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PRIDE

Island erupts with vibrant Pride

Crowds gather to celebrate diversity

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The streets of Ganges exploded in a rainbow of colour on Saturday afternoon as hundreds of people sang, danced and celebrated at the island's sixth annual pride parade and street party.

"This is an amazing party and I want to thank all of you beautiful people for being a part of Salt Spring Pride," said Janet Clouston, Pride co-chair with Deirdre Rowland. "We are all beautiful people."

Saturday afternoon's festivities were among a wide range of Pride festival activities scheduled, including theatrical performances, a disco party and a pride picnic. Although Pride activities have been held on the island for nine years, the parade has evolved over the past six years to embrace islanders and visitors who seek to gather in a friendly, festive and supportive environment.

Saturday's parade snaked through the streets of Ganges before ending in front of the library steps on McPhillips Avenue, where participants took over the street in an all-out island love-in.



PHOTOS BY JEN MACLELLAN

From left, Robert Birch and Bailey Dalton bring colour to Saturday's Pride parade and related festivities.

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ISLANDS TRUST

Metal recycler faces LTC ultimatum

Quesnel asked to cease and desist, but door left open

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee has asked the owner of a metal recycling business on Rainbow Road to cease and desist or face the inevitable consequences of bylaw enforcement.

"The noise issue is black and white and the noise has to cease," said trustee Peter Grove on Tuesday, while en route to a Trust Council meeting on Lasqueti Island.

Should John Quesnel comply with an LTC request to stop "metal crushing and other noise generating activities" at 440 Rainbow Rd., trustees will give him an opportunity to re-apply for a Temporary Use Permit, so long as the proposed land use involves a "lower level of industrial activity" than is currently taking place.

"Some lower level of industrial activity may be appropriate," Grove said.

Noise concerns have been the major sticking point raised by neighbours who've opposed Quesnel's nearly decade-long effort to rezone his split-zone rural-agricultural property.

Speaking on Tuesday morning, Quesnel said he intends to comply with the order and soon

METAL RECYCLING continued on 2

COURT

Gun club ruling lauded

Both sides claim victory

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
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A ruling on the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club's challenge to the Capital Regional District's noise bylaw handed down last week has been called a victory by both parties.

The judgement by B.C. Supreme Court Justice Gregory T.W. Bowden fails to overturn the bylaw that has been in place on Salt Spring since 2006, as the rod and gun club had requested. However, it also recognizes the club's right to have shooting between the hours of 9 a.m. and sunset, and quashed bylaw infraction tickets that were issued during these hours because of complaints from neighbours.

Members of the longstanding island club are happy with the result, which they say upholds their ability to pursue the activities allowed by the property's zoning.

"We felt that we are, and have always been, properly zoned by the Islands Trust for our activities and that the CRD was seeking to prevent the lawful use of the club facilities," Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club president John Foley said in a statement.

The CRD is also finding cause to celebrate, as the judgement upholds the bylaw outside of the permitted hours rather than overturning it altogether for being too vague as the club had alleged.

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Noise reduction strategy proposed

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apply for a TUP. Quesnel said he believes he could still operate on the site while complying with terms of a cease and desist order.

"They haven't closed doors,

they've actually opened some," he said of the LTC's unanimous Friday afternoon decision. "With every door that closes, a couple open."

Quesnel said he wants to rezone his property to permit collection of metal for recycling purposes. Further negotiation

with neighbours and Islands Trust staff, he said, could limit noise by establishing specific days for metal crushing, perhaps up to four times a year.

"Let's come to some kind of agreement," he said. "I'm totally open to make this fly."

Neighbours' concerns

encouraged LTC members to deny Quesnel's latest rezoning application in March.

Though "substantially similar applications" cannot be submitted within a year of a being refused, reconsideration can be pursued at the LTC's discretion.

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from Dr. Richard Hayden

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Grassroots diversity earns praise

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"You are all so creative, so colourful, so diverse, so resilient, so very clever and, dare I say, small 'g' green," said Elizabeth May, federal Green party leader.

"I walk in pride parades in Toronto and Montreal, in Vancouver and Victoria, and the Salt Spring Island pride parade is distinct from all the others and I'll tell you why; it's not corporatized.

"There are no big trucks lugging corporate logos. There is a very distinct authentic grassroots acceptance of diversity that says, 'We are proud to be and to have people that we love who are gay and who are lesbian, who are trans, who are queer, who are bi. Whatever the colours of the rainbow, we love each other.'"

In the afternoon's most sobering moment, Helen Hinchliff and Linda Mills

stood on the library plaza area with a "phoenix rising" banner, created with recovered fragments of a rainbow flag that Hinchliff found burned in Ganges the previous weekend.

"I'm really delighted to live in this family community that we have here on Salt Spring Island. Everybody is a positive force for this island, but I am particularly grateful to the LGBTQ community who have been so compassionate and caring when I've really needed it."

Mills and Hinchliff sang a song called Phoenix Rising, written to commemorate the occasion.

"This is my thanks to you," Hinchliff told the crowd.

The Pride celebration is organized by GLOSSI, a group that supports diversity, combats homophobia and provides education on issues faced by the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and queer community.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Helen Hinchliff displays her Phoenix Rising banner. See more photos from Salt Spring Pride 2013 on the Driftwood's Facebook page.

More details about the group are available at www.glossi.org. See www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com for video coverage.

CRD to consider bylaw amendment

COURT RULING

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The ruling also means the CRD won't have to return to the previous version of the noise bylaw, which contained a specific exemption for the club.

"I am happy that a decision has been made supporting the CRD bylaw which has been in effect and applicable to the discharge of firearms since 2006," CRD electoral area director Wayne McIntyre said in a press release. "I am hopeful this decision will provide a basis for parties to find a collaborative and positive way forward."

One of Bowden's key findings

was that the Islands Trust must have expected noise as a result of permitting gun use in the zoning.

"Clearly, the activity of discharging firearms on an outdoor shooting range will create noise and if the effect of sections 2 and 3(6) of the bylaw is to prohibit noise . . . then the discharge of firearms on the petitioner's property at any time will offend the bylaws," he wrote.

"As the petitioner says, that result will effectively deny the gun club the right to carry on the activities authorized by the zoning bylaw. It would be absurd to think that the permitted activity of discharging firearms on the petitioner's property only allows the discharge of

firearms that do not create noise."

However, Bowden also said that some regulation of the noise created within the permitted timeframe would be desirable. He suggested the CRD could amend its noise bylaw to "define impermissible noise" by objective criteria such as decibel level.

The matter has now been turned over to the CRD Electoral Area Services Committee. Staff have been directed to bring forward recommendations regarding potential bylaw amendments in response to the decision. The CRD stated it will consider input from the rod and gun club and the wider community before implementing any changes.

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FALL FAIR

Islanders prepare to climb aboard for Fall Fair fun

Weekend features swashbuckling theme

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It's nearly time, once again, to grab a straw hat, a pair of gumboots and a healthy appetite as the latest installment of the Salt Spring Island Fall Fair is set to overtake the Farmers' Institute grounds this coming weekend.

This year's event features a quirky Pirates of the Carrots and Beans theme, a concept that's sure to lend an extra swagger to the island's premier agricultural festival.

"This year's theme was chosen because it provided some fun and was easy to incorporate into the different classes that portray the theme," said Marguerite Lee, a member of the Farmers' Institute board of directors.

"I'm sure there will be a few pirates around the grounds."

Among the new features at this weekend's event are four areas to help keep youngsters amused. Youth stations will include playing with clay, basket weaving, painting and a time-out zone with a sand box and pirate hats.

Visitors can also look out for the fair's ever-expanding collection of farm equipment, including a newly



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO BY
 Michael Patrick gets ready for the zucchini drag races at the 2012 Fall Fair.

refurbished operating sawmill and threshing machine, to get a close-up look at homesteading life.

The demonstration tent will feature many opportunities to learn about bees, seeds, syrup and beans from island experts between 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on both days. There's also music throughout the weekend, displays by various community organizations and enough food to satisfy everyone's tastes. Just

be sure to leave some room for pie!

Back again for another year is John Newman, who will be joined by antiquarian book expert Bill Matthews and gallery owner Matt Steffich to appraise islanders' hidden treasures.

Anyone with questions about their loot is invited to stop by for a free professional appraisal.

"We're going to broaden the scope," Newman said. "Last year,

we saw a lot of interesting pieces, many diverse items across a broad spectrum."

The appraisal booth will also have a monitored space where treasures can be stored so people can enjoy the fair without having to haul around their items.

Regardless of all those fun activities and delicious foods, Lee said her favourite part of the weekend is watching everyone soak up the atmosphere and congratulating the winners of various contests.

The fair offers a great overview of islanders' achievements on the farm as well as in the studio, with entries collected from approximately 800 categories of entries across 30 specific sections.

Lee said she's proud upwards of 10,000 visitors continue to support the fair each year, a testament to organizers' and volunteers' strong focus on the event's rural heritage.

"We are a small country fair with a focus on family and local agriculture," she said. "We don't do the sponsorship and midways that larger fairs emphasize."

