity to work on sculptural work for the first time," she added, calling the results "refreshing, eye-opening and technically challenging."

"It's been a really fun few months, diving into a whole new world."

The new body of work is based on seed pods — many of them from local plants — but magnified in size to allow the viewer to be closely involved with their shapes and structure. In altered thrown pieces as well as hand-built slab work, Norgard focuses on the remarkable beauty of split open broom husks,

maple keys, St. John's wort and witch hazel seed casings.

"The forms themselves are so beautiful, in terms of vessels, and the details are stunning," said Norgard, who underwent weeks of study to understand each pod's structure through observation, photographs and drawings before even getting started with the clay.

"It's interesting because the ones I thought would turn out really well didn't do much, but the ones I didn't expect much from were really neat."

Norgard also took on new technical challenges, experimenting with different types of clay and glazes. She found a crystalline glaze that pools beautifully in areas of texture, like the inscribed wings of a maple key.

Her finished pieces are both true to original forms and abstracted, depending on which way her inspiration took her. An outstanding Siberian lily pod given to her by friends, for example, became the basis for many abstracted works.

The exhibition will include free-standing sculptures, vessels and wall pieces. Some of Norgard's seed pod photographs have been printed onto canvas so that people can see the inspiration for her work, and will also be available for purchase. The show runs to May 5.

**CONCERT PREVIEW**

## Music for the Heart and Soul stirs listeners

Salt Spring Concert Band evening on Saturday night

"No one fully understands the mystery and power of music — how a particular combination of melody, harmony and rhythms can tell a story that will bring tears to our eyes, haunt us, possess us, make our heart pound with excitement and sweep us away."

That's how the Salt Spring Concert Band sets the stage for its annual spring concert,

called *Music for the Heart and Soul*, running this Saturday night, April 27, for one show only at ArtSpring.

Under the direction of Dawn Hage, *Music for the Heart and Soul* is an evening of storytelling without words. The concert features music that describes courage of the highest order, survival, heroism, exuberant love of life and profound loss.

The listener will embark upon a journey of the senses and the soul, from the depiction of a perilous slave escape in *They Shall Run and Be Free*, and the prayer for forgiveness

in *Amazing Grace* to the tragic tale of twin sisters in *The Witch and the Saint*.

An *American Elegy* and *Les Miserables* confront the tragedy and heroism in ordinary life, while imaginary heroes and villains are celebrated in *The Legend of Zorro*, and *El Camino Real*, a Latin fantasy.

The band is also proud to present the winner of its 2013 solo competition, 14-year-old alto saxophone player Daniel Hunter, who will enchant audiences with the jazz classic *Harlem Nocturne* by Earle Hagen.

Hunter is a Grade 9 student at Gulf Islands Secondary School and a member of the Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts. He also plays guitar, bass guitar, piano and drums, and is a member of the Salt Spring Concert Band and Swing Shift Big Band. He is a founding member and bass player in the alternative rock band *The Resistance*.

*Music for the Heart and Soul* begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available through the ArtSpring ticket centre at 250-537-2102 or online at tickets.artspring.ca.

## SALT SPRING SINGERS SAY

**We asked:**

How do you feel about "BROADWAY GOLD" your upcoming Spring Concert?



**GREG SLAKOV**  
 BARITONE

*Some enchanted evening at ArtSpring you may see a stranger across the crowded room... so be there!*



**CAROL EYLES**  
 ALTO

*I followed the yellow brick road and it took me off to see a Wizard of a guy, Don Conley! I also got Toto!*



**DON CONLEY**  
 SHOW DIRECTOR

*The enthusiasm of this 80 voice choir is hard to contain! I'm loving this amazing authentic Broadway sound. Truly inspiring.*



**LINDA KOROSCIL**  
 SOPRANO

*I feel pretty and witty and bright and oh so charming when I'm singing with our chorus. I pity any girl who isn't me tonight...*



**LYLE EIDE**  
 TENOR

*I'd climb every mountain, ford every stream and follow every rainbow to be at the show myself!*

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ART REVIEW

# Gallery 8 shares symbolic pieces

Special works created for 4th annual show

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

If Gallery 8's first Symbolically 8 exhibition a few years ago seemed like a fun way to celebrate owner Razali Wahab's transformation of a well-loved venue for local art, the fourth edition of the show establishes it as an annual institution.

Artists, collectors and community members of all stripes were on hand to attend the opening reception on April 12, eager to see what the participants came up with this time to honour the theme.

For glass artist Bob Leatherbarrow, the event was a chance to showcase the latest development in his ever-refining practice. Most recently Leatherbarrow has been working on perfecting very difficult to produce straight lines in his kiln-fired glass.

The results can be seen in a set of eight wall tiles that combine luminous butterscotch and chocolate brown panels of bubbles and brick in a well-designed junction of pattern and line. A glass

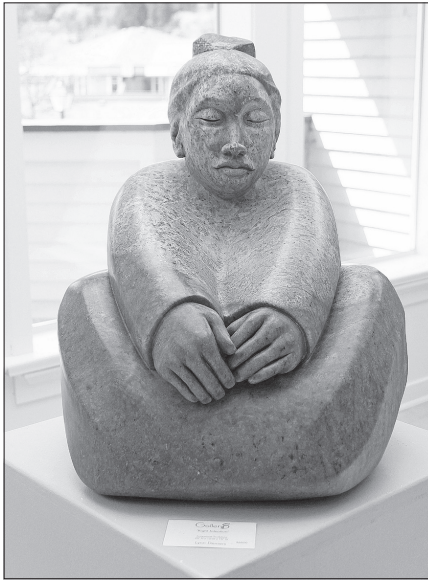


PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Right Intention, a sculpture by Lynn Demers, is one of the pieces featured at Gallery 8 this month that takes on the Symbolically 8 theme.

bowl utilizes red glass powder to define different coloured panes with the finest edging. It will be intriguing to see more from this exploration.

Seth Berkowitz contributed another collection of tiles — his One Plus Eight Variations is a photo composition on aluminum backing in various colour

combinations. As usual, Berkowitz has included many fascinating layers in his work, this time dealing with themes of roots and travel with pages from an old passport and railway tracks narrowing into infinity. As a bonus, all the numbers used from different pages and stamps add up to eight.

Gail Sibley has contributed a piece from her recent exploration into multimedia work. Dangling Conversations puts eight used tea bags with strings hanging down against a tea-stained background. The work is clever yet comforting, a nice meeting of concept and construction.

Lynn Demers' Right Intention is a sculpture in gorgeously warm-toned soapstone. The figure of a woman meditating is simple yet full of strength, portrayed with just a few main forms that create wide knees under skirt and heavy shoulders through arms. The concept comes through nicely in the Buddhists' Eightfold Path.

Andrea Russell's beautiful Eighth Day necklace represents art that takes the artist and the wearer outside themselves. Created somehow in the mist of the creator's serious health battle last year, the shimmering pendants include 2,000-year-old Roman glass from Afghanistan as well as crystals and precious stones.

