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ART CROWD: Dylan Rouselle gets a closer look at work by Sonja Barnard at the Even Cheaper Show art sale held at The Barn on the weekend. Some 600 people attended the show, which saw 119 pieces purchased.

WATER

Maxwell users told 'keep out'

Waterworks staff want swimmers to consider alternatives

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Staff at the North Salt Spring Waterworks District ask that people think twice before taking a dip in Maxwell Lake in the wake of a marked rise in the number of visitors to the environmentally sensitive area this summer.

Whereas the lake used to attract only a handful of locals each year, word has

spread and NSSWD staff report an above normal volume of people who visit the lake, including many off-island visitors.

"It's really drinking water," said Ron Stepaniuk, general manager of the NSSWD. "To the district, there's risk and liability to have people tramping around in there."

Besides the growing number of visitors to the lake, there's also been plenty of vandalism to NSSWD property and infrastruc-

ture in the area. Unsurprisingly, Stepaniuk added, the number of incidents spikes significantly in July and August.

"The increase in traffic up at the lake is obvious," he said. "It isn't just a handful, it's becoming quite a recreational area."

The impact on infrastructure and the additional risk of a wildfire in the heavily

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NOISE BYLAW

Rod & Gun Club takes battle to B.C. Supreme Court

Decisions could have far-reaching results

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A matter awaiting judgement at B.C. Supreme Court could determine a Salt Spring club's ability to continue activities on its property, as well as the Capital Regional District's ability to administer a noise bylaw that's been in place for seven years.

Justice Gregory T.W. Bowden heard arguments in Nanaimo on Thursday, Aug. 1 in Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club versus CRD. Lawyer Jennifer Millbank argued that sections 2 and 3 (6) of Salt Spring's Noise Suppression Bylaw should be declared invalid. She further asked the judge to quash a number of noise infraction tickets that were issued under the bylaw.

Millbank declined to comment on arguments that are still being considered by the judge.

"The Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club is looking forward to having some certainty on this issue," she said Tuesday.

Section 2 of the noise bylaw is a general prohibition that states: "No person shall make, cause to be made, or continue to make any noise or sound in the Electoral Area which creates a noise that disturbs or tends to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the neighbourhood or of persons at or near the source of such noise or sound."

Section 3 (6) prohibits anyone from shooting a firearm before 9 a.m. or after sunset.

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LIBRARY SENSATION:
 Anna Haltrecht, seen left in the flowered top and green pants, leads dancers in the Library Celebration Dance on the steps of the Salt Spring Public Library during its official opening events on Tuesday. Librarian Danielle Hubbard prepares to wheel out the cake at right. The library opened its doors to clients in Dec. 2012.

Late-September decision anticipated

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Questions about the noise bylaw surfaced last year when CRD bylaw enforcement officers issued tickets to the club during hours it was technically permitted to operate. The CRD also made steps toward creating new amendments that would severely restrict shooting hours. Club members noted the club had been exempt from noise complaints under the previous bylaw, which they said was changed without anyone taking notice.

A Driftwood story written last fall found that, in addition to the CRD bylaw enforcement office, Islands Trust bylaw enforcement officer Miles Drew had fielded numerous complaints about the club. However, in a report he submitted to the CRD, Drew found the club had acted within its rights from a land-use perspective since its zoning includes outdoor active recreation.

"Staff has looked thoroughly at the land-use bylaw definitions and considers that

the current bylaw provisions allow the shooting range and the clubhouse as uses permitted in the zone," he wrote.

"With respect to noise, Islands Trust has no jurisdiction in regulating noise on Salt Spring Island, other than that originating from a home based business."

Rod and Gun Club members believe, in turn, the CRD has no right to legislate against a permitted land-use activity through its bylaws.

Salt Spring's CRD electoral area director Wayne McIntyre was not present at Thursday's

hearing, but he observed that any judgement is bound to upset someone.

"It's an extremely complex and divisive issue between all parties," he said.

The CRD hopes Bowman will deliver his judgement on the matter by late September.

The Rod and Gun Club is itself the subject of a civil claim by neighbours Brian Milne and Jean Barakett, who are seeking an injunction against shooting activities and damages for noise and lead contamination.

GOVERNANCE

Governance public survey ready for input

Open forums also set for Aug. 19-20

The Salt Spring Governance Study Committee is asking the public for input for the report it will submit to the B.C. government later this year.

"Our website is fully operational, our informational fact sheets and our first public survey are now available for island residents and property owners to examine and respond to," said Pat Preston, the group's communications coordinator.

The purpose of the study, announced

and funded by the province in 2012, is to review the current form of governance, outline the differences between rural and municipal governments and "most importantly to engage the public in discussion around issues and potential challenges facing the island," she added.

Urban Systems, the consulting firm hired to assist with public engagement, will interview representatives of key community organizations in mid-August.

The first public forum is set for Monday, Aug. 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Gospel Chapel. On Aug. 20, a sec-

ond forum will get underway at 7 p.m. in Fulford Hall. The public is encouraged to attend these interactive events and to raise issues of concern related to governance.

Additional information and the survey are available online at ssgovernancestudy.ca.

Paper copies of the survey are available for pick-up and drop-off at the Parks and Recreation Commission/Capital Regional District office at Portlock Park, the Salt Spring library and at the Fulford post office.

No names or are required in order to complete surveys.

Regional Kitchen Scraps Strategy

Food Waste Digester Distribution Sales



In support of the Regional Kitchen Scraps Strategy, the CRD is making onsite food waste digesters available for purchase by residents residing on the Southern Gulf Islands and Salt Spring Island.

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ISLANDS TRUST

Trust Council chair reflects on her Norwegian tour

Trip highlights 'profound differences'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The chair of Trust Council remains steadfast in her opposition to increased oil tanker traffic through the Gulf Islands in the wake of a six-day fact-finding mission to Norway in June.

"I'm still really concerned about the big-picture climate-change impact," said Sheila Malcolmson. "No matter how the resource is managed, the fact remains that more fossil fuels go into the atmosphere."

Malcolmson joined roughly 30 representatives from industry, and local, provincial and federal government agencies and First Nation groups at the request of the Port of Metro Vancouver for a trip to study how Norwegian industry and government have managed that country's offshore oil resources since the early 1970s.

Although the degree of oil exports from Norway and Canada are relatively similar, Malcolmson said, the trip revealed how work on a national energy plan at the outset helped Norway maximize benefits accrued from tapping the valuable resource held beneath the North Sea.

"It made me quite sad



Sheila Malcolmson received a primer on the Norwegian oil and gas industry during a Port of Metro Vancouver-sponsored visit to Oslo and Bergen in July. Bergen, right, is a city of nearly 400,000 in southwest Norway and is the hub of the country's lucrative offshore oil and gas sector.

about the opportunities we've missed," Malcolmson said in an interview from her home on Gabriola Island. "To see what Norway has in place affirms what is possible if you have a good infrastructure and provincial and federal management, and that isn't what we've got in Canada."

Among many of the benefits Norway's five million residents have received from the country's resource wealth are a \$720-billion national pension fund, no national debt, free education and health care,

extensive public transit and a national transportation plan, Malcolmson noted.

She said management of the resource has led to spinoffs in associated sectors such as oil-spill response technologies and ship building.

A lack of such long-term vision in Canada, she said, has created "profound differences" between how oil revenues are managed.

Decades of public consensus, responsible management and greater transparency, Malcolmson added, have created what



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appeared to be a strong level of comfort among Norwegians

"The view that I had is that they recognize this is a limited resource and will ring every bit of social benefit out of it," she said.

Malcolmson said many of Norway's spill response capabilities could be implemented given the projected increase of shipping traffic, be it container ships, oil tankers, coal barges or cruise ships, on B.C.'s coast in coming years. Such changes, she said, ought to be considered regardless of the out-

come of applications currently underway to expand capacity for Kinder Morgan Canada's Trans Mountain pipeline across southern B.C. or construction of Enbridge's Northern Gateway pipeline between northern Alberta and Kitimat.

Malcolmson's trip was funded entirely through the Port of Metro Vancouver.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Even Cheaper Art Show deemed success

The Even Cheaper Art Show boasted roughly 600 visitors over the course of two days, with 119 pieces of art sold. There were 247 votes cast for the People's Choice Awards, with Anne

Griffiths' Beacon Hill-Four earning gold and a cash prize of \$199.99 from Stefich Fine Art. Danica Lundy earned the silver award and a cash prize of \$199.99 from Gallery 8 for Bedroom and Hands. The bronze award and a \$199.99 gift certificate from Gulf Island Picture Framing went to Gillian Gandossi for The Mountain.

Visitor door prizes went to Elizabeth Buchanan, with a \$199.99 gift certifi-

cate from Dragonfly Fine Arts and Craft Supplies, Bob Czarnowski, with a \$199.99 gift certificate for dining or board games from The Gathering, and John McGuire, with a \$199.99 gift certificate from Thrive Lifestyle.

Missing woman found

Nearly 15 volunteers with Salt Spring's Ground

Search and Rescue group were deployed to the island's south end on Friday evening after receiving a report of a missing woman.

Searchers found the woman on a shoreline trail accessed from Menhinick Drive within hours of the call out.

She was transferred to the care of awaiting paramedics and taken to Lady Minto Hospital.

Eva Bostrand returns for masterclass

Eva Bostrand, award-winning master vocal coach, returns to Salt Spring Island from Aug. 4 through 10 to lead a vocal masterclass hosted by Carol Brown.

Islanders should come prepared to be enriched and to experience unexpected

joyful moments, whether as a registered participant in the class, an auditor, or a member of the audience.

The community is welcome to join the morning masterclasses at the United Church on Wednesday, Aug. 7 and Thursday, Aug. 8 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The student recital is on Saturday, Aug. 10, 7:30 p.m. at All Saints-By-the-Sea, with a reception to follow. Admission is by donation.

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SALT SPRING ISLAND CONSERVANCY

Donations aid lake campaign

Fundraising effort enters final phase

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With only \$75,000 left in the Salt Spring Island Conservancy's quest to purchase and protect a 32-acre property next to Blackburn Lake, organizers are asking the community to help push the campaign over the top.

"The community and several grantors have been very generous so far. More than 280 individuals have contributed to the campaign and we are incredibly grateful for that outpouring of support," said Christine Torgrimson, executive director for the Conservancy.

"With an island of 10,000, though, and many hundreds of islanders who live in the Cusheon Lake watershed and drink that water and enjoy the beauty of both Blackburn and Cusheon lakes, we are hopeful that more community members, as well as visitors who treasure Salt Spring, will step forward to help us secure this important legacy for the island.

"It's much easier and cheaper to protect a watershed than clean it up later, as we are experiencing

right now with the very troubled St. Mary Lake watershed."