Her advice to first-timers? Take your time to see everything, enjoy the food and listen to the music. And don't forget your eye-patch.

For a full schedule of events, see pages 10 and 11 of this week's Driftwood.

Five Fall Fair must sees

- 1. Check out the competition!** From dahlias to scarecrows, there's bound to be something that catches your eye among the 800 potential classes of entries in 30 sections.
- 2. Basket weaving.** Learn what it takes to weave a basket. Youth workshops will be held in the annex throughout the weekend. For schedules, visit the basketry displays.
- 3. Zucchini drag races.** Think your zuke has what it takes? Races get underway on Saturday and Sunday at 1 and 3:30 p.m.
- 4. Chickens 101:** Learn how to keep those chickens happy with Jean Brouard's basics of backyard chickens, at the demo tent on Saturday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- 5. Beyond canning.** Learn a new twist on a lost art as Wreford Miller talks food preservation. Sunday at 2 p.m. in the demo tent.

NEWS BRIEFS

Trade deal pondered

Islanders can learn more about the Canada-China Federal Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (CC-FIPPA) and what it might mean for the country's future at an event with MP Elizabeth May taking place on Wednesday, Sept. 18.

Hupacasath First Nations' Brenda Sayers and Emma Pullman of LeadNow will join May in a special public forum at All Saints By-the-Sea. The evening kicks off with a pot-

luck supper from 5 to 6:30 p.m., followed by a lively discussion from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Scuffle nets probation

A Salt Spring Island man will have to abide by conditions of a one-year probationary sentence after pleading guilty to an assault charge in Ganges Provincial Court last week.

Kenneth Howe must visit a probation officer on a regular basis and must not possess any weapons for the coming year.

The sentence stems from

a February incident during which Howe is reported to have attacked another man at midday near Gulf Islands Secondary School. Howe is said to have shouted at and slapped the individual during a minor scuffle that ensued. No injuries were sustained as a result of the incident.

Howe, who does not have a history of violent behaviour, said he has made a serious effort to improve his life through various counselling services provided on the island.

"I'm trying to get myself better," he told the court.

Equine first aid offered

The Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association is hosting equine first aid training with Sue Higgs on Sunday, Sept. 22.

The clinic will teach horse owners and horse lovers some basic techniques in case of emergencies, such as how to deal with lacerations, hoof puncture wounds and digestive disorders, how to take a horse's vital signs, how to detect and ease pain, and how to avoid under/overdos-

ing. The course includes an equine first aid manual.

Twenty-five per cent of the proceeds will go to SSTR. Register at 250-930-4127 or www.equinefirstaid.ca.

Volunteers needed

Islanders interested in volunteering for Marine Search and Rescue and boating safety are encouraged to visit the RCMSAR Station 25 stand at the Fall Fair this coming weekend.

The stand will be hard to miss as the group is bringing

its vessel, the Amarah Gabriel and the safety van from RCMSAR headquarters.

"This is a great opportunity for people to meet the crew, learn about boating safety and see the vessel that they could be trained to operate as a marine search and rescue volunteer," said Andrew Ross-Collins of Salt Spring's RCMSAR group.

The crew will also be offering free boating safety surveys and giving out packages and literature. On Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p.m., the two winners of the firewood raffle will be drawn.

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SAFETY

Helicopter buzz alarms horse riders

Trampled rider angry at low altitude flight

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Riding coach Jackie Cooper has been left sore, bruised and angry after a low-flying helicopter buzzed a group of riders and horses at Blennerhassett Equestrian Center on Monday.

Though an experienced rider and a certified Equine Canada coach, Cooper was thrown from her horse and then trampled by another one after the helicopter pilot came in and hovered over the

riders, apparently with the aim of taking a closer look.

"Horses are flight animals. That's their first instinct, is to run," Cooper said.

"Probably [the pilot] thought it was cute — but meanwhile I'm lying on the ground."

Cooper had been leading a group of four adult students on a walk from the Blennerhassett fields down to St. Mary Lake when she noticed the helicopter approaching from the south. Spooking the sheep in an adjoining field, the helicopter noise soon activated the horses' flight response as well. Fortunately,

the two students closest to Cooper had been walking their horses, and the remaining two had chosen to stay further back.

"If all five people had been on horses, somebody could be dead," Cooper said.

Canadian Aviation Regulations state aircraft cannot travel "at a distance less than 500 feet from any person, vessel, vehicle or structure." Cooper believes the helicopter was much closer than the permitted distance.

"It's just unsafe to lower your helicopter to look at horses. And my horse is quite tall, so it was a long way

down," she said.

Cooper reported the incident to the RCMP and to Transport Canada. However, she was unable to see any identification numbers and the ministry isn't able to track flights over Salt Spring. She describes the helicopter as a private aircraft in dark red or burgundy with a squarish back. Anyone with information about the incident is requested to contact Transport Canada.

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ISLAND GOVERNANCE

Survey misses demographic

Respondents cite 'jobs and economy' as top concern

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Despite strong participation in a governance survey conducted earlier this summer, a low number of younger respondents highlights the challenge to engage all demographics in the debate.

"We really would like to reach more of that age group," said Pat Preston, the Salt Spring Island Governance Study Committee's communications director.

Of the nearly 500 people who completed the survey, only 19 were under 35 years of age. At 55 per cent, the largest proportion of respondents were between the ages of 36 and 65. Roughly 40 per cent of respondents were over 66 years of age.

Approximately 91 per cent of respondents identified themselves as property owners, with fewer than eight per cent of responses coming from renters.

Although committee members and the team of consultants hired to oversee the process are impressed by the rate of participation, the notable absence of younger participants and property owners suggests more effort is needed to attract a broader spectrum of respondents.

"It identifies that the mix isn't a true mix," Preston said. "We do our best to reach all demographics but just don't know how."

Survey results will feed the committee's effort to determine interest in an island incorporation study. The Governance Study Committee's process, which will include further public forums, surveys and information campaigns, will conclude when consultants release a final report in November.

Nearly 60 per cent of the survey's participants identified jobs and economy as the island's biggest challenge. Community governance and water management followed at 44.1 per cent and 43.9 per cent, respectively.

Between 30 and 33 per cent of people noted a dissatisfaction with land-use planning and economic development initiatives; nearly 64 per cent of respondents said they feel the current form of governance is unable to address island issues.

"It shows that people are interested," Preston said of the survey's results. "The turnout was very good. We're very pleased that that many people took the time to complete the survey. "We didn't really know what to expect."

Full survey results and updated governance fact sheets are available at ssgovernancestudy.ca. A second round of public forums is scheduled for Oct. 28 and 29.

PETS

Psychic connection credited for lost dog's recovery

Tensin the pug found

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The mysterious disappearance of a nine-month-old pug from a Salt Spring property has become even more mystifying since his return, which happened shortly after his owner received advice from a local psychic.

Beddis Road resident Jenny Colver realized her puppy Tensin had vanished

from her fenced yard on Sept. 1. Though she noticed he was gone within a few minutes, she was unable to find him. Colver was afraid of the worst after there was no sign of the pug for several days, noting the area's forests and ravines. To make matters worse, Tensin has a compressed trachia and can't bark, and requires medication.

"Since he was so young and it was such bad weather, I thought maybe he had passed away somewhere," she said.

Colver put out lost ads and posted her neighborhood in an attempt to gain the pug's recovery. But it was a Facebook post made on her behalf through the BCSPCA Salt Spring office that she feels led to Tensin's recovery. Denise Johnson, who does psychic readings as Clarity Channel, read the post and offered Colver the information she needed.

"She told me Tensin was in a home somewhere on Beddis Road close to Anchor Point, and to

knock on every single door on Beddis and talk loud enough so that he could hear me," Colver said.

The distraught pet owner put the plan into action on Friday evening, but she had only reached 11 houses when it got dark and she had to call it quits for the night. The following morning she left for an hour and a half for a yoga class. When she returned, Tensin was sitting in her yard — six days and six nights after he was last seen.

Colver said she doesn't know where Tensin had been, but he didn't appear to have been running the woods the whole time he was gone, since his paws were dry and warm. Whoever returned him chose not to collect on the promise of a reward.

"I'm not really a believer. I don't know how these things work," Colver said about the psychic connection, but added somehow she does believe it was Clarity's advice that brought the pug home.



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Jenny Colver is thrilled to have Tensin home.

ISLANDS TRUST

APC input needed on Kings Lane application

TUPs for residential use also on the way

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A development permit application to build two new medical office buildings at 154 Kings Lane will move on to the Advisory Planning Commission for input following a staff report and presentation at Friday's Local Trust Committee meeting.

"I have some reservations about the application. They're not serious reservations but they'd certainly benefit from the APC's input," said trustee George Grams.

"I'd prefer to benefit from their advice."

Islands Trust contract planner Kelly Gesner reported there were several areas to consider according to the land use guidelines for Development Permit Area 1, including the provision of pathways to encourage pedestrians and cyclists and a safe place to lock up bikes, the property's proximity to agricultural land and the landscaping plans.

