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**BUSINESS**

## Closed gym to get new life

Living Strong memberships will be honoured

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Living Strong Studios members who were left wondering how to redeem their fees after the gym's surprise closure on May 30 will be relieved to find the new owner of the building and equipment intends to honour their investments.

New island resident Greg Clayton purchased the Hereford Avenue building in February through a court-ordered sale, after a Supreme Court of British Columbia case found that previous owner Sheena Bull owed considerable debts to her former romantic and business partner Michael Swinburnson.

Bull continued on as a tenant and signed a short-term lease with Clayton up to July 15. Her landlord was just one of the people surprised to learn the business was no longer operating.

"I had no idea she was going to close up," Clayton said Tuesday while on his way to deposit a cheque for the gym equipment.

Gym members have been unable to obtain refunds for unused portions of their memberships. In one case, a member reported via Facebook that her monthly membership fee was withdrawn through her credit card account after the gym's closure.

Passersby may have noticed a sign on the former SportsTraders storefront transmitting Clayton's vision for the overall building. Salt Spring Island Wellness Centre is intended to be a shared space that brings together multiple wellness practitioners and uses. These include practitioners' offices, massage and treatment rooms, an herbal

GYM continued on 5

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## Firefighters battle hillside burn

Dryer fire among other calls during busy week

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island Fire-Rescue members spent Tuesday morning putting out a potential brush fire on a thickly forested hillside at Isabella Point.

Property owner Wes Akerman was burning a tree that had come down on the steep bank above the beach when the wind picked up. He and a friend trained two garden

hoses on the fire in an attempt to contain it, but decided to call for help around 30 minutes into the exercise.

"We thought we could get it ourselves. It's not that big of a patch," Akerman said later that afternoon.

"But we figured two garden hoses, it just isn't the same as these fellows coming. Those guys are amazing."

Around 20 firefighters stayed on the scene

for close to three hours and ensured the area was thoroughly doused before leaving. The thick vegetation and nearby structures caused firefighters some concern, as well as the need to work on a steep angle.

"We've tried to keep the bank clear for this reason, because a fire could get rather large," Akerman said.

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**HONOURING THE FALLEN:**

Salt Spring RCMP officers held a ceremony for detachment members and their families on Tuesday at the cenotaph in Centennial Park to mark the deaths of fellow RCMP constables Douglas James Larche, Fabrice Georges Gevaudan and Dave Joseph Ross of the Codiak detachment in Moncton, NB at the hands of a lone shooter on June 4. From left is Const. Cynthia Gillis, Const. Chuck Persson, Const. Stephen Casey, Sgt. George Jenkins and Const. Brandon Smith, while Gillis and on-leave Const. Angie Bergunder share a consoling hug.

**BC FERRIES**

# Ferry footies get small victory

Travel through Swartz Bay eased

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Ferry Advisory Committee saw one of its longterm goals edge closer to realization with news that foot passengers travelling between Fulford and Tsawwassen will no longer have to visit the ticket agent at Swartz Bay.

FAC members were pleased to hear about the improvements during their regular semiannual meeting with BC Ferries executives at the Harbour House on Monday.

"It's a really positive change," said Scott Simmons.

While currently foot passengers travelling in either direction must exchange their receipts for a boarding pass to get on the second ferry of the trip, changes will allow boarding officers to accept their original tickets.

"We're hoping to have everything done to start the process by July 15," said terminal operations manager Steve Nussbaum.

For those travelling from Fulford, the through-fare ticket machine located on the Skeena Queen will be changed to print out boarding passes. On the Tsawwassen side, passengers who ask for a through-fare will receive a boarding pass for the Skeena Queen instead of a through-fare receipt.

In both cases, passengers will be

asked not to cross the drive-on area at Swartz Bay from car deck to car deck, but to use the foot passenger walkway inside the terminal building.

"We still want to have foot passengers go the safe route," Nussbaum said.

FAC members were less happy that no headway has been made on making the transfer easier for car passengers. Currently the first 10 to 20 cars that arrive at Fulford are unloaded first, giving them extra time to make the turn-around down the highway from Swartz Bay terminal at MacDonald Road. Through-fare passengers with reservations from Swartz Bay to Tsawwassen also have a shorter time requirement to arrive for their reservation. However, FAC's hopes of getting boarding cards or marked through-fare lanes were once again put off.

"I do not think it's anywhere near viable," FAC member Bob Jones said of the current measures. "A lot of work needs to be done."

The Fulford terminal upgrade and road-widening project was another agenda item that saw little movement, although BC Ferries director of strategic planning Dave Hendry said he hoped the last obstacles would be overcome by the spring of 2015. At issue is a "sliver" of road beside the terminal entrance that is privately owned, and the probable need to replace a Fulford Water District water main if the road is dug up.

"We're not in the business of

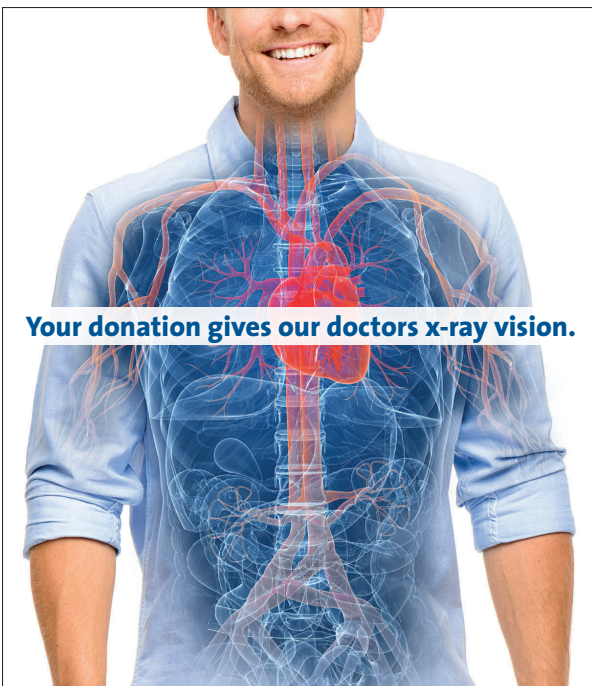
building roads. We're in the business of upgrading terminals. It's been an interesting process for us," Hendry noted.

BC Ferries is working with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to obtain the final piece of land and hopes the ministry will provide cost sharing for the project.

Other topics addressed during the meeting included a FAC proposal to gain permission from MoTI to take over public parking near the old Vesuvius Pub for ferry staff parking and reverse the lane order at Vesuvius terminal in order to get more ferry traffic off the road. Nussbaum said the corporation would not go ahead with this plan.

Service reductions for Route 9 are still being discussed. The latest suggestion would keep Sunday round-trips intact but would remove some Friday night and Wednesday sailings. Ferries executives observed the changes will only be temporary as a whole new schedule is expected to go into effect when two new ferries for the route are constructed.

Corinne Storey, BC Ferries' vice-president of customer services, asked FAC members to think about how the committee's process could be improved, suggesting a fresh start was needed after two rounds of ministry consultations. FAC chair Harold Swierenga agreed that members had lost faith following that process and felt cynical about their ability to do anything.



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# NEWSBEAT

## Heads up!

### Sea Capers

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## ROAD SAFETY

# Speed bars and signs hoped to slow Cusheon traffic

Holman's office supports residents' campaign

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A longtime effort by Cusheon Lake residents to get drivers to slow down on their windy, narrow road got some high-level traction last week with help from Saanich North and the Islands MLA Gary Holman.

Holman, who is a resident of Salt Spring's south end, admits he has at times caught himself travelling a little too quickly along the back route from Fulford, but continued activism from the neighbourhood on the issue made him personally more aware of his driving. Now in political office, he's had opportunity to do more than just change his own habits.

"We try to support anything people raise, but this is potentially life or death," Holman said during a new signage campaign's official June 4 launch on Cusheon Lake Road.

"There have been a couple of pets killed on Cusheon, and when I hear that, my thoughts immediately go to children."

Vivid new signs paid for by Holman's office and approved by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure exhort drivers to slow down precisely because "kids matter." The hope is that people will finally respect the 30 km/h zone near the beach access, and reduce speed in general on the short



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

MLA Gary Holman (with sign) and constituency assistant Debra Hartung joined Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission chair Donald McLennan and Cusheon Lake area residents to launch a speed awareness campaign on June 4.

stretch between the intersections of Stewart and Fulford-Ganges roads.

"They are a friendly reminder to drivers to slow down and respect the already posted speed limit and that, in addition to the general safety concerns of residents, there are also children living on Cusheon Lake Road," Holman said.

His constituency office worked with the Beddis and Cusheon Area Residents' Association, MoTI officials and the local RCMP before

having the signs produced.

"These reminder signs have been used in several other municipalities across the province by other MLAs," he added.

"It's not just here this is happening, but this happens to be a particularly bad spot," said Nomi Lyonns, who had her first meeting to discuss the issue with MoTI around 10 years ago.

Lyonns also brought the matter to the attention of the Salt Spring

Transportation Commission during her time as a board member and has worked to make island drivers more conscious through a volunteer speed board program that is still being set up. Since speed is an issue on many island roads, she hopes that individual awareness will have a ripple effect into other locations.

"We want people to be mindful, to think: 'If I'm going to want people to slow down in my neighbourhood, I'll do it in their neighbourhood too,'" Lyonns said.

Connie Hardy has lived on Cusheon Lake since 1968, and has lived just doors down from the beach area for the past 25 years. She has been advocating for speed reduction for much of that time.