Since fundraising began earlier this summer, the Conservancy has raised more than 90 per cent of the \$1 million needed to acquire the property. Torgrimson said the property is a crucial asset to preserve the long-term health and ecological integrity of the Cusheon Lake watershed.

Just last week, a generous donor has offered to match the next \$10,000 in donations, effectively doubling one's contribution value.

"We hugely appreciate the outpouring of support so far, and are really hopeful that more community members — and perhaps a couple of major donors — will step forward now and help us secure this very special place," she said.

The \$1 million project includes the certified market appraisal price and costs for surveying, legal arrangements, advertising and communications. Funds raised to date include a very generous contribution from the landowner, considerable use of Conservancy budget resources, grants, individual donations and income from fundraising events.

The Conservancy has a strong

history on the island, with nearly 20 years in operation and the acquisition and management of six nature reserves (covering 650 acres) and oversight of 14 conservation covenants on more than 790 acres of private lands.

"In the Conservancy's hands" Torgrimson added, "this property will be carefully stewarded forever, ensuring that its crucial watershed services and superb natural habitats are protected."

Torgrimson said the land will be accessible to the public, with walking trails, and perhaps interpretive kiosks about its watershed, species and habitat values. The property will also provide a site for part of the Conservancy's Stewards in Training Program, which provides a day of nature-based learning each year for more than 900 elementary students on the island. Longer-term opportunities might include a public nature education centre on the property and collaborative watershed research projects.

The Conservancy will host a celebratory fundraising event at the property, 265 Blackburn Road, on Sept. 6. The event will feature the silent auction of a painting by landscape artist Nicola Wheston.

Watershed health is at risk

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wooded watershed threaten the potable water supply for thousands of island residents.

"We don't have sophisticated treatment," Stepaniuk said. "If we lose that watershed we're in big trouble."

"Most people are not aware that this is a valuable watershed."

Water district staff remind lake goers that access to Maxwell Lake is on private property and trespassing is forbidden. As an alternative, Stepaniuk suggests people who need to cool off consider a legal swimming spot at one of the island's many other lakes or ocean access points.

The NSSWD's board of trustees asks that anyone who witnesses vandalism contact the Salt Spring RCMP at 250-537-5555. Under provincial law, trespassers and vandals are subject to prosecution and they (or their parents) may be sued for compensation, reads a notice distributed by NSSWD board members last week.

NOTICE TO ELECTORS WITHIN A PORTION OF ELECTORAL AREA G – SALT AIR/GULF ISLANDS (THETIS ISLAND ONLY) OF AN ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS OPPORTUNITY FOR CVRD SERVICE AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 3713 Annual Financial Contribution Service (Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of the Cowichan Valley Regional District proposes to adopt "CVRD Bylaw No. 3713 – Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association Annual Financial Contribution Service Amendment Bylaw, 2013".

BYLAW SUMMARY

If adopted, Bylaw No. 3713 will allow the Cowichan Valley Regional District to increase the maximum annual financial contribution to the Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association (TIRRA) from \$40,000 up to \$100,000 per year. The purpose of the increase is to assist TIRRA with costs associated with the operation, collection and transportation of solid waste and recycling materials on Thetis Island. Costs are to be recovered through an annual parcel tax on appropriate parcels within the proposed service area. Currently, there are 354 properties within the service area (Thetis Island) that may be charged up to \$282.49 per annum, as set out in the table below. The complete bylaw is available for review at the Cowichan Valley Regional District office, located at 175 Ingram Street in Duncan, during regular office hours, Monday to Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, excluding statutory holidays. A copy of the bylaw is also available on the CVRD website at www.cvrdb.ca.

Calculation Table

Maximum Annual Contribution to Service	Current Number of Parcels Within Service Area	Maximum Annual Cost Per Parcel	Number of Registered Electors in the Service Area	10% of the Electors
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ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS AND ELIGIBILITY

The Regional District may adopt this bylaw unless at least 10% of electors within the proposed service area indicate that a referendum must be held by submitting a signed *Elector Response Form* to the Regional District office **no later than 4:30 pm on Tuesday, September 17, 2013**. *Elector Response Forms* must be in the form established by the Regional District, and only those persons who qualify as electors of Thetis Island are entitled to sign. Service area electors may qualify as either resident electors or as non-resident property electors, as follows:

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Non-Resident Property Elector – You are entitled to submit an *Elector Response Form* as a non-resident property elector if you are age 18 or older on the day of submission, are a Canadian citizen, have lived in BC for at least six months, have owned and held registered title to a property in Thetis Island for the past 30 days or more, and do not qualify as a resident elector. NOTE: Only one non-resident property elector may submit a response form per property, regardless of how many owners there may be.

If less than 10% (31) of the service area electors submit an *Elector Response Form*, the bylaw will be deemed to have the approval of the electors and the Regional District may proceed with adoption. For the purpose of conducting the alternative approval opportunity, the number of service area electors is calculated as 307.

A copy of the bylaw and *Elector Response Form* is available from the CVRD, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC V9L 1N8, Phone 746-2500/1-800-665-3955, e-mail kharison@cvrd.bc.ca OR on the CVRD website at www.cvrdb.ca.

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BULLOCK LAKE COTTAGES

Bullock Lake history outlined from past to present

Rezoning proposal most recent event in property's eclectic past

During its last regular public business meeting, Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee received a preliminary staff report for a Platform Properties' rezoning application that could permit the construction of up to 123 vacation rental units along Bullock Lake.

The application opens the latest chapter in Bullock Lake's long and often controversial land-use history. The following timeline offers a glimpse at the story thus far as the debate warms up ahead of further discussions between the developer, locally elected officials and broader community.

Salt Spring Island LTC members have asked Platform Properties to host a community information meeting about the proposal. A date for that meeting has yet to be determined.

Down the years:

Bullock Lake timeline

1892: Henry Bullock builds a 12-room house on his 300-acre estate on the edge of Bullock Lake. He lived on the property until his death in 1946.

1961: California ex-pats Brenda and Ernie Lowe buy Henry Bullock estate and establish the Lak-eridge Camp for Boys and Girls.

1964: Henry Bullock's mansion burns to the ground.

1967: The Lowes construct and rent 10 cabins to "diverse people who formed their own community on the property." According to Charles Kahn's The Story of an Island, the residents included several musicians who were attracted to the lake's "inexpensive and idyllic environment," including Chilliwack band members Bill Henderson, Claire Lawrence and manager Cliff Jones.

1970s: Formalization of the island's land-use zoning through creation of the Islands Trust grants the Bullock Lake property commercial zoning based on the land's use at that time.

1991: Salt Spring Island Village Resort Inc. buys the 36-acre property.

1996: Developer Brian Hauff of SSIVR announces plans to construct Salt Spring Island Village Resort, a "wellness retreat" that he said would ultimately include 123 townhouses, duplexes and cot-

tages, plus conference and recreational facilities. Hauff's company, Salt Spring Island Village Resort Inc., attempted to raise the funds he needed by offering 100 limited partnership units at \$150,000 per unit.

As construction is underway, the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee downzones the property from Commercial to the current Rural Neighbourhoods zoning. Hauff constructs the 50 cottages, lodge building and foundations for 73 additional units in accordance with building permits issued before the downzoning. SSIVR Inc. files a Supreme Court petition seeking an order to declare the downzoning invalid, plus damages.

1997: Eric Booth, the owner of a property near the Bullock Lake project, proposes to build "Goofers Pig Farm" as part of public opposition to the plan. The resort development's impact on the area's groundwater supply is the primary concern.

1998: Investors are left on the hook for upwards of \$11 million when Hauff's project encounters financial difficulties and is halted with a partly completed 50 guest-accommodation units and lodge. Highland-Pacific Mortgage Cor-

poration is given conduct of sale of the property through a foreclosure order, representing the interests of five different mortgage companies. Second mortgage company Multimetro Mortgage Corp., which had been involved in other failed developments in B.C., is also affected, along with a dozen building-related companies/contractors.

2005: Tuan Development, a company controlled by Hauff, manages to regain control of the Bullock Lake project at an auction for \$9 million, setting the stage for the project's reincarnation.

July 2007: A fire destroys the Salt Spring Island Village Resort's 24,000-square-foot main lodge and a nearby swimming pool. The buildings' legal non-conforming status meant the structures cannot be rebuilt.

Dec. 2007: A Supreme Court of British Columbia judge appoints the Bowra Group as sole receiver of all assets controlled by Tuan Development Inc. The company is said to have owed creditors \$36 million when it entered receivership.

2011: Vancouver-based Platform Properties buys the Bullock Lake



PHOTO COURTESY PLATFORM PROPERTIES

Bullock Lake cottage.

property. The asking price was \$8.9 million, though Platform has not revealed its final purchase price.

May 2013: Platform Properties submits rezoning application to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee. The company seeks a zoning change to restore the property's former land use and remove the structures' legal non-conforming status.

July 2013: LTC staff receive application at July 25 LTC meeting. The Bullock Lake project is valued at more than \$20 million on the company's website.

Blackburn Lake campaign needs artistic finish

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy has enlisted the help of island artist Nicola Wheston to help push the campaign to purchase and protect a crucial Blackburn Lake property over the top.

Wheston will produce a large oil painting of the lake before a public auction in September. The work will be unveiled during a special fundraising event at the Blackburn Road property on Sept. 6. The painting and the campaign will also be featured at the Conservancy's booth at this year's Fall Fair in mid-September.

Wheston's participation in the fundraising effort is the latest in a string of generous community actions that have brought the campaign to buy the 32-acre lakefront property to within \$75,000 of its target.

"We hugely appreciate the outpouring of support so far, and are really hopeful that more community members — and perhaps a couple of major donors — will step forward now and help us secure this very special place," explained Christine Torgrimson, executive director for the Conservancy. "In the last few days, a generous donor has offered \$10,000

to match the next \$10,000 received for the campaign."

That means if you give right now, your contribution value can double."

The subject property, formerly the site of the

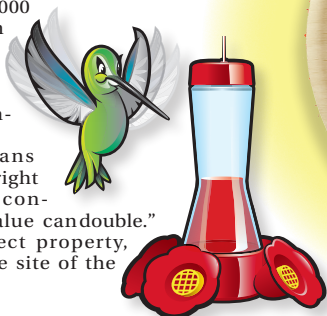
Blackburn Meadows Golf Course teems with natural treasures. The list includes over 90 different bird species, at least a dozen species at risk, and wetlands and streams that carry and filter almost all the water coming into Blackburn Lake and about 75 per cent of the water arriving to Cusheon Lake.

The restoration and protection of integral watershed properties such as this, Torgrimson added, is essential to

help prevent long-term water quality issues such as those experienced in St. Mary Lake.

"It's much easier and cheaper to protect a watershed than clean it up later, as we are experiencing right now with the very troubled St. Mary Lake watershed," Torgrimson said.