With many more interesting creations to enjoy, art lovers should be sure to visit the show during the next weeks before it ends on May 12.

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CONCERTS

## Josh Layne plays SSI

Harpist celebrates new compositions

Music lovers will have the opportunity to hear a world class musician on Salt Spring this Sunday, April 28, when harpist/composer Josh Layne celebrates the release of his new CD.

The 2 p.m. concert at All Saints By-the-Sea will feature much of the music from the CD, including four of Layne's own compositions: Passage, Poem for Solo Harp, Rhapsody, and Fantasy on Greensleeves. Also on the program is music by Bach, Beethoven, Fauré, and Renié. Videos of some of the pieces can be viewed at www.joshlayne.com.

This May, Layne will take the same program to the Rio Harp Festival in Rio de Janeiro. He has given solo recitals across Canada, the U.S. and in Europe, and has released three previous CDs of solo harp music.

Tickets for Sunday's concert are available at the door. Visit www.joshlayne.com for more information.

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CONCERTS

# Chamber Players say farewell to Matthew Stubbs

Young pianist featured in complex program

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An April 27 concert by the Salt Spring Chamber Players will be the last opportunity to hear talented young pianist Matthew Stubbs play Salt Spring for some time, and a suitably diverse program promises to be a testament to his skills.

Stubbs debuted on Salt Spring as the winner of the Salt Spring Concert Band solo contest, playing a challenging Stravinsky piece to great acclaim when he was just 12. Now

preparing to attend McGill University in the fall, the student has grown up under the supportive eyes and ears of the community, playing alongside his parents Jim and Laurie Stubbs in the Salt Spring Chamber Players and Bach on the Rock, as well as becoming the accompanist for the Salt Spring Singers.

A single concert date starting at 2 p.m. this Saturday at All Saints By-the-Sea will give music fans an extended chance to hear the young Stubbs' skill on the keys, as he will play on every piece. Jim and Laurie Stubbs join him as a trio with trumpet and bassoon in some cases. A few arrangements will include the

full complement of six musicians, which is rounded out by three players with impeccable resumes: cellist Alasdair Money, violinist Emily Redhead and clarinetist Cris Inguanti.

The program will be anchored by the magnificent Quartet for the End of Time, written by French composer Olivier Messiaen within the confines of a German prisoner camp. The composition, based on Biblical themes of the apocalypse, premiered on broken-down instruments played to an audience of prisoners and guards standing outside in the drizzle in 1941.

"It is seldom played today because of the technical difficulty,"

Jim said.

"I think it will be a mind blower for the audience — it's extraordinary music," Laurie added.

In contrast to this serious composition is a delightful piece by Argentinean tango composer Astor Piazzolla. Primavera is one of four suites composed for the seasons, and represents the composer's desire to bridge the gap between classical music and jazz.

The trio will additionally play several "extraordinary" pieces by Mikhail Glinka, the Russian composer who forged the musical path necessary for the Russian Five.

"He had a tremendous melodic

gift," said Jim, noting Russian harmonics are uniquely structured.

Concert goers are promised to end the afternoon on a light note, with jazz ballet La Revue de Cuisine by Czech composer Bohuslav Martinu for all players. The instruments take on the role of kitchen utensils going about their lives after their human owners have gone to bed.

"They dance a tango, have affairs ... they have their own private lives we know nothing about. It's as funny as the Messiaen is serious," Jim said.

Concert tickets are available only at the door. Early arrival is advised to ensure seats.



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ISLAND AUTHORS

## Weeden launches nature musings

SS Books hosts event at Lions Hall

Salt Spring Books is inviting the community to attend a launch of Bob Weeden's new book on Wednesday, May 1 at the Lions Hall.

The evening starts at 7 p.m. with conversation, readings, tea and coffee, and book signings of The Country of Heart, Eye, and Hand: Essays From Nature, Weeden's collection of work published by Frienssen Press.

"Back yard or back country," Weeden promises, "nature will surprise, thrill, and puzzle you. Just stay awake."

Many of the musings in the book came from hikes and canoe trips Weeden and his partner Judy enjoyed in wild country in Alaska, Northwest Territories and British Columbia during the last half-centu-

ry. Others grew from work in his Salt Spring orchard, or from seeing lives of neighbourhood wildlife unfold at his farm pond.

"While eleven downy hooded mergansers squirted out of the hole in their nest box and tumbled onto the pond," Weeden writes in one of the essays, "suddenly I saw this commonplace act as a literal and metaphorical awakening from pre-conscious darkness into all the relationships we call 'being.' You and I did the same thing at our birth. Plop! Just like that!"

Weeden wrote two earlier books on land use policies in Alaska, and many scientific articles. The Country of Heart, Eye, and Hand is "his first taste of the comparative freedom of the short essay."

Copies of the book will be available at the launch or at Salt Spring Books on McPhillips Avenue.

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MUSICAL THEATRE

# Ruddell and Henderson team up

Salt Spring-inspired collaboration features original script and score

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Hits from the American Songbook era may form the aural context to the new Belfry Theatre musical *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*, but the story and its principal creators have a solid base on Salt Spring.

The original play was written by former Salt Spring resident, Bruce Ruddell — the Tuned Air choir founder and noted composer who has taken a full leap into scriptwriting. Teaming up with Ruddell for their second musical collaboration is rock star and Salt Spring Folk Club co-founder Bill Henderson, who Ruddell entrusted to take on the important composition and songwriting role.

Speaking to Henderson the afternoon before the play's opening night on Thursday, there was both anticipation and a bit of sadness to see the end of his part in the project after two and a half years of work.

"This will be the last time I have any input. They take it and go and it's theirs — it's a weird letting go thing. It's a bit emotional," Henderson said.

With a script that Ruddell wrote based on events that actually happened on Salt Spring, *Let Me Call You Sweetheart* is the story of an 85-year-old woman named

Nora who is faced with leaving her senior's residence to enter an extended care facility. In the meantime, she has met a romantic partner and has been a hit singing with his accompaniment on a baby grand piano at a local hotel. Nora's dilemma on how to live the rest of her life presents a strong emotional draw.

"It's a sweet play, and people will like it for that," Henderson said.

"It's about aging and dying and all that, and how people deal with that, and how their children deal with it."

Henderson wrote 11 new songs based on the American Songbook with hints of New Orleans jazz and the blues to create the soundtrack to Nora's life. The former Chilliwack frontman described the process of writing into a narrative structure as being liberating, albeit within certain restrictions.

"The script, of course, is the whole back bone of the show. Everything flows from that, including the songs and music. And that is to Bruce's credit," said Henderson, who created many of the songs with Ruddell's lyrics as a starting point.

In addition to two chestnuts from the early century (the title song and *Red Red Robin*) the musical contains an album-worth of new tunes that could easily have come from the era of Nora's youth, up until her early 40s. As Henderson explains, that's the period when most people

establish their musical taste.