"The signs are a good start but it won't change behaviour for long," she said. "We have to do a lot more."

Information Holman has received is that Cusheon Lake Road was never meant to be a thoroughfare, originally serving more like a long driveway for the large farm that once extended along the lake's northern shore. Traffic through the area increased dramatically after Stewart Road paving was completed in 2005.

Modern technology is also to blame for sending tourist traffic from Fulford along the back route instead of on the designated highway. Hardy points out that GPS devices and online route planners send drivers up Stewart and Cusheon Lake roads because it is

marginally shorter.

MoTI has also installed roadside reflectors on each approach to the playground zone as the first trial of an "optical speed bar" treatment the ministry is exploring. The premise is that by incrementally spacing the reflectors closer together, drivers get the illusion that they are speeding up as they approach the 30 km/h zone. MoTI intends to conduct speed surveys over the coming months to see how the measure is working.

Holman plans to continue to work with the ministry on finding additional solutions, one of which may be putting up signs at Fulford Harbour that inform people that Fulford-Ganges Road is the best route into town. He's considering putting together a community forum where the public, MoTI staff and SSITC members can talk about problematic speed areas on the island.

Holman is also asking people to think about how little time they actually save by speeding through the short playground zone, with much less than a minute shaved off for drivers doing double the 30-km limit.

"I think it's true for a lot of speeding — you don't save that much time. And when you think about the consequences . . ."

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Road delays continue

Mainroad Contracting is advising islanders that it will continue paving roads on Salt Spring through to Thursday, June 12.

Drivers can expect road delays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. on

Sunset Drive from Southey Point to McGill roads, on North Beach Road, and on Fulford-Ganges Road from Blackburn to Kitchen roads.

### Cusheon Lake crash

A local driver was rescued with the Jaws of Life following a car crash in the

early-morning hours of June 6.

"The driver was trapped in his vehicle. We had to lift the dash off of his legs. We also had to cut off the doors and remove the roof to get him out in a way that would minimize his injuries," said Salt Spring Island Fire-Rescue Lt. Mitchell Sherrin.

To add complexity to the

rescue, the crash site was located on a steep slope along Cusheon Lake Road, Sherrin noted.

Working with B.C. Ambulance Service paramedics, a team of 14 firefighters also stabilized the vehicle and provided medical care on scene.

The driver was flown to Victoria for non-life threatening injuries.

In other SSIFR news, firefighters responded to another car crash on June 8 when a vehicle struck a building on Atkins Road just before 10 a.m.

An elderly patient was transported to Lady Minto Hospital by BCAS following non-life threatening injuries.

During a busy week, which included a brush fire

on Tuesday and a structure fire on June 3, firefighters also attended a report of a tree on hydro lines, two commercial alarms, three medical calls and four smoke sightings, with one requiring extinguishment for an unattended campfire.

More SSIFR news is on the front page of this week's Driftwood.

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TEACHERS' STRIKE

# Third day of rotating strikes hits Gulf Islands schools

Teachers vote on full-scale strike plans

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Gulf Islands students are out of school today (Wednesday, June 11) for their third day of rotating strikes implemented over the past three weeks, while the province waits to

hear whether teachers will escalate their job action.

BC Teachers' Federation president Jim Iker called teachers to decide on whether to wage a full-scale strike for next week, with two days of voting set to wrap up last night.

Contract negotiations with the BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) have so far failed to yield a settlement.

"BC teachers remain committed to negotiating a fair and reasonable deal that provides better support for our students," Iker said in a news release. "It's time for Premier Christy Clark to provide the employer with new funding that will help bring the two sides closer together on class size, composition, staffing levels for specialist teachers, and wages."

Local teachers entered a new

phase of dealing with a partial government lockout starting Monday, leaving school grounds at lunch time to carry "locked out" signs near the school board office. The most recent news from the province is the lockout will not continue during the summer, leaving school programs and camps intact.

Meanwhile, Minister of Education Peter Fassbender announced Mon-

day that a five-year deal had been negotiated with the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), covering 34,000 support workers including educational assistants, bus drivers, custodial staff and office administrators.

The deal provides for wage increases "in line with recent B.C. public-sector agreements" of 5.5 per cent over five years.



Islands Trust

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a Public Hearing concerning **Proposed Bylaws No. 472, No. 474 and No. 475** for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained therein. At the public hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions.

**DATE:** Monday, June 23, 2014  
**LOCATION:** Fulford Community Hall, 2591 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island  
**TIME:** 6:00 PM onwards

Planners Kristin Aasen and Leah Hartley will be available at the Fulford Community Hall from 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM to provide information about the bylaws and to answer any questions.

**1. Bylaw No. 472, cited as "Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 5, 2013" (Macalpine - 1351 Mountain Road).**

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 472 is to amend Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw No. 355 as follows:

1. By inserting in Subsection 9.11.3 - Exceptions in Particular Locations - the following new Shoreline 6 Zone Variation (b) - S6(b) after Shoreline 6 Zone Variation (a):

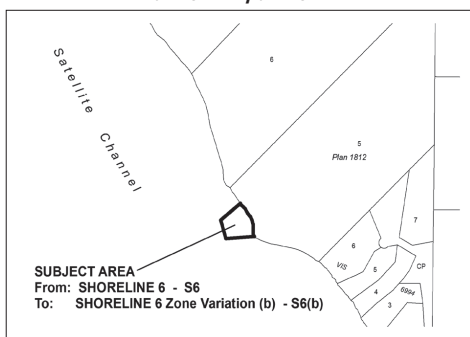
**"Zone Variation - S6(b)**

The following additional *accessory* use is permitted:  
(a) Floating *breakwaters*.

Total float area not to exceed 65 square metres."

2. By changing the zoning classification of a portion of the waters fronting Lot 5, Sections 33 and 37, South Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 1812 from Shoreline 6 (S6) to Shoreline Zone Variation 6(b) - S6(b), as shown on Plan No. 1.

Plan No. 1 - Bylaw No. 472



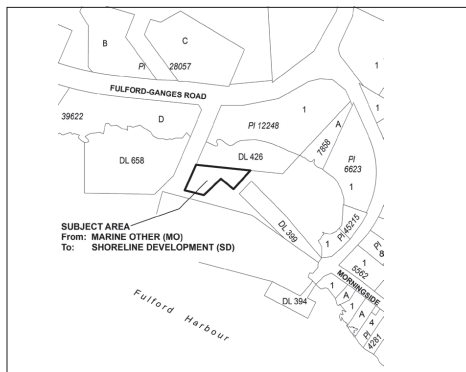
2. **Bylaw No. 474, cited as "Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2008, Amendment No. 2, 2013" (Island Marine Construction Services Ltd. - 2850 Fulford-Ganges Road).**

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 474 is to amend Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 434 as follows:

1. By amending Schedule 'A' - Map 1 (Plan Area with Land and Shoreline Use Designation) of Volume 1, as shown on Plan No. 1.

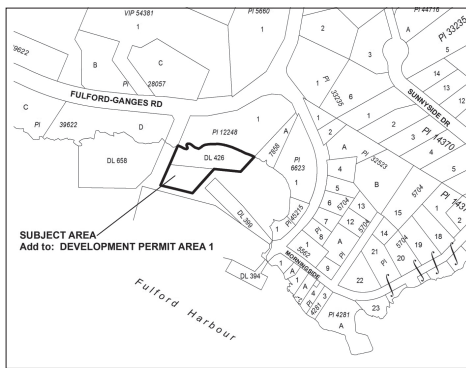
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Plan No. 1 - Bylaw No. 474



2. By amending Schedule 'A' - Map 16 (Development Permit Area 1 - Island Villages) of Volume 2, as shown on Plan No. 2.

Plan No. 2 - Bylaw No. 474



3. **Bylaw No. 475, cited as "Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 6, 2013" (Island Marine Construction Services Ltd. - 2850 Fulford-Ganges Road).**

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 475 is to amend Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw No. 355 as follows:

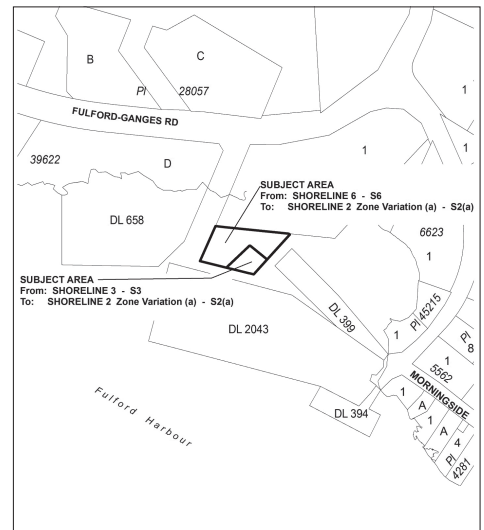
1. By inserting in subsection 9.11.3 - Exceptions in Particular Locations - the following new Shoreline 2 Zone Variation (a) - S2(a) after Zone Variation S1(a):

**"Zone Variation - S2(a)**

The following special provision applies:  
(a) A minimum of 87 linear metres of *wharfage* will be designated as temporary *wharfage* for transient boats."

2. By changing the zoning classification of the water area to the south of District Lot 426, adjacent to Lot 1, Section 15, Ranges 1 and 2, South Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 12248, from Shoreline 3 - S3 and Shoreline 6 - S6 to Shoreline Zone Variation 2(a) - S2(a), as shown on Plan No. 1.