Property owner Myles Wilson presented a letter to the LTC that said he would clear up some of those concerns. However, he asked for leeway on landscaping design, noting the developers wanted to wait until construction was further along in order to get a better sense of the space and get input from future tenants. Wilson also said they did not want to plant trees or shrubs near parking lot entrances to protect sight lines.

Trustees Grams and Peter Grove each commented on the need to include pathways in the immediate process, instead of waiting for future development on an adjacent property as Wilson suggested.

"I think you should be looking at that as a goal and somehow laying the foundations of your property to make that happen," Grove said regarding a safe link

to Lady Minto Hospital.

Grams said his key concerns in addition to pathways were the amount of non-porous coverage, landscaping plans and bike racks.

The committee voted unanimously to forward the application to the APC, although it decided against bringing it to the agricultural committee since the applicant had already satisfied agricultural considerations during the property's rezoning purpose. The trustees also moved to accept Gesner's recommendation to require the applicant to provide a landscaper's cost estimate and possible letter of credit. Grams noted the projected cost could increase depending on the APC recommendations.

In other LTC news, a staff update on the project to make secondary suites legal could bring about an even greater range of housing options into bylaw compliance than expected.

Recent changes to the Local Government Act will allow the Trust to issue Temporary Use Permits for residential dwellings as well as for commercial and industrial space. During her update at Friday's LTC meeting, Trust planner Justine Starke presented the proposed amendment to the OCP that would reflect this change.

She also went a step better by suggesting the committee could consider using TUPs to include secondary suites that don't conform with the current definition, such as those located in garages and barns instead of within an existing home. The TUP could also be used for temporary dwellings such as care cottages or "tiny houses," to be used by family members who are in need of medical care, Starke said.

Trustees directed Starke to move forward with drafting the bylaw to amend the OCP and voted to forward the staff report to the Advisory Planning Commission for input.

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EDITORIAL

Never hurts to ask

Some stories just never seem to go away. A few years ago, when Driftwood staff assembled a special edition to celebrate the paper's 50th anniversary, it didn't take long before the truth of an old adage became apparent: the more things change, the more things stay the same.

Road lines, ferry service, local governance and cougar sightings have formed a reliable undercurrent to life on Salt Spring since well before the paper's first edition hit front steps across the island in 1960.

So it wasn't too much of a surprise when the topic of John Quesnel's Salt Spring Metal Recycling business returned to the Local Trust Committee stage on Friday afternoon.

Quesnel has operated a metal recycling business at 440 Rainbow Rd. for nearly a decade. What started as a home-based auto-parts business gradually grew into an operation that riled neighbours, many of whom took exception to the level of noise produced by metal crushing on the site.

THE ISSUE:

Metal recycling

In March, a decision by the LTC to toss out Quesnel's latest rezoning application made bylaw enforcement appear inevitable. Yet the current continued to churn.

WE SAY:

Hopefully a solution in sight

Just last week, LTC members gave Quesnel the opportunity to re-apply for a Temporary Use Permit that would allow him to continue working at the site, provided he doesn't partake in any "metal crushing or other noise-generating activities."

Quesnel sees this as an opportunity to implement changes that may keep him in business, LTC members have an opportunity to resolve the matter and neighbours face the prospect of some calm, except perhaps within some prescribed times if Quesnel's own suggestion is eventually accepted.

We wonder why it hasn't always been that easy. Has the whole debate only required the LTC to simply ask Quesnel to stop making so much noise? Is it possible that an obsession with all-or-nothing solutions hampered compromise from the start?

If history is any guide, the answer to these questions will take time. It will take years to determine if Quesnel can earn a livelihood without "noise-generating activities" and whether neighbours are satisfied.

We may not be on the brink of a solution quite yet, but there's a new perspective and a sense that a willingness to communicate might actually quell the clamour, maybe even within the next decade.



VIEWPOINT by Maxine Leichter

Waterworks vigilance appreciated

The Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society offers our praise and support to the North Salt Spring Waterworks District for reminding us that Maxwell Lake and its watershed are not a recreation area or park (in reference to its "Help Preserve the Maxwell Lake Watershed and Reservoir" educational campaign).

The lake and surrounding area is private property and not open to swimming, picnicking, hiking, off-roading or other activities.

We are saddened that these steps are needed. Swimming in Maxwell Lake has long been a treasured tradition with local residents. However, on a recent warm weekday, we observed 15 cars parked by the access to the lake, meaning easily over 30 people were there, likely more on a weekend. This could mean as many as 200 visitor days a week and 1,600 visitor days over the two warm months. The lake simply cannot withstand such use, even if only in the summer.

In the past, a few respectful visitors were not a problem. But with greater development on the island, the lake has become known to more people and its increasing usage has reached a critical stage.

It is also unfortunate that hikers and bikers are using an unauthorized trail through the watershed. Swimming, hiking and camping in the watershed pose a tremendous fire danger during the summer. Fires in the watershed have occurred in the past.

This is why we support the North Salt Spring Waterworks decommissioning this trail. The island has many safe and maintained trails that are open to the public. A useful map is available from the Parks and Recreation Commission office at

Portlock Park.

Because the lake has been relatively undisturbed, drinking water from Maxwell Lake requires only minimal treatment. A fire or other water contamination could cause Maxwell Lake water to be unavailable for an extended period of time, leaving the island very short of water. Increasing disturbance due to human activities could hasten the need to build an expensive new water treatment plant. It is far less expensive and more environmentally sound to protect our lake so we can obtain our water cleansing services from nature.

In the past, a few respectful visitors were not a problem.

The lake and its watershed were purchased by a broad community effort by North Salt Spring Waterworks customers, community organizations and private donors, including previous directors of the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society, in order to protect one of the primary drinking water sources for our island. This kind of complete protection takes place in Victoria, Vancouver and other population centres.

Under such protection, the lake has continued to resist the blooms of cyanobacteria that have plagued most other island lakes. Maxwell Lake also provides a rare example for scientific purposes of a lake in this geographic zone that is not impacted by development.

We thank the Waterworks and all the Waterworks ratepayers for standing strong in protecting the Maxwell Lake watershed and our water supply.

Submitted on behalf of the board of directors of the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should recreation be allowed in drinking water sources?

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Yes No

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Is military action the right response to Syria?



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ISLAND VOICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "The noise issue is black and white and the noise has to cease."

PETER GROVE, SALT SPRING TRUSTEE, ON SS METAL RECYCLING

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: How do you celebrate Pride on Salt Spring?



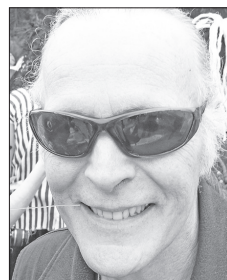
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I come out with my kids to watch the parade, support, cheer, dance and sing.

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.**

Burch thanks

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to the community of Salt Spring Island for surrounding us with love and care during this time of loss and bereavement. We have been so deeply touched by the numerous calls, visits, words and the acts of kindness and generosity that have made our burden more bearable.

Thank you to our extended family for the love and support after the tragic death of our Ryan. Thank you to all our special friends for the cooking, the baking, the flowers, the cards and the continuing contact and expressions of care.

Thank you to the Community Gospel Chapel and the Farmers' Institute for opening your doors to Ryan's celebration of life. We are grateful for all the effort that went into making this event possible.

A special thank you to Nathaniel Stoffelsma and the staff and children of Fulford Elementary School for the evergreen seedlings that will honour Ryan's life everywhere they grow.

Thank you, everyone, from the depths of our hearts.
**JUDY BURCH, AND
SUZANNE, ANDREW,
AUSTIN & COLTON ARCHER,**
SALT SPRING

Bowen ideas

With reference to Ken Lee's suggestion to extend the summer service of the Bowen Queen on Route 9a, as announced by BC Ferries at the public meeting held on Salt Spring on April 26, the new larger 125-car ferry proposed to replace the Bowen will operate on this route from Easter to Thanksgiving, including both long weekends.

This will provide a vast improvement for access to the Gulf Islands for summer travellers with a much larger ferry over a much longer season.

Much remains to be done

regarding scheduling and route design, but the new ships coming to both routes 9 and 9a (Queen of Nanaimo and Bowen Queen) should be a major benefit to the tourist economy of the Gulf Islands as well as providing better service for island residents.

As far as the 2014 season is concerned, as the Bowen is the relief vessel for other similar ferries undergoing refit and is thus usually occupied on other routes most of the year, any chance of extension of Route 9a before the new ships go into service in four to five years may be limited.

This suggestion will, how-

ever be placed on the agenda of the October meeting of the Salt Spring Ferry Advisory Committee with BC Ferries and I would encourage Ken and any interested persons to attend. The date, time and venue of the meeting will be advertised in the Driftwood.

HAROLD SWIERENGA,
CHAIR, SSI FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wear what you want

I was in the Pride parade on Saturday and it was very fun because I liked that nobody there thought it mattered what

gender they were dressed up as.

I think that people should be comfortable wearing whatever they want every day. If you're a woman you should be able to dress like a man and just be who you want to be, and men should be allowed to dress like a woman if they want.