"It was fantastically enjoyable, because I don't get to write that stuff very much," he said. When Henderson has turned his skills toward genre writing, the results have been impressive. (He received a Genie award for *When I Sing*, written for Anne Wheeler's WWII drama *Bye Bye Blues*.) The reason is, perhaps, his deep knowledge of the songwriting that characterized his mother's era.

"I cut my teeth on that music," Henderson explained. "My first paying job was playing in a hotel, much the same as in the play," and with a similar song list. That was pre-rock star days, while he was still in Grade 12. After that he studied music formally in university and performed with a jazz band on the weekends — playing songs that were created as variations of melodies made familiar in the American Songbook.

Seeing the play come to life on stage has been rewarding, Henderson said. He noting the highly skilled cast and crew (which includes set design by Susan Benson, another Salt Springer) easily won over audiences at two preview shows.

With matinees playing on weekends and Wednesdays, islanders should find plenty of opportunity to visit Victoria during the show's run, which is scheduled to May 19. Show times and ticketing information can be found on the Belfry Theatre website, [belfry.bc.ca](http://belfry.bc.ca).

CHORAL MUSIC

# Viva Voce Youth make M&M debut

Range of styles at free May 1 concert

Music Makers, producer of the Music and Munch recital series, is thrilled to welcome a new young choir for their debut concert on Wednesday, May 1 at All Saints By-the-Sea.

Viva Voce Youth started as a choral program for young singers aged eight to 13 in the summer of 2012, with Deb Toole as music director, Chris Kodaly as accompanist and Kate Merry as the administrator.

With 18 singers, they are a section of the Viva Voce! Choral Society. They performed with the adult choir Viva Voce! last fall at the November concert at ArtSpring and at All Saints in December for the annual food bank fundraising sing-along concert.

The youth program has been supported by Viva Voce! Choral Society, Victoria Foundation, Salt Spring Foundation and the Anglican Parish, keeping the program affordable for all island families.

Wednesday's program reflects the progress of the young choir from unison singing to German text, rhythmic complexity and two-part harmony, and features an exploration of some of the master composers — Mozart, Bach and Schubert. The group will also offer a broad range of folk music from Israel, Africa and the Caribbean with a few heartwarming, just-for-fun pieces as well.

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Wed. Apr 24	Thurs. Apr 25	Fri. Apr 26	Sat. Apr 27	Sat. Apr 27	Sun. Apr 28	Wed. May 1
<b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>SS Seniors Services Society.</b> Annual general meeting. SS Seniors. 2 p.m. <b>Public Hearing for Bylaws 465 + 466.</b> 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. <b>SSI Golf &amp; Country Club.</b> AGM. Salt Spring Golf & Country Club. 5:30 p.m. <b>Texas Hold'em Poker.</b> Every Wednesday night at The Local. Sign up 6:30 p.m. <b>Hatley Memorial Park Gardens.</b> Head gardener Barrie Agar gives presentation to the Salt Spring Garden Club. Non-members welcome. Community Gospel Chapel. 7 p.m. <b>Any Day Now Film Screening.</b> 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.	<b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>Open Stage Night.</b> The Local. 6 to 10 p.m. <b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>Dining Out for Life.</b> Tree House Cafe will donate 25% of their food proceeds to AIDS Vancouver Island as part of the Dining Out for Life Vancouver Island event. <b>In Conversation With ... Ron Crawford.</b> Artist who created Once Upon a Time, 13-foot acrylic and plaster painting in the library lobby, will give a presentation on creating the piece. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 5 to 7 p.m. <b>Rollerblading to Music.</b> Every Thursday night at Fulford Hall. Skate rentals available. 7 to 9 p.m.	<b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>Owen Mathieson and Friends.</b> Live music. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m. <b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>StoryTime at the Library.</b> The seashore comes to the library when Margaretha reads stories of the shore and brings a little of the shore life as well. For children 4 to 7 years. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 10:30 a.m. <b>BC Ferries Info Session.</b> A session explaining why the company is proposing to buy three new ships and the process leading up to its decision. Public comments invited. Harbour House Hotel. 3 to 5 p.m. <b>Heart of Awakening with Greg Marian.</b> Start of weekend-long satsang and meditation retreat. Event continues Saturday and Sunday at a private home. Info/registration: Lalita, 250-538-7588 or cloverlalista@gmail.com. Still Point Yoga Studio. 7:30 p.m.	<b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>Barley Bros.</b> Every Saturday. The Local. 3 to 5:30 p.m. <b>Salt Spring Chamber Players.</b> Jim, Laurie and Matt Stubbs and musicians from Vancouver and Victoria symphonies will present a concert featuring Messiaen's Quartet for the End of Time and Martinu's La Revue de Cuisine. All Saints By-the-Sea. 2 p.m. <b>SIMS Talent Show.</b> Annual middle school talent extravaganza. Salt Spring Island Middle School. 5 p.m. <b>Beautiful Wild Animals.</b> Live music. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m. <b>Julia Beattie.</b> Salt Spring singer-songwriter. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 a.m. <b>Salt Spring Concert Band 'Music for the Heart and Soul'.</b> Music Director Dawn Hage, presents an evening of storytelling without words and the winner of the 2013 solo competition, 14-year-old alto saxophone player Daniel Hunter. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.	<b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>Bring Your Branches Day.</b> Bring your branches on and broom. Material must be clean and suitable for chipping. A donation of \$5 per pickup load or \$2 per car load is requested. Please do not bring invasive species, stumps, stones, garbage or construction waste. Portlock Park Parking Lot. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. <b>New Fire Hall Info Session.</b> Learn about the proposed new Ganges fire hall project. Fulford Fire Hall. 10 a.m. to noon. <b>Short, Sharp, Sweet: A Celebration of the Short Story.</b> Readings by Bill Gaston and Dede Crane as final part of a four-Saturday series. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 7 p.m.	<b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>Bateman, Birds &amp; Blackburn Lake.</b> A fundraising event to help the Salt Spring Island Conservancy purchase a property around Blackburn Lake, featuring Robert Bateman. ArtSpring. 2 p.m. <b>Mon. Apr 29</b> <b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>ToddlerTime at the Library.</b> 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.	<b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>Viva Voce Youth Choir.</b> Youth choir makes debut at Music & Munch series. All Saints By-the-Sea. 12:10 p.m. <b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>Texas Hold'em Poker.</b> Every Wednesday night at The Local. Sign up 6:30 p.m. <b>Bob Weeden Book Launch.</b> An evening of conversation, readings, tea and coffee, and book signings of The Country Of Heart, Eye, And Hand: Essays From Nature. Lions Hall. 7 p.m. <b>Stitch Dimension Quilt Guild.</b> New members and visitors always welcome. Meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Salt Spring Baptist Church. 7 p.m.
				<b>Sun. Apr 28</b> <b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>Josh Layne Concert.</b> Harpist celebrates the release of his new CD. All Saints By-the-Sea. 2 p.m. <b>Piano Bar.</b> With Diana English. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.	<b>Tues. Apr 30</b> <b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>Pickleball Advanced.</b> Fulford Hall. 2 to 5 p.m. <b>Prostate Cancer Support Group Meeting.</b> Discussion and get-together. Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute. 1:30 p.m. <b>Men's Floor Hockey.</b> Every Tuesday. BYO sticks. Pucks supplied! Fulford Hall. 7 p.m. <b>Improvisational Comedy Workshop.</b> Evening of fun and games with Jan Rabson for ages 15 and up. All levels welcome. 7 to 9:30 p.m. Info: janrabson.com. Cost: free	<b>www.driftwoodgulfislandsmedia.com/calendar/events/</b> <b>view our online comprehensive interactive calendar of events listings</b> <i>we want to be YOUR go-to-place for everything happening on Salt Spring</i>