Plan No. 1 - Bylaw No. 475



**Copies of the proposed bylaws**, and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee, may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Wednesday, June 11, 2014 and up to and including Monday, June 23, 2014 at 12:00 Noon.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) of the *Local Government Act*, Proposed Bylaws 472, 474 & 475 may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website ([www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca)) under "Islands", "Local Trust Areas", "Salt Spring", "Bylaws", "Bylaw 434" and "Bylaw 355" under "Bylaw Amendments".

**Enquiries** regarding these proposed Bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust at (250) 537-9144. For Toll Free access, request a transfer to the Islands Trust via Enquiry BC: in Vancouver at 604-660-2421; elsewhere in BC at 1-800-663-7867.

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- By Fax:** (250) 537-9116.
- By Email:** [ssiphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:ssiphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca) prior to 12:00 noon on Monday, June 23, 2014.
- To the Local Trust Committee:** at the public hearing on June 23, 2014.

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

**NO WRITTEN OR ORAL REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE OR ITS MEMBERS, AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

Claire Olivier  
Legislative Clerk/Deputy Secretary

BC FERRIES

# Dangerous cargo sailings reinstated

Temporary measure meant to fix booking problem

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

BC Ferries has reinstated Wednesday's dangerous cargo sailings between Crofton and Vesuvius until October while the corporation attempts to sort out booking problems caused by the recent service reduction.

During the semi-annual meeting between Salt Spring's Ferry Advisory Committee and BC Ferries executives on Monday, Salt Spring Propane owner Wayne Wrigley recounted how his supplier CanWest had been

unable to reserve space for the entire month of July. Though the ferry company worked to fix the problem by re-instituting the sailings starting June 25, Wrigley wanted assurance the problem would not happen again.

"A lot of times I don't think people have any idea how much propane is used on Salt Spring," he said, noting island institutions, restaurants and individuals amount to 400 million litres per year.

"There's people that don't eat if they don't have fuel on Salt Spring . . . Are you going to let the hospital run out of fuel? I don't think so."

BC Ferries' marine superintendent Lewis MacKay said

although CanWest had been unable to book its regular Monday sailings in July, the problem was not directly due to the service reduction, which was part of the overall cuts mandated by the province this spring.

"We had a reservation problem, not a capacity problem," MacKay said.

Part of that problem is that companies booking dangerous cargo space can only start making reservations for a calendar month on the first day of the previous month. Because June 1 happened to be on a Sunday, other companies got the jump on CanWest staff who sent in their request on the Monday morning.

Another issue is that "no-

show" fees are not charged on the minor routes, so some companies book space on every sailing on the chance they might use it.

Corinne Storey, BC Ferries' vice-president of customer services, said adding a penalty for no-shows on the minor routes might be a good idea. Executives also suggested getting the dangerous cargo shippers together to work out a schedule they could agree on.

MacKay said the company would continue to work out how to improve the booking system with its staff and would most likely remove the Wednesday sailings again this fall, as the current schedule shows.

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# Dryer fire response ends close call

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Lt. Mitchell Sherrin said the fire could have become dangerous because of its location on the bank.

"Fire will burn readily on a slope," Sherrin noted.

"This was a fairly significant

fire for us," he added. "It was the biggest one we've had this year."

Homeowners helped firefighters prevent another close call when a dryer fire started last week. Eighteen firefighters responded to a Channel Ridge home just after 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3.

"It was a good save. The fire was knocked down quickly and the house had very little damage," said Capt. Jamie Holmes.

Holmes credited the homeowners with limiting the size of the fire by closing the utility room door, which starved the fire of oxygen and prevented it

from spreading before firefighters arrived on scene. This was the second dryer fire on Salt Spring in the last two months.

The homeowners were fortunate with a speedy response because firefighters were already at the Ganges fire hall for training, Holmes noted.



PHOTO BY ROY HOWARTH  
Salt Spring Fire-Rescue members tackle a brush fire at Isabella Point on Tuesday morning. The call was part of a busy week that included a dryer fire and a car crash.

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# Open house at wellness space

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medicinal dispensary, a yoga studio, and retail and workshop space.

"The building is 5,500 square feet. There's a lot of space in there," Clayton observed. "The vision is to have little bits of everything, different uses that are in the spirit of holistic conscious wellness."

News that Bull had declared bankruptcy and the gym equipment was for sale introduced a new idea for inclusion in the centre.

"It looks like at this point the gym will be there and the gym will reopen," Clayton said, although he noted the physical space will most likely be limited to the building's second floor.

Clayton is not sure of the logistics of verifying memberships, especially since the gym's computer was removed, but he intends to respect those payments as long as gym users accept that the space could change.

"Absolutely I want to honour people's memberships, and my plan is to have the space up and running very, very soon," he said.

Anyone who would like to hear more about Clayton's ideas for the new wellness centre is invited to attend a potluck and open house at the building on Sunday, June 22 from 1 to 5 p.m. The afternoon will include a community Q&A, introduction to the owners and the steering committee and discussion of setting up the business structure as a community contribution company. Ideas for how to make the space the hub of wellness activities on Salt Spring are also welcomed.

"I really want it to be created by the community, and that has to happen slowly."

In an open letter to the community submitted to the Driftwood last week, Bull said the gym's closure caused her "much pain and sadness." She said she has left Salt Spring to pursue her career in the fitness sector.

The March 8, 2013 court judgement of Justice David Masuhara settling matters between Bull and Swinburnson outlines financial difficulties experienced by Bull that resulted in personal and business bankruptcy.

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## EDITORIAL

# Serious signs

It's uncanny how news events sometimes converge to emphasize a point.

In the early hours of Friday a single-vehicle crash occurred on Cusheon Lake Road, requiring the Jaws of Life and a raft of emergency service workers to rescue and treat the victim and deal with the vehicle.

Then, according to a "rant" submitted to the Driftwood this week, someone apparently in an unfathomable hurry passed two vehicles on that same narrow and winding road on Sunday afternoon. Their behaviour was reported to local police.

Both incidents illustrate the unfortunate fact that Cusheon Lake Road has long been infamous as an accident site and a route where people seem compelled to drive much faster than road conditions dictate.

Cusheon Lake Road isn't the only place where islanders speed for no reason, but it might be the place where it makes the least sense to do so on Salt Spring.

Way back in 1999, a Driftwood staff roads study found Cusheon Lake Road to be the worst on the island "for the sheer danger to everything that moves along its narrow confines." While subsequent repairs and repaving got rid of hazards like potholes, the improvements made it easier for drivers to speed. After the last stretch of Stewart Road was paved in 2005, making it more attractive to connect the south and the north ends of the island via Cusheon Lake, the dangerous traffic problem has simply accelerated.

Thankfully, a recent initiative is attempting to put a metaphorical nail-belt on the Cusheon Lake speedway. Efforts of MLA Gary Holman's constituency office, the Beddis and Cusheon Area Residents' Association, transportation ministry and local RCMP have resulted in the creation and installation of bright yellow signs with the simple message of "Kids Matter! Please slow down. Thank you."

We congratulate Cusheon Lake Road residents who've taken the next step in trying to keep safe not only their families and pets but those who use Cusheon Lake for recreation as well.

Now it's up to the rest of the island to respect those living and playing along that route and to seriously slow down once and for all.



VIEWPOINT by Ron Martin

# Collective bargaining threatened

While students are caught in the middle in the conflict between the Liberal government and B.C. teachers, it is extremely important not to forget what is happening to middle-class workers, not only here in this province but across North America.

Many would say "get rid of all unions." However, without collective protection, the individual worker stands almost no chance in a dispute with the power of a majority government. In fact, under a parliamentary system, a premier or prime minister, with a majority, is essentially a dictator subject to review only once every four years.

In the conflict between the government and teachers there are two major issues — class size and composition, and economics. In the first instance, teachers have twice won the right (in court) to negotiate these issues. The government has not respected the decisions.

As a former faculty member in Ontario community colleges, I and my colleagues faced, essentially, the same problem almost 30 years ago. A typical teaching load for a faculty member at that time would have been five sections of four hours with 25 students in each, so responsibility for 125 students. The colleges wanted to move to 10 two-hour sections of 25 students — the same number of teaching hours but double the number of students.

Forget whether this was educationally sound (it wasn't), you needed fewer teachers. The government proposed laying off full-time teachers but maintaining or expanding the number of administrators and support personnel. The result was a month-long strike, which I coordinated, and eventual legislation to return to work and settlement of all matters in dispute — except workload — by arbitration.

The end result was that the arbitrator, a Harvard professor, was very fair to faculty on other matters in dispute, including compensation, but could do nothing about workload.

If anyone believes that class size and composition do not matter, they have never taught. These issues should be resolved in B.C.

through collective bargaining and, if necessary, by impartial arbitration. They should not be left to a majority government more concerned with finances than fairness or education!

On the economic side, teachers have had two years of zero per cent pay adjustments, one year without a contract, and now the government would like a six-year contract with about a one per cent per year increase. This is the same government that is increasing hydro rates by nine per cent in one year, ferry fares by 40 per cent in four or five years, and God knows how much for Victoria bureaucrats and legislators. This is to say nothing of the little the government has done over the last 10 years for people who are disabled or on welfare.

As a result of B.C. and North American economic policies, we can see chief executive officers in Canada making 150 times the annual income of Canadian workers.

At one time, B.C. teachers' contracts were settled at the local level where school administrators and boards knew, personally, faculty members. There was not the conflict of today.

