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VOTES

Saanich North Islands MLA race: At the end of Tuesday, the NDP's Gary Holman's lead had grown to 92 votes (up from 52 on May 14) over second-place finisher Stephen Roberts of the Liberal party as absentee/special ballot counting continued. See www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com for the final outcome.



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SERIOUS MVI: A mother and two children who were in a silver Volkswagen were transported off-island for medical treatment after a collision with a Gulf Islands Carpet & Upholstery Care van in the 2300 block of Fulford-Ganges Road on Tuesday afternoon. The road was closed for several hours. No further details were available as the Driftwood went to press. See www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com for an update.

GRACE ISLET

First Nations vow to defend burial site

Sit-in at Grace Islet deemed 'only a phone call away'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Representatives of First Nations groups across southern Vancouver Island have vowed to prevent construction of a luxury home on top of a traditional burial site in Ganges Harbour.

"Why is it that people can recognize colonization when it is in Africa or Southeast Asia but cannot recognize it when it's right under their noses?" said Dianne Hinkley, director of lands research for Cowichan Tribes in Duncan.

Hinkley was among speakers who addressed more than 75 people from Salt Spring and beyond during a public event at the library to raise awareness about the future of Grace Islet on Sunday afternoon.

Site preparation for construction of a private home on the islet, a short distance from Grace Point in Ganges, sparked tensions last July when allegations arose that the Edmonton-based property owner failed to adhere to conditions outlined in a site alteration permit issued by the provincial government's archeology branch.

An application to extend the permit has prompted the latest round of action on behalf of local social justice organizations and First Nations groups from across the region.

"I think I am speaking for a number of us when I say we feel this is not just about First Nations' heritage," said Phil Vernon, a member of Salt Spring Islanders for Justice and Reconciliation who helped organize Sunday's event. "We're newcomers, but we also live here and this is our heritage."

First Nations representatives joined by concerned Salt Springers plan to visit the provincial archeology branch Vancouver office on June 7. The delegation will speak about the provincial Heritage Conservation Act's failure to curb the tide of development on and around significant First Nations sites across the province.

"I know of no other civilized place on earth where this can happen," Hinkley told the crowd. "B.C. is so far behind. These are not renewable resources."

GRACE ISLET continued on 4

Report outlines company's fall

Development's history 'plagued by financial difficulties'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A document released on Friday by the company tasked to oversee the sale of assets belonging to Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. offers a glimpse at factors that led to the massive real estate project's downfall.

"The history of Channel Ridge has been plagued by excessive leveraging and financial difficulties," reads part of the Ernst & Young reported dated May 23.

The company attributes much of Channel Ridge's financial woes to "a severe downturn in the Salt Spring Island and British Columbia recreational property market" tied to the global financial crisis in 2008.

Unanticipated cost overruns reportedly resulted from work on the property's steep slopes, maintenance and operation of the development's septic system and management turnover.

Conflicts between the shareholders and the boards of Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. and some 400 investors in Equishare [Mortgage Investment Corporation] — which was created in 2009 and in April of 2010 assigned debt previously held on title by HSBC Bank Canada — resulted in a lack of clear direction for the development, the report adds.

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ISLANDS TRUST

Swanson rezoning 'starts conversation'

Application part of bylaw enforcement process

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee want to organize a neighbourhood meeting to discuss the fate of a contentious Swanson Road fiveplex that's become the subject of a rezoning application for more affordable housing.

"Let's find out if the neighbours are going to put up barriers because, at the end of the day, it will be their decision as to whether this will be allowable," said LTC member Peter Grove on Thursday. "We have to comply with the neighbourhood's wishes because they moved into that area on the understanding that a certain kind of zoning is in place."

Applicant Sheena Bull's rezoning application seeks to legalize the five dwelling units being rented on the property. The island's land-use bylaw permits only two such units on the site. If approved, the property would require a septic report and housing agreement to ensure affordability.

The application has been submitted as a result of bylaw enforcement initiated against the property.

"I did something that actually wasn't legal, yes I admit that, but it's started a conversation," Bull told LTC members on Thursday.

If approved, Bull said, the housing agreement being considered with the Salt Spring Island Community Services Society could be used for similar projects throughout the Ganges area.

"It's obviously not going to be perfect and there's going to be a few things that will need to be ironed out, but it starts with some lead-

ership — so we have to show some leadership in this area," she said.

"It's the social net benefit outweighing the social net cost and that's a leadership issue and I guess I just started the conversation by creating a duplex that had extra non-conforming suites."

Speaking in support of the application, Community Services' executive director Rob Grant acknowledged a desperate need for stable and healthy affordable housing on the island.

"We're certainly in support of this project going forward," he told LTC members.

"When people step forward and say I want to be a landlord in the long run and I want to offer people a good healthy place to live, that's great . . . Those are really important people to have."

LTC members voted to have staff prepare a list of consultation options.



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Debt incurred as market fell

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Before its insolvency, Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. incurred more than \$45 million in debt as a result of mortgages registered on the property between 2005 and 2012.

According to a receivership order dated April 26, foreclosure proceedings encompass Channel Ridge Properties' assets valued at \$28.5 million. These include 830 acres of development properties, three serviced lots and a duplex show suite.

A May 3 letter issued by the board of directors of parent company Channel Ridge Estate Holdings to debenture holders outlined measures taken on multiple boards in response to the foreclosure.

"Both Channel Ridge Properties and Channel Ridge Environmental Services [which operates a sewage treatment facility in an existing nearby subdivision] are now under the control of the appointed receiver [Ernst & Young].

"As such, the next logical step was for Bill Rombough to step down as director of those two entities . . ." reads the letter. "However, Robert Stein-

bach, Marilyn Potter and Bill Rombough will remain as directors of Channel Ridge Estate Holdings in order to defend and represent [the interests of debenture holders and shareholders].

"Likewise, David Walker, Mike Best and Robert Cram will remain as directors of Equishare to defend and represent their shareholders' interest during this process."

The May 23 Ernst & Young report anticipates a purchase agreement for the Channel Ridge development lands will be in place by November.

Target markets include "local buyers" such as Equishare investors, other private investors and the provincial or federal governments. Canadian or American-based real estate developers and overseas investors are also among companies hoped to acquire the property.

"The offering of Channel Ridge will attract interest from a broad market spectrum of market participants — developers and investors, in both the domestic and international markets," reads the report. "Colliers [Commercial Real Estate Services] will broadly market to local, national and

international developers who have the scale and capacity to acquire such an asset."

Listed among potential markets are Parks Canada, BC Parks or CRD Regional Parks, "individuals working in the commercial oil and gas sector that have a passion for the Gulf Islands' vacation lifestyle and an affinity for boating," U.S. developers of "master planned communities" and Chinese investors.

"This [latter] trend has dramatically manifested itself in Australia, where 33 per cent of all new multifamily developments currently under construction is by China-based investors or developers," reads the report.

"A decision as to the development of the village lots will be made in consultation with the first secured creditor, Paradigm Mortgage Investment Company (previously called Mission Creek Mortgage Ltd.), once clarity is provided as to the timing and costs of undertaking such endeavour," the document adds.

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BOOKS

Couple's Vietnam volunteer work inspires new book

Bruce Logan and Elaine Head hold launch on June 4

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring residents who have supported Bruce Logan and Elaine Head's volunteer work in Vietnam over the past few years will be interested in hearing the full story of how their lives changed through that work, with the launch of their first book set for Tuesday, June 4 at ArtSpring.

Back to Vietnam: Tours of the Heart tells how one retired soldier's journey to find peace decades after leaving the fields of war snowballed into a surprisingly far-reaching catalogue of healing.

Logan was an officer in the American military who served two tours of duty in Vietnam — the first beginning in 1966 and the second in 1970. Forty years after his first tour he was compelled to return to a place that continued to haunt him. He and Head, his second wife, joined a group with Tours of Peace Vietnam Veterans, an organization dedicated to helping former U.S. combatants find reconciliation and closure.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Bruce Logan and Elaine Head visit with students outside the city of Da Nang, to assess whether an Australian NGO should support their education. The students are the children or grandchildren of victims of leprosy.

The experience changed both of them for good, causing a rippling effect of support work that continues to benefit war survivors and their descendants.

"What it did was reframe my attitude and allow me to see Vietnam as a country, not a war," Logan said of that first tour, where he was surprised to find an open welcome even from former Viet Cong members.

"I have met many of my former enemies and every single one of

them was effusive in their greetings — to the point where they wanted to hug me."

TOP tours bring veterans to places of wartime significance, and also involve the participants in volunteer work. Logan and Head were surprised to be accepted into the program because of their age, but were able to launch into hands-on activities. What they saw in the villages off the beaten tourist track soon convinced them to return. Logan

now leads TOP tours himself, and the couple makes a base in the ancient city of Hoi An for three months each year.

"Elaine was smitten. That happened instantaneously," Logan said, noting his change of heart was a little slower but just as sure. "It just grew as we had more involvement with the Vietnamese and began to work with them — it just blossomed."

"We just determined 'Wow — there's a really big need for help here' — and we had some expertise and might be able to help," Head added.

Logan and Head now spend their volunteer hours raising funds and acting as consultants for a number of local initiatives, such as an artisan shop employing people with disabilities, a library program bringing books to remote villages, a micro-financing program for victims of Agent Orange to start small businesses and an education foundation to reduce human trafficking.

"With each encounter our assumptions and beliefs shifted. We questioned our consumption, indifference and selfishness. Our worldview, long held rigid by our culture and conditioning, cracked. Tiny rays of awareness shone through," Head writes in

the book.

"The thing for me that's so significant is being useful," she explained during the interview.

"Hopefully we're making a difference, applying our business skills where they're needed. And for me, I just feel so blessed. We have this wonderful work to do."

Logan and Head have been sending home information about their journeys and their work ever since their first trip. Long email missives gave way to a blog, and the book was a natural extension. Two years of writing and another year and half of editing have made for a professional and well-crafted offering that shares the story between the two authors' voices, moving from Logan's early war experiences into the couple's present day work.

Logan and Head have a clear and engaging writing style that needs little help, but the writers thank Salt Spring friends for refining their work; editing by Pearl Luke and copy editing by Carole Earle Musgrave and Murray Reiss ensure their story comes through at its best.

The ArtSpring launch event is sponsored by Salt Spring Books and starts at 7:30 p.m. A slide show, readings and discussion will take place.

NEWS BRIEFS

Delays for Booth Canal

Mainroad Contracting is advising islanders there will be minor traffic delays on Booth Canal Road from June 3 to June 7.

Crews will be installing a new bridge deck between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Drivers are recommended to use alternate

routes if possible and to be aware of construction crews on the site.

Mental health patient found

Salt Spring RCMP played a part in returning a Royal Jubilee Hospital mental health patient to Victoria after the man turned up at a Price Road residence on Monday.

A female resident reported she heard some-

one in her home around 6 a.m. while she and her daughter were sleeping. She got out of bed to investigate and observed a male walking away from her front door. When confronted he was friendly and said that he was interested in purchasing the residence.

The homeowner told him that he was going about it the wrong way and he subsequently left her property in a green mini

van.

Police located a van matching the description driving southbound on Fulford-Ganges Road and pulled over the driver at the Fulford ferry terminal. The 23-year-old driver was confirmed to be the person police were looking for and he was found to be wanted on a Director's Warrant issued under the Mental Health Act. He was transported back to hospital care.