I feel that it isn't fair that girls can comfortably wear shirts, pants or dresses when boys only feel comfortable in shirts with pants. I like seeing boys confident enough to wear pinks and purples at school.

MAIA CASSIE, AGE 7,
SALT SPRING

MORE LETTERS continued on 8

It could rain on a vacation, or pour zombies

For more than two months we had awoken each beautiful morning with fear in our eyes and dread in our hearts. As day after mint perfect day went by, we could only hang our heads in dismay as we awaited the inevitable.

You see, for over two decades my wife and I have been cursed with the "gift" of bringing bad weather along with us whenever and wherever we decide to go away for holidays. It was as though we packed our very own personal black cloud with us every time we left the island for a "fun in the sun" getaway. Just last summer, for instance, we toured around England, Scotland and Wales; as it turned out, it was the coldest, wettest summer in recorded history in the British Isles.

We've taken to calling ourselves The Rainmakers on account of the uncanny certainty that we will bring precipitation along with us anywhere we go. We have grown tired of fielding desperate phone calls from Death Valley and the Sahara Desert requesting our services. Maasai warriors in the African Serengeti have been known to kneel down and kiss the dirt we have stepped on.

But let's get back to our impending holiday. With the passing of each dawn-to-dusk sunny day before our scheduled departure in the last week of August, we knew that the odds of the weather turning were definitely going to be against us. The storm clouds, both literal and metaphorical, were brewing in anticipation.

I kept checking several weather websites to find some way to escape our usual soggy fate. All indications on each one of the 14-day forecasts I clicked on led to the same conclusion. The second week of our holiday vacation was pretty much assured of good weather, but the first seven days would be wet and blustery if we stayed anywhere near the coast. On the other

hand, if we caught the ferry over to the mainland and pointed our ancient '76 Dodge camper van eastward, we should have "clear sailing" as soon as we made it past the first set of mountain ranges.

Our choice was obvious. All we had to do was make our way as quickly and directly as possible towards the interior of the province and we would be able to bask in sunshine to our hearts' content.

We loaded up the van and shoehorned our bodies into the front seats. After easily catching the Vesuvius ferry, we took the time to look into each other's eyes and smiled. Road trip 2013, here we go!

As we headed up to Nanaimo and the connecting ferry across to Horseshoe Bay, we considered our options. Even if we caught the next available ferry, we would get into the big city just in time for rush hour. The thought of inching along the main highway out of town in bumper to bumper traffic was almost as terrifying as driving in a torrential downpour.

We made a snap decision to veer off the highway just before the ferry terminal and cruise our way up to Parksville. The plan was to camp the first night at beautiful Rathrevor Park and head back down to the Nanaimo ferry in the morning. This way, we would arrive in Vancouver after the morning rush and should have easy driving towards the interior.

We weren't quite sure what had happened, but by the time we reached the Lantzville turn-off, highway traffic had come to a standstill. Time ticked by as both drivers and their vehicles fumed in unison. Every few minutes we would



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

start up our motor, and move forward a few feet only to come to a complete halt again.

What should have taken us at most 30 minutes of driving time ended up being a three-hour ordeal! We pulled into our campsite exhausted and cranky.

The next morning we broke camp at Rathrevor just as dark cumulus clouds started to roll in. All was well though, because we easily made it back down to the ferry terminal and caught the next boat. We would hit the city around noon and be heading eastward long before any traffic could begin to build.

Wrong. Apparently, nobody told Vancouver drivers what time rush-hour traffic was supposed to happen. As soon as we drove by the TaylorWay cut-off on the Upper Levels Highway, we were stuck back in the bumper-to-bumper nightmare we had experienced the day before near Parksville.

There had to be a way out. We put our heads together and decided we would take the next exit off the main highway and travel along Route 7 on the north shore of the Fraser River. Maybe the speed limit was lower, but that would easily be offset by the pastoral scenery awaiting us.

Wrong again. You know those CBC Radio morning traffic reports warning drivers to avoid traffic jams on roads called Dewdney Trunk or Lougheed, or Pitt River or any of the other dozen thoroughfares entering or leaving Vancouver? Well, we hit them all. The movement of vehicles was just as slow as on the main highway except now we also had traffic lights.

Several hours later, we finally left the city madness behind and made our way into the open

countryside. And just as we approached the Kilby Campground at the junction of the Fraser and Harrison rivers, the skies opened up and we were swallowed up in a deluge of rain.

And it rained and it rained and it rained. I know there were some sunny periods in there somewhere, but they were only brief interludes to build up our hopes before the next storm came through. From Hedley to Merritt to Sun Peaks (ha!) to Adams Lake to Kamloops to Ashcroft to Lytton and all the way down the Fraser Canyon those clouds tailed us.

Finally, on our last day, as we were heading for the ferry at Tsawwassen, we missed a turn and ended up in White Rock. We stopped for some fish and chips, an ice cream cone, and a stroll along the sandy beach. Our holiday was over and, sure enough, the sky was beginning to brighten.

We piled back into our somewhat mouldy-smelling van in order to make our way on to the ferry terminal. We got only a couple of blocks before we were halted by traffic police.

There was a parade blocking the road ahead of us. What kind of parade, you ask? I kid you not, but it was the White Rock Zombie Parade. Hundreds of people dressed as ghouls and other undead were stumbling zombie-like down the road while crowds lined the sidewalk gawking and snapping photos.

We sat and waited at a dead halt, realizing this was probably going to cost us at least one ferry sailing.

Nobody asked me, but I think we're growing a little tired of being The Rainmakers and the Traffic Jammers. Maybe the next time we go on holidays, we'll pick a destination that will finally give us what we so crave.

I wonder what the 14-day forecast is for Mars.

RANTS *and* Roses

A large bouquet of roses to the many Salt Spring Islanders who donated to Books for Bella Bella, including the "Serious Book Club" group, SS Books, the SS library, members of the SS kayaking club and many other friends. Twenty-four boxes of books were personally delivered to Bella Bella and were greatly appreciated. Also a big thanks to BC Ferries, which did not charge us and arranged a special cart so we could deliver them easily. Jean Gelwicks

A huge bouquet of multi-coloured roses to everyone who inspired,

advised or otherwise contributed to my creation of the Rainbow Phoenix flag, Phoenix Rises from Ashes: Jack and Yvette Clements and Hannah the flagmaker, Claudia French, Windsor Plywood, Stitches, Elderberry Yarns, Island Savings, Chamber of Commerce, Tim and John, Deirdre Rowland and the rest of GLOSSI; Ginette Richer, Greenwoods art therapist, and Greenwoods residents Eileen Hunter and Norman Mouat; Rev. Clark Saunders and Salt Spring Island United Church; and Linda Mills for helping me sing the song I wrote for the occasion, The Rainbow Phoenix

Rises. We don't walk alone, least of all me. Thank you, Salt Spring, for making me feel at home for 28 years. Helen Hinchliff

Rainbows of roses to these special contributors to Pride 2013! Helen Hinchliff and the Phoenix Rises from Ashes Pride flag; Mamma Productions; Chuck and Search and Rescue; Tom at Salt Spring Fire/Rescue; local RCMP; Karen and the Salt Spring library; Ineke and Transpo; our parade marshalls Bill, Anne and Jim E.; Michael and Dennis heading the parade; Tom V banner making; Greg P. lighting show; Andrew Bissonnette and Brian Street DJ-ing; James and Jeff dance security; the Legion; T&A Café food; Bob K. Camp video; Harry W. sound system; storytellers at the

picnic; Taryn, Rex, Anne and Jim, as well as the talented street performers, including Samba Du Soleil, Sweet Water Revolver, Trixie Starlet, Mimi Michelle, Yoga Divas, Mamma's cast members, and Simone and the Soul Intentions; street helpers Bob T flats, Mark tech and sound, Gregor from Shutterjunkie; and Dragonfly. Wow, thank you all so very much!

A Pride parade full of roses to the Pride committee for all your hard work and energy! GLOSSI presents personal bouquets of sweet roses to Tim and John, committee members Bill, Caffyn, Chuck, David, Gordon, Lisa, Robert, Susan, and co-Pride chairs Janet and Deirdre; board members Rowan and Karen; with more roses to our vibe watchers, all

parade participants and onlookers; Mamma folks Susannah, Therin, Christina, Scott, cast and crew; and to the Driftwood's Amber, Gail, Elizabeth, Sean and Sheena. To anyone we might have forgotten, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We look forward to seeing you again for our 10th year in 2014.

Many roses and heartfelt thanks to my amazing corps of drivers during the last six weeks. Michael, Ron, Tom, Susan, Karen, Ann, Candace and those who volunteered but were not needed. Special thanks to super-organizer Candace and head chauffeur Norm. You all made it possible and mostly fun. We'll celebrate when I make my miraculous (if slightly delayed) recovery. Sally P

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Salt Spring Seniors Centre a busy place



Activities at Salt Spring Seniors are heating up for the fall after a laid-back summer schedule, although a couple of regular favourites like Thursday lunches and Elementary Bridge Lessons are not quite ready for the throngs.