The premier has said that too much of an increase for teachers might result in the province losing its AAA credit rating. It seems to me the U.S. government has a AA+ credit rating and the government there is borrowing 10-year money at two and a half per cent. Bob Rae, former NDP premier of Ontario, used a variation of that argument when he ripped up 800 collective agreements that had been ratified and replaced them with a "social contract."

The real goal of B.C.'s provincial government is to weaken or destroy the collective bargaining process. If that happens with B.C. teachers, the spin-off will hurt the economic future of every ordinary working person in the province.

*The writer was a long-time board and bargaining team member of the Ontario Public Service Employees' Union and faculty president at Sheridan College in Oakville.*

## THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

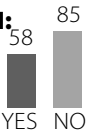
### Do you heed 30 km/hr speed zones?

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

Yes  No

## LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

### Does strike action help the teachers' cause?



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# ISLAND VOICES

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "We're not in the process of building roads. We're in the business of upgrading terminals."

DAVE HENDRY, BC FERRIES REP, ON FULFORD FERRY TERMINAL

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** What's your favourite part of Sea Capers, past or present?



**NEACOL MILLER**  
*I used to love watching the log jousting when I was a kid.*



**RUBY WILLIAMSON**  
*Face painting.*



**DAVID MILLER**  
*It's a great community builder. I hope it's a great success.*



**CRISTOPH WEEKS**  
*Because I have a son who's 14, we usually watch the boat building.*



**HEATHER MARTIN-MCNAB**  
*I love the boat building.*

## Letters to the editor

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

### Real culture

I think that it is fair to say that most people do not have a clear understanding of what is meant by the term "culture." For some, the word has the connotation of the arts, or the symphony, or ArtSpring, or the Saturday Market in the Park etc.

But "culture" is more encompassing and includes our government, police and fire departments, courts, sports organizations, farming community, churches, etc.

In 2014 on Salt Spring island, the culture allows the desecration of a pristine cemetery that was the last vestige of the original inhabitants of the 2,000-year-old village of Shiyahwt (Ganges).

Culture is what people do. So be it.

**CHRISTOPHER ANDERSON ARNETT**,  
PHD CANDIDATE,  
UBC DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

### Great grad

I would like to express my appreciation to the GISS administration for the memorable graduation ceremony held on Saturday at the school.

I especially liked the way that each student was recognized and I enjoyed hearing about future plans.

Thank you to all of those parents and students who helped make it run smoothly. Thank you to all of the Grade 11 students and their parents for their assistance and for the reception that followed the ceremony.

Thank you to all of those individuals, groups and businesses who supported the graduates with scholarships and bursaries.

**JENNIFER PLUMRIDGE**,  
PROUD GRANDMOTHER,  
VICTORIA

### More solar support

Through these pages, I would like to thank Irene Wright of the Salt Spring NDP Club for her letter to the editor of May 21 highlighting the ongoing fundraising campaign for the GISS Solar Scholarship Project.

In her letter, Mrs. Wright challenges members of other political parties to meet or beat her club's continuing support. On behalf of the BC Liberals of Salt Spring Island, I would like to accept the challenge. I myself have pledged to sponsor one panel, and we will be contacting our Salt Spring membership to request their further support. Friendly competition in the name of a good cause is a great thing!

This program is admirable in that it seeks to benefit

the planet by utilizing solar power, reduce fuel costs for the school district and provide valuable scholarship funds for our local students.

All of those behind this initiative are to be commended, but I would like to single out Grade 12 student Sky Losier for appreciation as he took the time to meet with me and explain the program and its many benefits. Sky is a great ambassador for the program, our school system and the Gulf Islands.

May the fundraising continue unabated!

**STEPHEN P. ROBERTS**,  
FOR THE BC LIBERALS OF SSI

### Monitor site

The following is an open letter to Hon. Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

Dear Mr. Thomson,  
As you know, site altera-

tion has begun anew on Grace Islet.

The use of a mechanical excavator as well as tree-felling is increasing the likelihood of further desecration of ancient burials on the islet.

Since the entire islet is burial ground (and described as such to the owner in a letter from the Archaeology Branch in 2006), it is of crucial importance for any and all alterations to the site to be monitored closely, in the presence of representatives of local First Nations. You should be aware that new material, including ancient human remains, may be exposed in locations not previously identified during the archaeological impact assessment process. When this occurs, all work on the site must be halted, as stipulated in the Heritage Conservation Act.

We understand that Bruce Ball of Altamira Consulting in Edmonton has been hired by the owner, Barry Slawsky, to monitor the site under the terms of the permit. What reports has the Archaeology Branch received from Mr. Ball to date, and have they sent a field inspection team to assess the progress of the work?

Given the record of the owner in following the conditions of the first permit in 2012, we think it is your duty to direct the branch to send such a team immediately, as work is proceeding rapidly.

**PHIL VERNON**,  
**DR. MAUREEN MILBURN**,  
**CHRISTOPHER ARNETT**,  
**DONNA MARTIN**,  
SALT SPRING

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# How to avoid disaster on the email highway

BY TOBY FOUKS

On a recent Friday I found not just one but two suspicious emails in my in-box. One had the email address of a person who sends out notices for a group I belong to. I know that even if he were marooned in Cyprus he would not be calling on me for help. It definitely came from his email address but he didn't send it.

The second email appeared to come from USPS telling me they could not deliver a parcel and asking me to click to get something to take to the post office. However, at the very top beside "mail delivery" when I clicked to see who it had come from [and not where the email said to click] I found this: Mail International delivery\_id48@androidfreedownload.hol.es. This was a case of phishing — getting my email address and spamming me — but worse, sending me a potential problem.

My point is this: check carefully to see the real source of the email. If the account has been "hacked" you can't do this, but either the subject line or the message will be out of character. If it's like the one from Mail International, the info is there to

show you the true source.

Every email comes with a "header" that shows the origin and the routing of the email.

Just because something says "from" it does not mean that's really where it's from. It's easy to change that. I could have my emails say they are from "little red riding hood" if I wished. The header will show the true story.

Your best friend is Google search because you can ask it any question you want. It will find the answer. If you ask it "How can I find the headers in my email," a site such as this will come up: <http://mxtoolbox.com/Public/Content/EmailHeaders/>

You click on the email program you are using, and it will tell you how to find the headers, the source and routing of the email. It's very important to know the source of any email that arrives asking you to click on something. It's those fatal clicks that lead to big problems — and sometimes those problems are hidden from you.

If a friend has sent you photos, and you know it's a friend because it sounds like your friend and there is information in the email itself [such as "here we are at

## GUEST COLUMN

the family picnic"] and it's a jpeg/jpg file, you are safe. If it says it's from your bank or the post office — it's a trap. They

use the telephone but even then there are major scams. Always call them back. Technology has opened up a world of dangers for the unwary.

But what about the email that came from someone you know but doesn't sound like him/her? That email is most likely the result of their email address either getting into the infected computer of someone else, or their own computer getting infected. How can this happen?

Perhaps that person clicked on something that permitted malware to enter the computer. Possibly it happened through the sending out of forwards using the "to" field. This is how your email address gets spread around without your knowledge.

You have three choices when you send an email: to, cc, or bcc. With the first two, all recipients see the email addresses of other recipients. With the third, "blind carbon copy," no one sees anyone's email address. A lot of email programs store all

the email addresses that come into the computer via email, so if someone is using "to" or "cc" the recipient's computer can store a lot of email addresses. If that computer becomes infected then it is very possible emails will get sent out using stored addresses. This is more likely than a gmail account being hacked, I believe. You might have to look for the bcc as it will appear automatically if you are using it but be hidden if you are not — however, it is there. It takes little trouble to use it, and can create major problems if you don't.

Take nothing at face value when it arrives by email. Be very very wary. When in doubt because the source is an email address with which you are familiar, start a new email and send it to whom-ever the email came from to ask if they have indeed sent it. Do not use "reply." If it doesn't sound like them you can be fairly sure it's not from them. If it's from strangers, always check the header.

Stay safe on this dangerous highway.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.



## ISLANDS TRUST NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee will hold a Community Information Meeting and a Public Hearing within a Local Trust Committee Business Meeting on Proposed Bylaw No. 195 – cited as “North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw 103, 1996, Amendment No. 2, 2014” and Proposed Bylaw No. 197 – cited as “North Pender Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 171, 2007, Amendment No. 1, 2014”; for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw at 9:45 a.m., Thursday, June 26, 2014, at the Pender Island Community Hall (Upstairs), 4418 Bedwell Harbour Road, North Pender Island, BC.

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

### Proposed Bylaw No. 195 – cited as “North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw 103, 1996, Amendment No. 2, 2014”

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 195 is to amend the Land Use Bylaw is to:

1. To permit two (2) dwelling units and two (2) cottages on the Rural(b) site-specific zoned portion of the property;
2. To remove agri-tourist accommodation use from the Agricultural (AG(c)) site-specific zoned portion of the property;
3. To permit temporary farm worker accommodation (Manager's Suite only) on the site-specific Agricultural zoned portion of the property; and
4. To rezone the southern site-specific Rural zoned portion of the property to Ecological (ECO).

### Proposed Bylaw No. 197 – cited as “North Pender Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 171, 2007, Amendment No. 1, 2014”

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 197 is to amend the Official Community Plan by changing the designation of a portion of the subject property from Rural (R) to Conservation (CO).

A copy of the proposed bylaw and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing June 11, 2014 and up to and including June 25, 2014.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) (e) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at various Notice Boards on North Pender Island, B.C., commencing June 11, 2014. The proposed bylaw can also be viewed online at the following URL: [www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/north-pender/bylaws](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/north-pender/bylaws).