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- Vessels, Pods & Potential** is a show of sculptural ceramics by LeeAnn Norgard at Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art running from April 26 to May 5. It opens Friday, April 26 with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m.
- 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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**GARDENING**

## Plant sale sprouts growth

Annual event promises to be better than ever

The Salt Spring Garden Club is having its famous spring plant sale on Saturday, April 27 at the Farmers' Institute on Rainbow Road.

"Gardeners of all kinds look forward to this annual event, and this year looks to be even better than usual," states a press release.

For the first time, the club has invited other vendors to join in the activity.

"Chorus Frog Farm will be selling their high-quality veggie starts, and Eagle Ridge Seeds will be offering

both wonderful veggie starts and a variety of seed packets."

This year's plant selection comes from many local gardeners who have divided up their favourite perennials, dug up some extra special items and raided their displays of shrubs, flowers, herbs and more to help the garden club offer up over 400 pots of garden delights, including peonies and plants from the Bamboo Ranch.

A varied selection of drought-resistant plants, grasses, bulbs and succulents are included in the mix.

For people needing help to select some plants, garden club mentors will be avail-

able to offer free advice.

To accommodate all of the extra activity, the sale will be open for two hours this year, from 1 to 3 p.m.

"Come early for the best selection, as the popular plants sell out quickly," the press release advises.

"But don't worry — there's lots to choose from. Get the jump on your own spring gardening and support the local Garden Club at the same time."



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## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

### Information Sessions - Vessel Replacement Program

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

Information Sessions will be held from 7 pm to 9 pm as follows:

- Monday, April 22, 2013: Galiano Island Community Hall
- Tuesday, April 23, 2013: Saturna Island Hall
- Wednesday, April 24, 2013: Pender Islands Community Hall
- Thursday, April 25, 2013: Mayne Island Community Centre

from 3 pm to 5 pm on Salt Spring Island:

Friday, April 26, 2013: Harbour House Hotel

from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in Richmond:

Tuesday, April 30, 2013: River Rock Casino, 8811 River Road

People unable to attend an 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)



**SALT SPRING GARDEN CLUB**

**PLANT SALE**  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Salt Spring Island Garden Club's  
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SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH 1:00 pm - 3  
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## FUNDRAISER

# Bateman aids conservancy's Blackburn Lake campaign

Birds in focus at fundraising event

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy is holding a gala fundraiser at ArtSpring on April 28 to celebrate the beauty and wonder of birds and support a key purchase of land around Blackburn Lake at the same time.

The Sunday afternoon event will

feature the images and experiences of Robert Bateman, internationally renowned wildlife artist, naturalist and Salt Spring resident.

"I've been a serious bird painter and a serious naturalist since the age of 12," Bateman explained in a press release. "By the age of 16 I had painted every hawk and owl in North America, but on a small scale with a 16-year-old's skills." Images of the last dozen years of his paint-

ings, gathered for the biggest international annual bird art show, will be highlighted.

Susan Hannon, a former professor of avian ecology, will also speak about the birds of Salt Spring Island, especially those frequenting Blackburn Lake. Her presentation will feature photographs by Salt Spring high school student Farley Cannon.

"Blackburn Lake is a unique place with a cornucopia of wildlife and

wildlife habitat," the press release states.

"Conservancy scientists have located 11 species at risk on or near the 32.6 acre property, and more than another 100 other species, including more than 80 bird species. Its streams and lake provide important homes for coho salmon and cutthroat trout, with ponds offering safe places for young fish to thrive in Salt Spring's premier salmon-bear-

ing watershed."

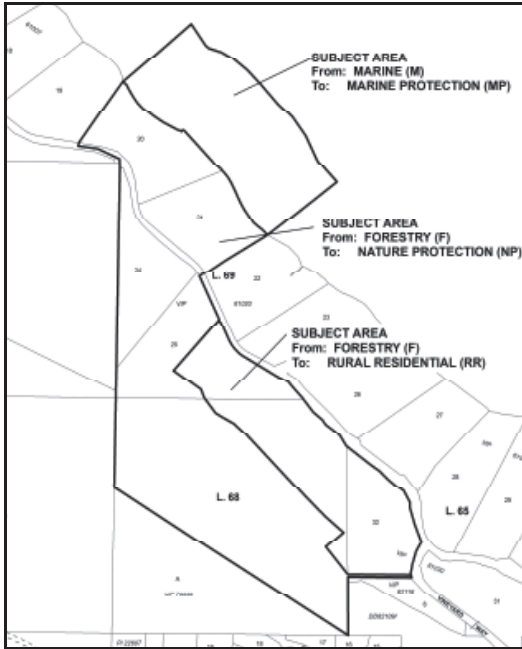
Avian species at risk that can be found at Blackburn Lake include the double-crested cormorant, great blue heron, Peregrine falcon, band-tailed pigeon, common nighthawk, black swift belted kingfisher, and barn swallow.

The event, including a silent auction, will start at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the ArtSpring box office (kids are free),



Islands Trust

## ISLANDS TRUST GALIANO ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING



NOTICE is hereby given that the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing within a Local Trust Committee Business Meeting on the following proposed bylaws:

- Bylaw No. 235 – cited as "Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 1, 2012"; and
- Bylaw No. 236 – cited as "Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw 127, 1999, Amendment No.1, 2012"

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws at **12:30 p.m. Monday, May 6, 2013 at the Galiano South Community Hall, 141 Sturdies Bay Road, Galiano Island, BC.**

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 respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws.