For more information the Blackburn Lake campaign, visit saltspringconservancy.ca or call 250-538-0318.



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 Silver - Feature Series (Sean McIntyre) | Bronze - Sports Photo (John Cameron)

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 Bronze - Environmental Writing (Sean McIntyre) | Bronze - Ad Campaign, Collaborative (Leanne Brunelle)



EDITORIAL

Study time

When \$80,000 in provincial government funding for a Salt Spring governance study was announced last fall, some segments of the island were ecstatic.

Joy was quickly dipped in cynicism when \$20,000 of that amount was carved away and allotted for a separate study — to determine the impact on the Islands Trust if Salt Spring Island should become a municipality. Things didn't improve when the seemingly soft focus of the remaining funds was revealed: to examine how government services are currently delivered on Salt Spring, to identify community concerns with local government and determine if those concerns warrant further exploration of governance options. It's not hard to see the irony of one study dissecting the impact of incorporation on a specific local government body

THE ISSUE:

SSI governance study

WE SAY:

Public input needed now

while the other is not allowed to delve into its impact on the community being studied.

However, beggars can't be choosers, and it's now up to islanders to make the most of the process they've been given by the province.

To the credit of the Salt Spring Governance Study Committee, they've at least managed to get the notion of incorporation into the conversation. A newly released fact sheet — available on the committee's new website at ssgovernancestudy.ca — lists four "key considerations" for people to ponder as part of the public consultation process.

- What are the current issues facing the community?
- Are the current methods of representation and decision-making satisfactory?
- How are services best delivered?
- Could an incorporated municipal government provide improved local governance?

A survey available both on the website and in hard-copy format at the PARC/CRD office, library and Fulford post office is also ready for mass tackling, and two public forums have been scheduled for Aug. 19 and 20.

Although we may be suffering from summertime lethargy these days, anyone with an interest in how the island is governed — and that should be most of us — is advised to perk up and participate now.

If you have a beef about how things run on Salt Spring, or have high praise for our present system of governance, now is the time to express that and be heard.



VIEWPOINT by Wendy Beatty

Changes proposed for SS market

This is my 24th season of selling coffee in the Salt Spring Saturday Market. Whether or not the market expands in area, there are changes that can be made within the market set-up to better use the space we presently occupy.

Currently, the biggest obstacle that all vendors and the public face is congestion. Because of narrow aisles, people are jostled and inhibited from stopping to look at the wares that are offered.

The Filberg Festival in Comox is an example of a crafts festival where many crafters are in attendance. With ample space for customers to roam, it is a lucrative venture for the vendors and a pleasant full-day experience for the patrons.

Possible solutions: Children that are currently in the centre aisle of the cobblestone area of the market could be placed on either side of the path that leads to the playground and gazebo area. This area is under trees which is better for the children than being in the blazing sun. The grass grows poorly there and children, having a smaller and softer footprint, would do little if any damage. It would also serve to lead people to the boardwalk which new vendors occupy in the summer months.

The aisle in Gasoline Alley could be widened with the vendors bordering the park moving up onto the sidewalk. They would have to shorten the back legs of their tents. With many using the back portions of their tents for storage, this might be easily accommodated with little disruption. The two Gasoline Alley aisles could be equaled up. The imaginary line between the market and the storefront properties could be adjusted to enable this. The vendors on the merchant side could step back two feet or so, putting tables over the cement curb to avoid a tripping hazard.

These are changes that could and perhaps should be made during the busy season when they are needed, and their effectiveness put to the test. We would still be within the 25 per cent allotment

site coverage.

Any good retail outlet knows that you add change to your store to sustain interest. One of the best ideas that the Market Vendors Association of the early 1990s had was to mix the day vendors in with the permanent vendors so that the face of the market was always changing. This is particularly important for encouraging locals to walk the entire market.

The next observation may be met with some consternation. Currently, farmers are at the top of the hierarchy, followed by permanent vendors, followed by those with points, and lastly, the newcomers. The maximum size of a market space is eight feet, but there are some farmers and permanent vendors who occupy up to 12 feet.

The market is not just a farmers' market, although of course, the farmers are important. But so is every vendor there. Every one makes up the whole. In my mind, no one should have privileged rights. In this regard, the newest and the oldest have the same standing.

The following possibilities are worthy of consideration but would likely take more time to implement. The market has no walls. People will go where you lead them. A circular route of vendors might be considered. This would also aid those vendors on the boardwalk.

Another possibility could be closing off the road in front of the market as was done during the car show. The loss of parking might be addressed by parking at the high school. High school students could operate bicycle cabs, ferrying folks into town.

The benefits could be multifaceted. Tours of town, history tours, advertising; there are boundless opportunities.

The writer operates the Café Ole cappuccino cart in the market.

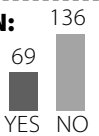
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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you support rezoning for Bullock Lake Cottages?



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "If we lose that watershed, we're in big trouble."

NSSWD MANAGER RON STEPANIUK ON MAXWELL LAKE SWIMMING

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Is there anything you want to get done before the end of summer?



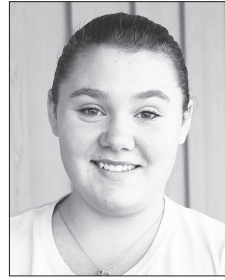
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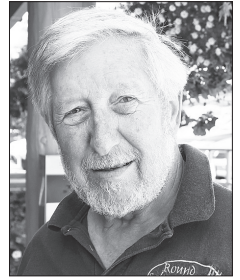
D.W. SALTY
I would like to investigate a lot more composts, and spend time swimming with the family.



GERI ALTON
The rest of my building projects. I own a farm — they're never-ending.



KIRSTEN QUESNEL
Maybe hang out with friends more.



FREDERICK HOWELL
See the rest of my seven grandchildren — I've seen three so far.

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.

Next time

I write in response to Eric Booth's Viewpoint article in last week's edition of the Driftwood.

On behalf of our community and your Local Trust Committee, I apologize to the representatives from Platform Properties, who laid out their initial plans for the Bullock Lake property on Robinson Road at the July 25 LTC meeting. Most of the 100 or so members of the community who attended the meeting made their feelings clear by applauding those who spoke against the proposal, which must have made it uncomfortable, to say the least, for our visitors from off island.

The chair makes a point to state, at the start of each town hall session, that no applauding or booing will be allowed, in order to ensure a respectful environment in which the business of your LTC may be carried out openly and professionally. In this case no inter-

vention was attempted to stop the applause. Managing the environment at a large meeting is a matter of judgement. Sometimes intervention can exacerbate the situation.

While the chair runs the meeting, either of your two local trustees could have intervened at any time. So we are all responsible.

As a mediator I know that it is helpful to allow people to express their views when there is a significant difference of opinion; there was only time for a limited number of speakers at the meeting and applauding allowed others to express their feelings. To my knowledge nothing negative or offensive was said or expressed openly, which would have resulted in immediate intervention.

This matter will be addressed at the next LTC meeting scheduled for Aug. 22. And we will be asking for the community's cooperation, at future meet-

ings on the Bullock Lake property matter or any other, to ensure a respectful environment which is accepting of all, whether we, as members of the community, agree with what is being said or not.

PETER GROVE,
LOCAL TRUSTEE,
SALT SPRING ISLAND

Salmon thanks

I was prepared for my second attempt to make consumers aware of the smoked sliced sockeye salmon imported from China that were on the shelves at Thrifty's frozen seafood section.

To my pleasant discovery the product from China was removed and was replaced by smoked sliced salmon from a B.C. company.

My watchful eyes will keep on watching and I do hope the consumers will too.

MARGARETHA NORDINE,
SALT SPRING

Groyne is prime villain

On July 11, 2013, John B. Sprague, Ph.D., a biologist, addressed a letter to the Islands Trust, advising that the groyne in the mouth of Booth Canal is benign and that I, an engineer, am wrong in urging undoing it.

That letter is a flagrant breach of a fundamental tenet of the learned professions: Knowing the boundaries of one's knowledge and staying in the precinct of one's faculties. Because the Trust gave the Sprague letter undue attention; and because it migrated into the Driftwood ("Mixed views muddy inlet issue," July 31); and because it is slanderous; I cannot ignore it, as I would normally do — I must and will set the record straight: The groyne is the prime villain for the current sad predicament of Booth Canal — period!

Look at the Sansum Narrows and the Booth Canal estuary

as two vessels sharing a wall having an aperture, (the groyne and the opening left after the groyne was erected, respectively). With the total "head" (differential pressure) and the other parameters given, the rate of flow between the vessels is determined by the size and shape of the aperture. It is a law of nature.

It does not get plainer than that.

TOM VARZELIOTIS,
BOOTH CANAL

Water access

Earlier this year I found the drinking fountain in Centennial Park shut off and secured with a padlock. I was quite thirsty but since I just went for a stroll I didn't have any money on me to buy a bottle of water.

As well it occurred to me that there is a playground next to it — so kids also wouldn't have access to drinking water when they need it. I phoned PARC to inquire and was told

that they will look into it. Four months later it's still not fixed.

This also reminded me when the two water fountains on the Skeena Queen had been shut down for good a few years back. The reason given by management was the cost and hassle of having to test the drinking water, which is contained in a separate potable water tank on the ship, three times a year. These tanks are being filled daily shore to ship with perfectly clean water. Instead the company buys bottled water for the crew and the public must buy it from the vending machine.

Incidentally I seem to remember the price of the bottled water jumping from \$1.75 to \$2.25 within a short time of the shut down. I strongly believe that access to drinking water in public places is a basic right that we need to insist on and pay attention to.

V. ROBINSON,
SALT SPRING

Twists and turns: a road is never just a road

Road transportation has been economically important ever since, or even before, humans gave up roaming nomadically and started living in villages.

But the importance of roads has always extended far beyond transportation. The Romans held a vast empire together for half a millennium thanks, in part, to their genius as road engineers; the American interstate highway system made suburban living possible while decimating inner-city neighbourhoods; the Trans-Canada Highway has strengthened national unity and generated stronger bonds among Canadians who live thousands of miles apart.

In the auto-dominated 20th century, roads were all about getting people and goods where they wanted to be as fast as possible, thereby out competing commuter and inter-city rail transportation. The climate-threatened 21st century is different. On Salt Spring, as elsewhere around the globe, the competition is now for road space, particularly between cars and more climate-friendly transportation, notably walking and biking (often, these days, lumped together as "active transportation").

This competition will take decades to play out, though a recent Atlantic article suggests that the U.S. has already passed "peak car." There are

apparently now fewer cars on the road and fewer miles being driven per car, as young adults turn their backs on car ownership as emphatically as they embraced it half a century ago.