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. The office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, by Fax (250) 405-5155, prior to 4:30 p.m., June 25, 2014.
2. By email to: [vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca)
3. After 4:30 p.m., June 25, 2014, to the Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at 9:45 a.m., June 26, 2014.

The public is encouraged to send any electronic response to [vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca). The Islands Trust does not guarantee that any email submission will be received by the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email submissions, if they are opened and received, to the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee for consideration, but the public should not rely on email as a means of providing a written submission.

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

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Robert Kojima, Regional Planning Manager, at (250) 405-5159 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

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

Sharon Lloyd-deRosario, Deputy Secretary

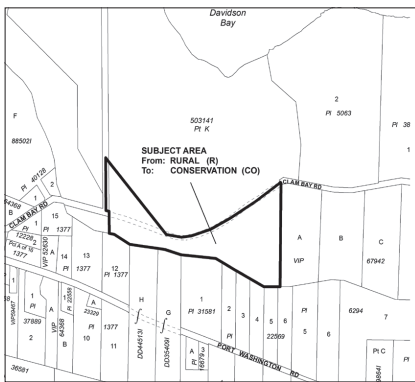
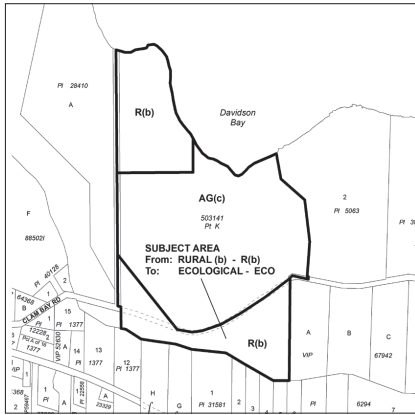


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### BEACH SWEEPER:

Beddis Road resident Jim Black shows the record nine plastic six-pack holders found on his regular garbage pick-up rounds on a half-kilometre stretch of Beddis Beach. He also collected 11 beer cans, one pop can, 1 Gatorade bottle, four small fish floats, seven cans, eight plastic bags, six pounds of Styrofoam, nine bottle necks, one full can of WD-40 and one marijuana licence (with the name worn off). Black believes most of the trash comes from passing boats.



### MORE LETTERS

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## Spirit of sharing

I would like to comment more on the recent articles in the paper regarding the Saturday Market because I am not sure if the message is reaching our community.

I would like to add some clarity and light to the whole situation. To sum it up, we live in the year 2014, a time of enlightenment, I hope. It is time that we finally put an end to the old model that the Salt Spring Market is run on. It's time we all wave a flag of support for a new way of being.

Here's an idea: If all vendors at the market supported the vendor next to them in the spirit of sharing there would be no need for competition. This would mean that there is enough space for everyone to sell. The kind of competition I would like to see: That each vendor competes at who can be more supportive of fellow vendors. We have to stop competing with each other and come together in the spirit of cooperation. That is the only way we grow as a community and as a free market for all. It's simple!

1. Farmers markets are about the farmers and food first.

2. You have to make or grow what you sell and that goes for everyone who sells at the market.

3. More variety of vendors and products/creations equals more interest, so use tents that are a bit smaller for vendors that are not farmers. This would leave more room for new vendors and thus more variety. This would likely bring in more tourists and locals as well.

4. This would include anyone who lives on Salt Spring that grows, bakes or makes something for tourists and locals to buy.

5. Sharing a tent with a fellow vendor that does not get into the market (due to lack of space) should be an ongoing gesture rather than a penalty (i.e. no points). The practice of sharing should be celebrated and supported on this island.

6. Maintaining rules that only serve some and not all is how our world has gone amuck and I, for one, see Salt Spring as an island that can show the rest of the world how it's done.

I hope my comments open up more dialogue regarding this ongoing challenge we have with the market.

The need for two extra markets can be dropped if we can move forward with this new way of thinking. Giving up old ways and moving into a new world of sharing is easier than some might think!

**ISIS NESBITT,**  
MARKET VENDOR FOR SEED OF LIFE CATERING

## Driving advice

Indeed there are many jerk drivers of motor vehicles, on top of the inattentive ones who don't see bicyclists and speed zone signs because they aren't looking for small objects.

And there are idiot bicyclists who deliberately put themselves at risk. They won't hurt cars much, but reporting the collision and washing the blood off the car will be an annoying task.

As for bicyclists being unsure of themselves, most belong on sidewalks. Moot for Salt Spring Island of course, with very little sidewalk length where there are motor vehicles at speed.

Narrow roads add to the problems. (Mind, I grew up with narrow dirt roads, walked three miles to school and three miles home, uphill both ways. Of course, like Salt Spring, single vehicle accidents were common.)

And besides naive pedestrians (walking facing traffic is safer), there are idiot jaywalkers, jayrunners and drivers of medical scooters who are trying to further reduce their mobility by getting hit.

Overall, there are two simple maxims: pay attention to your own safety, and respect other users of the surface you are on.

**KEITH SKETCHLEY,**  
SAANICH

## Inspirational

John Perkins, author of *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man* and Pachamama Alliance co-founder, inspired a full house at ArtSpring last week with his stories and enthusiasm to take action and hold the global corporate empire accountable for a socially just and environmentally sustainable future for our children.

At present the corporate motto is profits above all health concerns and common sense. Corporations respond to our buying power. We can influence them by telling them why we are boycotting their products.

Many of us have taken the Monsanto challenge because this agri-giant is poisoning us and our pollinators with their pesticides and our organic farmers with GMO seed contamination. I have found greater health, peace of mind and a way to eat organic for the same amount of money that I was spending on non-organic foods. I buy organic whole grains, seeds, nuts and dried fruit condiments in bulk instead of processed packaged cereals and crackers. I eat from the garden and what is in season. I buy organic, local greens, vegetables and eggs.

Ask Mouat's and Foxglove not to carry Round-up. Write and tell us how you're doing with this challenge ([lauriesteffler@gmail.com](mailto:lauriesteffler@gmail.com)) and pass on easy, tasty recipes.

**Laurie Steffler,**  
SALT SPRING

# SPARCKs fundraiser deserves kudos

Fernwood Elementary School's bottle drive in support of SPARCKs (Schooling Poor and Rural Cambodian Kids) was SPARCKs' inaugural campaign on the island.

We collected close to \$300 towards the goal of \$12,500. Every \$1 we collect will trigger \$2 to the ultimate beneficiary (HVTO School, Cambodia — please Google it!) as it will be matched by a U.K. Trust (up to \$12,500).

If we achieve our target, the eminently desirable result will be that HVTO School will receive \$25,000 to fund a very worthwhile expansion project — a college prep program. This will help educate in secondary and post-secondary schools in the city of Siem Reap the best and brightest children to become the much-needed future leaders of war-torn Cambodia.

Thanks to the enthusiasm of teachers Malindi Curtis, Sharon Lee and the kids in their respective classes (it was their idea, bless 'em), they drummed up parents, friends and neighbours to support the bottle drive.

Thanks too to Country Grocer for the tent to stop us from frying in the hot sun. Thanks to the volun-

teers Malindi, Curtis, Sharon, Barbara, Louise, Donald and Leah, who sweated and sorted and counted.

And West of the Moon, your balloons were great!

Thanks also go to the most helpful, attentive, enthusiastic, supportive and friendly staff at the Island Return It Centre, which has kindly established a permanent SPARCKs donation account. If you're feeling generous to our cause, please credit your refund to the Fernwood School/SPARCKs account any time you visit.

So successful was Saturday's campaign that I want to establish a bottle pick-up program — me and my truck — and am looking for SPARCKs subscribers from whom I can make periodic, regular collections. Please rally to the cause and contact me at 250-537-0666. Businesses and individuals welcome. You too will get a SPARCKs bumper sticker!

Please support us in the future by saving all of your bottles for us, or by direct financial donation to Fernwood School (o/a SPARCKs Program), to me (ditto), or to our SPARCKs account at BMO. One dollar goes an awful lot further in Cambo-



Fernwood school students, from left, Gabe Carlson, Abigail Guedes, Lauren Ashford and Haylee Guedes at the bottle-drive fundraiser for SPARCKs on Saturday.

PHOTO BY MEL DIVERS

dia than it does here!

Thank you, Salt Spring, for supporting the shelter of vulnerable, promising young students — possible future

leaders — in a big Cambodian city.

**ROSS KING,**  
FOR SPARCKs,  
SALT SPRING

## Father's Day is this Sunday!

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# RANTS and Roses

## Rants

I see there was a surprise birthday party for Elizabeth May on Saturday, but it was on a ferry. I'm sure I'm not the only one who finds this a little weird. A birthday party for the Green MP on a diesel-guzzling ferry. Why didn't they hold it in Centennial Park, so people who wanted to go wouldn't have to pump more money into BC Ferries? What does the Green Party really stand for? Len Wilton

Rants to the driver of the grey Ford F150 pick-up truck who, on Sunday at 3:30 p.m., sped up and overtook me on Cusheon Lake Road, tailgated the car in front of me, then overtook it and sped off toward Fulford-Ganges Road. The speed limit on that road is 50, and very clearly marked several times. The RCMP have your number. Susan Brain

## Roses

Special delivery roses to the wizards at the Salt Spring post office who delivered a very special card to me that had only my name, street and half of the postal code!