### Bylaw No. 235 – cited as "Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 1, 2012"

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 235 is to amend the Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995 by effectively seeking a site specific designation in the vein of Policy 1.4 e) of the Galiano Island Official Community Plan (OCP) to permit the creation of subdivision with a minimum average parcel size as low as 2 hectares on the Rural Residential designated lands once land representing not less than 72% is transferred to the Crown represented by BC Parks. In addition, Schedule B of the OCP (Designation Map) is amended for the lands legally described as Lot 20, District Lots 69 and 71, Plan VIP61020; Lots 21, 24 and 25, District Lot 69, Plan VIP61030; Lot 32, District Lots 65 and 68, Plan VIP61030; and District Lot 68 Except Parts in Plans VIP61030 and VIP76636, Galiano Island, Cowichan District as depicted in the map "Schedule B (OCP Designation)":

### Bylaw No. 236 – cited as "Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw 127, 1999, Amendment No.1, 2012"

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 236 is to amend the Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw, 127, 1999 by rezoning of six lots from the Forest 1 (F1) zoning designation to Nature Protection (NP) and Rural Residential (RR (b)) along Bodega Beach Drive. The total subject area is 89.59 hectares; 72.8% (65.24 hectares) of which is proposed to be rezoned to NP and transferred to BC Parks, thus expanding Bodega Ridge Provincial Marine Heritage Park; and 27.2% (24.34 hectares) of which is proposed for rezoning to RR(b) for future subdivision into 12 residential lots. Schedule B (Zoning Map) is amended for the lands legally described as Lot 20, District Lots 69 and 71, Plan VIP61020; Lots 21, 24 and 25, District Lot 69, Plan VIP61020; Lot 32, District Lots 65 and 68, Plan VIP61030; and District Lot 68 Except Parts in Plans VIP61030 and VIP76636, Galiano Island, Cowichan District as depicted in the map "Schedule B (Zoning)":

A copy of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing April 19, 2013 and up to and May 3, 2013.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) (e) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Galiano Island, B.C., commencing April 19, 2013 and can also be viewed on the World Wide Web at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca> and selecting <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/gl/bylaws.cfm>

Written submissions may be delivered to:

- The office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, by Fax (250) 405-5155 or can be sent on-line by going to the Islands Trust Website at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/gl/meetings.cfm> and completing the "Public Hearing, May 6, 2013, Submission Form", prior to 4:00 p.m., Friday, May 3, 2013;
- After 4:00 p.m., May 3, 2013 to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at **12:30 p.m., Monday, May 6, 2013.**

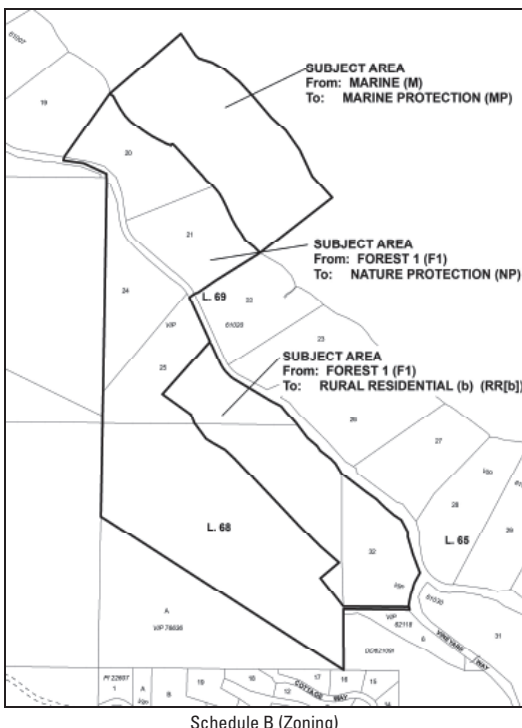
The public is encouraged to send any electronic response by using the on-line public hearing submission form. The Islands Trust does not guarantee that any email submission will be received by the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email submissions, if they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

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

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

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

Kathy Jones  
Deputy Secretary



GRIEF COUNSELLING

# Grief recovery program open for spring registration

Group sessions help participants move through difficult process

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Hospice is inviting those who have suffered the loss of a loved one to consider registering in the spring session of its grief recovery program, with a series of six evenings set to begin Tuesday, May 7.

The twice-annual sessions are offered to provide free counselling by trained facilitators in a group setting, bringing together people who may have experienced a similar loss and helping them to take the necessary steps toward moving on with

life. Though normally recommended for those who have been in the grieving process for at least six months, participants can be ready to enter the program at different times, as Helen Hinchcliff found when she lost her husband Murray last fall after a long battle with dementia.

"I had been grieving for a long time," Hinchcliff said, explaining why she felt ready to enter the program one month after Murray's death. "I didn't want to wait six months. I just thought, 'I'm going to have to move on and I'm going to have to develop coping mechanisms.'"

Hinchcliff was accepted into the fall session after speaking to one of the facilitators, and after she made her case for readiness in a poem. As it turned out, poetry has become a

self-discovered coping mechanism that came to her out of the blue, two days after her husband died.

Being able to participate in the group sessions has helped her discover other mechanisms, and to see that grieving people commonly face the same difficulties.

"I think that one of the biggest challenges that people have is how to deal with their friends, and maybe their acquaintances, who don't really know what to say, and often say the wrong thing," Hinchcliff said, adding that being avoided all together by people who are afraid of saying the wrong thing is even worse.

Something else Hinchcliff learned during the program is it's never too late to receive help with grieving. Though Hinchcliff enrolled for help

while grieving her husband, she discovered unresolved grief from her father's death 28 years earlier, which suddenly seemed so fresh it provoked a fit of weeping during one session.

"It made it clear to me you can always get something out of the program, even if the person died a long time ago," she said.

Grief facilitators give participants exercises to work on within the class and at home. One of the most useful Hinchcliff found is journaling her emotions, which often take form in poems. Though poetry was something she had little exposure to and even avoided in the past, she now considers it a gift and has registered in a writing workshop.

Other participants may find dif-

ferent exercises are more useful to them, or find healing comes through the group connection. The one sure common thread is that all participants walk away with better skills to live with loss, without forgetting their loved ones.

"It was really heart-warming to see the improvement in all the people in the group," Hinchcliff said. "To see how emotionally fragile everyone was in the beginning, and see the growth and the acceptance that 'now it is time to move on' that each one displayed in his or her own way was heart-warming."

Anyone interested in registering for the spring session can call the hospice office at 250-537-2770, or speak to Barbara Dams (250-653-4945) or Anne Lihou (250-537-5935).

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### Fitness Expert

#### Sleep Well

Of all the components of health and fitness, sleep is the one we most often forget. Yet inadequate sleep can dramatically affect our abilities to do virtually everything including exercise which, ironically can impact sleep in turn. Everyone needs 6 to 9 plus hours of sleep daily. Various studies show that even short term lack of sleep can affect reaction time, memory, ability to reason logically mathematical and verbal processes. People who get enough sleep are much more energetic, are more positive, have better reaction time, are better able to concentrate on their performance and more likely to stay in a regular exercise program. Lack of sleep can affect performance negatively. People who haven't gotten enough sleep lack motivation, which means they're less likely to stick to a exercise program. Exercise is a proven stress release that helps muscle to relax and prepares the body for sleep. Although exercising 3 hours before bed can wire you up. So exercise earlier in the day is the best. **Sleep Recommendations:** Deal with stressful problems early in the evening. Take a warm bath to relax. Make your bedroom a "no work zone". Go to bed and get up at the same time each day. Avoid late evening stimulants that interfere with a good night rest [caffeine, alcohol and nicotine]. Have your bedroom dark, cool and quiet. Make sleep integral to your exercise program and exercise integral to your lifetime sleep habits. **Comments:** Enjoy the workout. Brenda's enthusiasm makes the hour fly by. *Thanks June Branson*



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When planning a second viewing, ASK FOR AN INFO PACKAGE & PERMISSION TO TAKE PHOTOS. Take notes. Identify chattels that you may wish to have included such as: window coverings, appliances and their brand name, built in vacuum and/or hot tub accessories, shelving, firewood on hand, riding lawn mower, water filters, garden sheds, building plans, etc. Note what items are excluded on the feature sheet to assist you in making plans for replacing. Then you will likely conclude that...