In urban centres, roads are as important for their impact on their surroundings as they are for transportation. And because roads account for the overwhelming majority of publicly owned urban real estate, they provide an unparalleled opportunity for communities to create the urban centres they desire.

A road that is attractive to pedestrians and well designed for multiple uses provides enormous social, financial, environmental and economic benefits. It's a major amenity for residents young and old, an attraction to tourists and a stimulus to commercial and residential development, thereby boosting local finances. By helping to increase urban density and promote active transportation, it makes a strong contribution to combatting climate change. By providing a place for people to walk and meet one another, it improves community health and increases social capital.

Creating pedestrian-friendly environments



John Tylee

ECONOMIC EXPLORATIONS

is at the core of every truly successful community. And — let's be honest — Salt Spring, and Ganges in particular, are not pedestrian-friendly.

The more attractive a road is to pedestrians, the less effective it becomes as a transportation corridor — so a balance has to be struck. Part of the solution is finding road space for active transportation and, wherever possible, for non-transportation uses such as outdoor cafes.

Roads can be made safer for pedestrians by reducing speed limits, providing convenient and attractive road crossings and using parking as a barrier between pedestrians and fast moving cars. Parking can be maximized away from pedestrian areas. Attractive road signage highlighting community assets is a benefit to motorists and pedestrians alike.

Many actions that are totally impractical on a permanent basis may be possible for limited periods at peak pedestrian times, such as during the Saturday market. Parking spaces, traffic lanes, short lengths of road or even small areas of downtown can, with adequate advance plan-

ning, become off-limits to cars. Use of the largest and noisiest types of vehicles can be restricted in peak pedestrian times.

None of the above actions need be costly, but all require detailed planning and community consultation. Everybody is a road user and each action, however limited, has potential ramifications in other parts of the transportation system.

Planning and implementing changes in road transportation are particularly challenging on Salt Spring. All of the major decisions, and almost all of the minor ones, are made off-island by provincial and regional officials for whom Salt Spring issues may be low priority.

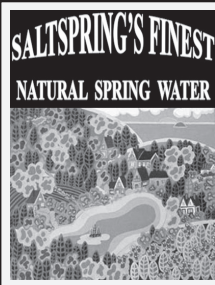
The decision-makers may change if the community ever decides to incorporate as a municipality, but the issues will not. The pressing need is for community consensus on a long-range plan that strikes a good balance between efficient motorized transportation and pedestrian-friendly places.

If we have that, whoever is making the decisions will have to respect the community's will. Until we have that, there'll be limited effective decision-making by anyone.

The writer chairs the SS Community Economic Development Commission.

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A 10-minute standing ovation for the excellent folks who organized the "Play Your Heart Out" pianos. Brought a big smile to my face and it stayed there as I walked around downtown. Brilliant!

Sean Hogan, branch manager of the BC SPCA on Salt Spring, wishes to extend garden buckets full of long-stemmed fragrant roses

to April and Trevor, who opened up their home to the volunteers and supporters of the local SPCA branch for our annual summer BBQ. All the help to get it organized and make it happen made it a memorable and fun time, and for that, we thank you. I wish to also thank Brenda for helping with the decorations and running around to pick up all that was needed to make the afternoon a delight. Finally, thank you to our volunteers and supporters who came (or could not) without whose help, frankly, not much would get done! I am personally honoured and humbled to each of you for all that you do to assist animals on Salt Spring Island. Thank you.

The Byron family would like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for all of the love, kindness and thoughtful gestures that have been bestowed upon us during this time of bereavement. Your thoughtful messages and offers to help were greatly appreciated. It is a fitting tribute to Mike to live in a community where one man can touch so many. It truly has been a celebration of life. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts. Bev Byron and family

A large bunch of dog roses to the police and rescue services for helping Thea up the cliff at Isabella Point. Thank you.

A magnificent bunch of roses for Renee who

found our camera at the Booth Bay beach and did some amazing sleuthing to track us down and return it to us. With our many thanks, Renee. Joanne and Jeremy

A treasure chest full of roses to all the wonderful donors, both individuals and businesses, who donated such beautiful treasures, experiences and invaluable services to this year's ArtSpring Treasure Fair. Your generous donations made this a spectacular event for all to enjoy. And to our team of tireless volunteers... there are no words to express our tremendous gratitude for your diligence and many hours of hard work. Thank you, and thank you again! Margaret MacKenzie

Wild roses to the gentleman who turned in my beloved keychain.

Art illuminates gender dynamics

BY STEFANIE DENZ

The Driftwood consistently promotes the arts and Elizabeth Nolan does an admirable job tracking the various offerings of our artistic community. However, I would like to make some clarifications on her July 24 review of my exhibit at the Harbour House Hotel. What is arts reportage without critique and education?

I do have an "obsession" as Elizabeth puts it, but not with Italian actor Marcello Mastroanni, rather with how the body speaks and in this case about attitudes around gender. I am concerned I may alienate the people I love (men), when I liken that word to the thoughts of a prisoner noticing the details of confinement beneath her glass ceiling.

IN RESPONSE

As a movie watcher, naturally, I note how the women fare considering they are who I relate to; at some point I had to accept, albeit reluctantly, my sex, and that victim roles were our norm. My interest in old films is to see how people operated, how we have inherited body language, and how that reflects attitudes.

Fellini films are particularly exciting because he uses a moving camera, thus allowing more vistas of the space and how people are moving in that space. Fellini was prescient during the pivotal '60s, of the shifting gender roles, and takes an unusual interest in the relations between

sexes with the dissatisfactions and fears that change can bring.

On second take, Fellini films are striking in how many actresses he does employ and the variety of roles they have, unlike many movies today where most characters of action are male-token karate females do not count. That this sells is another topic.

In my paintings I look for moments in an interaction that say something about the nature of the relationships. Marcello expresses his unhappiness with old systems, yet does not want to lose his place. Most of the women find recognition through their relationships to men (rather than the world) and they show their discomfort with this: see the babes grinning for all their worth while they have the spotlight on them (they must make the most of the youth and beauty that puts them there before it expires); movie star Ekberg with her constant nervous laughter not wanting to deliver what is expected (and she does get away with it — thank you Fellini); or Nico, avoiding a pawing male that she seems to be leading on — must we?

Apparently we must, and Marcello's story is primarily like theirs; that of a strategizing victim, only his fall is longer. Revealing Marcello to a disadvantage brings him closer to the secondary sex. It not a reflection of dislike, rather a deeper view of how he does not understand the objects of his desire.

Gender roles will continue to be the structure of society and enrich our culture; I hazard the fun of being looked at and looking will continue, and women do much to maintain tradition as it offers known rewards over the insecurity of new roles.

But assumptions of power are often fuelled by disdain. It is something that I can't help but notice, besides composition and colour.

The writer is a Salt Spring Island artist.

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ART REVIEW

Liberties produce fine results at ArtCraft

Painting and basketry on stage gallery to Aug. 21

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
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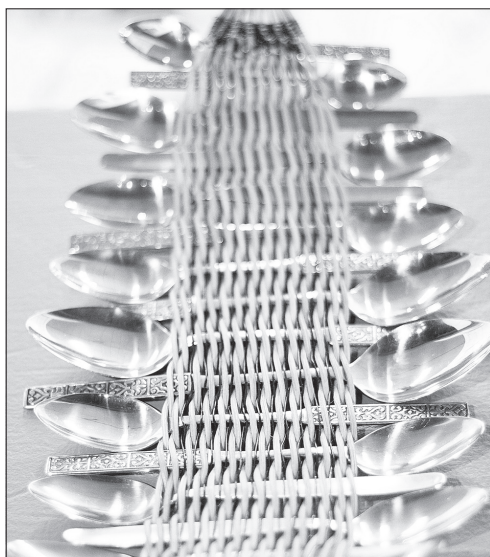
Taking Liberties: Bending the Rules is the title behind the latest Showcase exhibition at ArtCraft, and visitors will enjoy seeing how each of the three participants pushed her personal creative limits.

Basketry guild members Donna Cochran and Judy Goodman are joined by painter Joanie Paterson for this show, with colourful and intriguing twists on an ancient craft backed by equally innovative acrylic works.

Cochran's work has a strong local element in that she often uses source materials that she grows herself, such as different vines and gourds. Found elements also make an appearance and tend to showcase her strong sense of humour, such as the delightful Stepping Out Series, in which pairs of up-cycled rubber garden boots become one beautiful basket each with wire and vine woven through wide strips at their tops. Serving Spoons is another group of work that is simultaneously beautiful and delightfully silly, with curved platters in silvery grey woven over ribs of polished cutlery. Cochran's Button Button series features fun candy-drop pots made of heavy coloured paper with wire and bead ornamentation.

Wishful Thinking has a lovely herringbone type pattern in moss green, cream and brown zigzags. The pattern is picked up by an ornamentation of actual chicken wish bones that circles around a band of brown at the top. Looking inside, the base is revealed as a beautiful starburst of open work before the tight bands of reed set in.

On the more serious side of basketry but still with playful elements, Cochran's Nest Eggs are loosely woven coracles in natural, brown or dark green, each with a tightly woven sphere in a contrasting shades nesting inside. A large cradle-like basket shows her skill



Serving Spoons by Donna Cochran.

in combining many different materials and textures within one piece, with horizontal stripes of colour set against three lengths of corkscrew hazelnut, giving the stable structure a wild dynamic.

Goodman took advantage of the group show to send her art in new directions, with cues from Paterson's colour palette and non-uniform shapes inspired by found elements. Deerly Beloved makes use of a tiny deer skull and vertebrae for the topper on an inverted vessel with a wide open base. Braids of sea grass and bands of cedar woven into the tight reed body break up the solid texture, as does a prickly fringe of stick ends in a centre band.

The White Queen is another inverted shape, the natural reed form rising to suggest a loosely organic chess piece topped with an ironwood crown. The work is interesting for its subtle bends and larger bulges, and for its latent human identity. Unusual bends and curves can also be seen in Goodman's Torso in Blue, and Curved Space, which takes its form from a chunk of found wood at its base.

Paterson's paintings are vividly colourful and intensely layered, with elements of abstract and representational art. Great passion and moments of whimsy can be glimpsed in her

expressive strokes, which may suggest a great flower garden teeming with life in Journey of the Heart, or a fairy tale world with equal capacity for darkness and adventure in Enough Lola.

Unto Thine is a more subtle work, with a multitude of abstract forms suggesting a dense crowd of people, perhaps found in a Middle Eastern marketplace. Although the people are created by no more than rounded shoulders under long cloaks and peach "faces" without features, there is a real feeling of movement, purpose and activity.

The Taking Liberties showcase will continue on the ArtCraft stage to Aug. 22. The show is open daily at Mahon Hall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



The White Queen by Judy Goodman.

Unto Thine by Joanie Paterson.