Weekly groups meeting at the centre at 379 Lower Ganges Rd. (across from Country Grocer) are as follows:

Mondays

- Chess from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.;
- Duplicate Bridge at 6:45 p.m.
- Blood Pressure Clinic is held on the last Monday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Tuesdays

- Lost Chords Seniors Choir at 10:30 a.m.;
- Art Group at 1 p.m.
- Chess at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

- Stamps at 10 a.m.
- Caregivers Support Group at 11 a.m.
- Duplicate Bridge at 1 p.m.
- Poetry Group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m.

Thursdays

- Elementary Bridge Lessons begin again on Sept. 26 at 10 a.m.
- Thursday Lunch returns on Oct. 3.

Fridays

- Coffeetime at 10 a.m.
- Mah Jongg at 12:15 p.m.
- Bridge at 1 p.m.

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Ganges pathways partnership complicated but effective

BY JEAN GELWICKS

Partners Creating Pathways is delighted to announce that the Rainbow Road Pathway from the Recreation Centre to Atkins Road will be open in time for the Fall Fair. The new pathway has been carefully designed to wind between the existing trees and to preserve valuable roadside parking. The pathway will eventually extend to Lower Ganges Road as part of the North Ganges Transportation project.

PCP knows most residents are happy with the Ganges Village Pathway Network. (They tell us so all the time.) More people are leaving their cars at home and walking/cycling because they now feel safe, and most residents we talk to want more pathways, and not just around Ganges. Our process is working for most people, but we know that it is not perfect. The process can appear to be complicated to understand because of all the partners involved. We can't make everyone happy all the time, though we wish we could and we do try.

To a few, it might seem like we are in a rush building pathways, but for those working on getting a network of pathways around Ganges, the process has moved at a snail's pace. Island Pathways has been working towards a pedestrian and cycle safe community for 25 years. We have been promoting pathways on Salt Spring so pedestrians can walk from their homes to school, work, appointments, shop, visit friends, etc.

In the early years we did not make much progress. This

changed in 2007 when Gary Holman, CRD director of the time, formed the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission. This meant that our community had an entity to advise CRD on transportation matters and to take responsibility for liability and maintenance of pathways on Ministry of Transportation property. This changed everything for pathways on Salt Spring.

Over the previous 12 years, PARC conducted two studies on the creation of a Ganges pathway network, the latest being in February of 2005. The PARC task force was made up of representatives from various community groups and built on the work done by PARC years before. The Salt Spring community has long wanted pathways around Ganges and varied committees were formed to make it happen. The pathway network is now embedded in our official community plan. With the SSITC and the OCP in place, work could start in earnest.

Island Pathways formed a committee called Partners Creating Pathways. The "partners" are (and this is important) the CRD, SSITC, PARC, Trail and Nature Club and Island Pathways. PCP refers to all the partners. All bring expertise to the committee and play different roles. The people sitting on this committee volunteer their time. Some represent partner groups and some are residents interested in making the island safer.

PARC offers incredible expertise and is subcontracted by SSITC to maintain the

pathways. PARC's own trail network and the Ganges Village Pathway Network are fully coordinated.

CRD's advisory body, the SSITC, is responsible for liability and maintenance and has provided a modest amount of annual funding. The SSITC has also been a strong voice for the public-driven North Ganges Transportation Plan project on Lower Ganges Road that is planned to run into town and up Rainbow to the pool.

The Trail and Nature Club brings all its trail-building expertise to the process and supplies volunteers.

Island Pathways raises the bulk of the money for these pathways by writing grant applications and public fundraising. They supply many of the volunteers and coordinate PCP activities.

These community pathways are CRD projects. They are constructed only on MOT right-of-ways. PCP always has land surveys done first to confirm where proposed pathways may be built. MOT representatives always come to Salt Spring to walk the proposed pathways with PCP and offer suggestions. Construction plans are then drawn up by qualified engineers for approval by CRD and MOT before a tender is let. PCP includes all stakeholders in advance planning (adjoining property owners, Hydro, water, sewer, MainRoad etc.). It is the CRD that applies for MOT construction permits.

The community over the years has been extremely supportive. PCP regularly receives

donations of gravel, rock and other building materials for its projects. PCP volunteers in traditional Salt Spring fashion have contributed thousands of hours to making these pathways a reality. The time that goes into planning meetings, walkabouts with stakeholders, construction of kiosks, benches and bridges, design plans, fundraising, talks to groups, work parties, and the extraordinary number of hours that project managers put in — is all donated.

It is a partnership that is working. It is a partnership that gets results and that delivers value for money with significant leveraging of taxpayer dollars. PCP builds these

pathways at a fraction of what they would otherwise cost as a result of PCP's fundraising success and strong volunteer component.

Let me add a word about our PCP volunteers, whom I cannot praise enough. PCP volunteers bring with them expertise that ranges from professional engineers with decades of experience to a Canadian ambassador to an experienced businessperson, among others. I know working with this positive, intelligent group of people is a highlight in my life.

Most communities in B.C., Canada and around the world are working to have more pedestrian pathways

and bicycle lanes. It is globally recognized that everyone needs to be safe and encouraged to walk and cycle more for their own health and for the health of the planet. From young people walking to school, to people who choose not to own or drive a car, to those that can no longer drive — everyone deserves to be independent, stay healthy, do their part in lowering our greenhouse gas emissions and do so safely.

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting pathways on our island.

The writer is an Island Pathways board member and chairs Partners Creating Pathways.

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Byron message

The following was filed with the Driftwood for publication.

Dear Chelsea and family, and your parents Jill and Ken, and all your immediate relatives:

I extend to you, Chelsea, and all those mentioned above, my sincere respects and condolences at the loss of Ryan, your husband and father of your family.

I find this very sad for me to do. I have always respected you, as my favourite grand-niece. Ryan will know that you will carry on with your family on his behalf in your usual brave and courageous manner.

May the Almighty make his countenance guide you and shine upon you forever. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. So might it be.

KEN BYRON SR.,
SALT SPRING

Tired of complaints

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- 8:30 am.....Start of livestock judging...continues all day
- 9:00 am.....Commercial vendors and exhibitors open
- 10:00 am.....Free bus shuttle from town to/from the fairgrounds:
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-Food concessions open/Games of chance open
- ♪Salt Spring Pipers & Drummers
- 10:30 am.....Demo Tent - Chickens 101
- ♪ 10:40 am.....Psalm 51/12 "FREE SPIRIT"
- 11:00 am.....Indoor sections open in the Main Building
- ♪ 11:20 am.....Ramesh Meyers
- 11:30 am.....Sheep Dog Demonstration
Demo Tent - Maple Syrup Harvesting
- ♪ NOONSafiya Carroll-labelle and Andrea Sanchez
- ♪ 12:40 pm.....Sweetwater
- 1:00 pm.....Demo Tent - Keeping Honey Bees
Zucchini Races
- ♪ 1:20 pm.....Vaughn Fulford
- 2:00 pm.....Tractor Pull
Demo Tent - Seed Saving
- ♪ 2:00 pm.....Synergy
- 2:30 pmSheep Dog Demonstration
- 3:00 pm.....Demo Tent - AED and CPR demonstration
- ♪ 2:40 pm.....The Stack Sisters
- ♪ 3:20 pm.....Lisa Maxx & Michael Darragh
- 3:30 pm.....Zucchini races
- ♪ 4:00 pm.....Award Winning Fiddler Wesley Hardisty
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- 7:30 am.....Admission gates open
- 8-10:00 am...Breakfast by Lions Club
- 9-10:30 am...Admittance to the Main Building. Open only to people with special needs and residents of Senior Facilities
- 9:00 am.....Commercial vendors and exhibitors open
- ♪ 9:15 am.....Alan Moberg
- 9:30 am.....Pet Parade registration
.....Demo Tent - Judging the Sweetest Apple
- ♪ 10:00 am.....Richard Cross
- 10:00 am.....Free bus shuttle to/from the fairgrounds and the Visitor Information Centre
.....Food concessions & Games of chance open
- 10:30 am.....Demo Tent - People's Choice Award for Best Tasting Apple.
.....Indoor exhibits open to all fair-goers
- ♪ 10:40 am.....Phil Vernon: Songs from Home and Away
- 11:00 am.....Pet Parade
- ♪ 11:20 am.....Reeds & Wires
- 11:30 am.....Sheep Dog Demonstration
.....Demo Tent - Fungus Among Us
- ♪ NOONThe Hoochie Coochie Men
- 12:40 pm.....Duck Creek
- 1:00 pm.....Farmer Vicky and Daisy the Cow
.....Zucchini Races
.....Demo Tent - Growing Healthy Carrots and Beans
.....Rooster Calling Contest in the Show Ring.
- ♪ 1:20Sweet Water Revolver
- 1:45 pm.....Longest lasting rose bloom and dahlia announced
.....Tractor Pull
- 2:00 pm.....Demo Tent - Food Dehydration and Vacuum Packing
- ♪ 2:00 pm..... Marianne Grittani with Dave Roland and Craig McKerron
- 2:30 pm.....Sheep Dog Demonstration
- ♪ 2:40 pm.....Alvaro Sanchez and Chamigos
- 3:00 pm.....Rotary Club Muffin Madness
- 3-5:00 pmPrize money may be collected upstairs in the main building
- ♪ 3:20 pm.....Dry Land Trainers
- 3:30 pm.....Zucchini Races
- ♪ 4:00 pm.....Island Rootz
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ART REVIEW

Reflections show fascinates viewers



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Part of the Reflections exhibit at Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art, featuring work by Bob Rogers and Rachel Vadeboncoeur.