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### Mechanic

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- Frequently ill
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- How will you know if the proposed construction methodology is the most cost effective?

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*Donna Winter*

DECEMBER 28, 1937 - APRIL 7, 2013


It is with great sadness the family of Donna Winter announces her sudden death on April 7, 2013 due to surgical complications.

Donna Marie was born on Salt Spring Island on December 28, 1937 to Isabel and Laurie Mouat. It was here she met and married David Winter (predeceased 2008), and their union produced two children: Keith and Laura. The family lived on Salt Spring for many years before moving to Victoria. Donna and Dave lived on the sea for some time before planting roots in Cobble Hill.

Donna was a published author of her sailing adventures with Dave and first mate 'Sunday' the cat along the BC coast aboard the 'Stone Spirit'. She and Dave made many friends during their sailing trips, and her home, whether it was on land or sea, was always a welcoming environment. Donna was a compassionate friend to all who needed support, and had a soft spot for animals. She loved gardening, playing the piano, photography, and her shortbread was unparalleled.

Left to mourn their beloved Mum are son Keith and wife Laurie Nelson, and daughter Laura and husband Eric Rowlett. Sister, Yvonne Bryant, along with husband Andrew and their family will also miss Donna terribly. There will be no service, however those who wish to remember and honor Donna, please consider a donation to the Cowichan Cat Rescue at www.cowichancatrescue.org.

IN MEMORIAM



**Michael Carson**

Memorial gathering to celebrate the life of Michael Carson. Sunday, May 5th at 4pm, Beaver Point Hall. Please join family and friends for a potluck meal afterwards.

IN MEMORIAM

*In Loving Memory*

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IN MEMORIAM

**GRIEF RECOVERY PROGRAM** Begins May 7th through to June 11. An opportunity to make contact with others experiencing loss. Led by trained facilitators. Contact: Barbara 250-653-4945 or Anne 250-537-5935 or Salt Spring Hospice 250-537-2770. More info at: www.saltspringhospice.org

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Kay (Kathleen) Magee  
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**Memorial service arrangements for LT. TRAVIS GUEDES** of Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue and IAFF Local 4467- Salt Spring Island, BC. Brother Travis Guedes 35, was diagnosed with brain cancer in November, 2012. Unfortunately, after a courageous battle with the illness, he passed away on Wednesday, April 17, 2013.


Travis was in the fire service for 9 years. He was a dedicated firefighter and loving husband and father. He is survived by his wife, Sandy, and two daughters, Abigail, 8, and Haylee, 6.

We invite you to attend the memorial service which will take place on Sunday April 28th at 1:00pm at 232 Rainbow Road (G.I.S.S.), Salt Spring Island. There will be a reception immediately following the service at 351 Rainbow Rd (Farmer's Institute).



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**Francis Joseph Marcotte (Frank)**

After a short struggle with his health Frank passed away peacefully at the age of 58 in Victoria Hospital. Predeceased by his parents Alex and Martha and brother Gilbert. He will be sadly missed by his siblings Ed (Lucille), Caroline (Rob Twa), Linda (Henry Schwagly), Samantha (Ron Pultke) and many nephews and nieces. He will be remembered for his kind and compassionate heart and for the good work he did for others mowing. There will be a graveside service Saturday, April 27, 11:00am at Central Cemetery, refreshments to follow at Our Lady of Grace, Drake Road. Memorial Mass 5:00pm.

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**Guedes, Travis Charles**  
 October 29, 1977-April 17, 2013

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Travis, a loving husband and devoted father. Travis was diagnosed with brain cancer in November, 2012. After a courageous battle, Trav became our guardian angel on April 17, 2013.

Pre-deceased by brother-in-law, Clint Coleman, in February. Survived by wife, Sandy, daughters Abigail and Haylee. Parents, Ryon and Judy Guedes, sister, Margot (Rob) Knight, brother Roger (Rae-Anne) Guedes, Father and Mother in-law, Wayne and Gwen Coleman, sister-in-laws Coree (John) Girard, Carrie Coleman, 8 nieces and nephews and our entire Salt Spring Fire Rescue family.

Trav has touched and influenced so many lives in the short 35 years we were blessed to have him. He found his calling when he joined the Salt Spring Fire Rescue as a volunteer in 2004. He quickly realized his passion was for serving the community and made the decision to work towards being a full time firefighter, achieving that goal in 2006.

We would like to send a heartfelt thank-you to Karen, Gale, Leanne, Cathy, Ede, Karen, Izzy, Bryan, Cami, Shannon and all the incredible staff at Lady Minto Hospital. As well as my deepest gratitude to Jean and Dr. Ron Reznick for their medical and personal support over the last few months.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, April 28 at 1:00 at GISS, 232 Rainbow Rd., SSI.  
 "Those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind." - Dr. Seuss  
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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bateman, Birds & Blackburn Lake**

**Robert Bateman:** "A Lifetime of Painting Birds"  
**Susan Hannon:** "Salt Spring Bird Migration"

Sunday, Apr. 28, 2pm  
 ArtSpring  
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*Salt Spring Island Conservancy Event*

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**Donald Ogilvie**  
 18 November 1922 - 14 April 2013

Don died peacefully with family at his side. He is dearly missed by Betty, his wife of 66 years, son Martin (Camille), daughter Bronwyn Lorimer (Graham) grandchildren, Nicholas, Melissa, Katy and Jill, sister Ruth George and many nieces and nephews in the Prairies, and nieces Janet and Ruth in England.

The family is deeply grateful for the thoughtfulness of friends, the exceptional care of Greenwood's staff, Dr. Barclay, Lady Minto Hospital, Beacon Community Services, Ambulance Service, and the staff and volunteers at Meals on Wheels.

A quiet family service was held on April 17, 2013.

*"A life well loved."*



DEATHS

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Sunday service 10 - 11:30 am

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**Tip of the Week:**  
The Lunar Eclipse Full Moon in Scorpio is shining a bright light of change and activation for us all. Scorpio is a water sign and the Full Moon in this element synchronizes with endings and deep emotional change. This is especially true due to the symbolism of Scorpio, the sign of death and rebirth, change, transformation, regeneration, purification, psychology, investigation, research, shared resources, sexual drive, inheritances, banks, taxes, insurance and all things deep, hidden, mysterious and esoteric. This is the 1st of 3 eclipses in a row making this an 'eclipse season'. The exact degree of this eclipse is 5 Scorpio 46. The next one is the Solar Eclipse on May 9 at 19 Taurus 31 and finally another Full Moon Lunar Eclipse on May 24 at 4 Sagittarius 08. The close proximity by degree of the Lunar Eclipses first in Water then in Fire Signs adds to the complexity of changes that they will bring about. While traditionally eclipses were considered ill omens this is not at all necessarily true. It all depends on how they influence one's Natal Chart and above all how they are interpreted, handled and integrated. Since eclipses bring a measurably added charge to the usual New and Full Moon, they are best regarded as influences of change to be accepted and consciously managed verses resisted. Deciphering the deeper and wider implications of their effects is where taking a close look at one's Birth Chart and the practice of Astrology comes to the fore.