Huge bunches of roses to the kind men who rushed to my mother's assistance during a nasty fall. This was last Tuesday,

June 3, near Country Grocer. She was transported to Lady Minto. My mother is doing very well and is so grateful to you. Many thanks!

The Gulf Islands Teachers' Association would like to send sea-scented Nootka roses to Jamie Alexander and Norm Edwards for the idea, Arvid Chalmers for the space, and Paul Large from Country Grocer for the food; and all of them for their generosity and work feeding and supporting our members on the picket line!

The Salt Spring Island NDP Club would like to give a garden full of orange calendulas to the Salt Spring community that came out and supported our recent efforts to raise money for scholarships. It was a huge success. Special thanks to Alan Moberg for providing music to munch by and to our MLA Gary Holman for his support. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers that baked, cooked, served, donated goods and cleaned up. See you next time!

Piles of roses for everyone who contributed to the success of our leadership projects! Moutat's, Pharmasave and West of the Moon for donating toys for our treasure hunt, Fernwood School for hosting us, Uptown Pizza for giving us a discoun-

on pizza for our "pizza prank," Country Grocer for donating ingredients for our taco lunch fundraiser and for hosting our car wash, our referee LeeAnn Norgard and our furniture maker Jason Charlebois. Pass on the random acts of kindness! Grades 3, 4, 5 class, Salt Spring Centre School

Kudo roses to Stephen Roberts for pledging to fund a panel for the GISS Solar Scholarship Project. Also, bouquets to Tom Mitchell for organizing the solar talks at the United Church.

Viva Chorale! would like to send a glass vase full of sweet-smelling roses to all those island businesses and individuals who generously sponsored our recent Earthly Sounds concert at ArtSpring. It takes a community to raise a community choir. Thank you so much.

The Gulf Islands Teachers' Association would like to send Nootka roses to our fellow union members from HEU (Hospital Employees Union), IAFF (International Association of Fire Fighters), BCFMWU (BC Ferry and Marine Workers' Union), IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers), and retired members of both the BCTF and CUPE for supporting us on the line during our job action days.

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# what's on this week

Wed. Jun 11    **Thur. Jun 12**    **Fri. Jun 13**    **Sat. Jun 14**    **Sun. Jun 15**    **Tues. Jun 17**    **Wed. Jun 18**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Music & Munch.**  
Salt Spring Vocal Quartet and friends perform a recital called Sentimental Journey. Free music followed by optional lunch. All Saints' By-the-Sea. 12:10 p.m.  
**Sasha Rose.**  
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**GISS Music.**  
Year-end show by GISS music program participants. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Gulf Islands Board of Education Meeting.**  
Public welcome to attend. ArtSpring multipurpose room. 1 p.m.  
**Lunch and Learn Seminar.**  
Act Hearing event with guest speaker Leslie Peterson on new advances in hearing-aid technology, plus free hearing screenings. Refreshments served. Clubhouse Bar & Grill. 12 noon. RSVP to 855-537-4228.  
**Texas Holdem Poker.**  
Every Wednesday at The Local bar. Sign-up at 6:30 p.m.  
**Salt Spring Vipassana.**  
Meditation and instruction. The Gatehouse, Stowel Lake Farm. 7 p.m.  
**SongJam.**  
A 21st-century pub sing-along, to vocal and instrumental backing tracks, including six decades of rock and pop hits. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Cowboy Ted.**  
Live at The Local bar. 6 to 9 p.m.  
**Duck Creak.**  
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**GISS Music.**  
Year-end show by GISS music program participants. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.  
**Open Mic Night.**  
Hosted by Johnny Manouvers & Random Johnson. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Film Screening: Northern Grease.**  
Presented by filmmakers Jasper Snow Rosen and John Muirhead. The Fritz Movie Theatre. 7 p.m.  
**Patrick Friesen & Eve Joseph Literary Reading.**  
A Theatre Alive presentation at the Salt Spring Library Program Room. 7:30 p.m.

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**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Soul Shakedown.**  
Free appies at 5 p.m., followed by live music. The Local. 6 to 9 p.m.  
**Barefoot Thieves.**  
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**Delhi 2 Dublin.**  
Acclaimed world fusion band plays for a benefit for Salt Spring Gymnastics. Opener is DJ and fiddle player Michael Fraser. Fulford Hall. Doors at 8 p.m.; show at 10 p.m.  
**Pinkertons Dance Party.**  
Oldies rock at the Clubhouse Bar and Grill. SS Golf & Country Club. 8 p.m.  
**Coastal Giant.**  
Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Giant Bottle & Can Drive Fundraiser.**  
Funds will help repair the pot-holes in the SSI Golf & Country Club driveway and parking lot. Salt Spring Golf and Country Club parking lot. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Bridge Club.**  
Learn to play bridge, no experience necessary. Salt Spring Island Public Library, in the French section. 10 a.m. to noon.  
**Cross the Event Horizon DVD Series.**  
Final DVD in the series on unified field theory, the physics of energy and consciousness. Free. SS Library. 7 p.m.

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Cowboy Ted.**  
Mistaken Identity Vineyards. 2 to 4 p.m.  
**The Barley Bros.**  
The Local. 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
**Contemporary Guitar with Paul Mowbray.**  
Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
**The Fabulous Flakes.**  
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**Gilbert & Sullivan Concert.**  
Presented by Bach on the Rock's Salt Spring Chamber Orchestra and Choir. Fulford Hall. 7:30 p.m.  
**The Coalition.**  
Rock/dance band and celebrate the one-year anniversary of Moby's Pub under its new ownership. 9 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Saturday Market in the Park.**  
Centennial Park. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**World Wide Knit in Public Day.**  
Bring your knitting projects to the boardwalk in front of Elderberry Yarns. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Salt Spring Toastmasters Club 10th Anniversary.**  
Everyone welcome to event at Lions Hall. 2 to 5 p.m. RSVP to nlayard@telus.net.  
**Sea Capers.**  
First day of two-day maritime-themed festival. See pages 12-13 for schedule.

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Bourbon Street Sundays.**  
Jazz night featuring el Zocalo Quintet. Moby's Pub. 7 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**5th Annual Father's Day Triathlon.**  
Register at 8 a.m. for the event that begins with an athletes meeting at 8:30 a.m. Rainbow Road Pool.  
**SS Rod & Gun Club Father's Day Open House.**  
At the range at 223 Long Harbour Rd. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Salt Spring Island Artisan Vinegar Company Sampling Event.**  
Mistaken Identity Vineyards. 1 to 5 p.m.  
**Foosball Tournament.**  
Sundays at The Local Bar. 1 p.m.  
**Sea Capers.**  
Second day of two-day maritime-themed festival. See pages 12-13 for schedule.

**Mon. Jun 16**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Vaughn Fulford.**  
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**ToddlerTime.**  
For parents and children under four. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 10:30 a.m.  
**Chess and Scrabble Club.**  
Open to players of all ages and skill levels. Bring your own board if possible! Salt Spring Island Public Library, Room 103. 2 to 5 p.m.  
**Chefs Across the Water.**  
Guest chef Chris Stewart of Mission Hill Winery will prepare a five-course dinner with free wine pairings. Hastings House Country House Hotel Dining Room. 7 p.m. Fundraiser for SS Agricultural Alliance.

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

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

**ACTIVITIES**

**Tuesday Farmers' Market.**  
Every Tuesday in Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.  
**Harbour House Wine Club.**  
Stuart Brown, the representative from Poplar Grove, leads group through a tasting of the current releases. Harbour House Hotel. 7 p.m. Info/registration: millysinclair@gmail.com.

**Wed. Jun 18**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Billie Holiday Tribute.**  
Music & Munch features Hannah Brown and friends in tribute to jazz singer. All Saints' By-the-Sea. 12:10 p.m.  
**Mike Alviano.**  
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Great Blue Heron Open House.**  
Presentation of materials from year-long study of Ganges rookery by Grades 2-3 class. Salt Spring Elementary School. 12:45 to 2 p.m.  
**Dying With Dignity Meeting.**  
Subject is Dying at Home - Home Care Nursing at the End of Your Life with guest speaker Maureen Gix. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 1 to 3 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce AGM.**  
Annual general meeting. Lions Hall. 5:30 to 7 p.m.  
**Texas Holdem Poker.**  
See last Wednesday's listing.  
**SongJam.**  
See last Wednesday's listing.  
**Wednesday Market in the Meadow.**  
Vendors set up in the United Church. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. First Wednesday market of the season.

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**Sun. Jun 15**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Gilbert & Sullivan Concert.**  
See Saturday listing, except the time is at 2 p.m.  
**Jazz Piano with Suzanne Gay.**  
Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**CINEMA**

• **X-Men - Days of Future Past** — The ultimate X-Men team fights for survival across two time periods. The original "X-Men" join forces with their younger selves from the past, in order to change a major historical event and fight in an epic battle that could save our future.  
• **Northern Grease** — Snowboarders on a mission to see Canadian resource extraction projects, visit industrial towns, interview the people involved and affected by resource extraction, and learn about problems presented by fracking and building transmission lines. One show only on Thursday, June 12 at 7 p.m.  
Note: National Theatre Live's King Lear is showing Wednesday, June 25 at 7 p.m. and Thursday, June 26 at 3 p.m. Advance tickets at Salt Spring Books and The Fritz.