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CST. ANGIE BERGUNDER

Service: 17 yrs

On Salt Spring: 3 years

Interests: boating, outdoor activities



CST. BRENT FRIESEN

Service: 5.5 yrs

On Salt Spring: 5.5 yrs

Interests: boating, bowling, spending time with family



CST. BRANDON SMITH

Service: 3.5 years

On Salt Spring: 3.5 years

Interests: fishing, exercising, hiking and hangin' out with family



CST. CHUCK

Service:

On Salt Spring:

Interests: spending time with family, boating

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SURVEY REVEALS MORE SEATBELT U

BY SGT. GEORGE JENKINS
SALT SPRING RCMP DETACHMENT COMMANDER

The Salt Spring RCMP detachment has seven active uniformed police officers, two public servants and one part-time victim assistance worker. In any given year the detachment responds to 2,800 to 3,200 calls for service. This year we are up overall with calls for service from 2012-2013, specifically with reports of violent crimes. Over the past five years however, this is trending to be an average year with an overall downward incidence of reported violent crime.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

We had good success last year with last year's traffic initiatives specifically with respect to seatbelts, seeing a progressive increase in compliance. By the end of last year's initiative, we conducted two seatbelt enforcement operations. With a sampling of over 200 vehicles per operation police observed 100 percent compliance. As a side bar, the high rate of seatbelt usage was noted by the "off-island cops" who were able to write very few seatbelt tickets towards the end of last year on Salt Spring. Island motorists also appeared to have gotten the message regarding distracted driving with very few infractions noted throughout last year.

We will continue with general enforcement of the laws relating to traffic safety with an additional focus

on the proper usage of child seats. This initiative will have an effect in addition to the enforcement of proper usage of child car seats. Our goal is to aim for a 100 percent compliance on Salt Spring by year's end in this initiative.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Last year saw a significant increase in the use of this valuable tool in dealing with criminal justice matters.

The initiative continues to be utilized in schools to address bullying and other issues.

CRIME REDUCTION

We had some success in reducing crime. It remains a focus of police operations.



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Service: 6 years
On Salt Spring: 2.5 years
Interests: Spending time with family, and fishing

CST. STEPHEN CASEY
Service: 1.5 years
On Salt Spring: 1.5 years
Interests: Outdoor activities, family time

CST. GERARD KOPPERUD
(photo not available at press time)
Service: 8 years,
On Salt Spring: 1 year

CST. CYNTHIA GILLIS
(photo not available at press time)
Service: 8 months
On Salt Spring: 8 months

JOSIE RIPLEY
DETACHMENT SERVICES ASSISTANT
Service: 9 years
On Salt Spring: 14 years
Interests: Enjoying family & Salt Spring

LORETTA RITHALER
DETACHMENT SERVICES ASSISTANT
Service: 13.5 yrs
On Salt Spring: 13.5 yrs
Interests: family time, gardening, volunteering

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child safety restraints. This educational component in enforcement of laws respecting the use of car seats/restraints. It's our goal to increase compliance rate on Salt Spring Island.

There has been a significant increase in the usage of seat belts, dealing with minor criminal offenses, and will expand towards other areas in concert with the local RCMP on drug issues.

Officers in this area, however, are receiving attention. We will be

working closer with local Crown counsel to address charge approval issues relating to our prolific anti-social individuals.

Our crime reduction initiative this year focusses on achieving an overall reduction in incidents of domestic violence. We hope to reduce this type of crime by being pro-active through our newly formed Integrated Case Assessment Team. The team is made up of community partners that routinely encounter this potentially vulnerable sector of the community. While the majority of our cases involve violence against women, the team will not exclude men who may be at risk for domestic violence. The ICAT meets regularly to identify people at risk and safety plan accordingly.

Working in concert with the ICAT, is the newly formed Violence Against Women in Relationships group that meets regularly to address systemic factors relating to domestic violence.

Salt Spring RCMP and police based Victim Services have been active participants in the planning and

For more information about the Salt Spring RCMP's annual performance plan, contact the local detachment at 250-537-5555 or drop by the station during regular business hours.



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ART REVIEW

ArtSpring hosts generations of artists

New and established names create rich experience

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The island's arts centre is fulfilling its mandate admirably this month, with a wide range of visual art showcasing creators who are just starting to stretch their paintbrushes as well as those with a considerable build-up of medium on their palettes.

It's always interesting when the lower galleries are rented separately, with the dividing wall creating independent space but the proximity inviting an inevitable compare and contrast.

This time, veteran painter Diana Dean can be found in the Bateman Gallery, a cosy space she has used to good effect in the past. With only a strip of shuttered windows overhead, the room feels like a quiet museum nook, with the brightness mostly emanating from Dean's works.

This show features some new pieces in her ever-continuing exploration of colour, often expressed through beautiful sunrise and sunset moments. Dean's lush pink and salmon clouds contrast with clear blue skies and seas, which bring moments of cool purity to landscapes of vibrant growth. Dark firs and copper-skinned arbutus are balanced perfectly with bright flowers, either in the sweetly terraced yard of her own home or in sea views that keep human habitation out of the picture.

As well as getting the chance to see her new works, this show also includes some older treasures that are not often exhibited, such as the impressively large-scale painting called *The Tightrope Walker*. This piece belongs to Dean's narrative side, where visual symbols appear to tell a story in the manner of Van Eyck's Arnolfini portrait. The elements here are complex and intriguing, but the main importance is still in colour, form and the way light interacts with both. A tumbled red garment seen behind the principle figure therefore gets the same deep attention as that character, with lush folds and glowing highlights. Though primarily an indoor scene, the landscape is still important, with Dean's mystical seaview inviting viewers through an open doorway.

The visual evidence of Dean's decades at refining and perfecting her work poses an interesting contrast to the show in the mul-



Kelsey Boorman works on a new piece at ArtSpring gallery. She is one of four artists with work on display at the arts centre this week.

PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

tipurpose gallery next door, which hosts two young artists just on the cusp of their journey. Emily Carr University graduates and friends Kelsey Boorman and Sara Moayed reveal, in differing styles, all the hopes and fears that a young woman's emergence suggests in their show *Duette*.

Moayed's surrealist works seem to portray a large degree of darkness, with lots of black and images such as rib cages and skulls. However, she sees her paintings as hopeful rather than despairing.

"Most of my work is about space for nourishment," Moayed said, adding most can also be seen as self portraits. A painting of an upside figure in a yoga pose, for example, looks mired in darkness, with upper face and arms obscured by roiling black waves. The centre of the body contains a mass of obscure symbols, which she said in part refers to how stress affects the organs. But from the inverted view, the figure has a different perspective. A ladder that moves from the open heart area to another platform suggests movement and escape from obstruction.

Boorman's paintings of young women are, in contrast, not technically self portraits. But a similar sense of yearning for a place in the world can be seen. Spiritual and mystical elements seem to underscore the promise of transformation, such as a young woman's face in close-up that merges directly into

a starry night sky, or a different girl shown surrounded by butterflies and a sunburst directly behind her head.

In another piece, a girl stares out of the canvas, holding a rosy scallop shell up over one eye. A serene west coast beachscape stretches out behind her shoulder. In an idyllic environment but with a look of hesitation in her eye, the figure seems to be pausing before taking that next step forward into adulthood.

Meanwhile in the ArtSpring lobby, visitors will get a new perspective on Gillian McConnell's work with her *Art of Paper* retrospective. Including both older and newer works in a variety of mediums, this show is a fascinating look into an established artist's path over 35 years, with paintings, drawings, collages and original prints on view.

McConnell has recently been concentrating on abstract and strongly concept-based works; here you will also find portraits, sketches and abstract gestural pieces. It's probably just a small sample of all she has produced over the years, but it gives the viewer some idea of the amount of practice that goes behind producing such accomplished outcomes.

McConnell's work can be seen in the lobby throughout August. *Duette* and Diana Dean will both run until Aug. 14. After that, find Dean's work at its new home at Gallery 8.

RECITAL SERIES

Multi-talented singer-songwriter at M&M

Andy Ramesh Meyers performs Aug. 14

The Anglican Parish's Music Makers team is thrilled to welcome next week's guest at Music and Munch. Although singer-songwriter Andy Ramesh Meyers is very

familiar to music lovers of the island, his appearance on Aug. 14 will be his first at the popular lunchtime series.

Meyers began honing his songwriting and guitar skills with Toronto art rock band The Scenics in the late 1970s. Part of the dynamic New Wave era, recent archival releases by The Scenics have been praised by the *Village Voice* and the U.K.'s *UNCUT* magazine. Critic Bob Meresereau, author of *The Top 100 Canadian Albums*, wrote "New York had the Talking Heads but here was their equal in Toronto."

Meyers and his wife Sush-eela Dawne have lived on Salt Spring since 1988. They spent the '90s working together in the island's thriving and cre-

ative independent theatre scene, where Meyers was composer and musical director for more than 50 productions.

Meyers has produced recordings for a variety of artists at his Allowed Sound Studio since 1999. The studio has recently expanded into a beautiful retreat-like facility that offers off-island musicians a place to stay while they record. He has also led songwriting workshops at the studio over the last decade, sharing his love for the language of song and supporting novice and experienced songwriters in their work.

Next year will see the release of an album called *Scattered Bodies*, a collaboration between poet Brian Brett,

Dawne and Meyers. As well, there will be an American LP release of vintage material from The Scenics.

Meyers has also begun recording some of his newest songs for what will be a split LP with Edgar Breaux, songwriter for the legendary Canadian band Simply Saucer.

These new songs are melodic, with concise lyrics that tell true or imagined stories.

Meyers looks forward to sharing these songs and others from across the decades at Music and Munch.

Free music begins at 12:10 p.m. at All Saints followed by a delicious lunch served by the Anglican Caterers at a cost of \$5.50. Tickets must be purchased before the concert.

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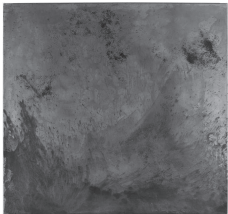
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BOOK REVIEW

Heritage apple story peeled in new Susan Lundy book



PHOTO BY DANICA LUNDY

Salt Spring's Susan Lundy, left, is seen with Lynne Walker, a descendant of John McIntosh, who discovered Canada's most famous heritage apple. The two met by chance at a party in Calgary last summer and in a "stop-the-press" moment, Lundy was able to include Walker's story in her recently published book.

Recipes, photos and facts make for delightful package

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Reviewing a book written by a prestigious former colleague, sometimes boss and a writer with more than 25 creative awards to her credit seems not just a little cheeky but downright presumptuous.