**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**  
Your ambitions remain strong and your focus is sharp. Change is the law and everyone is feelings its added push these days. This has been especially true for you for the past 6-8 months. Now that the momentum has been initiated, it is a matter of steady perseverance. The time has come to establish new foundations. The planning stage is important.

**Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)**  
A period of steady advancement has begun. You should feel a good deal of traction. This trend will continue for the next few weeks anyway. Be willing to try new approaches. There may be a variety of fronts to consider. It is important that you be extra cooperative. Your ambitions may be high yet cooperative actions are keys to your success.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)**  
Working steadily behind the scenes continues. This may include rest to recharge. Yet, you can also be productive. Making pointed changes in your daily routine is a good example of productive change. Is your lifestyle as healthy as it could be? Do you have any bad habits you can disrupt and break free from? Prepare the ground for new growth.

**Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)**  
This is a time of completion and fruition. You are at a peak in a cycle that favours creative inventiveness. This inspirational burst of energy could also manifest as a budding new love interest. While romantic interests are implied, it could also be the beginnings of a wonderful new friendship.

**Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)**  
A good deal of activity in your public and professional life is causing a stir close to home and perhaps vice versa. Now is a good time to make some strategic moves for advancement. Meanwhile old friends and loves and possibly foes from the past may re-enter your life. These changes will be felt at core levels.

**Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)**  
Your sights are set on a bigger picture. A visionary fervour has taken hold and is leading you into new territory. One way or another you feel determined to build anew. Reaching out to others and networking is featured. Altogether, new initiatives and/or initiations are likely. Some of these could come on the heels of other things ending.

**Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)**  
Financial interests and considerations are keeping you busy now. Investments, inheritances, taxes and the like are more than on your mind. You may feel inspired to diversify as well. Whether it is venture capitalism or simply the desire to be free and financially stable enough to travel, it may be time to do the math.

**Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)**  
A shift from work to pleasure should be evident now. You have likely taken some initiatives, perhaps especially in your overall lifestyle. Expect this trend to continue. Somehow you feel done with old modes of living and self-expression. Whether by choice or circumstance, the time has come for new ways of doing and being.

**Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)**  
Spring is a time for cleaning and sometimes the need goes deeper than the home and garden. These may merit your attention as well, yet the call to clean, clear and cleanse could include your body, mind and/or emotions as well. Your willingness to make extra efforts to this end could have very positive results, but neglect could prove just the opposite.

**Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)**  
A good deal of activity close to home has been keeping you busy. If you did take the initiative to engage in creative projects, you should feel extra inspired now. Real estate deals and/or home renovations are strong possibilities. Family concerns and interests are implied. Expect the fruit of past actions to ripen now.

**Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)**  
You have begun to set your sights on new horizons. This has activated key communications and organizational activity. Your study focus and search for new knowledge and practical information has been a key theme. You feel a sense of destiny and yearn for change and progress publically and professionally.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)**  
Shifts and changes in your income and financial set-up have begun. You are challenged to adjust to meet the changing conditions. Expect this trend to continue. Increasing your sense of security will motivate you. Generating new streams of income is likely. Desires for greater fulfillment in your relationships are core motivations.

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**HUMOUR**

# Our single perfect invention: the book

What an astonishing thing a book is . . . a flat object made from a tree with flexible parts on which are imprinted lots of funny dark squiggles. But one glance at it and you're inside the mind of another person.

- Carl Sagan

I agree. And that is why I Kindle not. Neither do I Kobo or Cybook or Jetbook or Pocketbook Touch. I have nothing against e-books. If I were scaling Everest or trekking to Antarctica I'd probably opt for an e-book over a haversack full of Stephen King novels, but I don't expect to indulge in extreme mountaineering or polar expeditions anytime soon and I already have enough expensive and temperamental electronic

lozenges in my life. The fact is, I just like the actual heft and flex of a device that I can stick in my back pocket, drop in the bathwater or absent-mindedly forget on a bus and replace without taking out a bank loan.

I love books. Not just the pleasure of reading them or talking about them, but their very physicality. The most beguiling house I ever entered was a farmhouse owned by the writer Timothy Findley. Inside the walls were lined with books. Everywhere. In the kitchen, over the doorways, above the stairwells. Expensive leather-bound volumes cheek by jowl with cheap paperbacks. I saw no paintings, photographs, knick knacks or gewgaws — just books.



**Arthur Black**

## WIT & WHIMSY

I know of another house like that. It belongs to Louise Erdrich, a First Nations novelist and poet who lives in Little Falls, Minnesota. Here's how she describes her digs: "We have a lot of books in our house. They are our primary decorative motif — books in piles on the coffee table, framed book covers, books sorted into stacks on every available surface, and of course books on shelves along most walls. Besides the visible books there are the

boxes waiting in the wings, the basement books, the garage books, the storage locker books. They are a sort of insulation, soundproofing some walls. They function as furniture, they prop up sagging furniture and, disguised by quilts, function as tables . . . I can't imagine home without an overflow of books."

Ms. Erdrich has bibliographic backup. When she's not at home in her book-womb, she's running, yes, a bookstore in downtown Little Falls.

Martha Stewart would be appalled but I'm glad there are home decorators like Findley and Erdrich around and I expect there will be as long as humans continue to read. And as long as we continue to read, I'm sure

there will be good old, rectangular, squiggle-covered-wood-pulp-between-two-covers books around to give us comfort.

Because let's face it: next year, Kindle or Kobo or Fillintheblanksbook will come out with the all-new Mark Twelve super-enhanced turbo-fired ebook with a mess of new bells and whistles, making last year's e-book hopelessly obsolete.

But books? They'll just keep on being books. As Robert Nash said: "The book is a technology so pervasive, so worn and polished by centuries of human contact that it reaches the status of Nature."

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**DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

## Girlish laughter and tears punctuate games

April day fickleness invades

BY JILL EVANS

DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

It was poet W.H. Gibson who said, "Oh, the lovely fickleness of an April day!" but it might as well have been the bridge players at Seniors on April 8, when they were confronted with some bizarre, odd hands.

There were five and a half tables working their way through this, with Zelly Taylor and Ian Thomas making the best job of it.

## BRIDGETRICKS

Next were Patricia Brown and Blanche Poborsa, with Jean Elder and Isabelle Richardson following.

George Laundry and Paul Retallack managed fourth place this time.

April 15 saw more fickleness, many hands with very long suits, and the Laundry/Retallack pair regained their frequent first place among five full tables.