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Rogers, Vadeboncoeur
at SS Fine Art

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The magical and mysterious qualities of light become a focus for many artists, but the theme is absolutely essential to Reflections, a joint show by Bob Rogers and Rachel Vadeboncoeur at Salt Spring Fine Art.

Rogers has been working on his reflection photographic series for several years, and the show provides about a dozen samples of his best results. Though the photographs rely on the right conditions of water, wind and sky to make the reflection possible, they are more than just a record of a moment.

"I'm not showing you what my camera saw, I'm showing you what my mind sees," Rogers explained.

For that reason, an image may be presented turned to the side or upside down of how it was originally shot. Rogers also removes colour tones to boost others and create the best image. The result, in this series, is photographs that are abstracted to emphasize colour and composition rather than rep-

resentation.

Red, White and Blue is an image Rogers said he's been trying to get for four years. The original object reflected on the water is a ribbed container located near the Coast Guard dock. In this view, the background is darkened to emphasize a splash of vertical bars with the red to blue colour shift. In another minimalist view based on the same object called Red Bars, the struts resemble a rippled sand bar seen through a red sea.

Division is another beautifully minimal work, the vertically oriented black-and-white shot divided on an undulating diagonal between dark and light.

Vadeboncoeur specializes in using recycled glass objects in her kiln fired glass works. She is always creative and expressive, but her new sculpture series is particularly fun and whimsical. Delicate towers are topped with animal figurines; woodland life forms like bugs and mushrooms sprout alongside bulbous flowers.

Though Vadeboncoeur often uses a rich colour palette in her stained glass panels, the sculptures are restricted to mainly clear glass, white and deep cobalt blue (with

some components in aquamarine or green). Seen as a collection, the palette gives the sculptures an ethereal look. The slightly otherworldly atmosphere is emphasized in her version of Le Petit Prince—a plastic figurine standing on a glass sphere planet, set over a clear glass base partly filled with ball bearings.

While most of the works in this show are on the smaller scale, Vadeboncoeur has also one large piece on exhibit, an amazing triptych screen set into a frame of blacksmithed iron by Stephan Pigeon. Though made of heavy materials, In Orbit from Paris is light and dynamic in appearance, with staggered frames, swooping lines and ornamental flourishes. The glasswork is set into loosely organic forms in soft tones of cream, grey and rose for a look that's abstract but recalls Art Deco floral.

Today (Sept. 11) is the last day to see the joint show. Next up, Salt Spring Fine Art celebrates an important milestone with its fourth anniversary celebration, featuring Sheila Hoen's Exotica series on 18th century Japan. An opening reception takes place this Friday, Sept. 13 from 5 to 8 p.m.

ART REVIEW

Gallery 8 artists master materials

R.M. Dupuy and Janis Woode

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Two artists with very distinct styles can be viewed at the top of their respective games at Gallery 8 this month, with a joint show called the Elemental Exhibition by R.M. Dupuy and Janis Woode revealing how each has mastered her particular form of expression and materials.

Dupuy shows new work from her ongoing Xwaaq'um Series, which features abstract landscapes of the Burgoyne Park/Mount Maxwell area. Rendered in vivid oil colours thickly applied by palette knife, Dupuy captures the undeniable magic that this part of the island resonates. In fascinating views of the park in different seasons and times of day, compositional elements are abstracted to emphasize shape and form. The landscape's underlying rock is strongly felt, while the fantastic colours of the surface grasses, trees and flowers also get joyful treatment.

Some of the paintings on view seem to reveal an even deeper exploration of abstraction, such as Quarry, Winter Solstice, where the blunt rock faces are expressed as geomet-



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Artist R.M. Dupuy, right, and husband Patrick smile for the camera at Friday's Gallery 8 opening event.

ric blocks in bone and brown. As a large-scale 40 by 72 inch triptych, the painting provides the room for Dupuy to work with texture and nuanced colour shifts within these forms. The framing of the scene, which includes just a tiny strip of dark forest as background, lends to the dramatic nature of the work. It echoes the quarry's sharp lines in other compositional elements like the strips of grassy hillside behind.

The quarry also features in a longer vertical view that emphasizes the fields, with the quarry rocks as a grounding base for a long foreground. In this summertime scene Dupuy picks up warm tones in the rock face in the immediate fields, and has subsequent swaths of lemon yellow and bright green. Dark green in the closest plane provides the balance for the dark fir

in the background.

First Cut emphasizes the brighter tones that appear in the fields during summer, which Dupuy notes can "range from a soft mauve through lavender and coral to a bright orangy-pink." The main field area is a glorious orange yellow, with brackets of pink moving to vibrant purple shadows on the green hillside. The clear cuts of Mount Sullivan are less drastic in this presentation, providing a good spot for orange highlights that contrast with the dark hill but reflect the field's light.

Cut, Uncut contrasts the edge of cut fields with still wild meadows. A swath coral pink tops areas of cool green and blue shades, with a pathway of aqua set off with purple highlights. The colour choices make the painting particularly restful and

inviting, portraying the park's restorative qualities.

Janis Woode's metal sculptures are also the product of an artist who is deeply immersed in her craft. Sensitive rendered figures made of coiled wire grapple to escape or survive their environments, which Woode cleverly creates from the rusty metal objects she loves. Often individuals rather than groups, these figures represent a human scale of longing and need by their juxtaposition with the larger, heavier elements.

Saved by the Bell — an instrument one is invited to actually ring — is a stand-out this time, with an old oxygen tank cut to form the bell's body. A woman's figure clings desperately to the clapper, while different gears complete the minimal decorative elements on the clapper and the bell's crown.

Changes, which makes use of a reclaimed boom chain, has a figure within a hoop that it is struggling to push forward. The wheel has moved through a landscape of scattered metallic particles, with the lovely detail of a wavering trail left behind. 'Out' has a figure pushing its way through the bars of a wire rack; the acrobatic posture suggests a hopeful future for the escapee who can't be shut in.

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- Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** celebrates its fourth anniversary with the opening of Exotica: Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous of 18th-century Japan, work by **Sheila Hoen**, on Friday, Sept. 13. Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art, McPhillips Ave. 5 to 7 p.m. Show runs to **Sept. 27**.
- East of West is an exhibit of new paintings by **Michael Hames** showing at **Steffich Fine Art** until **Sept. 28**.
- Elemental Exhibition features landscapes from **R.M. Dupuy's** Xwaaqw'um Series and sculpture by **Janis Woode** at **Gallery 8** until **Sept. 28**.
- Sit with Me, an exhibit of work by **Chintan Bolliger**, runs daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at **Mahon Hall** at **ArtCraft** until **Sept. 15**.
- Photosynthesis**, the 13th annual exhibit of work by 19 photographers and five guests, runs at **Artspring** daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until **Sept. 15**.
- Photographer **Larry Melious** has an exhibit called **Bones** in the **Artspring** lobby through **September**.
- Artist **Francis Tremblay** presents **Truths**, a collection of prints and drawings, at **The Gathering** in Grace Point Square through **September**.
- Susan Benson** presents a collection of paintings called **Journeys** at the **Harbour House** this month.

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- Exhibit of landscapes and sculptures by **Martha Varcoe Sturdy** runs at **Duthie Gallery** through **September**. 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.
- Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art** shows historic woodcuts and watercolours by **Walter J. Phillips** plus works from the Group of Seven.
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- Elehna de Sousa** shows limited-edition photographic prints at **Fernwood Road Cafe** through **mid-September**. Photo cards are also available.
- 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**.
- Paul Burke** shows photos of his Ravens Reading and Writing installation in progress in the **Salt Spring Public Library** program room (with a presentation by Burke on Sept. 12 at 5:30 p.m.). Exhibits are accessible Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Salt Spring Photography Club member **Gregor Alan** has photos on display at **Country Roasters Cafe** in **Country Grocer** through the month of **September**.
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DOCUMENTARY FILM

Blackfish up first in Best of the Fest series

Documentary on whales in captivity

The Salt Spring Film Festival Society's Best of the Fest series begins next week with a showing of *Blackfish* at ArtSpring on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Much like the Oscar-winning *Cove*, the 2009 documentary about the annual slaughter of dolphins in Japan, *Blackfish* is described as a heart-wrenching journey into the harrowing treatment of cetaceans at the hands of profit-hungry humans.

"Unlike *Cove*, however, *Blackfish* spares the audience any grizzly death-scenes," says Jason Cressey,



Scene from *Blackfish*, which shows at ArtSpring Sept. 18.

author of *Deep Voices: The Wisdom of Whales and Dolphin Tales*, and a Salt Spring resident.