FOR THE RECORD

• Only 14 potential vendors were turned away from a recent Saturday Market, not "as many as 20" as reported in a story in the May 22 Driftwood, with a number of them being accommodated

later in the day.

As well, space restrictions are defined by Islands Trust land-use regulations, not the CRD, says market coordinator Rob Pingle.

• Last week's Challenge Cup report didn't give Salt Spring's soccer players all the credit they deserved. Salt Spring Alumni was in the final of its division, losing 2-0, while the Old Boys won the consolation final.

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SATURDAY MARKET

PARC offers vendors a say in any market expansion

Demand for larger market pondered by commission

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A call to expand the Saturday Market at Centennial Park has prompted members of Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission to gather vendors' attitudes about possible options.

"Because this affects all the vendors, we want to make sure that we speak with all the vendors," said PARC manager Lorraine Brewster.

Commissioners who met on Monday evening asked PARC staff to consult current vendors, along with RCMP and provincial Ministry of

Transportation representatives, to determine the appetite for and feasibility of expansion.

Further steps could include consultation with retail business owners and community meetings, PARC staff reported.

The discussion was prompted by a letter to the commission by an island author who expressed dismay at having to wait unsuccessfully for a spot in early May.

"As I observed that morning, there are literally dozens of Salt Springers who may not be established long-term market vendors but who have each created something unique that they would like to sell," wrote Mandy Spottiswoode. "There are no shortage of buyers either, who now have to struggle through the ever

increasing crowds in the main part of the market."

Spottiswoode's letter prompted creation of a petition that calls upon the CRD to expand the market area. The petition, which is available at retail outlets in Ganges and the market, has garnered hundreds of signatures since it was distributed earlier this month.

Expansion options include offering more space within Centennial Park or along a part of Fulford-Ganges Road.

Commissioners have yet to officially receive the petition.

"In that case, it doesn't exist as far as we're concerned," said commissioner Jane Horsburgh.

The commission heard many vendors have historically frowned upon expansion plans, arguing that more ven-

dors would increase congestion and bite into the profits of established sellers.

"Do keep in mind that the people rejected are very few except on a sunny long weekend."

GAYLE BAKER
PARC commissioners

Brewster said PARC will measure the market's current footprint to see what percentage of the park area is used by vendors. Islands Trust zoning limits the market to 25 per cent of Centennial Park for so-called intermittent retail uses.

According to the PARC, 14 vendors couldn't get a spot during a busy market Saturday in early May. Seven of these vendors were able to join the market by mid-morning after established vendors sold out of their products and offered space to newcomers.

"Do keep in mind that the people rejected are very few, except on a sunny long weekend," said commissioner Gayle Baker. "We're not talking about great numbers here."

Acknowledging that overflow room has been made available along the Ganges boardwalk, Baker noted a widespread feeling among vendors that an onus must be placed on sellers to gain seniority points by showing up during the shoulder season.

"We have a lot of history on this ... and I know one thing [members of the market advisory group] will say. I tend to think you can come and it's wonderful, but they'll say, 'If you come during the bad weather, you get enough points so when you want to come on a good day, you will be there,'" Baker said during Monday's meeting.

"If you only come on the bright sunny days and get really pissed because you don't have the space then, I'm sorry, start coming and being consistent.

"I guarantee that's what the vendors will say."

An update will be presented to commission members at the next PARC meeting, scheduled for 5 p.m. on June 17 in the Portlock Park portable.

Design intended to avoid damage

GRACE ISLET continued from 1

Hinkley said destruction of archeological sites is part of a devastating process to erase any evidence that people lived in the region during the pre-colonial era.

Issues like those raised at Grace Islet, she added, are among the hundreds of cases she deals with on a yearly basis.

"Grassroots stewardship is the only way to protect these sites because the government won't do it."

DIANNE HINKLEY
Director of lands research,
Cowichan Tribes

"Archeologically speaking, we're being assaulted as First Nations on all sides," she said. "Every day of the year a site is destroyed.

"It's an exercise in frustration. It's like we're putting out fires all the time. We can't keep up with this and something has to change in the near future."

Hinkley said she has a list of fellow Cowichan Band members who are "only a phone call way" from travelling to Salt Spring to occupy Grace Islet if that's what it takes to prevent the site's destruction.

"Grassroots stewardship is the only way to protect these sites because the government won't do it," she said.

Although no direct evidence of human burials has been discovered on Grace Islet, an archeological report conducted as part of the site alteration permit application process in 2010 confirmed the possibility of human burials given the similarity of the island's stone cairns to features at other burial



Architect plans for Grace Islet house.

sites used by coastal First Nations.

Darcy Mathews, a Ph.D. candidate in archeology at the University of Victoria, told the audience that First Nations in the region have used places like Grace Islet as burial sites for thousands of years. The study of the region's First Nations archeology, he added, is a young and rapidly evolving science that continues to uncover new discoveries.

"These are not just piles of stones," he said. "The dead are all around us, as are the living descendants. The dead, like the living, cannot be ignored."

Property owner Barry Slawsky has applied for a three-year extension on his site alteration permit to "facilitate . . . ongoing development planning and subsequent construction of a dwelling and related infrastructure (boat dock, access paths and natural landscaping features) at my property on Grace Islet," according to information contained in an application to extend the permit submitted on May 6.

In his application, Slawsky notes that he is still committed to the preservation of "a number of

rock features that were previously discovered on the site."

Specifically, he writes, plans are in place to establish no-development zones around all known rock features. Features that lie within the building's footprint will be protected by security fencing to ensure they are not disturbed during the home's construction.

"Special attention will be paid to the two areas on the island where human skeletal remains have been previously discovered," the application states.

Slawsky notes that he intends to design the home in such a way as to avoid disturbance of identified cultural features, incorporate identified features into the design of any new structures and construct paths, patios and other structures on above ground piles to avoid direct damage to cultural features.

Sunday's event, which featured speakers from the Penelakut, Saanich, Tsartlip and Cowichan First Nations, was organized by Salt Spring Islanders for Justice and Reconciliation with help from Salt Spring Islanders for Responsible Land Use.



NOTICE OF NOMINATION BY-ELECTION 2013 SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ELECTION OF TRUSTEE

Notice is hereby given to the owners of land within the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District that nominations for trustee (1 position) will be received between:

**9:00 A.M. Tuesday June 4th, 2013
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ISLANDS TRUST

LTC names advisors

Streamlined structure hoped to improve process

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee members have announced the names of volunteers selected for the newly formed Advisory Planning Commission and Agricultural Advisory Planning Commission.

Conrad Pilon, Tony Threlfall, George Laundry and Jan Steinman will serve one-year terms on the AAPC, while Ken Byron, Bree Eagle and Jane Squier will sit for two years.

Representing environmental interests on the APC are Susan Hannon (two-year term), Sally John (two-year term) and Jeff Thompson (two-year term).

Dolores Bender-Graves (one-year term), Neil Morie (two-year term) and Janet Stethem (two-year term) will offer design expertise, and planning interests will be represented by Zwanette Pereboom (one-year term) and John Newton (two-year term).

The APC also includes three members at large: Norbert Schlenker (one-year term), Brigitte Hayes (one-year term) and Rosey Brenan (two-year term).

The new commission structure is a result of more than a year of public review undertaken by LTC members and Trust staff to improve the efficiency of the island's various advisory committees.

Land-use applications submitted to the Trust are forwarded to advisory committees for analysis and recommendations from experts in a given field.

LTC members have said the new structure, which restructures the Trust's Advisory Design Panel, Environmental Advisory Committee and Agriculture Advisory Commission, will help to improve communication between volunteer commission members.



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

North End Fitness owner and diehard cyclist Peter Vincent shows he's dressed for the occasion with local Bike to Work Week coordinator Jan Slakov as the week kicked off with a "celebration station" at TJ Beans and free showers for cyclists at the fitness centre. Twenty-nine teams signed up for the challenge on Salt Spring Island. Details of today's Bike to Cake & Dialogue event are now set, with cake being served at GISS from 4 to 6 p.m. today (Wednesday) and discussion at 4:30.

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The prestigious \$70,000 scholarship honours students who demonstrated their dedication to various causes including education reform, poverty reduction plans, anti-bullying campaigns and gender equality.

Nash, who is in Grade 12, is student council president and an advocate on issues of educational policy development. "She has successfully recruited her peers to become involved in these issues, forming the Educational Change Group. She has also promoted student involvement in the Salt Spring Forum, a speakers series featuring national and international thought leaders," a press release states.

"Allowing these students to continue their work by helping them with their post-secondary tuition is something that we're very proud to do at TD," said Teri Currie of the TD Bank Group.

"Each and every one of them has already made a positive impact on their community and we believe they will continue to play a significant role in social change and growth across Canada."

Recipients of this year's scholarship will be honoured at a national ceremony to be held in Toronto on June 6.

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INFORMATION FOR SALT SPRING ISLAND AND MAPLE BAY RESIDENTS

Please be advised that BC Hydro will be doing work on transmission infrastructure in and around Sansum Narrows. The work requires the use of helicopters and large equipment.

To ensure the safety of our crews and the public, Sansum Narrows will be closed to marine traffic on May 9, May 10, May 13 and May 14. For the duration of the project a water taxi will be used at the work zone to manage marine traffic. Delays and temporary closures are expected.

We appreciate your understanding while we undertake this important work and apologize for any inconvenience.

For more information please contact:

BC Hydro Community Relations, Vancouver Island

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Notice from the Board of SSI Fire Trustees

The Emergency Centre Building Committee has informed the Chair of the Board that a referendum will not be possible for June or July. The Chair consulted with the members of the Board and has accepted the committee's recommendation to delay the referendum.

The building committee is working hard with the architects and engineers to get to an accurate cost for the new Fire Hall and Emergency Centre. In order to ensure that there is adequate time for the Rate Payers of Salt Spring to evaluate the costs, to provide input to the Board of Trustees, and to make an informed decision; it is better to postpone the referendum.

We will continue the process of refining the plans and will continue to hold public meetings as more details become available.

For more information:

Day to day operations - www.saltspringfire.com

Up to date info on new fire hall # 1 - www.firehallinfo.com

Blog - information articles - www.ournewfirehall.com

Regular articles in The Driftwood and on the Salt Spring Exchange www.saltspringexchange.com



Questions?

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- drop in at the Ganges Firehall
- send an email from www.firehallinfo.com/contact-information/

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EDITORIAL

Passing the buck

It's been more than a week since the provincial election served up a shocker to nearly every political junky in the province.

The drama continues in Saanich North and the Islands where final votes are still being tallied in what looks to be the tightest race in the province.

Whereas a winner had yet to be named, numbers on how many of us got out to vote have begun to offer a broader picture. The image that's emerging isn't pretty.

In spite of the highest number of advance voters in recent years — 12 per cent of eligible voters in B.C. cast a ballot at advance polls — the strong start fell flat on election day.

Folks at Elections BC peg the provincial turnout between 50 and 52 per cent. We're doing a little better than in 2009, but when half the province decides not to participate, one can't

help but question if the system is working.

THE ISSUE:
Election turnout

WE SAY:
Voter literacy needed

For years, voters in Saanich North and the Islands have consistently ranked among the top-five ridings when it comes to voter participation. This year, nearly 65 per

cent of voters turned up, giving Saanich North and the Islands the distinction of the second-highest turnout in the province. Top spot went to Kamloops-North Thompson for those of us who keep tabs on these things.

It's sure nice to be at the head of the class, until you take a look around at our peers.