**EXHIBITIONS**

• **Gallery 8** presents **Lines in the Sand** — new work by **Bill Boyd, JD Evans** and **Donna J Hall**. The show runs from **June 13 to July 13**, with an opening reception on **Friday, June 13** from 5 to 8 p.m.  
• **ArtCraft** opens at Mahon Hall on **Friday, June 13**. Showcase exhibit called **Potential and Promises** features works of woodworker **Bob McKay** and photos by **Sophie Burke**. Friday's opening reception is from 6 to 8 p.m., and ArtCraft's regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**EXHIBITIONS**

• **Elaine and Bob Potter** are holding an art show at **kizmit gallery and cafe** in **Beaver Point**. **Thursdays through Sundays**, 11 a.m. to 4-ish, **until June 29**, except for June 19-22.  
• **Sam Lightman** and **Maureen Milburn** show photos, photomontage and watercolours in **The Shoreline Project** in the **Harbour House Hotel** lobby and restaurant through **June**.  
• **GISS art students** show work in the program room at the **Salt Spring Library** this month.  
• **Peter Luckman** exhibition of photography of underwater life in the Salish Sea is at **Fernwood Road Cafe** until **June 14**.  
• **Midden** — Charcoal and oil wash drawings by **Deon Venter** show at **Duthie Gallery** through **June**. Gallery hours are Thursday to Monday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment.  
• **Susan Benson's** portraits in oil, charcoal and graphite are on exhibit in the **ArtSpring** lobby until **June 30**.  
• **Gulf Islands Picture Framing** in Grace Point Square shows new releases by the late **LeRoy Jensen**. **Monday through Friday**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
• **Jerry Witmer** shows imaginary landscapes in acrylic at **Island Savings** until **mid-July**.  
• **Roger Donnelly's** artwork can be seen at **Penny's Pantry**.

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# A WHALE'S TALE

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COLLABORATION NEEDED  
FOR ORCAS' SURVIVAL

*B.C.'s Gulf Islands may share the Salish Sea with their Washington state neighbours, but the two jurisdictions have little in common when it comes to how they treat their marine environment. Driftwood reporters Elizabeth Nolan and Sean McIntyre compare legislation, attitudes and action in a four-part series.*

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Few species are as iconic an emblem of the Salish Sea than Orcinus orca. Whether they be called killer whales, orcas or blackfish, the apex predators command deep respect in the Salish Sea's traditions and popular culture.

Yet things weren't always so.

In 1961, fishermen lobbied the federal government to install a 50-caliber Browning machine gun overlooking Seymour Narrows, a spot often frequented by northern resident killer whales. Fears about fishers getting caught in the line of fire and the threat of sparking a forest fire left the gun silent, but the idea symbolizes the uneasy relationship between locals and the whales.

The public's warming to orcas happened by accident, when staff from the Vancouver Aquarium captured a specimen for research purposes off the coast of Saturna Island exactly 50 years ago.

What was initially a mission to hunt the four-year-old whale that became known as Moby Doll saw aquarium staff haul the 4.6-metre-long, one-ton creature all the way back to Vancouver.

The whale's arrival created a media stir and offered many residents their first look at what had previously been portrayed as a monster of the Pacific Ocean.

"They would have been considered wolves of the sea," said Kathy Heise, a Vancouver-based biologist who has researched cetaceans for 25 years.

Though he died three months after being captured, Moby Doll became an instant celebrity, forever changing people's relationship with the species.

Heise said the Moby Doll saga stands out as a pivotal moment in the West Coast whaling era's demise.

Much of that attention, however, shifted the hunting of orcas to a demand for captive animals for aquariums and theme parks. It wasn't until 1972, after a whale roundup gone wrong at Penn Cove,

off Whidbey Island, Wash., that federal governments in Canada and the United States began receiving public pressure to protect the species.

Uproar over the deaths of five whales and hunters' subsequent attempts to sink the carcasses to conceal the slaughter fuelled U.S. Congress to create the Marine Mammal Protection Act, legislation which persists to this day.

At about the same time, killer whales received protection under the BC Wildlife Act, though it wouldn't be until 1982 that federal regulations outlawed hunting of orcas without a licence.

Southern resident killer whales were finally listed as an endangered species under Canada's new Species at Risk Act in 2003. In 2005, the same animals were listed under the United States' Endangered Species Act by the federal organization known today as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA).

During the past 10 years, however, the southern resident population has declined considerably. Data from Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans estimates the 2013 population at only 82 members, a 15 per cent decline from a high of 98 animals during the mid-1990s. That number has since dropped to 81 and possibly even 80 animals.

**"The southern resident killer whales are perilously close to the point of no return . . ."**

KEN BALCOMB,  
Center for Whale Research, Washington state

According to Ken Balcomb, a scientist at Washington's Center for Whale Research who's monitored southern residents since 1977, the data presents an irrefutable vision of the task at hand, beginning with the preservation of salmon populations on both sides of the border.

"They're showing no sign of recovery since being listed, and with their occurrence in these waters now significantly diminished, my understanding of logic would suggest that we had better treat these facts as a wake-up call," he said in a 2013 report. "The southern resident killer whales are perilously close to the point of no return, either as a viable population or as beloved neighbours."

Funding and federal attention have mirrored the animals' declining numbers. That's troubling for observers like Leah Thorpe, director of public outreach and education at the CETUS Research and Conservation Society, in Victoria.

"As top predators, killer whales are ambassadors about how these areas are doing ecologically," she said. "When people realize how few southern residents are left, it's a shock; most people don't realize

that their numbers are so low."

The group is now reeling from federal government funding cuts that forced CETUS to slash education and monitoring programs.

Until 2011, the group received about \$320,000 annually, mainly from Environment Canada's Environmental Stewardship Fund. In 2012, the group was told funding wasn't available. Alternative fundraising efforts allowed them to continue operations with about 25 per cent of their previous budget.

Even worse, Thorpe said, is that CETUS isn't alone. Research positions at the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and NGO funding have been drastically reduced, hindering efforts to learn more about the southern residents and other marine species that live in the Salish Sea.

"It's a very sad story. What's happened to us is happening all over the coast," she said. "I think it really is a funding issue from the government. There are a lot of great programs, but we need the funding to get them back out there."

Some observers hope Canada can catch some momentum from recent decisions in the San Juan Islands and Puget Sound region.

Just last year, NOAA's fisheries division rejected an effort to have the southern resident population delisted from the Endangered Species Act. The decision confirmed science that has identified pollution, marine traffic and declining salmon stocks as specific threats to the southern residents.

In July 2013, Washington state concluded discussions that resulted in funding for more enforcement officers to monitor potential conflicts between ships and boaters on the waters around Puget Sound (see sidebar).

The southern residents' greatest hope north of the border may rest in the federal government's soon-to-be released Action Plan for the Northern and Southern Resident Killer Whales in Canada. The report posits 73 high and medium-priority measures to get orca populations on track to recovery. Many of these stress the importance of greater collaboration with agencies south of the Canada-U.S. border.

"A lot of the government agencies have difficulty with the border; it creates an impediment with collaboration," said Eric Eisenhardt, the research coordinator at The Whale Museum in Friday Harbour on San Juan Island, who commented on the draft document. "I think it would be a good thing to develop ways to get around that. It's sort of an imaginary line in the water."

"Actively being on the water is where we need to get, not just talking about more collaboration."

## In danger's way

Canada and U.S. 'in the same boat'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A 2013 annual report prepared by Soundwatch, a whale awareness and boater education program based out of The Whale Museum in Friday Harbour, Wash., says not enough is being done to keep the Salish Sea's orca populations out of harm's way when it comes to the growing threat posed by commercial and private vessel traffic.

Researchers' observations between 1998 and 2013 show continued boating pressure and noncompliance with best practices guidelines and regulations for killer whales throughout the Salish Sea.

The group's 2013 public outreach report recommends the need for more boater education programs, increased patrols and higher enforcement action on the water.

"The development and implementation of a collaborative U.S. and Canadian effort to manage both commercial and recreational whale watching as well as other vessel traffic near whales is needed to reduce potential threats to the whales from vessel presence, behaviour and underwater noise," reads part of the report.

The advice is partly surprising given the United States' implementation of legislation that covers whale-watching vessels in 2011.

The rules require vessels, be they commercial operators or personal boats, to slow down when they come within 400 metres of a specimen. Travel is prohibited within 200 metres of anywhere in front of or behind a whale's path.

In Canada, the travel prohibition is limited to 100 metres of any whale. A crucial distinction between Canada and the U.S. is that the Canadian guidelines are not followed up with fines or legal action — although enforcement is undertaken against boaters who harass the animals under terms of the Species at Risk Act.

Michael Harris, executive director of the Pacific Whale Watch Association (PWWA), represents 33 commercial whale-watching operators on both sides of the Canada-U.S. border.

While the operators in his association do a good job of monitoring themselves and promoting the guidelines, he said, much work remains to be done when it comes to educating other boaters.

The PWWA estimates that up to 90 per cent of all violations are a result of pleasure boaters, many of whom are simply inexperienced when it comes to operating their boats around whales.

"It frustrates the [commercial] operators because they often get tagged along with the private boats," Harris said.

Even with education efforts undertaken by groups like Soundwatch and the PWWA, Harris added, there's only so much that can be accomplished without more support from government agencies. As a result, he said, the PWWA has taken on an increasingly vocal advocacy role, which has included writing letters to Canada's federal government urging that marine mammal regulations be strengthened to preserve fish stocks and that enforceable whale-watching legislation be introduced.

"I don't believe the enforcement presence is equivalent or anywhere near equivalent on the Canadian side," he said. "We are already doing this and we need some punch. We can't drag our feet anymore. This is a trans-boundary problem that requires a trans-boundary recovery plan."