That's how I felt before I picked up Susan Lundy's new book *Heritage Apples: A New Sensation*. One of several projects she's taken up since retiring from the Driftwood a couple of years ago (having spent 25 years as editor, journalist and layout artist), the book was bound to be similar to everything Lundy sets her mind to, meaning the standard would be excellent.

This indeed turned out to be the case. But, as I remembered after taking up the book, one of the reasons her writing is so well received is that Lundy has an amazing talent for combining the personal with the facts. As a storyteller, she makes it enjoyable to follow her on the journey of whatever story she happens to be telling — and even on an island that is very apple-conscious, her perspective gives the topic a whole new savoury slant.

Published by Touchwood Editions in Victoria and expertly edited by the company's former owner Marlyn Horsdal, *Heritage Apples* has the perfect blend of elements. There is colour on every page, and it's rare that two pages go by without a photo. Chapters following Lundy's six-month-long quest to learn more about heritage apples in Canada

are interspersed with apple identity cards and recipes. (These look so appetizing that I was able to identify the apple onion tart on sight at the July 25 book launch — as well as the fact that it contained Manchego cheese.)

One of the key themes that Lundy uncovers is the heritage apple's unique ability to inspire passionate fans, something that has more behind it than just localism. It seems that people who are fortunate enough to remember a favourite old tree in a grandparent's backyard are likely to be hooked for life and ever keen to relive the experience.

"On a purely subjective level, heritage varieties are those apples that link us to our past; apples that elicit memories and history and passion," she observes.

Salt Spring readers will recognize some familiar characters in the book's

chapters, like avid apple growers Harry Burton, Bree Eagle and Bob Weeden. Equally passionate orchardists in Sooke, Spences Bridge and Cawston, B.C. are also introduced. Information about their work to preserve heritage species is seamlessly integrated with facts from natural history, history and biology. There's even a chapter on cider for fans of the more refined apple use, and one on red-fleshed varieties for those who like a new twist on a familiar favourite.

From the first steps of her research journey, Lundy documents a surprisingly quick transition from interest to passion. Readers will be right there with her. If you're not already obsessed with heritage apples, get ready to be committed to this superlative local food.

Heritage Apples is available at Salt Spring Books and online.

GREEN HOMES

Eco-tour countdown begins

Sneak preview of what's on Sunday's tour

BY JANE AITKEN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

With four days to go, the finishing touches are being made to this year's Eco-Living and Home Tour.

The completed homes are ready to open their doors and the under construction properties are prepared to down tools for the day. The Electric Vehicles are planning their route to the ArtSpring parking lot, and the event's wonderful volunteers are finding out where they'll be stationed.

So what can you expect to see on Sunday? The properties have all been chosen to focus on one half of the island — for 2013 the sites are between Ganges and the south end. Houses that are new for this year include Karen Selk and Terry Nelson's self-built EcoNest home with its timber frame and clay and straw infill, plus abundant organic garden.

Gordon Handford, whose organic garden is also underway, will be explaining his large photovoltaic array, ge-exchange heating system, and insulated concrete form

walls finished with natural clay (courtesy of the Mud Girls). Fellow south-enders Ron Watts and Donna Hall have a solar hot water system, photovoltaic net metering, super-thick insulated walls, and a large rainwater catchment system supplying their organic flower and produce garden.

Making a welcome return for 2013 is Briony Penn's "100 mile" house, built using the philosophy of sourcing materials as locally as possible. Penn will also explain the ecological landscaping including waste water treatment and reuse for irrigation.

In Ganges, Ron Bain and Elizabeth Fletcher will be revealing how they've recently gently modified one of Meror Krayenhoff's beautiful rammed earth homes.

If visiting houses in an earlier stage of construction is more your thing, don't miss Daria Zovi and Ted Bishop's self-designed passive solar house. Situated in an old quarry site, this will be earth-bermed on the north side and feature a living roof.

David Renick is just getting underway with his passive house design. Talk to him and Bruce Gray from Solaris Manufacturing about the different systems being installed in this super-insulated home.

Hempcrete is the green building material favoured by Heidi Cowan and Michael Nickels for their off-grid home at Seven Ravens farm. They're also running ecoforestry tours three times during the day.

One Salt Spring building that proudly opened its doors eight months ago is the new public library. Built with excellent eco-credentials, there'll be tours around the LEED Gold features from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The library site is open to all.

And anyone interested in seeing the cars and bikes of the future should head to the ArtSpring parking lot for a great display of electric vehicles. The parking lot also houses the new Level 2 EV charging station, which will be officially opened at noon, attended by Elizabeth May MP.

Tickets for the tour are \$20 from Salt Spring Books (250-537-2812), Windsor Plywood, Elements Home Design and online from www.saltspringecolivinghometour.eventbrite.ca.

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what's on this week



Wed. Aug 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Harpist Josh Layne. Music & Munch concert. Free music followed by an optional lunch (\$5.50) prepared by the Anglican Caterers. All Saints By-the-Sea. 12:10 p.m.
Conrad Walz and Swamp Donkey. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

A Voce Sola Masterclasses. Public welcome to watch vocal masterclasses with Eva Bostrand and accompanist Kim Cousineau. United Church. 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday Market in the Meadow. Food, farm and craft vendors set up every Wednesday during the summer. United Church Meadow. 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thurs. Aug 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic Night. Hosted by Richard Cross every Thursday. The Local. 6 to 10 p.m.
Valdy. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Open Mic at Moby's. Every Thursday with Ross & Dave. Moby's Pub. 8 to 11 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

A Voce Sola Masterclasses. See Wednesday listing. United Church. 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Green Drinks. Share your Transition news and come and find out about the latest projects and initiatives on Salt Spring Island. Moby's Pub. 5 to 7 p.m.
Keep Moving: From White Noise to Wisdom. A Dance Temple event facilitated by Vanya of Dance Our Way Home. The Art Barn. 7 to 9 p.m.

Fri. Aug 9

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Deborah Inkster-Kneebone. Music in the Vines at Salt Spring Winery. 2 to 4 p.m.
Duck Creek. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
The Temps. Rock/dance music. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.
Soul Shakedown. The Local. 5 to 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Caitlin Rother Book Talk and Q&A. New York Times bestselling author of Lost Girls. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 5 p.m.

Sat. Aug 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Julia Beattie. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
A Voce Sola Recital. Recital of students of Eva Bostrand's vocal masterclasses. All Saints By-the-Sea. 7:30 p.m.
The Temps. Rock/dance music. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.
Gene Grooms. The Local. 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Sat. Aug 10

ACTIVITIES

Saturday Market in the Park. Salt Spring's famous Saturday market runs in Centennial Park 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Fulford Day. Fun family day of kids' games, music, food and more at Drummond Park. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Yappy Meower Weekend. SPCA fundraiser weekend with partial wine sale proceeds and raffle ticket sales benefitting the Salt Spring SPCA. Mistaken Identity Vineyard. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
United Church Open House. Self-guided tour of stained glass windows, plus refreshments, music and more. Salt Spring Island United Church. 1 to 3 p.m.
Talk With Martha Varcoe Sturdy. Vancouver artist speaks about her work at Pod Contemporary Gallery in Ganges. 1 to 4 p.m.
Yoga Dance Party. Mash-up of yoga, body movement and Vedantic knowledge. Still Point Yoga Studio. 7 to 9 p.m.
Martha Varcoe Sturdy Opening Reception. Reception with artist for her show of landscapes and sculptures that runs at Duthie Gallery through September. Duthie Gallery. 7 to 9 p.m.

Sun. Aug 11

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Simone and Mike Lamers. Music in the Vines at Salt Spring Winery. 2 to 4 p.m.
Synergy. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

The Centerpoint - Vedantic Knowledge. Workshop based in Vedanta, an ancient Eastern system of self-knowledge. Still Point Yoga Studio. 2 to 4 p.m.
Electric Vehicle Display & Charging Station Event. See the latest models of electric vehicles in an all-day display. Official opening of the EV charging station at ArtSpring with MP Elizabeth May at noon. ArtSpring parking lot. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
2013 Salt Spring Island Eco-Living and Home Tour. Self-guided tour of 10 properties. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Yappy Meower Weekend. SPCA fundraiser weekend with partial proceeds and raffle ticket sales benefitting the Salt Spring SPCA plus music by Deborah Inkster-Kneebone from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Mistaken Identity Vineyards. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mon. Aug 12

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Chamigos. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Teen Improv Workshop. Hosted by UBC Improv alumni for youth ages 12-16. Pre-registration required. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 1 to 5 p.m.
Passion Sports Basketball Camps. Aug. 12-16 camps with Victoria-based Passion Sports group begin today at GISS. Pre-registration required at <http://www.passionsports.ca/basketball>. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wed. Aug 14

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Andy Ramesh Meyers. Singer-songwriter from The Scenics plays Music & Munch concert. Free music, with optional lunch (\$5.50) after. All Saints By-the-Sea. 12:10 p.m.
Silva. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Wednesday Market in the Meadow. Food, farm and craft vendors set up every Wednesday during the summer. United Church Meadow. 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Summer Reading Club Weekly Storytime. Rosalind Vijendren author visit. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Tues. Aug 13

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Stage with David Jacquest. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Probus Club Meeting. Alan Cassels, U.Vic drug policy researcher, discusses his book Selling Sickness, and describes how pharmaceuticals help create and market illness. Meaden Hall. 10 a.m.
Improv Workshop. Hosted by UBC Improv alumni for ages 16 and up. Pre-registration required. 1 to 5 p.m.
Tuesday Farmers' Market. Every week in Centennial Park until October. Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.

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- **Despicable Me 2** — HELD OVER! Get ready for more Minion madness, with plenty of big laughs. Reformed super villain Gru teams up with a secret agent and his new love interest to stop a new super criminal.
- **Red 2** — In this high-octane action-comedy, retired agent Frank Moses reunites his team to track down a missing portable nuclear device. They'll need to survive an army of assassins, terrorists and politicians to save the world. Starring Bruce Willis, Helen Mirren, John Malkovich and Anthony Hopkins.
- **The Audience** — National Theatre Live starring Helen Mirren returns for two more shows.

EXHIBITIONS

- Exhibit of landscapes and sculptures by **Martha Varcoe Sturdy** runs at **Duthie Gallery** through **September**, with an opening reception with the artist on Saturday, Aug. 10, 7 to 9 p.m. Regular gallery hours are Thursday through Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with **The Night Gallery** also running on those days from 9 to 11 p.m.
- **Kelsey Boorman and Sara Moayed** present an exhibit called **Duette** at **ArtSpring** to **August 14**.
- The **Diana Dean Summer Exhibition** includes recent oil paintings. Presented by Gallery 8 at **ArtSpring** until **Aug. 14**.
- **Taking Liberties: Bending the Rules** — a collaborative exhibit by basket guild members **Judy Goodman** and **Donna Cochran** and painter **Joanie Paterson** — runs on the **ArtCraft Showcase** stage at Mahon Hall through **Aug. 21**.
- **Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art** shows woodcuts and watercolours by **Walter J. Phillips** plus works from the **Group of Seven**.