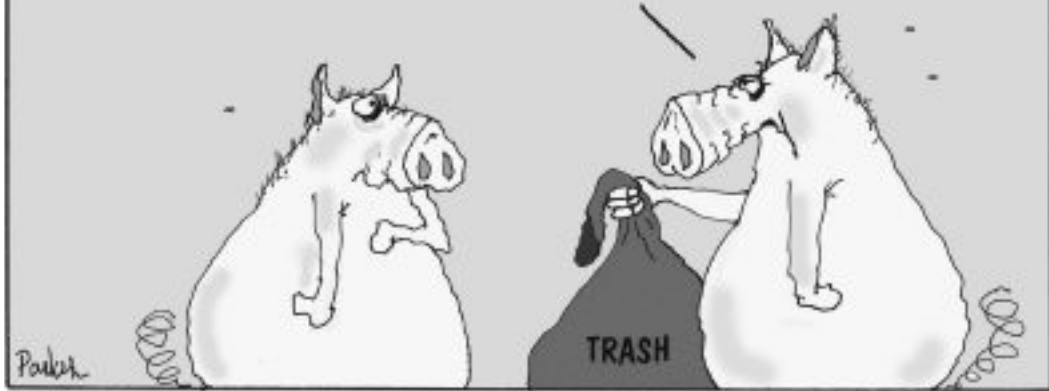
Most ridings may not be as democratically deficient as Richmond Centre which, at just below 39 per cent, had the lowest turnout, but the broader picture presents a sad picture.

Electoral reform is unlikely to happen any time soon, but efforts to improve voter literacy among eligible voters of all ages and backgrounds is something that needs to be implemented in communities across the province.

What's needed are community groups and educators who can rise above partisan rhetoric to instill the kind of critical thought required to make informed decisions on election day.

Though the chances of that may be as far-fetched as a Liberal election victory was supposed to be, we all now know that anything is possible.

OF COURSE YOU CAN DUMP THIS USELESS BAG OF GARBAGE AT THE THRIFT STORE AFTER HOURS. YOU'RE A PIG! AND WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, DON'T FORGET TO STEAL SOME FREE FOOD FROM ONE OF THOSE ROAD SIDE STANDS.



VIEWPOINT by Andrea Palframan

First Nations stand to protect all

It's a rare occurrence, when a community handles a disgraceful situation with extraordinary grace.

That is what a standing-room-only crowd witnessed on Sunday, when members of various Coast Salish tribes gathered on Salt Spring to inform the public about their desire to protect an ancient burial site, Grace Islet.

Without anger or blame, a series of elders spoke of their customary ways of honouring the dead. They spoke of how, time and again, they have had to dig through the gravesites of their ancestors, move their remains and perform 'reburials' that run contrary to their cultural traditions. All to make way for development projects which were deemed more important, somehow, than the very basic human right to rest in peace, and for their Nation's right to maintain ancient cultural practices which have sustained their communities for millennia.

The Coast Salish are not alone in facing down short-term thinking with long-term wisdom. This week, a tiny nation of 300 people, the Hupacasath of Port Alberni, are bringing a legal challenge against the federal government that could stop the Canada-China Investment Treaty in its tracks.

Under this treaty, known as FIPA, Canada would be locked in to a 31-year deal that would allow Chinese state-owned corporations unprecedented access to our resources. FIPA gives companies the right to sue Canada for passing laws — environmental, labour, health and safety — which impede their profit-making.

FIPA-type agreements are not free trade deals: they are corporate rights deals, designed to punish citizens and policy

makers who stand in the way of rampant development. The Hupacasath are opposing FIPA to protect their sovereign right to determine how to steward their land. In so doing, they are defending that right for the rest of us, for now and for coming generations.

The first week of June is important for us all. On June 5, the Hupacasath have invited allies to come to the Federal Courthouse on Georgia Street in Vancouver for a lunchtime rally in support of their case against FIPA. On June 7, elders from the Tsartlip First Nation will be travelling to Vancouver to request that the Archaeological Branch not extend the alteration permit held by the owner of Grace Islet to build a residence there, in order to prevent disturbance of the graves. Their voices will be strengthened if islanders write to Forests Minister Steve Thomson asking him to cancel the permit in his authority under the Heritage Conservation Act.

While these two issues are very different from each other in scale, the underlying values being defended are of equal importance.

"We do not want to rebury the dead," said Arvid Charlie, elder from Cowichan Tribes. Neither do we, as Canadians, want to find ourselves digging through the rubble of what was once our democracy in the wake of the Canada-China investment treaty.

It is profoundly humbling to see First Nations stand up to protect their ancestors, and all of our descendants. Let us stand with them.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident who is interested in social justice issues.

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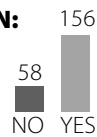
THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Are you happy with our riding's election result? Yes No

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

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should there be room for more vendors at the Saturday Market?



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ISLAND VOICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Archaeologically speaking, we're being assaulted as First Nations on all sides."

DIANNE HINKLEY, COWICHAN TRIBES

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What can be done to ease Saturday market congestion?



ZOE LUHTALA
Having people on blankets in the grass could bring a lot more attention to the market.



NEL MEYER
Open up another row but not on the street as that would annoy too many people.



WESLEY CLARK
The idea of expanding it into the marina parking lot is excellent, but the whole town should be car free [on Saturdays].



ENID TURNER
Build up.



MARGARET NIVEN
The kids with cookies and other smaller-scale vendors could spread out onto the grassy areas.

Letters to the editor

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

Rescind Grace Islet permit

As the provincial government speaks of improved relations with the First Nations people of B.C. they turn their backs to the desecration of burial sites and other areas of cultural significance.

They did it to facilitate the development of Poets Cove on Pender Island, Sablefin Hatchery at Syuhe'mun Walker Hook on Salt Spring and Bear Mountain Resort on Vancouver Island to name a few — will Grace Islet be next? Will the Heritage Conservation Act again be rendered toothless as the archaeology branch continues to issue site alteration permits that enable development that desecrates ancient burial sites?

I hope this time the outcome will be different and the archaeology branch will cancel the site alteration permit amendment. First Nations sites should be pro-

tected and cultural traditions recognized. We must not forget their history is also our history.

If you want this sacred place protected, call upon Forests Minister Steve Thomson to exercise his authority under the Heritage Conservation Act to cancel HCA 2011-343 site alteration permit and permit amendment for Grace Islet.

Contact details: the Hon. Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Resource Operations, PO Box 9049 Stn. Prov. Govt., Victoria, B.C., V8W 9E2; steve.thomson.mla@leg.bc.ca.

SHARON BYWATER,
MALIVIEW DRIVE

Pathway routes questioned

I noticed the announcement in the May 22 Driftwood about a new bike

path that will be built from the corner of Atkins to the Rainbow Road pool. There are also plans in the works to extend the pathway to the Farmers' Institute and also down the road to Kanaka and all the way down Atkins Road.

Pardon me for saying so, but there are areas of Salt Spring that are dangerous to walk and others that are not. Currently a person can walk easily and safely to the pool by going along Swanson Road and in up Lakewood Crescent and in the back way. I do this every day. You can also already walk safely along Rainbow Road. I also walk this road every day.

There is a lack of caring about other road users behind this new pathway plan. I wonder what the plan is for parking when there are busy events like we just had with the soccer weekend? Also, what about the fall fair when the path is built up Rainbow

and no one is allowed to park anymore up or down Rainbow or along Atkins Road? The fall fair is a huge event and parking is at a premium. The event will become inaccessible to many people or else there will be a crisis from the lack of planning.

When I was a kid, Ganges was empty and just a huge parking lot. It would have seemed like a joke to imagine that the future would bring terrible parking problems, but it has happened. I am really curious what the pathways group has planned for parking when they remove the roadside parking.

As far as the fall fair is concerned, not everyone can walk or cycle to this event. And where would they leave their cars? Some people have little kids, chickens to take home, baking, prizes, livestock and/or arthritis. The increase in comfort for cyclists should not come at the expense of

our traditional events, nor access for those with children and/or disabilities.

I think that the plan proposed by the pathways group is not considerate of all road users and needs more input. Otherwise, we will have a crisis on our hands when the next big event rolls around.

JENNY MCCLEAN,
ATKINS ROAD

Voter turnout a concern for all parties

I am responding to Dermot Travis' May 22 piece on the analysis of the election results ("Provincial election analysis: NDP vote stalls in reverse").

First, his argument that high voter turnout in the ridings of Oak Bay Gordon Head and Saanich North and the Islands be attributed to races that engaged voters: In 2009 both of these ridings had voter

turnouts over 65 per cent, and in 2001 both ridings had turnouts over 70 per cent.

The highest turnout in near history then was marked by the easiest win for Liberals. This suggests the voter turnout in these areas are most likely associated to voter demographics rather than the style of the race.

Secondly, his argument that a falling voter turnout should be a worry to NDP operatives is outrageous. Falling voter turnout averages should be a worry to all citizens and all parties because as low voter turnout suggests, none of the parties are growing their base and attracting new voters to become engaged and without residents coming out in higher numbers our entire system loses legitimacy.

MARINA HOLDING,
SALT SPRING

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Economies, economists & economic development

By JOHN TYLEE

The last half-decade has not been kind to economies or economists. The recession that began in 2007 has become years of mediocre economic growth or worse. Economists' chatter about business cycles and double dips has stilled, and their increasingly less confident assurances of better times on the way provoke mainly skepticism.

Salt Spring cannot escape its share of the globe's economic pain. Though we tend to blame our economic predicament solely on local factors — ferry fares, big boxes in Duncan and the like — the root causes of our economic predicament are far away.

That doesn't mean we are powerless to improve our economic future. On the contrary, local economic development comes into its own whenever the global economy falters.

While economics is a social science, economic development is more like a trade. Perhaps not a highly regarded trade — the

media it attracts tends to focus on dubious subsidies to foreigners to provide local jobs, or on elected officials visiting glamorous places on the taxpayers' dime.

The reality is less newsworthy but more productive. At its core, economic development is about two things. The first is building a community consensus about the economic future it wants, and the projects that can take it into that future. The second is helping to develop fruitful business relationships among people who have economic interests in common, but who might otherwise not have the information, capacity or opportunity to work together.

Achieving economic development results takes time and effort, particularly in a place often described as an argument surrounded by water. But everyone can contribute. Residents can buy locally and recommend island vendors. Businesses can work



John Tylee

ECONOMIC EXPLORATIONS

together on new products, and support sector-wide collaboration on joint marketing and other activities. Public sector advocates can help develop policies and projects that improve the business climate without compromising community standards.

The CRD's Community Economic Development Commission (CEDC) is leading the effort. Working closely with CRD director Wayne McIntyre, partnering with the Islands Trust and many other organizations, and powered by the efforts of volunteers, its 2013 work plan has three priorities:

- bringing all segments of the tourist sector together to develop an integrated brand, event schedule and marketing strategy for the 2014 season;
- advancing short and longer term projects to make Ganges a more thriving,

enjoyable destination for residents and tourists alike;

- creating a succinct and actionable economic development strategy for Salt Spring.

More than 100 volunteers already participate in CEDC's activities. We are immensely grateful for their ideas, energy and enthusiasm; their efforts are already making a tangible difference in the way people feel about the local economy.

Different groups within the tourist sector are discussing working together as never before. A large meeting of Ganges merchants, apparently the first in many years, has spawned three groups working hard on specific projects; follow-up activities are open to all Salt Spring Island merchants.