Joanne Elizabeth and Jill Evans came second and there was a tie for third between the Gillian Mouat-Jennifer Quick partnership and the Liz and Oleh Mycyk one.

So, "April, April, Laugh thy girlish laughter, Then, the moment after, Weep thy girlish tears!" (Sir William Watson) if it wasn't your week, and come back another day.

There was another Monday this month before you see this (stay tuned), and then there will be one more — will they bring

sunshine or showers?

Old April wanes, and her last dewy morn

Her death-bed steeps in tears; to hail the May  
New blooming blossoms 'neath the sun are born,  
And all poor April's charms are swept away.

(Clare — found on Google.)

For info about these friendly duplicate bridge games please contact George Laundry at 250-931-9095 or pastorage@shaw.ca.

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## ROLLER DERBY

# Roller derby players ready to rock home turf match

SSI aims to upset Harbour City Rollers

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Players on Salt Spring's The Committed are ready to lace up their skates to entertain and amaze roller derby fans at GISS on Saturday night.

"The Committed are really excited to be bringing their second home game to Salt Spring," said team spokesperson Kim Murray. "They were inspired by the amazing reception the sport of roller derby had from the island community at the last game.

"With more than 400

fans in attendance, the crowd was such a huge and fun part of the event."

Now that a few of the first-game "kinks and jitters" have been cleared up, the team is ready to do it all over again on Saturday, April 27.

Thanks to the help of a small army of volunteers, the women will import and install 8,000 square feet of sport-court flooring to transform the high school's gym into a roller derby arena for a night.

Murray said there will be more familiar Salt Spring faces on the roster this weekend, as last year's "fresh meat" have been training hard and are ready to hit the track.



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO BY DEVIN MILNER

Roller derby athletes from Salt Spring and Vancouver Island at last fall's derby at GISS.

To help keep fans in the game, the team has recruited a pair of veteran announcers from

Vancouver's Terminal City Rollergirls. Dr. Jenny Fever and Risqué Bizsnatch will provide

informative and entertaining commentary for the crowd, including play-by-play calls

and an overview of the game's rules.

The Committed will try to get their first victory against Nanaimo's Harbour City Rollers, a team they've played on two occasions.

"Needless to say, Salt Spring will be out to prove themselves at home. This matchup will be as exciting as the game hosted at GISS last September," Murray said.

"Come out and cheer for your home town skaters, help them end this streak, and see why roller derby is the fastest growing women's sport in the world."

Anyone who wants to get involved can find out more in the game's official program or

come to a special open practice session on May 5 from 1 to 2 p.m. at GISS's Howe Court.

Doors for this weekend's game open at 6 p.m. Player introductions start at 6:45 and the opening whistle is slated for 7 p.m.

Online tickets can be picked up at the door.

Salt Spring's The Coalition will provide music for a post-game night of dancing at Meadon Hall. Doors for the after party open at 9 p.m.

Game tickets are available for \$15 at Salt Spring Books, Sports Traders and online through payforsports.com. After party tickets will be available at the door and at Salt Spring Books for \$10.

## TRAIL & NATURE

# Trail & Nature Club plans include broom attack during May

Other outings and presentations also planned

**Annual Broom Pull:** All members are invited to participate in the annual broom pulling event on Tuesday, May 14.

For the second year, we will be attacking the broom at Burgoyne Bay. Volunteers should bring pruners, loppers, small tree saws, broom pullers and any other tools they deem useful. Suitable work clothing and gloves should be worn. A packed lunch should also be brought. Car pool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at 10 a.m. at the Burgoyne Bay parking lot.

Trail and Nature Presentation on Thursday, May 23 at 7 p.m. in the United Church, lower floor. Christine Torgrimson, executive director of the Salt Spring Conservancy, will speak about the land around Blackburn Lake that the conservancy is hoping to purchase.

Christine will talk about the wildlife and water of Blackburn Lake and the conservancy's plans for this property, whose purchase the club is strongly supporting.

### Hikers

May 7: Ashley Hilliard leads a moderate but long hike from Beaver Point to Fulford. Car pool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. Please bring twice the usual number of vehicles, as we will drop half the cars at South Ridge Drive, before continuing on to Beaver Point. Southenders meet at South Ridge Drive at 10 a.m. South Ridge is the first street to the right off Beaver Point Road, just up the hill from Fulford.

May 14: There will be the Broom Pull with the Walkers and Ramblers (see above for details). Alternately, Mary Hof leads an off-island hike on Mount Tzouhalem, including the flower reserve. Carpool from Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to catch the 9:10 ferry to Crofton. Meet the leader at the corner of Maple Bay Road and Kingsview Drive ("the Properties"). Contact

Mary if you are coming at gmhof@shaw.ca so she can arrange the car shuttle on the other side.

May 21: Ted Brown leads a moderately strenuous hike with some steep sections up Mount Tuam to the meadows. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or from Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

May 28: We'll tackle Mount Bruce with Fred Powell leading. It's a longish hike with some "up" bits but not as steep as hikes used to be with Fred, who has "mellowed." Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

### Walkers

May 7: Jean Gelwicks leads a walk around Blackburn Lake and Adian's Pathway. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at Blackburn/Fulford Ganges Rd at 10:10 a.m.

May 14: Walkers will join the Annual Broom Pulling event at Burgoyne Bay.

May 21: Anne Beaumont leads an off-island walk to Newcastle Island near Nanaimo. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:40 a.m. to catch

the 9:10 ferry from Vesuvius. The foot passenger ferry to Newcastle is \$9 round trip (\$8 for seniors). The island is a treasure trove of history, from First Nations people to the present day. Return on the 3:40 ferry from Crofton.

May 28: Harry Burton leads his annual south-end walk on the old Monk property, once a farm extending from King Road to the water at the bottom of Stevens Road. Visit the Grandmother Tree and have lunch by the water. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to meet the leader at Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 a.m.

### Ramblers

May 7: Join Terry Ison and Sheryl on a ramble around the top of Mount Maxwell. Sheryl will lead the most energetic ramblers. Terry will lead those who need to go slower and on trails that are not steep. We can all have our lunch at the top with a beautiful view. Leave Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or meet at the junction of Toynbee and Cranberry Roads at 10:10 a.m.

May 14: Join the Broom Pull

or Ramble with Harold Page to Burgoyne Bay. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 a.m. in Centennial Park.

May 21: Ramble with Marilyn and Bill Harding on Quebec Lane. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 a.m. in Centennial Park.

May 28: Off-island trip. Anke Smeele will take the Ramblers on a walk in Victoria to see the rhododendron blooms. Meet at 8:45 a.m. at the ArtSpring parking lot for carpooling. Ramblers should organize their carpool beforehand.

### New Members

Interested in joining us? Contact Barry Spence (membership) at 250-537-2332 or John Heddle (president) at 250-537-2672, or come on Tuesdays to the meeting point for the activity you are interested in. Participants need to bring a lunch and wear appropriate footwear and outdoor clothing.

More information can be found at our website at www.saltspring-tnc.ca.

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