"Through astonishingly frank and often damning interviews with former Sea-

World trainers, the same message shines through time and again: that the captive orca industry — and by extension all cetaceans in captivity — is morally indefensible. So why does it still

exist — and even thrive? In a word, profit."

Cressey says the main focus running through *Blackfish* is the case of Tilikum, an orca captured in the waters off Iceland in 1983. He spent time performing shows at the former Sealand in Oak Bay until its demise in the early '90s, and has been at Sea-World Orlando in Florida ever since. The documentary pays particular attention to the deaths of three people that have been linked with Tilikum — including the 1999 drowning of a man who apparently broke into Sea-World at night and slipped into Tilikum's tank.

"The basic conclusion of

the documentary is stark and unavoidable: that any aggressive behaviour of orcas in captivity is never an isolated 'freak' event, but rather the culmination of years of social deprivation living in a sterile alien environment that lacks any of the characteristics of the open ocean," says Cressey. "Yet still the practice continues in many countries around the world — until just recently there were captive orcas at the Vancouver Aquarium, and Niagara Falls' Marineland still runs a captive orca facility under the questionable name 'Friendship Cove.'"

Tickets cost \$10 and are available through ArtSpring.

ACTIVISM

Forum hosts war-zone doctor-activist

Dr. Samantha Nutt at ArtSpring on Tuesday

In Syria and elsewhere, more than two million children have died as a result of armed conflicts in the last decade alone.

The questions of what sparks armed conflicts in the 21st century, how children are affected and what Salt Spring residents can do to help is the focus of a Salt Spring Forum presentation at ArtSpring on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., Dr. Samantha Nutt will lead a discussion that will connect islanders to the challenges of providing humanitarian aid on the frontlines of armed conflicts around the world.

According to press material, Nutt spent 15 years providing hands-on



Dr. Samantha Nutt: co-founder of War Child Canada.

war-affected communities to help children access what they need to thrive: education, opportunity and justice.

medical care in places like Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, Sierra Leone and Darfur. She has since become a powerful advocate for justice and peace.

As the founder and executive director of War Child Canada, she created an organization that works with

Her book called *Damned Nations: Greed, Guns, Armies, and Aid* provides powerful insights into the causes of modern armed conflict and how it can be prevented. The book also examines westerners' roles in these "faraway" atrocities and what they can do to help.

Nutt is on staff at Women's College Hospital in Toronto and an assistant professor of medicine at the University of Toronto. She was recently named one of Canada's 25 most influential figures by the *Globe and Mail*, and was awarded both the Order of Ontario and the Order of Canada.

Tickets for Tuesday's event are available at tickets.artspring.ca, 250-537-2102, or at Salt Spring Books.

Cost is \$20 general admission and \$15 for Salt Spring Forum members.

WORKSHOP

Writing workshop for youth starts at library

Kim Thompson leads Monday sessions

Young writers have a place to practise their craft on Mondays beginning this fall.

Starting on Sept. 23 from 3:30 to 5 p.m., local writer Kim Thompson will lead youth aged 10 to 14 in writing exercises and games, brainstorming sessions, and discussions on all aspects of writing.

Sessions take place at the Salt Spring library and cost \$10 each, although the first session is free.

Thompson began her writing career in children's television and has since branched into young

adult fiction. Her debut novel, *Eldritch Manor*, was published in 2012.

This past summer, Thompson led a popular writing camp for youth on Salt Spring, and the fall writing group will follow the same model.

Writers are encouraged to bring whatever projects they are working on for feedback — whether poetry, fiction, drama or non-fiction — though no prior experience is required.

For more information, contact Thompson at kim@kimthompson-author.com or 250-538-5571; or Danielle Hubbard at the library at dhubbard@saltspringlibrary.com or 250-537-4666.

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YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Leadership survey results tallied

More info at Fall Fair booth this weekend

The Salish Sea Girls' Leadership Project is paving the way for young women in the Gulf Islands to share their voices.

SSGLP is a two-year SWOVA project funded by the Status of Women Canada that aims to empower girls and young women in the Gulf Islands to increase their leadership capacity and help create social change.

Over the spring and summer, the group carried out a needs assessment survey asking young women about the barriers and opportunities they face living in our communities. Seventeen per cent of all 15- to 24-year-old women from Salt Spring, Galiano, Mayne, Pender and Saturna responded to the survey — a significant representation of this group, according to project coordinator Andria Scanlan.

Young women who participated went above and beyond in their engagement with the survey material.

"Many responded with plenty of detail to the survey's open-ended questions, sharing personal stories, thoughtful commentary and great suggestions for change," said Chloe Sjuberg, the project's communications coordinator.

She said one strength of the project is the instrumental role the young women on the SSGLP's Youth Advisory Council had in creating the



PHOTO COURTESY SSGLP

Some of the Salish Sea Girls' Leadership Project participants.

survey.

"Rather than being a process external to the lives of young women in our community, administered on youth by adults, the young women designed the survey, created its questions and worked hard to distribute it and gather responses."

Participants were asked to list the most important issues facing girls and young women in the Gulf Islands. Concern about body image was one of the most prevalent topics. A host of related challenges to girls' well-being included self-confidence, peer pressure, depression and sexual health.

Youth also said their transportation needs are not being met. Although they appreciate Salt Spring's public bus system, it remains difficult for them to get home safely late at night or to access activities and jobs at convenient times.

Other major issues included: bullying, and cyber-bullying in particular; the prominent "party culture" and drug and alcohol use among youth; and a lack of safe, quality spaces to get together, which research says is one of the most important supports for fostering girls' leadership. There was a call for more activities to participate in, and more promotion and awareness of those that do exist. It appears that

youth feel safe and encouraged to participate in their community, but they are not always sure how to get involved.

Young women were asked what to identify the three best things about living in the Gulf Islands. Over 80 per cent of survey respondents listed the overall positive atmosphere the local community provides, describing it as "safe, caring, supportive and accepting," and GISS was recognized as embodying a caring environment. Also ranking high was the rich natural environment, the existing sport and art activities available to youth, and SWOVA's educational programs.

SSGLP's next steps are to share the survey results in more detail and discuss the issues with community stakeholders and the young women of the SSGLP Youth Advisory Council.

"We hope that our community's open and supportive nature, which was acknowledged by so many survey participants, will help us make strides towards our goals," said Sjuberg. "We will develop feasible, practical ways to take action on these issues and to enrich the experiences of our community's youth."

Anyone interested in learning more can stop by the project's booth at the Salt Spring Fall Fair this weekend.

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* Tractor Pull
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Sunday
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* Rooster Crowing - 1 pm-livestock ring

Youth Activities
* Playing with clay * Learn basic basket weaving
* Painting
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Have fun, and see you at the Fair!

MEDITATION

Spiritual offerings

Greg Marian returns

Non-dual teacher Greg Marian returns to Salt Spring Sept. 13-15 to hold a weekend satsang and meditation retreat.

"Greg shares the timeless wisdom of non-duality and the direct path to self-inquiry and self-realization, which all traditions of enlightenment ultimately point towards," explains a press release.

"Besides a committed meditation practice and over 15 years of psychotherapy, Greg's spiritual path included the study and practice of Zen and

various other schools of Buddhism, traditional Raja yoga and Advaita Vedanta."

He holds open satsang, private sessions, and weekend retreats across Canada and the U.S. On Salt Spring he will offer a public evening satsang on Sept. 13 and a weekend intensive at Ram Spring Wellness Sanctuary at 443 Upper Ganges Rd.

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Renate Hildegard Weihing
APRIL 26, 1941 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2013

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing our dear grandmother, mother and wife. She was the truest friend and life long companion to her husband Ernie. Renate will be greatly missed by all of us. She was the guiding light and support through rough stretches along the trail of our lives for all our family members. Renate had a genuine desire to help others, never hurt anyone, always generous in sharing and never complained. Dear Renate, we miss you very much, and know if there is a heaven, you will be there. We will always remember your beautiful smile.

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Eleanor St. Clair Lloyd (nee Wallbridge)
Jan. 13, 1915 - Sept. 4, 2013

Our dear mum Eleanor passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family. Her strong spirit and kind and loving ways will be sorely missed by family and friends alike. Eleanor was born in Vancouver and spent many happy summers at the family cottage in Secheit. It was there that she gained her lifelong love of swimming in the ocean, which she continued to do every summer until she was 96. Eleanor trained as a nurse, graduating from Toronto General Hospital in 1938. She worked at the Vancouver General Hospital before joining the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps in 1941, with the honorary rank of Lieutenant Nursing Sister. She and her sister Grace served together overseas during WWII in the 16th Canadian General Hospital Overseas Forces from 1942 - 1945. It was while she was in England that Eleanor married Lt.-Cmdr (Engineer) John F. Lloyd, also serving overseas with the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve. Her service overseas was a formative time in her life and through the years Eleanor always kept in touch with her Nursing Sister friends, and hosted an annual reunion picnic for many years at her home on Saltspring Is.