And we're always looking for more ideas, more energy and more enthusiasm.

John Tylee chairs the Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission. His column will appear regularly. He can be reached at ssicedc@gmail.com.

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Grooveyard discovered

Last Friday night, I discovered Southend Grooveyard; Salt Spring's newest music venue. Seventy seats in an intimate setting nestled in the trees. The acoustics were outstanding.

David Youngson and Nadia Bizzotto have created a wonderful addition to an emerging Salt Spring music scene that includes the house concerts of Fridas Villa, the dinner concerts of the Salt Spring Folk Club and the pop concert series at ArtSpring. Grooveyard provides a professional performance centre which is different from any other on the island.

This year's bookings are for the young and the young at heart — top musi-

cians who perform blues, country, folk, rock and more. Last Friday, Tony Furtado and Luke Price were at the remodelled Grooveyard. The concert was outstanding. A real special evening.

I am a fan. Thank you, David and Nadia. **CURT FIRESTONE, SOUTH VESUVIUS**

Tribute

I am a member of the Canadian Scottish Regimental Association. I extend greetings and best wishes to all my comrades who landed in Normandy with me on June 6, 1944.

I also extend greetings to all members of the Regina Rifles Regiment and the Royal Winnipeg Rifles and all soldiers of the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade who landed in Normandy on June 6, 1944.

KEN BYRON SR., SALT SPRING

Campaign underway

We wish to thank everyone who attended and participated in the gathering on Sunday to listen to elders from local First Nations. Our apologies for the shortage of seating to those who had to stand!

In particular we thank Laura and Augie Sylvester from Penelakut Tribe as well as Myrus James, also from Penelakut; Simon Smith Sr. and Simon Smith Jr. from Tsartlip First Nation; Arvid Charlie and Dianne Hinkley from Cowichan Tribes; and Collette Norris, representing the Chief and Council of the Halalt First Nation. Their words struck deeply into our hearts.

We also want to thank Darcy Mathews for his fascinating and enlightening talk on burial cairns. We promise to bring him back

for an in-depth presentation in the near future.

For those who missed the event, a crew from CTV was on hand to film. Stay tuned for the date of broadcast!

A letter-writing campaign directed to Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests has been launched — steve.thomson.mla@leg.bc.ca — asking him to use his authority under the Heritage Conservation Act to cancel the alteration permit for Grace Islet. Please copy Justine Batten, director, Archaeology Branch, Justine.Batten@gov.bc.ca; Doug Glaum, manager, permitting and assessment, Arch. Branch, Doug.Glaum@gov.bc.ca; and Wayne McIntyre, Salt Spring's CRD director, directorssi@crd.bc.ca.

We'll keep you informed as best we can.

DONNA MARTIN AND PHIL VERNON, SALT SPRING

RANTS and Roses

Rants

There is no water running at the skate park water fountain and the kids are thirsty! Please fix this now! From the Salt Spring Skate Park Youth

Roses

Tree Frog Daycare celebrates Child Care Month with a big bunch of love-filled May roses to all the remarkable children of Salt Spring! It is an honour to be part of the care, development and education of the youngest members of this community. Thank you, parents, for sharing your amazing little people with us — it is a joy to grow with them. And thank you children — for inspiring us to be the best teachers we can be by teaching us something new each day! Love, Lisa, Tami, Shannon, Candice and Lisa

A big bunch of roses to Brian Smallshaw for being completely obsessive about pulling broom, any time and anywhere on our island. Jean and friends

Sparkfest was a great success! Pass It On and SWOVA are grateful for the support of the community for purchasing tickets, donations to the

silent auction and the Pass It On Girls for being the backbone of this event. Special thanks to Harbour House for sponsoring the event and providing musician accommodations, Rawsome for spoiling the out-of-town musicians, Salt Spring Books for selling tickets, Living Water Media Services for the audio and lighting. To the amazing performers — Julia Beatrice, Cat Paquette, Shannon Cowan, Naomi Jason (and dancers), T. Nile and Kinnie Starr . . . thank you. You are amazing. To James Cowan and Kate Maurice, thank you for months of hard work and here's to next year!

The Salt Spring Cooperative Preschool would like to extend a huge bouquet of roses to everyone who supported the preschool this year, including the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92, Country Grocer, all the businesses who generously made donations, all of our volunteers, all those who made our field trips possible, everyone who bought our raffle tickets and all those who attended our fundraisers throughout the year. Also thank you to all who helped to make the Spring Carnival a grand success, including all those who donated their toys, time, food and money.

An armful of spring flowers for the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce in appreciation of their very generous support of Heiwa Garden in the Peace Park. Your \$250 contribution, from the SS Blooms Festival, helps us keep the garden looking beautiful for the entire island to enjoy. The Japanese Garden Society

A soccer pitch full of appreciation to all of those who supported our 50/50 fundraiser at the May Long tourney. Salt Spring rocks! A special thanks to Fraser for donating his winnings. Mr. Lee's class.

A few dozen painted and sculpted roses for Matt Steffich, who so generously allowed me to conduct my voice-over workshop at Steffich Fine Art Gallery in Ganges. It was such a pleasure to work amongst such wonderful art. What a great atmosphere. Thanks, Matt. Most appreciatively, Jan Rabson

A very special thank you to Dr. Ron Rezinck, Jean, Lady Minto ER, day and night nursing staff for their wonderful care during my recent stay in hospital. Zelda Maggen

Roses to veterinarian Justine Tedder of the Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic for going above and beyond in your assistance with our animal rescue! From your friends at Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

This week much readers' discussion about the merits and follies of expanding the Salt Spring Saturday Market took place on our website at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com, in response to our "Petition seeks Saturday Market expansion" story. Here's a few selected comments:

It is hard as a new vendor to get in and it is terribly frustrating to be turned away with your product. There has to be a solution that makes everyone happy and also helps us newbies grow businesses that can help boost the economy as well. I am sure that there has been a lot of talk about what to do, but what about the other parking lot on the other side of Gasoline Alley? — Michele Akerman

While I feel for the new vendors, we all went through this when we first started. I can remember many a time where I sat behind Heather's bread

and she was waiting for her to sell out so I could get a spot. When I had a corner spot, I was happy to share the spot with new vendors who couldn't find a space. Unfortunately I can't do this now but can tell you that perseverance does pay off eventually. — Fran Leask

If we expand the market to include vendors who are new this year do we expand it again the next year to include the new people of that year? Do we just keep expanding the market endlessly? Surely the market has to be a defined size. We know there are going to be new vendors every

year and these numbers are not necessarily offset by the number of vendors leaving. — Joan Ayles

We cannot rest on our laurels. The Saturday Market has had a good run, but there are markets opening and expanding all over the region. Let's make this work, and use it to our advantage. Imagine the marketing (read promotional) opportunities that we are being presented with here. Let's expand the market, publicize that fact by doing an ad and marketing campaign, and kick-start one of our biggest draws to this island. — Anthony Matthews

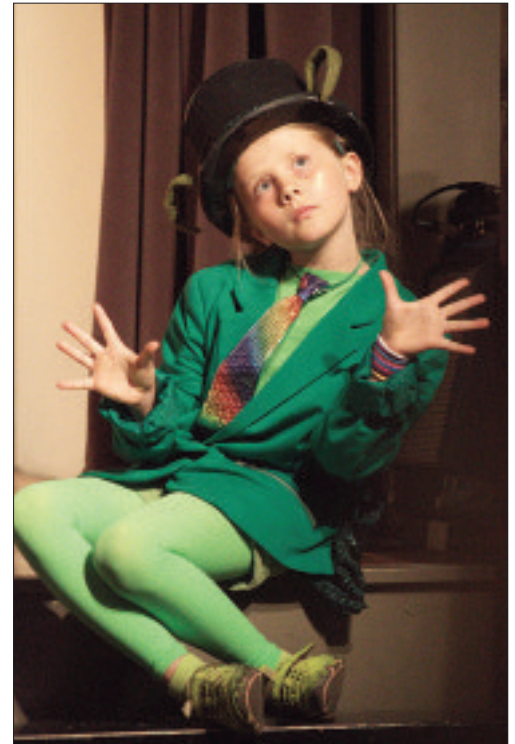
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I'VE GOT NO STRINGS: Maya Neufeld-Boucher (bottom) and Barbra Rikwerda-Child aren't held down starring as Pinnocchio in the Salt Spring Centre School's annual whole school play, which ran at Mahon Hall over the weekend. Chloe Haigh (right) emotes as Hickory Cricket.



CD RELEASE

Sweet Water Revolver births album

CD launch features music and aerial arts

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Ashton and Rama Cheromaya of Sweet Water Revolver are ready to celebrate their music and their lives with the release of their first professionally recorded album called *Emergence* on Saturday, June 1.

The women easily won over islanders with their beautiful harmonies and roots inspired originals when they first arrived on Salt Spring as travelling buskers in 2010. Since then they have put down roots of their own in the community and established a serious fan base, even while dealing with an immigration battle that kept them away for months.

Now back on Salt Spring, the release of *Emergence* is a chance for everyone to join the Cheromayas in celebration of an event that's been a long time coming.

"Basically it's a culmination of a 10-year body of work starting in 2003," Rama Cheromaya said.

"It kind of characterizes our relationship with each other and our experience together, and our healing journey."

Featuring five piano compositions and four guitar songs — all originals written



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Ashton and Rama Cheromaya play on Salt Spring in 2011.

by one or both women — the album was recorded at the House of Jade Wings Studio in Atlanta, Ga., by their close friend Darrell LaFlamme.

"It just felt like it was the best, most lovely environment we could create in. He really believes in our music," Rama said. Salt Spring also had a strong influence on the album, however.

"I would love to thank the community because I really feel with its support, it's been possible. Not just musically — the album and the music really reflects the work we've

done with ourselves. This community and this place have helped facilitate our healing journey."

The CD features Rama's sister Quetzal Jordan, a classically trained cellist, as well as djembe, percussion, native flute and accordion. It was after a one-week trip to Atlanta to record Jordan's cello tracks that the Cheromayas ran into trouble with Canada Immigration officials, who denied Ashton entry even though the women had been married five years and Rama should

have been recognized as her sponsor. They ended up being stuck in the United States for half a year.

"It was sad, but it was kind of cool to feel homesickness. I've never felt that way before," said Rama, adding Salt Spring has definitely become home.

Saturday's release party at The Temple (home to Flying Dreams) will include sets from Sweet Water Revolver and Jordan's band Tina and Her Pony, an "indie Appalachian folk" act with Tina Collins. Also on the bill is Cream Burlesque and an aerial arts performance by Victoria Mihalyi.

The venue, with its soaring ceilings and views over Trincomali Channel, is an entirely fitting one for the project, as Rama points out.

"My religion is possibility — and I just feel if something really grabs you and excites you about life, you should go for it.

"I wanted to find a place with excellent acoustics, and it accomplishes that, but The Temple is basically a temple to human possibility. People go in there and defy gravity every day."

Tickets to the show are available in advance at Salt Spring Books and Salt Spring Sound. The music store will also be selling the CD. The launch party starts at 7 p.m.

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Moberg back at M&M

Cancelled early spring program revived

One of the most consistent performers each year for the Music and Munch series at All Saints By-the-Sea church has been singer/songwriter Alan Moberg, and this year has been no exception.