- **Martha Sturdy** (in person) at **Pod Contemporary gallery**, Saturday, Aug. 10 from 3 to 4 p.m. with a Q&A hosted by Celia Duthie. Also — **Big Show: large works** by Salt Spring artists runs at Pod Contemporary gallery along with a new jewellery collection by **Paul Jacobsen Jensen**.
- **Anna McColm** shows photos of the West Coast at **Fernwood Road Cafe** through **mid-August**, and will sell calendars containing the photos in support of the Raincoast Protection Foundation.
- **Ken Ketchum** has an exhibition at the **Harbour House Hotel** in **August**.
- **Works on Paper**, an exhibit of paintings, drawings, collages and original prints, spanning 35 years of creative exploration by **Gillian McConnell**, runs in the **ArtSpring** lobby through **August**.
- **ArtCraft**, the annual show and sale of 100+ Gulf Islands artisans' work presented by the Salt Spring Arts Council, runs daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Mahon Hall until **Sept. 15**.
- An exhibit called **388.1 - Roads and Routes Through Local Artists' Eyes** runs in the program room of the **Salt Spring Public Library** through **Aug. 30**. Exhibits are accessible Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Also in the **library** in the lobby exhibition case, a collection of **fairy doors** painted by **various Salt Spring artists** under the guidance and inspiration of Roger Brunt is featured during **August**.
- **Painters' Guild** member **Victoria Olchoweki** shows her art at **Country Grocer Café** through the month of **August**.
- **Elehna de Sousa** shows photographic art at **Penny's Pantry** until **Aug. 31**.

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OUTINGS

Seniors activity program goes to Fulford Day

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A limited number of spaces are available in the Community Services "Van Go" van for a seniors trip to

Fulford Day festivities on Saturday, Aug. 10.

Transportation to and from the event will be provided by Salt Spring Community Services' new Seniors Activity Program and is free for seniors who are living independently

who don't get out often in the community to socialize.

Coordinator Leslie Wallace will pick participants up at their homes beginning at 11 a.m. and take them home again at 4 p.m.

People who would like to be included should leave

their name and phone number on Wallace's voice mail (250-537-9971, ext. 503) no later than Friday, Aug. 9, and she will call back to make arrangements.

The program can accommodate one senior who uses a folding wheelchair or

walker and who is able to transfer in and out of the van with minimal assistance. All other participants must be able to walk unaided. The Fulford Day excursion is the first of a series of public events introducing islanders to the new program.

GREEN TECHNOLOGY

Electric vehicles show their paces

Display at ArtSpring coincides with eco-living tour

BY JANE AITKEN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Personal transportation is getting greener and the future is electric.

Electric vehicles of various shapes and sizes will be on show as part of the Eco-Living and Home Tour on Sunday, Aug. 11. The ArtSpring parking lot will bring dealers and the latest model electric vehicles (EVs) together with islanders' EVs and electric bikes. If you're thinking about making your next vehicle an EV, this will be a great chance to look at the options, chat with fellow users and perhaps take a drive.

EVs on display at ArtSpring will include the Mitsubishi i-MiEV, the Smart Fortwo electric drive, the Chevrolet Volt and the Toyota Prius plug-in hybrid.

British Columbia already has a take-up of hybrid vehicles double the Canadian average and is now embracing the EV movement, with supportive provincial and local governments, a \$5,000 provincial rebate on new EV purchases, and an ambitious carbon-tax. It makes sense to charge-up when 93 per cent of the province's electricity is produced from clean hydropower.

Salt Spring is the perfect place to drive electric too. The short island distances would hardly dent the range offered by today's EVs (95 per cent of all B.C. journeys are less than 30 kilometres in distance). The island has

public charging points at the library (110 volts) and at ArtSpring (a faster charging 220 volts). This Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Station will be officially opened at noon on Aug. 11, with Elizabeth May MP joining in the fun.

The EV demonstration is open to all (no eco-tour ticket required). And if you have an electric car or bike you'd like included in the display, please contact Jon Healy at 250-537-1222.

For more information about the Salt Spring Eco-Living and Home Tour, see the story on page 13 of this issue of the paper.

Tour tickets cost \$20 and are available from Salt Spring Books at 250-537-2812, Windsor Plywood, Elements Home Design and www.saltspringecolivinghometour.eventbrite.ca.

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SECTION 8 EGGS
If you have poultry, you must have some eggs to exhibit. Check the rules on page 25 regarding the grading of sizes to enter the correct class. Also look at the judging standards for eggs. Entry forms must be submitted by Sept. 7.

Have fun, and see you at the Fair!

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Newcomers and veterans dominate bridge nights

Summertime hopefuls boost table ranks

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

July 22 was a full day — full of joy for the arrival of the royal baby, eight full tables for bridge, and a full moon. Legend has it that the night of the full moon is a good time for divination and scrying — not crying — google it if you don't already know what it is.

Best at divining how to play the cards were the North/South winners overall, namely George Laundry and Paul Retalack. Second to them were Gisela Welsh and Jillian Reid, with Nick Beringer and Pat Sutherland in third place.

Some of the East/West players may have been inwardly crying (not scrying) at the rotten cards they got, but those who made the best of it were Blanche Poborsa and Gerry Nicholson, followed by Flo Laundry and Lynn Thorburn. Coming a triumphant third over

BRIDGETRICKS

adversity were Margaretha and Ron Nordine.

July 29, although the moon was on the wane, saw even more hopefuls showing up, with eight and a half tables. Again North/South were the overall winners, with the Laundry-Retalack pair at their frequent achieved pinnacle. Second were Jeff Bell and Nancy Arnold, here for the summer, with Joanne Elizabeth and Jill Evans in the third spot and Liz and Oleh Mycyk coming fourth.

Topping East/West were newcomers Al Wilke and Nadene McCoy, doing a bit better than the Poborsa/Nicholson partnership, and followed by Vonnie Bryant and Ruth Hopping, then Gillian Mout and Doug Reid.

We hope the rest were not exercising their lungs like Prince George Alexander Louis Cambridge, but will have a go at scrying at the waterside some moonlit evening and then come to bridge

at Seniors on a Monday at 6:45 p.m. or contact George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastorale@shaw.ca.







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

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

HATHA FLOW YOGA with Dorothy Price. At The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. 9 to 10:30 a.m. (Wednesday evening class resumes in the fall.)

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

PERFORMANCE DANCE CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio RESUMES in September. Info: Anna Haltrecht, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com.

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

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

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

SS SENIOR SERVICES SOCIETY office hours in July and August are 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. 379 Lower Ganges Rd.

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

VIPASSANA MEDITATION with Heather Martin at The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. 7:30 to 9 p.m.

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

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

ZUMBA TONING class with Lee Sigmund at Still Point Yoga Studio. 4 to 5 p.m. NO CLASS on July 10 and 31.

THURSDAY

BINGO runs at Meaden Hall on the first and Thursday of each month. Games start at 6:30 p.m., with doors open at 6 p.m. Legion Ladies Auxiliary fundraiser.

TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION: Group meditations for all who have learned TM. Last Thursday of each month 7:30 p.m. Call 778-353-3014 for more information. Free introductory lectures by appointment.

every THURSDAY

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

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

MEN'S YOGA with Ken Katz at Still Point. 9 to 10:30 a.m. NO CLASSES IN AUGUST.

MIXED LEVELS YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio RESUMES IN THE FALL.

RESISTANCE STRETCHING with Lauren + Kip Squier at Still Point. 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.

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

VIJNANA YOGA with Liz Young at The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. RESUMES in the fall.

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

every FRIDAY

EVERYBODY STRETCH — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music with Catherine Bennett. Still Point Yoga Studio. 11 a.m. to 12 noon. NO CLASSES IN AUGUST.

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

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

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

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SALT SPRING VINEYARDS has live music every Friday through the summer. 2 to 4 p.m. plus complimentary tastings daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS with Valri at Still Point Yoga Studio. 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.

every SATURDAY

SSI UNITED CHURCH open houses will be held every Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. in July and August, except for July 27 and Aug. 3, when special outdoor events are planned.

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

every SUNDAY

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

QI GONG with Ne'ith Arrow — new class at Still Point Yoga Studio. 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. No class on Aug. 11.

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MONDAY

SSI FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT trustees hold their business meetings on the third Monday of each month during the summer at the Ganges fire hall. 7:30 p.m. Public welcome.

SSI PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION meeting dates for the rest of 2013 are Aug. 19, Sep. 23, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16 in the Portlock Park Portable at 5 p.m.

every MONDAY

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

BONES FOR LIFE® MOVEMENT CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio RESUMES in September. Info: Anna Haltrecht, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com.

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

FRAME DRUMMING CLASSES from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at 679 Stewart Rd. through August 2013. Experience frame drumming (native drumming) playing in a friendly, fun environment. \$8 per session or 5 for \$32. Info: Barbara Lyngard, 250-653-4469; Marilyn.Walker.250-653-9710

LIFE DRAWING every Monday at the Core Inn (third floor). 1 to 3 p.m. Info: Jose Campbell, 250-537-1121. Drop-ins welcome. Call Jose to ensure it's on in summer months.

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

PUMP PRIMERS co-ed heart health fitness class. All Saints By-the-Sea. 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. NO CLASSES IN AUGUST.

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

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

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

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

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

RESUMES IN THE FALL.

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

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

ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS with Valri Cunningham at Still Point Yoga Studio. 8:45 to 9:45 a.m.

TUESDAY

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

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

every TUESDAY

EVERYBODY MOVE with Catherine Bennett at Still Point Yoga Studio from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

FELDENKRAIS with Alice Friedman at Still Point Yoga Studio. 5 to 6:15 p.m. NO CLASSES IN AUGUST.

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

MEDITATION FOR WELLNESS/DEEPAK CHOPRA METHOD with Deb Stevenson at Still Point Yoga Studio. 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

NIA with Arleen at Still Point Yoga Studio. RESUMES in the fall.

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

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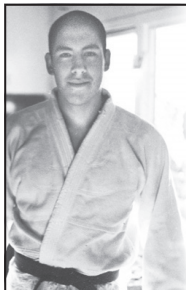
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MULTICULTURALISM

Festivalo celebrates ethnicity

Centennial Park to host mix of sounds and styles

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

What began as a series of weekly multicultural dinners has flourished into a full-blown Sunday afternoon party in Centennial Park.

Festivalo: A Day to Celebrate Multiculturalism on Salt Spring Island, is hoped to be the first of many annual events that celebrate the diverse range of cultures and ethnicities that can be found on Salt Spring.