Following the war Eleanor and John settled briefly in Colorado, then moved to Quebec where they lived in Beauharnois, Ville de Lery and Bedford before moving to Pickering ON and later Vancouver. During that time, Eleanor was busy raising their four children and making lifelong friends along the way. After retiring in 1973 Eleanor and John moved to Saltspring Is. where they spent many happy years in Vesuvius. For more than 25 years Eleanor volunteered in the extended care ward of the Lady Minto Hospital in Ganges. Eleanor and John were founding members of the Trail & Nature Club and hiked all over the island, as well as many places around the world in their travels. Eleanor spent her 89th birthday riding an elephant in Thailand.

Eleanor's great loves in life were her family, friends, gardening, swimming, watching the birds and walking and hiking on her beloved island. She was known to many besides her own grandchildren as Granny, and her passing will be deeply felt by all who knew her. Eleanor was predeceased by her loving husband John, her sister Grace and brother Henry. She will always be in the hearts of her children Bruce, Grace (Huntly), Norah (David) and Kitty (Ian), and her granddaughters Kate (Tran), Elizabeth (Leigh and great-granddaughter Bree), Claire (Paul) and Frances.

A celebration of Eleanor's life will be held 2:00pm Sat. October 12, 2013. Please contact the family for details. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in her memory to the Canadian Cancer Society or the BC Paraplegic Association.

Allan E. Neil

Allan E. Neil of Salt Spring Island passed away peacefully on September 4, 2013 at the Victoria General Hospital at the age of 82.

Allan is survived by his loving wife Mary, his children Janice, Diane (Rick) and Paul (Sarah) and sisters Eva and Wilma. Grandchildren Molly, Allison and Eric Neil were frequent companions over the last few years.

Allan cherished Salt Spring Island life and could not imagine living anywhere else.

A celebration of Allan's life will be held Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Lions Club, 103 Bonnet Ave., SSI 2-4:30pm. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation.

Reginald S. Taylor

Popular local man, Reginald S. Taylor, passed away on Monday, September 2nd, two days before his 88th birthday. He leaves behind his sister, Jean Gardiner, nephews Graham and Nigel Gardiner, all of England. He is predeceased by his daughter, Angela. He regularly kept in touch with Jean and enjoyed her visits. She fondly remembers a trip through the Rockies on one of her last trips. He will be missed by his cousin, Bob Savage, who thought of Reg as a brother.

Born in Broadstairs, Kent, England, Reg was the middle child of parents, Jeffrey and Dorothy.

After leaving school, he became an apprentice mechanic and served in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War.

In his early twenties, Reg decided to emigrate to the US and with sponsorship from his aunt and a loan from his father; he travelled from Southampton to New York and then on to Los Angeles where he stayed and opened a garage called Ozzie and Reg with his business partner, Ozzie. The business was a great success. He soon married and had a daughter. Reg and Marilyn, his wife, then moved to Salt Spring Island and bought Scott Point Marina which they later sold to RYVC. Reg's nephews, Graham and Nigel, remember visiting from England and enjoying summers at the Marina when they were young.

The family moved in a house on Maliview Drive which Reg had built. At this time, he was semi-retired but kept busy in the community through his involvement in ArtSpring, the Langham Court Theatre Guild in Victoria, aircraft restoration in Sidney, helping to build the clock on top of the fire station in Ganges, and volunteer work with various charities including Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital.

He regularly enjoyed morning coffee at the Canadian Legion where he was welcomed with his first dog, Max and more recently, Benji.

Jan and nephews, Graham and Nigel would like to thank the staff at Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital and Dr. Woodley for all of their kindness, care and attention during Reg's illness. The date of a memorial service will be announced in the near future.

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Margaret Alice McMahon
April 5, 1922 - August 27, 2013

Alice closed her beautiful Irish eyes for the last time at Lady Minto Hospital on Salt Spring Island, BC with her son and daughter at her side.

She was born in Belfast, N. Ireland and immigrated to Canada in 1953. Alice belonged to both the Lady Minto Hospital and the Legion Ladies Auxiliaries. She was predeceased by her brother Fred McAdam. She will be sadly missed by her devoted family, husband John, daughter Maggie Smith (Ron), son Jim McMahon (Anne Garneau), grandson Darren MacRae (Angie) and the lights of her life, great grandchildren Emma and Jackson MacRae. Alice had a huge extended family, step grandchildren and families in Nanaimo and Victoria, nephews, nieces, cousins in Great Britain and the U.S., her family and staff at Meadowbrook Seniors Residence.

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to the amazing staff at Lady Minto Hospital for their loving care and compassion for Alice and our entire family. To her support team, her amazing friends, she loved each one of you and many thanks for all your caring. To Dr. Reznick, Jean and Barb a special thank you.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 1:00 pm at Meadowbrook Seniors Residence, 121 Atkins Road, Salt Spring Island.

In lieu of flowers a donation may be made in memory of Alice to the Lady Minto Palliative Care Unit, 135 Crofton Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 1T1.

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This Week's Horoscope

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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

Amidst a dynamic flow of change, both within and without, you are challenged to be resourceful. This includes making key improvements. Creating harmony in your most intimate relationships is a main focus. Focusing to be assertive on one hand yet diplomatic and respectful on the other is the golden mean you seek. Acknowledge your passions yet honor the feelings of others.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

Some major shifts and changes close to home continue to rock your world. You feel extra committed to future goals, yet significant others may have conflicting thoughts and feelings. You are willing to make sincere efforts to see all sides. Frustrations regarding external restrictions and denials are the pinch. Commit to creating mutual satisfaction.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

With each new day you feel more inspired, pressured and ideally committed to creating better health. It could be your physical body, but also your mental and emotional states probably need attention. The spiritual corner indicates your overall attitude and embrace of life's deeper intelligence, purpose and timing. Identify and remove negatives of any kind.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)

Many new thoughts, ideas and visions are flowing through your mind. You feel ambitious and want to invest somehow. Getting the funds and/or knowing what is worthwhile imply homework. Seeking the advice and guidance of experts feels right, even necessary. Regarding higher stakes, be extra cautious as you are likely to encounter some real players.

Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23)

Sometimes less is more. At other times we have to give more than usual. Knowing which is best and when is ideal and especially important now. Reaching out to increase the scope and quality of your communications is ideal. Exercising patience and deliberately letting go of control or attachment to things being a certain way will win big points.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22)

A pioneering adventure has begun. Yet, the real work is within and/or behind the scenes. Acquiring and implementing new communication tools and strategies is featured. A steady learning curve is implied. Take the initiative in this regard and avoid leaning on others. Yet, your lead may include soliciting advice and being open to new leads.

Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22)

Though you may still feel inclined to linger behind the scenes, you are reaching out and thinking forward. When you do step out you want recognition and will achieve this goal by shaking the status quo somehow. This trend will continue. Financially, you are wise to think in terms of investment these days. Aim for the long term and be willing to establish a reliable foundation.

Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21)

Balancing an open minded approach with a sharp focus is the call now. Entertaining now prospects and possibilities will feel right and perhaps necessary. This includes new modes of communication and associated tools and techniques. Stimulating your network is also important. A high energy cycle now will activate whatever charisma you possess so put it out there.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21)

If you want some extra attention, now is the time to get it. Approach authority figures with added confidence that you will be seen and heard. Your ability to push through any obstacles is extra high now so make the most of it. Your focus these days, however, is probably best directed to follow through and completion versus new initiatives.

Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19)

Sometimes it is important to pay closer attention to the details of the big picture, like now. The opportunity for expansion based on new initiatives is available. Balancing strategy with diplomacy is ever ideal and especially so now. With your ambitions running high, the time is right to invest. Search for the people with the talent and skills you need.

Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19)

The transition between what was and what will be continues. These early days may require extra measures of nurturing and patience. The emphasis on learning is strong. Journalism and/or marketing are likely areas of study. Learning to decipher what others want and how to get attention are the crowd pleasers with the leverage you need.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

The seeds of new association and affiliation have been sown. Yet, you will have to play the game ardently to bring them to fruition. This means give 110 percent. You may feel stretched across a variety of fronts. This will continue so don't take on any new projects. Extra study and research are required for you to win.



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Leslie Wiens leads Terry Fox Run participants in a warm-up at Sunday's event headquartered at Salt Spring Elementary School. Among special guests were Terry's brother Darrell Fox, and his best friend who drove the Marathon of Hope van, Doug Alward.

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Golf ball drop funds disbursed

Money gives free access to AED training

The Rotary Club of Salt Spring Island recently gave \$4,000 to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation from proceeds generated by its second Helicopter Golf Ball Drop Fundraiser.

The club sold 942 tickets to Salt Spring residents and visitors that corresponded to numbered golf balls. Don Arney generously flew his helicopter to Portlock Park where he dropped the num-

bered balls over a huge bullseye painted on the turf by Rotarians this summer. The golf ball closest to the centre, held by Linda Quinn, won the grand prize of \$500, while Thomas Fry won round-trip airfare to Vancouver, donated by Salt Spring Air. Eight \$50 spot prizes were won by Sue Wood, David Hall, Tanis Royal, Pete Hawk, Simon Foster, Tara Watters, Lorraine Van Grol and Stefan Watson.

Funds received from the Rotary event will be used to cover costs of training 70 volunteers in the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). Over 30 such

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