On Wednesday, June 5, Moberg is back again at his familiar stand to perform much of the program he had prepared for an April M&M gig which he unfortunately had to cancel. This entails songs self-written and recorded on albums in the years 1970 to 1974. Some of

those songs comprise the music now recorded on his latest CD titled *Going Back to My People*, subtitled *The Early Songs*.

The jacket of this new CD describes these songs as "featur(ing) the loves and concerns that Alan, a quintessential Canadian troubadour, writes about still: the small coastal towns, fishing boats, logging camps, ranchlands and native settlements of British Columbia."

The free performance (with donations gratefully accepted) begins at 12:10 p.m. followed by the usual optional light lunch by the Anglican Caterers for \$5.50.

ART SHOW

'Heroes of a continent' celebrated in visiting exhibition

Two local artists have work in show

African grandmothers are being saluted in a travelling art exhibition at the Bateman Gallery in ArtSpring from June 6 through 8.

Salt Spring's Grand(m)others to Grandmothers group is hosting the event, called Cel-

ebrating African Grandmothers, Heroes of the Continent. A juried show assembled by New Westminster's Royal City Gogos, the call for entries brought 83 submissions from artists in Canada, the U.S. and Europe. The 40 pieces selected by the jury tell the story of the hope and small triumphs which light the way to victory over the AIDS pandemic. Salt

Spring artists Patricia Brown and Janis Woode are represented in the show, which has a reception set for 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, June 7.

"People have done things of their passions and skills (to support the organization), and I'm a painter," said Brown, who created a work based on a number of photos from an inspirational trip that Cana-

dian grandmothers made to Africa in 2009. "They all kind of weave together to tell the story of what Grandmothers to Grandmothers is all about."

Viewers in each of the communities the show will visit can bid on the artworks through silent auction. A live auction that starts with the highest prices entered as silent auction bids will take place at

the New Westminster finale in March, 2014.

Salt Spring Grand(m)others to Grandmothers, a group of about 40 members, fundraises for the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmother to Grandmother Campaign which supports the work of African grandmothers. The local chapter has raised \$75,000 since it first started in 2007.

Salt Spring has hosted two previous exhibits supporting the campaign. Planting Seeds of Hope was a textile exhibit brought to ArtSpring in 2008 by the Merville Grandmothers, which inspired the formation of the Salt Spring G2G group. In 2010 the island hosted the textile show called *Turning the Tide, One Ripple at a Time*.

CONCERTS

Global traditions in spotlight at Saturday concert offerings

Art Barn and BPH host events

Salt Spring music lovers will have several options for concerts offering Western and global rhythms this Saturday, June 1.

In addition to the Sweet Water Revolver CD launch where original folk meets burlesque and trapeze (see story on page 9), audiences can also choose between a family of sitar masters from Benares or a trio of skilled instrumentalists merging acoustic traditions

from around the world.

The Wood, Dreams and Lighting tour brings the "insanely unexpected beauty of three virtuosos" to Beaver Point Hall. Michael Waters' acoustic chill guitar is accompanied by Alcvin Ryuzen Ramos playing flute in the centuries-old Shakuhachi tradition of Japan and Allannah Dow on a 100-year-old cello called "Sebastian."

Waters was last on Salt Spring with Ugandan musician

Kinobe. According to press material, during his long career he "has assembled some of the most eclectic musicians on the coast for uniquely powerful shows."

Ramos has been called one of the foremost teachers and performers of shakuhachi in North America. He has shared the stage with distinguished artists such as John McLaughlin, Bill Laswell and the Mongolian Throat Singers. Dow spent over 30 years playing cello in classical and orchestral settings before "a spiritual quest and desire to sing her own

song led her to a unique and heavenly style."

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door, at Stuff and Nonsense and Salt Spring Books.

On the same night at the Art Barn (150 Suffolk Road), some of the world's premiere classical sitar players return to Salt Spring Island.

Coming from their home city of Benares, India, the Mishras bring classical North Indian ragas and meditative music to the world audience for an integrated performance and spiritual experience. Father and son duet Pandit Shivnath Mishra and Deobrat

Mishra represent the 10th and 11th generations of the Benares Gharana sitar masters. Prashant Mishra is performing with his uncle and grandfather.

"At only 21 years old, he is already one of the most respected young musicians in all of India. He is an inspiration to aspiring tabla players in India and throughout the world," press material states.

Tickets are available at the door only. Guests are asked to bring their own cushion or bolster for seating. A master class on the fundamentals of Indian raga, rhythms and singing is also being offered at 3 p.m. Call 604-368-1819 to register.

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SATURDAY EVENTS:

- 10:30 Boat Building Centennial Park
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- 10:30 Mini Build-a-Boat
- 11:30 Treasure Hunt/Kids Activities
- 12:00 Sea Capers Salty Sea Demonstration
- 12:00-3:30/4:00 Band Shell
- 1:30 Maritime Historical Walk of Ganges
- 1:30 Build a Boat Race
- 3:30 Walk on Water Competition
- Saturday Evening Dance

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- 12:00 Sea Capers Parade
- 1:00 Intertidal Interpretive Walk
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LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee will hold a community information meeting and a public hearing within a Local Trust Committee Business Meeting on the proposed Bylaw No. 240 cited as "Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Amendment No. 5, 2012"

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw at **12:30 p.m. Monday, June 10, 2013, at the North Community Hall, 20925 Porlier Pass Road, Galiano Island.**

At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw.

Proposed Bylaw No. 240 – cited as "Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Amendment No. 5, 2012"

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 240 is to amend the Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999. The proposed amendments make the Land Use Bylaw consistent with the adopted changes to the Official Community Plan. There are three specific LUB areas addressed in this bylaw amendment: Section 3 Home Occupation Regulations, Section 16 - Sign Regulations and permitting small scale husbandry in residential zones.

- In general, the amendments to Section 3 address limiting retail sale of goods to those produced, processed or repaired as part of a home occupation, and retail sale of articles directly related to a personal service provided as a home occupation. Four new sections have also been added and wording to improve clarity along with a revised definition of home occupation.
- In general, the amendments to Section 16 address specifically sandwich boards, home based business signs, building mounted signs and sign regulations for the community facility zone.
- In general, the amendments to permit the keeping of farm animals in all residential zones (i.e. VR1, VR2, SLR, RR) provides that it is an accessory use to the principal residential dwelling and that all buildings and structures used for the keeping of the farm animals meet the established setback requirements and that the minimum lot size is 0.4 ha.

A copy of the proposed bylaw and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaw 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 May 28, 2013 and up to and including June 7, 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 May 28, 2013 and can also be viewed on the World Wide Web at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca> and selecting www.islandstrust.bc.ca/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: www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/gl/meetings.cfm and completing the "**Public Hearing, June 10, 2013, Submission Form**", prior to **4:30 p.m., June 7, 2013;**
- After 4:30 p.m., June 7, 2013 to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at **12:30 p.m., June 10, 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

ART REVIEW

Flights of imagination inspire

Mythologies
unfold at SS Fine
Art, Gallery 8

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Art's power to take us into worlds beyond our everyday existence is surely one of its greatest gifts.

While an artist's ability to take in the three-dimensional world and deliver back something that makes us attend more closely to a landscape, face or an arrangement of shapes is itself a rare and remarkable talent, the artist who can draw on his or her interior visions and make them real for others is even more unusual. Such are the gifts offered currently at two local exhibitions: Imaginarium featuring Leanne Brusatore at Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art, and Grand Visions with Kevin Peters and Daniel Tibbits at Gallery 8.

Brusatore's influences include classic children's literature, her father, who was a machinist and inventor, and symbolic images such as ravens, clocks and keys. She names Imaginarium as the "perfect word describing my favourite realm in which I love to live."

Her paintings are lush and warm, with colour combinations that hearken back to old world sacred works: darkest shadows brightened with copper leaf, deep reds and golden yellows. The thematic elements often have a steampunk marriage of antique and modern, in which pixie-like jesters sport aviator goggles and saucy stripes.

"When I paint, I'm painting stories," Brusatore said, adding the narrative might not be obvious at first, but something collectors get more and more of after living with a piece.



Above, Leanne Brusatore's Imaginarium piece; below is Elemental Dwellings by Daniel Tibbits.



"That's when I know I've been successful," she said. "In a sense, they're meant to be ambiguous."

The title painting is one of the show's most alluring, featuring a woman with dark bobbed curls and an elaborate mask with ocular appendages. Her expression is serene and somehow knowing, and she dangles a key on a string from one finger. A raven sitting on an antique clock is nearby. The illustrative quality of the work makes the viewer want to know the background story.

Less narrative based but very strong visually is Spirit Raven - Awakening, which puts together images from Brusatore's roster of symbols such as the white raven, a pomegranate and a key. Set against an ancient-looking wall, the space looks like

a room in a Venetian villa filled with golden light. A full pomegranate is sensual in its round red form, while a split fruit offers up perfect glossy seeds.

Accompanying the paintings are found object sculptures and an intriguing series of glass jars filled with oil, black and white photos and trinkets to be glimpsed inside.

Steampunk imagery also features in Tibbits' Masscape Re-invention series, in which metal and glass machines live independent lives above the clouds in oil paintings on wood panel. Like Brusatore, Tibbits' visual mythology seems to blend elements of past and future, but while her imaginative space is peopled with characters, his world is unfettered from human control.

Tibbits' earlier work had a strong Dali quality, with

structures on tall spindly legs set against dramatic clouds. The current series reveals the development of his vision in machinery of ornate metal and coloured glass, or skybound chains of symbolic runes in stone. Meanwhile the clouds are still important elements, and the artist shows great skill at portraying them in a range of aspects from dark storm clouds to golden-edged cumulus, to the deep strawberry-tinged sky at sunset.

Peters deals with a more familiar mythology in the animals of the west coast, but adds his unique vision in sculptures of stone and antler. His bears, seals and otters are full of individuality and make the most of various pieces of stone. Red Giant, for example, is a grizzly in red pyrophyllite, a strawberry-coloured stone that was the largest piece ever mined from the quarry. The grizzly's brute strength is evident in its heavy haunches, thick shoulder hump and wide face. It's softened by a greenish white anomaly in the stone, just at the animal's rump.

Purple pyrophyllite and marble is the stone used for I Rest My Case, featuring a humourously morose bear in child's pose. Ripples of gold streak vertically down the bear's length.

Peters lets his imagination soar in Caves of the Haida, a complex sculpture in golden-green and brown steatite that includes starfish, bear, otter and seal motifs as well as the stylized faces of a man and a woman. Wide locks of hair turn into smooth tentacles, and an actual cave is seen in the hollowed-out centre. The sculpture is evidence of Peters' reverence for the culture as well as his ability to create something wholly new.

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BOOKS

Forestry illustrator creates fun 'Lucy' children's book

Lucy and the Sky hits island markets

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring newcomer is offering a whimsical version of her first island experiences in a delightful picture book called *Lucy and the Sky*.

Debbie Bowles' first book is the rhyming story of a little girl who can't see the sky through the thick forest canopy at her new west coast home. A magic frog gives her the height she needs to see over the trees, but it's help from her dad's forest management strategies that eventually allows for both trees and sky to be enjoyed from the ground level.

Bowles is a designer and illustrator whose work has been intimately



Author-illustrator Debbie Bowles with *Lucy and the Sky* book.

PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

connected to the natural world in the United Kingdom and Canada. The Yorkshire native was on staff with England's Forestry Commission and Metro Vancouver Parks creating interpretive signage and materials. She was also one of the winners of an Islands Trust artwork competition, creating the illustration for a "share-the-road" campaign.