"People are always surprised to find that there are people from all over the world living on our islands, and to discover just how difficult it can sometimes be to find acceptance and inclusion," says Gail Glode, one of the founders of the newly formed Gulf Islands Intercultural Society.

"We want to truly celebrate the incredible richness that multiculturalism brings to all of us."

The celebration will feature a fun lineup of dancing, music, food, face painting and language lessons beginning at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 11. Admission to the festival is free, with events running throughout the afternoon until 4 p.m.

The idea to host a festival in Centennial Park sprouted from a series of conversations held during the Intercultural Society's weekly dinners.

"We have each taken turns making the food of our respective cultures and sharing how to make it," said Amy Marchant, director and organizer of the events.

"We learn so much about one another's cultures and languages, and, most of all, we share the richness of one another's friendship and of acceptance and empathy.

"We have, in fact, become a family. We have had some amazing dinners with everything from Korean bibimbap to Russian dumplings, called pemleni, to empanadas from

Columbia, to authentic Indian curries."

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Though many island families in the community are dealing with autism, organizers say this will be the first awareness-raising and fundraising event of its kind in the region.

"In the past, walks for autism have been held in Vancouver. We would like to expand in the future to cover all of the Gulf Islands. Let's make our island families count," press material from Salt Spring Community Services states.

Current statistics suggest one in every 54 boys and one in 214 girls born will be diagnosed with autism.

"Autism Speaks...it's time to listen! Our children on Salt Spring Island need support," the press release reads.

Those that can't attend the walk are welcome to donate to the cause, either directly or by supporting a favorite team. Teams include Salt Spring Island Community Services, Island Star Video, The Gathering Restaurant, CIBC, Rainbow Road Pool, Salt Spring Fire/Rescue and RCMP, Choices, Team David, the Core Inn, Zumba Lee, SD64, and CFSI Radio. It's also not too late to start to start your own team. Contact jharris@ssics.ca or call 250-221-0679 to register.

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This Week's Horoscope

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Tip of the Week:

With the rare and powerful Grand Trine in Water (July 17) and Mars Opposition Pluto (July 27) and the Star of David (July 29) and Mars Square Uranus (July 31) now behind us, but all still reverberating powerfully, and the New Moon in Leo (August 6) and Jupiter opposition Pluto (August 7) this is a major time of change for us all! Right in the midst of all this on July 22 less than an hour before the exact Full Moon and the Sun entering Leo, Prince George was born. A close examination of his Birth Chart certainly reveals all the grandeur and complexity that might be imagined of the new prince. There are certainly some pluses there in baby Georges chart, and it has its full fair share of challenges as well. I will bring closer attention to it in my upcoming newsletter which you can subscribe to on my website and is posted on my Facebook Fan Page (Sunstar Astrology).

But the really big news is the steadily emerging global village and the changing economy. This morphing process is moving faster with each new day and we are all challenged to keep up. This requires that we are more aware and in-tune with both the outer flow and our own true destiny line. This is where Astrology can help you significantly. Those who continue to parrot the notion that Astrology does not work are simply expressing their prejudice and conditioned closed mind. They are still stuck in the old paradigm that is founded upon mechanistic physics and materialistic conclusions. We are living in a new paradigm now. It can be described as the quantum age. Ironically, this 'New Age' may also be called the New Ancient because many ancient truths are unearthed and re-awakened. In this new paradigm, purely linear logic, dogmatic attitudes and reductionism will all go extinct and this is happening right now.

Our times require a more spiritually conscious, accepting, open, flexible and dynamic mode of whole brain thinking than ever before. Our individual and collective challenge now is to tune-in and flow with the dynamic and dramatic flow of changes happening in every sector of modern civilization. Thanks to many years of experience assisting people using Astrology and Numerology, I can help you to tune-in to your authentic nature and identify and align with your destiny line.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

The New Moon in Leo on August 6 will activate a more playful, creative and perhaps romantic mood than you have felt for a while. This will contribute to boost your confidence to beautify your home and/or create more harmony with your family. There does remain a more sobering element all the while linked to deeper changes brewing within.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

The pace of things is steadily speeding up for you. Demands of your time, energy and focus are coming from many fronts. Fortunately, your energy levels are running high. You feel moved to get to the bottom of things somehow. At best, this pace is activating your creative dynamism. Commitment to a brighter future is the rock in your roll.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

Your sights are set on creating a more secure foundation. Health is the key word here. It can be applied in a variety of directions: attitude, body, diet, mental and emotional balance, lifestyle habits... This theme will continue for a couple of years but this is an important time to take a fresh start. You will have to be clear, disciplined and willing to do the work to succeed.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)

A big, bold, brassy and exciting cycle has begun for you over the past several weeks. You should feel it as a boost of confidence. It will inspire you to take some risks and makes some moves that you would not have previously. Now that the start shot has been sounded, focus to establish a steady momentum and a determined stride.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)

This week's New Moon in your sign will spark some key initiatives. You may feel the need to dig deeper than usual to access deeper reserves of faith to follow through. You are deeply in a cycle that requires that you 'feel the fear and do it anyway'. This includes opening up and perhaps exposing some of your vulnerabilities. This could prove extra apparent over the coming weeks.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

All being well you have expanded your scope and stimulated your network. Now it is time to follow through on the leads you have activated and otherwise work behind the scenes, lay low and/or retreat for a little while. You can still be productive and may in fact be even more so than usual. Be willing to multi-task as necessary.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)

Some key initiatives and events in your public and/or professional life have been keeping you busy. These have brought you more exposure. Yet, have also likely required extra efforts. Making key investments has and will continue to be an important theme. Now it is time to play. Accept invitations or make your own.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)

Circumstances and key players have been pushing you to see a bigger picture. Now it is time to more fully engage your imagination to create new opportunities. Approaching authority figures for favours and earned rewards over the coming weeks should prove favourable. Assuming a more philosophical and perhaps spiritual perspective will linger longer yet.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)

A time of clearing, purging and purifying is entering a new stage. It has caused you to go deep and has likely stirred your emotions in a big way. At best, it has inspired your passions and even synchronized with a new flow of abundance. Now, the Leo cycle is activating a more playful and adventurous mood. Catch the spirit of fun and games.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)

Many new and big beginnings on relationship fronts are occurring these days. Some of these are causing you to let go of things, attitudes, approaches and/or perspectives you once valued. Their time is up and it is important for you to move on to your next set of experiences. The good news is that the cycle that has just begun will open your whole world wide.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)

The seeds of new lifestyle rhythms have been sown. To achieve this you have had to take some very calculated risks which were not so easy to do. For the sake of increased abundance, prosperity and overall fulfillment though, you did it. Now it is time to stimulate new relationships. Put on your diplomats cap and start shaking hands.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

A creative cycle continues and is keeping you busy on a variety of fronts. Now it is time to improve, refine and complete what you started a couple of months ago. This process may take a few weeks, especially considering the spectrum of fronts, but now is the time to do it. Consequently, this is probably not the time to start anything new, until month's end anyway.

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Stingrays power through regional trials

Provincial qualifiers met and records broken

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The Salt Spring Stingrays showed impressive finishes at the Vancouver Island Regional Championships swim meet in Nanaimo over the long weekend, with many team members qualifying for the provincial championships being held in Coquitlam later this month.

Island swimmers who took first place in their divisions included Cassidy Fraser, who broke two regional records in Div. 6, for her 100m fly and 50m fly. Fraser also achieved a silver in the 200m individual medley (IM).

Shane Webster took home the gold in 100m backstroke and 50m fly in Div. 5, as well as bronze finishes in 200m individual medley and 100m fly.

3 50m breast, and Zoey Johnson did the same for her 100m IM in Div. 2.

Silver medals were earned by Rachael Gardner in the Div. 8 100m breast, Lexi Wesley-Plambeck for Div. 2 50m breast, Kaelin Ertel for Div. 1 100m IM, and Jason Funk in Div. 750m free style. Gardner and Wesley-Plambeck also picked up the bronze in their divisions for 200m IM and 50m free style, respectively.

Also taking the bronze in their divisions were Nigel Bisnar for the 200m IM in Div. 5, Rylan Burnett for 100m backstroke in Div. 4, Aaryn Funk in a tie for the Div. 50m fly, Kiel Johnson for 50m backstroke in Div. 1, Lyyli Kennedy for 100m breast in Div. 5, and Maddie Wesley-Plambeck for 100m breast in Div. 4.

Three Stingrays relay teams also qualified for the provincials. The Div. 5 boys freestyle team includes Zadian St. Gelais, Austin Bisnar, Rylan Burnett and Nigel Bisnar. The Div. 6 girls



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Stingrays swimmers line up for duty at a recent meet.

medley team is formed by Maggie Birch, Lyyli Kennedy, Cassidy Fraser and Shane Webster. Andrew Sinclair, Liam Sinclair, Aaryn Funk and Jason Funk

make up the Div. 7 boys medley team.

The speed swim portion of the provincial championships will take place from Aug. 16 to 18.

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YOUTH SPORTS

GISS hosts B-Ball camps

Passion Sports event participation still possible

The Passion Sports team will be back on Salt Spring this month, offering their sixth annual basketball camp for kids ages eight to 17.

Taking place at the Gulf Islands Secondary School gym from Aug. 12 to 16, two divisions for boys and girls will give everyone a chance to learn from university players and coaches.

"Within those divisions, we will create development groups to make sure that everyone is constantly challenged without being left behind," said program coordinator Greg Wallis.

The junior elite division is for ages eight to 12 and will focus on building a strong foundation of fundamental basketball skills in a fun, challenging environment.

"This program is designed for young athletes with a keen interest in basketball. Our days will feature skill development

sessions, drills, games, and competitions," the Passion Sports website explains.

The "I Work Harder" elite division camp for ages 13 to 17 takes skill development to the next level in drills and in-game scenarios. Coaches help players build their skills and share valuable insights into what has helped them in their playing career and the work ethic that was necessary to achieve success.

The Passion Sports program has grown steadily since it was first started in Victoria in 2007, with camps taking place in seven communities across the province.

"Our attendance has continued to grow and this year's camp is shaping up to be the best one yet," Wallis said. "It is great to see so many kids falling in love with the game and realizing the doors that basketball can open for them."

Online registration and more information about the program can be found at www.passionsports.ca/basketball. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

RACE RESULTS

Athletes bring home medals

Marcia Jansen and Marion Young

awarded medals for their efforts.

Marcia Jansen's time of 2:33:04 put her in third place in her F40-44 category for the Olympic triathlon event, which features a 1.5-km swim, a 40-km bike ride and a 10-km run.

Competing in the sprint race (with 750-metre swim, 20-km bike ride and 5-km run), Marion Young placed second out of seven in her age category of F55-59. Young's time was 1:31:51.

The event took place at Elk Lake near Victoria.