Moving to Salt Spring's Rourke Road after living part time on Mayne Island brought a whole new perspective on nature, however, as Bowles experienced her first winter in a rental home under deep tree cover.

"It was a lovely place but the trees were very dark," Bowles said.

Themes of darkness brought out some "fairly depressing" images in her personal artwork — but creating a children's book from that seed helped the artist process matters in a

more positive direction.

Though she doesn't have children of her own and had never written a children's book before, Bowles drew on her own memories of how a child interprets the world and found a rhyme forming itself naturally whenever she walked into town.

"I love children's books because they're so colourful and they're so warm and inviting," she said.

Lucy and the Sky has just the right amount of text per page for the preschool age, with full colour illustrations capturing iconic west coast imagery. The dark forest is inhabited with bird life and a tree frog, while beyond its reach are ocean, mountains, orcas and ferries.

The solution to Lucy's problem — selective logging that lets in some light but leaves the trees favoured by eagles and owls — may be a surprising outcome for grown-

up readers. As Bowles observes, in addition to the childhood themes, "There's an adult message that taking an active role is a good thing" and "there's room for both management and conservation."

As the end note on the environmental importance of forests makes clear, Bowles definitely comes from the position of wanting to share her love of nature with other people, whether children or adult.

"It is something I feel strongly about — I love trees," she said.

Lucy and the Sky is available at Salt Spring Books and the Saturday Market, and at Kidsbooks in Vancouver.

Bowles also illustrated the Helen O'Brian book *Fin's Swim*, which chronicles environmental swimmer Fin Donnelly's 21 days in the Fraser River.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Words for all ages at library

Author visits and Storytime coming up

Salt Spring's library is the place to be in the next few weeks for literary buffs of all ages.

Upcoming events include:

• **Nikki Tate author visit** on Friday, May 31 from 12 to 1 p.m.

Tate will read from *Down to Earth*, her new book about the role of kids in agriculture around the world. Tate is the author of over 20 books for young readers, including the *Taragon Island* series, *Estorian Chronicles*

and the *Stablemates* series.

• **Claire Mulligan reading** on Tuesday, June 4 from 12 to 1 p.m.

Mulligan's latest book is *The Dark*, described as "part haunting mystery, part riveting historical fiction, and wholly a literary tour-de-force."

The book tells the tale of the infamous Fox sisters, who in their heyday in New York during the mid-1800s founded the Spiritualist Movement, a pseudo-religion that attracted numerous avid followers to its séances in darkened parlours, where people sought to communi-

cate with the dead.

Mulligan's last novel, *The Reckoning* of Boston Jim, won a BC Book Prize and was a Giller Prize nominee.

• **Storytime at the Library:** There's three more Storytime sessions for kids aged four through seven left in the current season. On Friday, May 31, Storytime features **Stories and Fun in French and English** with Bernadette, who grew up in Belgium.

Then on Friday, June 7, Linda takes kids through **It's Simple, Said Simon** and other stories from new additions to the library's children's collection.

The session features *Simon Says* and other games.

The final Storytime of the year sees **Melissa** leading an hour of exploring the themes of growth and nature.

Toddler Time also continues every Monday until June 10 with 30 minutes of active stories, songs and finger-puppet plays beginning at 10:30 a.m. for kids aged three years and under, plus their parents or caregivers.

Summer reading programs will be announced soon. See the library's website or future Driftwood issues for details.

NATURE

Oceans Day swims with activity

David Denning leads June 7 evening

The oceans around Salt Spring Island are alive with a rich diversity of life — from the microscopic to killer whales and humpbacks.

On Friday, June 7, local marine naturalist and filmmaker David Denning will present a multimedia celebration of our marine neighbourhood in a new installment of his "state of the ocean" series.

Denning's ocean talks are

remarkably multimedia. He uses microscopes, video, photography and video projection of live organisms to reveal the unseen worlds of marine life. In past talks he has highlighted live animals such as copepods (the "ants of the sea"), the unseen microscopic life of plankton and dramatic images of colourful animals. He's also provided easy-to-understand updates on recent findings in ocean science, including a focus on ocean acidification and red tides.

This year's presentation will celebrate some of the recent

outstanding events in our local waters, such as the massive herring spawn on north-end beaches in March, and new insights into the lives of local killer whales. He'll also look at the implications of human-caused climate change on our oceans in the context of recent scientific studies.

Next Friday's presentation is at the Community Gospel Hall on Vesuvius Bay Road and starts at 7 p.m.

It is sponsored by the Salt Spring Conservancy and the Sea Capers festival in celebration of Oceans Day.

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what's on this week



Wed. May 29	Thurs. May 30	Sat. June 1	Sat. June 1	Sun. June 2	Mon. June 3	Tues. June 4
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Leeroy Stagger. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Open Stage Night. The Local. 6 to 10 p.m. The Never Never Band. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Live Local Entertainment. Every Saturday. The Local. 3 to 5:30 p.m. Andre Carrasquero. Venezuelan pianist and composer. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Duck Creak. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m. Sweet Water Revolver CD Release. Introducing new album Emergence, with performances by Tina and Her Pony, Cream Burlesque and Victoria Mihalyi. Flying Dreams Studio. 7 p.m. The Mishras. Three generations of master musicians from Benares bring classical North Indian music on sitar and tabla. Bring your own cushion. Art Barn. 7:30 p.m. Wood, Dreams and Lightning. Concert by three virtuosos: Michael Waters' acoustic chill guitar; Alvin Ryuzen Ramos, flute of the centuries-old Shukuhatchi tradition; and Allannah Dow, with her 100-year-old cello. Beaver Point Hall. 7:30 p.m.	ACTIVITIES New Fire Hall Info Session. Learn about the proposed new Ganges fire hall project. Central Fire Hall. 10 a.m. to noon. 3rd Annual Mobility & BBQ Event. Free scooter test drives, lift and recline chair demos, prizes and more. Meaden Hall. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (BBQ starts at noon, with all proceeds to the SS Legion). GISS Graduation Ceremony. Ceremony for the Class of 2013. By invitation only. GISS. 3 p.m. Sitar Master Class. Learn the fundamentals of Indian raga, rhythms and singing with Panditji Mishra and Deobrat Mishra from Benares. Info/registration: 604-368-1819. Art Barn. 3 p.m. Salt Spring Forum Discussion with Louise Arbour on Human Rights. Chief Prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda will discuss preventing conflict and protecting human rights. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Andre Carrasquero. Venezuelan pianist and composer. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Live Music at the Tree House. To be announced. 7 to 10 p.m.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Live Music at the Tree House. To be announced. 7 to 10 p.m.	ACTIVITIES Behind the Masque Art Opening. Photomontage artist Sam Lightman presents his uniquely individual views of Venice. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 p.m. Back to Vietnam Book Launch. With Salt Spring writers Bruce Logan and Elaine Head. Slide show, discussion and signings. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
ACTIVITIES Bees 'n Teas Grand Opening. Teahouse and Honey Emporium. Stop in to sample raw honey and local wild-crafted teas with performances, tastings and more. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1852 Fulford-Ganges Rd. Advanced Care Planning - Your Voice, Make it Loud and Clear. Dying with Dignity Salt Spring presentation with VIHA RN Dawn Dompierre. Public Library meeting room. 1:30 to 3 p.m. Bike to Cake and Dialogue. Celebration of Bike to Work Week. GISS. 4 to 6 p.m. Harpooned Soul - The Jade Bell Story. Canadian premiere of Salt Spring-based film about young man physically disabled by drug abuse, and fundraiser for youth recording studio and mentorship program. The Fritz Movie Theatre. 7 to 10 p.m.	Fri. May 31 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT The Barley Brothers. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.			ACTIVITIES Hawaiian Celebration. Special songs and service commemorating Kanaka heritage on Salt Spring. All Saints By-the-Sea. 10 a.m. The Body Rites Dance Workshop. By award-winning dance artist, writer and movement facilitator Sylvie Mazerolle. Info/registration: sylviamazerolle.com. The Art Barn. 11 a.m. Karma Klass Yoga. Free yoga class, with donations for charitable purposes gratefully accepted. Still Point Yoga Studio. 11:30 a.m.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Live Music at the Tree House. To be announced. 7 to 10 p.m.	Tues. June 4 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Live Music at the Tree House. To be announced. 7 to 10 p.m.
	ACTIVITIES StoryTime at the Library. Join Bernadette for stories and fun in French and English. For children 4 to 7 years. SS Public Library. 10:30 a.m. Nikki Tate Author Reading. Children's author and urban farmer will read from Down to Earth, her new book about the role of kids in agriculture around the world. SS Library. Noon to 1 p.m. Bike to Work Week Celebration Stations. Country Grocer. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Rock Salt. 5:30 p.m.				ACTIVITIES Family Fitness at Portlock Park. With Family Place. 10 a.m. to noon. Claire Mulligan Author Reading. Author of The Dark, as well as The Reckoning of Boston Jim, winner of a B.C. Book Prize and a Giller Prize nominee. Salt Spring Island Public Library. Noon to 1 p.m.	Wed. June 5 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Alan Moberg. Music & Munch concert. All Saints. 12:10 p.m. Live Music at the Tree House. To be announced. 7 to 10 p.m.

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CINEMA

- **Harpooned Soul: The Jade Bell Story** One show Only. Wednesday, May 29, 7 p.m., followed by Q&A from Jade — An incredible journey of a man choosing to make positive change in this world. Filmed on Salt Spring Island. A fundraiser for a youth recording studio and mentorship program, to choose creativity over drugs. Tix at door, Salt Spring Books, Morningside Cafe.
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EXHIBITIONS

- **The Grand Visions Exhibition** of new work by **Daniel Tibbits** and **Kevin Peters** runs at **Gallery 8** in Grace Point Square, continuing daily through **June 5**.
- **Leanne Brusatore's** exhibit called **Imaginarium** shows at **Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** until **June 12**.
- **League 181**, a group of seven experienced painters, shows their diverse interpretations of three photographs at the **Salt Spring Public Library** from **June 1** through **June 29**. The exhibit is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- **Behind the Masque: A Glimpse of Venice** is a photo exhibition by **Sam Lightman** on display in the **Harbour House Hotel** lobby throughout the month of June, with an opening reception on Tuesday, **June 4** at 6:30 p.m.
- The opening exhibition of **Pod Contemporary is Art** on Paper, featuring eight local artists, runs daily to **June 6**, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 102-120 Fulford-Ganges Rd.
- **Fernwood Road Cafe** hosts a show of paintings called **Hockey is Alive** on Salt Spring Island by **Bill Brownridge** until **June 15**.
- **Peter Eyles'** recent oil paintings are exhibited during May throughout the ArtSpring lobby, with inspiration from the natural beauty of the West Coast environment.
- **Lisa Lipsett** shows Nestling paintings at **Cafe Talia** until **May 31**.
- **Alli Hames** and **Luke Loiselle** show work at **Barb's Bakery and Bistro** during **May**.
- **Shutterjunkie** (photography by Gregor Alan) is at **Salt Spring Coffee Co.** through **May and June**.
- **Duthie Gallery** features photos by celebrated photographer **Alex Waterhouse-Hayward** until **May 30**.
- **The Salt Spring Photography Club** presents photos by **Judy H. McPhee** at the **Country Grocer Cafe** through **May**.
- **David Moss** has paintings at **Penny's Pantry**.

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Dr. Karen Marguerite Berg

JULY 5, 1958 TO MAY 20, 2013

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Dr. Karen Marguerite Berg on Monday, May 20 on Salt Spring Island, British Columbia at the age of 54 years.



Karen will be dearly missed by her three cherished children: daughter Anora, sons Aren and Sam; sister Merrill Berg (Mark Doerksen) of Winnipeg MB.; brother Dr. Greg Berg (Krisha) and their children; Alexei, Adam, and Andrew of Sault Ste. Marie ON.; many extended family members, friends, patients, and professional colleagues.

Karen was born to Marguerite (Ramona) Campbell and Louis Alexander (Alex) Berg in Winnipeg, Manitoba on July 5, 1958. She was predeceased by her mother in 1993 and father in 2013.

Karen grew up in Transcona, a suburb of Winnipeg, Manitoba. She excelled academically and in many activities. She was an active girl who enjoyed being outdoors and participating in Brownies and Girl Guides. She loved music and took years of lessons in piano, dance, ballet as well as swimming. She worked in the Community Summer Education outdoor programs and for Via Rail. She was an adventurous teenager who participated in the Outward Bound Program and travelled by bike on the TransCanada highway to Ontario and to BC. She loved travelling and ventured across Canada and many countries including Scotland, Thailand, and New Zealand. She was a strong endurance athlete, running in half and full marathons, hiking mountains, participating in yoga and triathlons. She recently achieved her Brown Belt in Karate.

She enjoyed spending her summers visiting her grandmother, aunts, uncles, and cousins in Quibell, Ontario, swimming in Blue Lake, canoeing at Edward Lake, and walking through fields of daisies, tiger lilies and forest groves (together with the mosquitoes and black flies) down to the falls.

At the age of 8 she knew she wanted to be a Doctor and achieved that dream, earning her Doctor of Medicine from the University of Manitoba in 1982. She completed Postgraduate programs in Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Science (1983) and Anesthesia (1984). She initially worked in many communities in Manitoba and Ontario.

At the age of 12, Karen knew she wanted to live in British Columbia and achieved that dream in 1989. She moved at first to Vancouver and then to Salt Spring Island in 1990 where she set up a Family Practice, which spanned 23 years. She also served in the Northwest Territories for short periods each year helping the northern communities. Over the course of her career she completed numerous professional courses and constantly continued to learn.

Karen loved life and lived it to the fullest. She loved the world around her; taking walks on forest trails with her dogs, kids and numerous friends; having a snuggle with her cat; and hiking Mount Erskine to see the fairy doors. She took great delight in the fragrance of a spring rain in the forest and the beauty of flowers and trees. One of her greatest joys was having family and friends over to share a meal, a round of board games such as scrabble, and good times together.

Karen contributed to the wellbeing of the community, sharing the sadness, challenges, joys and triumphs of her patients. She celebrated the births of babies with many mothers. She cared deeply for the people in her life: family, friends, patients, colleagues. She was truly compassionate, generous, and joyful.

**You are forever in our hearts dear Karen.
We love you. Rest in Peace.**

Cremation has taken place. Celebration of Life will be held on Salt Spring Island in June, date and location to be determined. A Memorial service will be held in Winnipeg at a later date.



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The family of Dr. Karen Berg would like to express their profound gratitude to the First Responders and Dr. Paula Ryan. We thank the Salt Spring Community for the outpouring of love and support for her children. This is sincerely appreciated.



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DEATHS DEATHS

Dr. Eric James

OCTOBER 15, 1929 - MAY 19, 2013

North Saanich, BC - Dr. Eric James passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 19, 2013 at Saanich Peninsula Hospital with his beloved wife and three loving children at his side. Known for his keen intellect, adventurous spirit, and passion for photography and music; Eric made the Gulf Islands and Saanich Peninsula his home after retiring in 1993 as CEO and President of Cangene Corporation of Toronto.

Eric was born Oct 15th 1929 in Eastbourne, England; son of William and Vera James. Eric's father was a builder and president of the British Builder's Society. Eric completed his secondary education at Tonbridge School in Tonbridge, Kent, England and obtained a BSc in Chemistry from Kings College University of Durham, England. After working for many years in England, Canada and the United States, he returned to academia, graduating in 1971 with a PhD in Biochemistry from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario and then completed a fellowship in Biochemistry at Harvard Medical School. Eric spent several years working in academia at the University of South Carolina and University of Kentucky before returning in 1980 to Canada. Eric and his wife Barbara were married in 1983 in Toronto and enjoyed many happy years together. In 1984 Eric began the entrepreneurial stage of his life as co-founder of Cangene, the first Canadian genetic engineering company. Cangene became recognized for development of NASBA technology, a unique and important method for DNA amplification and, today, Cangene is a manufacturer of many biopharmaceuticals.

Eric is survived by his wife Barbara, of North Saanich, British Columbia; his son, Dr. Philip M. James and his wife, Marcy, of Cambridge, Massachusetts; Philip's daughter Tatjana A. James; his daughter, Dr. Christine E. LeBlanc, her husband Jim and their four children, Michelle, Jim (his wife Sarah), Elizabeth, and Joseph of Columbia, South Carolina; and his daughter, Dr. Vivien E. James, her husband Lt. Col. Dave Dye and their children, David and Amanda, of Niceville, Florida.

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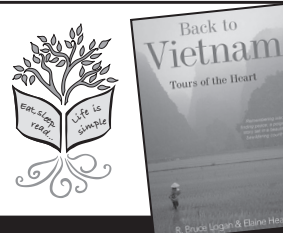
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RE: THE ESTATE OF THOMAS NELSON VODDEN, Deceased, formerly of Rouge Valley Health Systems Centenary Site, 2867 Ellesmere Road, Toronto, in the province of Ontario M1E 4B9.

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James Pasuta
Solicitor for the Estate of THOMAS NELSON VODDEN

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THIS WEEK'S Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
A busy time continues. Fortunately, there is reason to say you energy levels are rising to meet the challenge. This trend will continue too. In the face of deeper changes at play you probably want all the extra boosts you can get. Whether they are interpreted as positive or negative, or a mix of both, your whole world has and continues to undergo powerful transformations.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)
A new mode of self-expression is beginning to show its quality. It is challenging you to diversify. At best this could result in new streams of income or return. At worst, you could feel scattered and a bit overwhelmed. Yet, yours is the sign of multiple streams of income. You are basically meant to work this way. Go for it!

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)
Dreams of a whole new foundation of security are on your mind. You feel the need to communicate these with others. The tenor in your expression is dramatic and charged, on one hand, and surrendered, on the other. You know it is all a game, well at least half of you does. The other may take it all too literally and seriously. Make your health a higher priority.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)
The changes that were seeded a few weeks ago activated you to make some key adjustments and improvements. These are linked to money, investments and your fiscal future. There is reason to say you are feeling better about things. Yet, your faith has been tested. It is not all over yet. The stakes will get even higher before you know the final score.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)
Your world is changing quickly now. As far as you are concerned it is all for the better. But you have to work it. The focus remains on making key contacts for the sake of future interests. Your confidence levels may be wavering, however. They key is to acknowledge lingering fears and face them. As you do so your courage levels will rise.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)
Desires for more culture, relationship interaction and overall quality have activated your perspectives. These continue to have a direct impact on your career and social life. Yet to succeed you may feel the need to acquire new tools and training. This trend will continue over the next several weeks. Get focused and organized to make a big push forward.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)
Your focus has shifted to see a bigger picture of your life. Yet you are also keen to pay attention to the details. Now you are ready to take action. The week will see you taking new initiatives and you will be in high gear. Yet, due to the specifics of your strategy it remains important that you reveal only what you want others to see. Life is a game; hold your cards close.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)
Contending with the challenge of making important choices amid a variety of options is extra strong now. Opportunity is knocking and at more than one door. This is activating your ambitions and determination. How can you have it all? That may not be possible but at least gaining access to a few of these opportunities is on your mind.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)
The mover and shaker in you is being activated once again! Some of your efforts are directed to activity behind the scenes. You want to clarify your own dreams and visions, decipher those of significant others in your life and aim to merge them. The spirit of mutuality, cooperation and harmony is the key to your success, especially now.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)
You have come to an important juncture on your path. Call it a steep incline that requires that you give more and make extra effort. Your will, determination and ability to be flexible are extra important as well. This includes a fine mixture of having faith that destiny is at play and taking key risks. Yet, beware of temptations to force situations. Allow the mountain to carry you.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)
A creative and playful mood is on the rise. To enjoy it you may have to take certain key pioneering initiatives. This includes risk and a willingness to experiment. Fortunately, your energy and enthusiasm levels are rising. It remains important that you tune-in to what you feel as well as to what you think. Balance disciplined perseverance with fun and play.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)
The foundations of new thoughts and perceptions are getting stronger now. Looking back a month or two, you will notice some definite shifts. New ideas, plans and strategies require your focus. These are directed towards your public and professional life and/or your overall status quo. An extended cycle of creativity is rolling in, tune-in to capitalize.

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BUSINESS

Moby's Pub resurfaces with new owner and vision

Opening date hoped to be June 14 or sooner

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An iconic Salt Spring business will get another chance at life when new owner Dale Schweighardt relaunches Moby's Pub mid-June.

Schweighardt comes to the table with 30 years in the hospitality industry stretching from Moosejaw to Whistler, most recently with eight years in Sechelt where he managed the

Lighthouse Pub.

"Salt Spring is my embraced home," he said, noting the island has a slightly different culture than the Sunshine Coast but the same west coast feel.

As the latest owner and manager to take on the popular waterfront location, Schweighardt intends to step back from the restaurant side of the business and offer a simpler menu while returning the venue to its former status as a community hub. The decision to keep the pub's name stems from the fact that it's well established and has a long tradi-

"We hope to give people lots of reasons to come, and music will be one of many reasons."

DALE SCHWEIGHARDT
New owner,
Moby's Pub

tion in local and boating communities.

Schweighardt said most people's number one question about

the new format is whether there will be a pool table; the answer is yes. Also topmost is whether there will be live music, with another affirmative, especially during the summer months. But there are other plans to entice locals during the off-season, such as a weekly trivia night.

"We hope to give people lots of reasons to come, and music will be one of many reasons," Schweighardt said.

"It has to be a meeting place — it has to be a place people go after work, or pop in for lunch,"

instead of just catering to Friday and Saturday late night crowds.

"We're going to try to concentrate on service, beer and a pub atmosphere," he said.

"It's got to be clean, it's got to be safe and it's got to be fun, those are the three things I try to work in at any place I've worked."

Hiring is well underway but the new owner is still looking for people to join the team as bartenders, servers and kitchen staff. He hopes to be ready for re-opening by June 14 at the latest.

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AWARDS

Stewardship prize nominee list released

Winners announced June 12

Islanders have nominated eight individuals and six groups for the 12th annual Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards Program.

Activities nominated include shoreline care, water stewardship, creation of a public golf course, volunteer fire fighting, restoring a historic building, climate change education and leadership, bird monitoring, support to women facing violence, environmental and social justice leadership, and promoting public participation in island governance.

Nominees are from nine local Trust areas and the Bowen Island Municipality.

Group Nominations

- Bowen Island Golf Association for creating a public golf course;
- Denman Island Volunteer Fire Department for serving and protecting Denman Island;

- Lasqueti Island Forage Fish Team for monitoring beaches for forage fish habitat;
- Mayne Island Conservancy Society for their shoreline care program;
- Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society for 31 years of work on water issues on the island; and,
- Salt Spring Island Water Council for 10 years of work on water issues on the island.

Individual Nominations

- Richard Blagborne, Saturna Island, for his role in saving and restoring the Fog Alarm building at East Point Park;
- Dr. Peter Carter and Julie Johnston, North Pender Island, for their climate change work;
- Mike Hoebel, Galiano Island, for his bird monitoring programs on the island;
- Ana Miriam Leigh (posthumous), Denman Island, for 20 years of support to women facing violence on Denman Island;

- Jan Slakov, Salt Spring Island, for her environmental and social justice leadership;

- Patrick Smith, South Pender Island, for musical leadership and musical healing in the Southern Gulf Islands;

- Chris and Judith Plant, Gabriola Island, for promoting and demonstrating sustainability through book publishing; and,

- Jill Treewater, Salt Spring Island, for promoting public participation in island governance.

Islands Trust Council members will select the award recipients during their quarterly meeting on Mayne Island, which will be held from June 11 through 13.

The awards program recognizes people for work that supports the Islands Trust mandate to preserve and protect the trust area and its unique environment and amenities.



Opportunity to Comment On BC Ferries' Proposal For New Vessels

The British Columbia Ferry Commission, the independent regulator of BC Ferry Services Inc., is seeking public comment on BC Ferries' proposal to replace vessels on Route 9 (Tsawwassen – Southern Gulf Islands) and Route 17 (Powell River-Little River/Comox).

BC Ferries has submitted an application under Section 55 of the *Coastal Ferry Act* seeking the commissioner's approval of the major capital expenditure necessary to acquire three new vessels to replace the *Queen of Burnaby* and the *Queen of Nanaimo* both of which are near the end of their service lives and are scheduled for retirement in fiscal 2017.

Under Section 55 of the Act, the commissioner may approve a major capital expenditure if the proposed expenditure is reasonable, prudent, and consistent with the current Coastal Ferry Services Contract, and any long term capital plan established by the ferry operator.

Click on "What's New" at www.bcferrycommission.com for a copy of BC Ferries' application and Section 55 Application Guidelines established by the commissioner.

Comments or submissions can be sent by email to info@bcferrycommission.com or by mail to BC Ferry Commission, PO Box 9279 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria BC, V8W9J7.

Deadline for public comments is June 17, 2013. Comments submitted to the commission may be published on our website.

WATER

Trust antes up for groundwater study

LTC deems SFU proposal a 'worthy project'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring will be on the receiving end of a landmark Simon Fraser University led groundwater research project that gets underway next month.

"I think it's a worthy project," said George Grams, a member of Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee, during Thursday's regular Islands Trust business meeting. "It's important that we base land-use decisions on evidence rather than conjecture and I think this will help us to have the evidence that we need to make informed land-use decisions."

Grams' comments followed the LTC's unanimous decision to contribute \$2,400 to cover field work costs for researchers who will spend a week on the island in June. The funds will also fund a final report and presentation to island residents.

The Salt Spring Island Water Council applied to the Islands Trust for funding to fill what its members say are the many infor-

mation gaps about groundwater resources on the island.

According to the Water Council, groundwater sources supply potable water to approximately half the island's residents, predominantly through 2,500 private wells.

"It's important that we base land-use decisions on evidence rather than conjecture . . ."

GEORGE GRAMS
Salt Spring Local Trust
Committee member

Research proposed by the SFU team, led by hydrologist Dr. Diana Allen, is part of a larger four-year \$230,000 project.

Water Council members are heralding the project as an "innovative analysis of groundwater resources on Salt Spring Island" that stands to provide a model for other regions.

"Planning for the future is really important in this area to see what's

going to happen to the hydrology for all of the island," said John Borst, speaking on behalf of Water Council members on Thursday.

"The more we take water out in an unplanned way, the more likely we are to have problems in the future. This study will help us look at those areas which are really important to plan for ... and it would give a lot of data to the Islands Trust and [Capital Regional District] for how to deal with well water in the future."

Anyone with an unused well who wishes to participate in the project is asked to contact Suzan Chamney at SSI-WaterCouncil@shaw.ca.

For more information about Water Council, visit ssiwatercouncil.com.

In other Water Council news, over 60 people attended a Salt Spring Island Water Council workshop and trade show event at Meaden Hall on Saturday, May 25.

Organized as an open house, it was one of many events around the province to celebrate Drinking Water Week in B.C., designated by the B.C. Water and Waste Association from May 20 to 26.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

PURSuing THEIR DREAMS: Salt Spring Canadian Federation of University Women's group representative Linda Counsell (centre) recently congratulated Pauline Martens, left, and Klare Yakabuski for being two of three Second Chance education bursary winners for 2013. Martens will use the funds to attend courses in food security and public health, with a goal of providing community nutrition and public health services locally. Yakabuski has enrolled in a B.A. in General Studies program with a goal of becoming an elementary school teacher.

SS FORUM

Human rights icon on Salt Spring

Louise Arbour leads June 1 discussion

Protecting human rights worldwide and preventing global conflict is an enormous challenge. Holding those accountable who have committed human rights violations is an equally monumental task — tasks that Louise Arbour, the Salt Spring Forum's next speaker on Saturday, June 1, has met head-on throughout her incredible career.

"Arbour is one of this country's most accomplished citizens," says the forum in its promotional material. "A former Supreme Court of Canada judge, she is best known for her work



LOUISE ARBOUR

as a chief prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. In 1999, when Slobodan Milosevic was still the president of Yugoslavia, Arbour indicted him for crimes against humanity and genocide. It was the first time that an international court had indicted a sitting head of state."

As UN High Commissioner for Human Rights from 2004 to 2008, Arbour was known for her criticism of the U.S.-led "war on terror" and that

country's treatment of detainees.

Arbour currently serves as president of the International Crisis Group, a highly influential non-governmental organization that works to prevent and resolve deadly conflicts around the world. She understands that the root causes of conflict, including social and financial inequality, need to be addressed in order for conflict to dissipate. She is also an unshakeable proponent of criminal justice and personal accountability.

Preventing Conflict, Protecting Rights begins at 7:30 p.m. at ArtSpring.

Tickets (\$20, or \$15 for forum members): tickets.artspring.ca, 250-537-2102 or Salt Spring Books.

CULTURE

Island's Kanaka heritage in focus

All Saints hosts

The "spirit of aloha" will be in the air as the Hawaiian heritage of Salt Spring Island is celebrated at All Saints By-the-Sea this Sunday, June 2.

Salt Spring's Kanaka heritage is derived from Hawaiian men who worked for the Hudson Bay Company and pre-empted

land with their families in the 1870s.

Descendants of William Naukana, who is buried with other Hawaiian settlers at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in Fulford, will share songs, chants and dances of Hawaii. Cathy Roland, John Roland, David Roland, Lee Cook, Marina Dick, Josie Morrison,

Launi Middleditch, Shyla Rae Lloyd-Walters and Katie Phillips will all participate.

The choir and congregation of All Saints will sing songs and hymns from the Roman Catholic parish of Malia Puka O Kalani near Hilo on Hawaiian reserve lands, a parish that has preserved and cultivated Hawaiian

culture. Richard Stetson, rector of the Anglican parish, and Elaina Hyde-Mills will co-preside.

Hawaiian print shirts and dresses are appropriate attire at this celebration. Everyone is welcome to attend the event, which begins at 10 a.m.

While admission is free, gifts of gratitude are thankfully accepted.

TRAIL & NATURE CLUB

June events close trail club season

Strawberry Festival: The 2012-2013 hiking season ends with the Strawberry Festival at Ruckle Park (organized by the hikers). Meet at noon in the lower picnic area to enjoy a scrumptious dish of strawberries and ice cream. Remember to bring a dish and spoon! Short walks will be scheduled prior to the festival.

Hikers

June 4: Mary Hof leads a new hike to Mount Braden, near Sooke. Be aware that hikers must be capable of a five-hour hike at a fairly quick pace. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to carpool on the 9:10 ferry to Crofton. It will be a late day so some may decide to stay for supper. Contact Mary Hof (gmhof@shaw.ca) for more details. Notify Lynn Thompson (ltssi@telus.net) if you are coming.

June 11: Kees Visser leads a long hike around Hope Hill with a few steep sections. Lunch will be a bit

later than usual, around 12:45 p.m., depending on the group. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 and Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

June 18: Susan Hannon leads a moderate hike in Ruckle Park before the Strawberry Festival. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the lower parking lot in Ruckle Park at 10 a.m.

Walkers

June 4: Anne Beaumont leads a (rescheduled) 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. 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 p.m. ferry from Crofton.

June 11: Back by request, Linda Quiring leads us on a different walk

in the Musgrave area. Explore the largest grove of first-growth forest on Salt Spring in a private reserve deep in the Musgrave. Some short rough sections, with a very moderate pace. Meet to carpool at the ArtSpring parking lot at 10 a.m. or at Drummond Park at 10:15 a.m.

June 18: Curt Firestone leads a short walk before the Strawberry Fest. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or at the lower parking lot (after the farm) at 10:20 a.m.

Ramblers

Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 a.m. in Centennial Park.

June 4: Leaders' Choice Ramble with Sterling and Maureen McEachern.

June 11: Ramble with Bill and Marilyn in the Quebec Drive Area.

June 18: Choose a leader for a short ramble prior to the Strawberry Festival.

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SPORTING NEW SUITS: Salt Spring's Special Olympics team and coaches, who will attend the BC Summer Games this year, pose for a photo after a recent training session. The team has benefited from a Salt Spring Island Foundation grant to purchase uniforms for the bocce and bowling teams, and swim suits for the swim team. From left in the back row are Angela Koetzle (coach), Jo-Anna Logan (coach), Jason Newport, Carlos Manzano, Chris Joynson, Charlene Wolff (head coach) and April Wright (representing the Salt Spring Island Foundation). In the middle row from left are Karen Curtin (coach), Claire Motherwell, Pam MacDonald, Mahjor Bains and David McEachern. In the front row is Dawn Hadler. The Special Olympics BC Summer Games run from July 11 to 14 in Langley.

RUNNING

Sneakers set the pace across western region

Gordon at the top of Timex race series rankings

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring runner who busted a shortcutter during last month's Vancouver Sun Run shows no sign of relenting as the Timex BC Road Running Series nears its final event of the season.

Susan Gordon is ranked first among elite road runners competing in the series' F50-54 age category. Her latest result is a first-place finish at an eight-kilometre race held in Shaughnessy over the weekend. Gordon finished the race 54th overall with a time of 34:57.

The series includes 15 medium and long-distance running events held in the Lower Mainland between January and July.

Meanwhile, fellow Salt Spring Sneakers ran up a storm at races across Western Canada.

Keith Cloete placed fourth in the M65-69 category at the Oak Bay Half Marathon with a time of 1:51:02.

Running in the five-kilometre event at Oak Bay, Gillian McConnell placed first in her F55-59 group with a time of 25:36. Lynn Thompson placed second in the M70-99 category with a 26:36 and Donna Cloete took first spot in the F60-64 with a time of 29:42.

Janine Fernandes-Hayden placed 133rd among more than 1,600 female competitors registered for a 10-kilometre race that coincided with the Calgary Marathon on Sunday. She completed the race in 52:21.

Marcia Jenson placed first in her F40-44 category at the 2013 Shawnigan Lake Olympic Triathlon, finishing the event in 2:39:23.

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