"Everybody's in the same boat. We've got to work together."

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The Salish Sea is home to two killer whale populations: **transients** and **residents**.
- **Transient** whales, such as those spotted in Foulard Harbour in late May, are **opportunistic feeders** that rely primarily on marine mammals like seals, sea lions, dolphins, porpoises and even other whale species for survival.

- The transients' **nomadic nature** and flexible diet has left them **less susceptible to environmental disturbances** than their endangered resident cousins, which have a voracious appetite for salmon and are limited to the Salish Sea's southern and northern reaches.
- An **average** southern resident killer whale requires about **45 kg** (100 pounds) of salmon every day.

### ORCAS IN THE SALISH SEA

- **1961** - Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans mounts **machine gun** near Broughton Archipelago. The weapon is designed to **shoot orcas**, who feed on salmon, as they pass by.
- **1964** - **Moby Doll captured** by Vancouver Aquarium staff.
- **1970** - Killer whales receive **limited protection** under the BC Wildlife Act.
- **1972** - Penn Cove **massacre**.

**1972** - US Marine Mammal **Protection Act** is passed.

**1982** - Hunting orcas without a licence is **prohibited** under the Canadian federal government's Fisheries Act.

**2003** - The southern resident killer whale population is listed as **endangered** under the newly introduced Species at Risk Act (Canada).

**2005** - Southern resident population listed on the **Endangered Species Act** in the United States.

# SALT SPRING

# Sea Capers



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## SATURDAY

**11:30 Treasuries Kids Activities**  
Centennial Park

**12:00-3:00 Music and Sea Capers**

**2:30 Build a Boat**  
Launching in front of Centennial Park

## SATURDAY EVENTS:

**10:30 Boat Building**  
Centennial Park  
Sponsor: Windsor Plywood  
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**10:30 Mini Build-a-Boat**  
For Kids with floating pool, balloons and face painting: on the grass in Centennial Park

## SUNDAY

**Happy Father's Day**  
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**Boat Race**  
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### EVENTS:

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### SUNDAY EVENTS:

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**2:00 Sea Kayak**  
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## LITERARY EVENT

# Friesen and Joseph read new work

Hospice work informs In the Slender Margin

Salt Spring's Theatre Alive group hosts a dynamic writing couple on Thursday night when Patrick Friesen and Eve Joseph visit the island.

Friesen and Joseph, who live in Brentwood Bay, will read at the Salt Spring Library's program room beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Friesen has published numerous books of poetry, a book of essays, a play, and co-translations of several Danish poets. A Broken Bowl (1997) was short-listed for the Governor General's Award and Blasphemer's Wheel won the Manitoba Book Award. As well, two books of poetry were short-listed for the BC Book Prizes. Friesen has also written several stage and radio plays, text for dance, and has



Patrick Friesen and Eve Joseph will appear on Salt Spring on Thursday, June 12 as guests of Theatre Alive.



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recorded two CDs of spoken word and improv music. His most recent books are Jumping in the Asylum (Quattro Books, 2011) and A Dark Boat (Anvil Press, 2012).

Joseph has published two acclaimed books of poetry, The Startled Heart (Oolichan, 2004) and The Secret Signature of Things (Brick, 2010). She received the 2010 P.K. Page Founder's Award for poetry and the 2010 Malahat

Creative Non-Fiction Prize.

Her most recent book of non-fiction, In the Slender Margin, is described as "a journey into the land of death and dying seen through the lens of art and the imagination." Part memoir, part meditation on death itself, In the Slender Margin is an exploration of death from an "insider's" point of view. Using the threads of her brother's

early death and her 20 years of work at a hospice, Joseph delves into history, religion, philosophy, literature, personal anecdote, mythology, poetry and pop culture to discern the unknowable and to illuminate her travels through the land of the dying.

The June 12 event is free, but donations are gratefully accepted to help fund literary events on the island.

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## MUSIC & MUNCH

# Billie Holiday jazzes up recital

Hannah Brown and friends offer program

Music and Munch on Wednesday, June 18 promises "nostalgia at its best" with a rich and entertaining tribute to Billie Holiday.

Hannah Brown and her vocalist friends Vera Algoet, Leslie Corry, Patricia Flannagan, Rosanne Leonoff, Megan Manning and Janice McLean, along with friends Linda Quinn and Joi Freed-Garrod on vocals and piano, will present some of their favourite Billie Holiday songs.

Sitting in as "Leslie Young" is Ted Hickford, a wonderful sax player who is well known in musical circles on the island.

"Holiday was very influenced by the old blues singers that she had heard in the brothels and speakeasies of New York," explains a press release. "Although she never had a singing lesson she had a highly developed ear for music. In fact, Holiday liked to think that she sounded like a horn."

"The finest jazz musicians loved to play with her and so she sang with the very best of that era."

Included in the show will be Holiday's signature song, Strange Fruit, which she sang during most of her concerts from 1939 onwards. The song was the performer's personal protest song against racism, which she expe-

rienced to the fullest. When she sang with a white band, they entered through the front door, while she was made to enter through the back door of many clubs and was often not allowed to sit on the stage after her song nor "mingle" with the guests.

Those who attend the next Music and Munch recital will hear many familiar jazz standards. The concert will end with an uplifting Billie Holiday song, When You're Smiling, that Brown's grandmother always sang to her as a child.

Free music begins at 12:10 p.m. in All Saints' By-the-Sea, followed by a delicious light lunch for \$5.50. Tickets for the meal must be purchased before the concert.

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# Chefs Across the Water returns

Mission Hill's Chris Stewart at Hastings House June 16

Hastings House Country House Hotel welcomes guest chef Chris Stewart of Mission Hill Winery for the first event of its 2014 Chefs Across the Water series, with a five-

course dinner set for Monday, June 16.

Stewart joined Mission Hill Family Estate in 2012. As executive winery chef, he oversees the winery's entire culinary program, hosts fine dining events and designs the curriculum for Mission Hill's culinary education program. He works with local farmers and purveyors who grow organic

produce and fruit specifically for the winery kitchens.

The dinner starts at 7 p.m. Free wine pairings will also be offered at the event.

Call the Hastings House for reservations.

Proceeds will benefit the Salt Spring Agricultural Alliance's effort to establish a produce cold storage and production facility.

ARTCRAFT

# 'Beauty of incompleteness' found in Showcase exhibit

Woodcraft and photos

BY HELEN MEARS  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

As viewers, we are used to seeing artwork in a completed state in galleries, at exhibitions and in studios.

We know little about the creative process: how the artist arrived at her finished piece. Looking at work in an unrefined and preliminary stage allows the viewer to witness the artist's creative process and contemplate what the artist is considering along the way to completion.

Last summer Anna Gustafson walked through the Saturday Market and stopped in front of Bob McKay's table, arrested by his "rough blanks": roughed out vases and bowls, tilted on their sides, unable to stand upright in this early stage, with chalk marks — "mysterious hieroglyphics" — written on each one.

Gustafson was delighted in seeing and sensing a process stopped in its tracks.

"I was intrigued by the dry rough surfaces and struck by the forms and mass, in contrast to the lightness and

perfection of Bob's fine finished pieces."

Excited by this, Gustafson proposed to curate Potential and Promises, a Showcase exhibition, which opens ArtCraft's 2014 summer season, exhibiting McKay's unfinished and refined pieces and Sophia Burke's photographs documenting this process.

By displaying his unfinished work at the market, McKay invites passers-by to consider his process, allowing them to see the journey from tree to finished and refined bowl and vessel.

"I especially like visualizing possible

pieces that make use of the natural features in wood. Cutting into a log is a little like prospecting for precious metals — even though there are indications on the outside of what may lie within, it is always something of a surprise as I roll each fresh-cut block for the first time."

Burke, who has documented several series in which the process of an artisan's work is the focus of her photographs, finds it is often an intimate experience which reveals "the dedication to and a deep connection with their chosen vocation."

Burke is interested in the "emotion inherent in our material surroundings, whether that be physical objects like turned wooden bowls or things we eat, like delicate pastries. The connection the craftsman has to their materials and work process excites me."

Potential and Promises opens at Mahon Hall on Friday, June 13 with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. and runs to July 10. The ArtCraft sale opens Friday at 10 a.m.

The show is sponsored by Henri Procter of MacDonald Realty.



## Caregiver well-being: A matter of balance

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With more Canadians living longer, particularly in British Columbia, the Family Caregivers' Network Society is committed to raising awareness about the importance of family caregivers to maintaining a healthy population and ensuring caregivers take time for their own needs.

"If people care for others for a long time and they are not taking care of their own well-being, they often become patients themselves," says Barb MacLean, executive director of the Family Caregivers' Network Society.

"Family caregivers are partners in health care and make a real difference in the quality of life for their loved ones of all ages," said Marianne McLennan, Island Health seniors and spiritual health director. "Their dedicated efforts support the young, elderly, disabled or those in poor health to stay in their own homes as long as possible. Their heartfelt commitment is equally beneficial to those in care facilities."

McLennan is grateful for the work of the Family Caregivers' Network in providing caregivers of adults and the elderly with information and

other resources to help them meet the challenges they face. She also expressed thanks to the network for its involvement in health care planning.

With 70 per cent of family caregivers still in the workforce, MacLean stresses the importance of caregivers creating a healthy balance in their lives. "You have to make sure you are doing OK and recognize what self-care looks like."

Salt Spring's Caregivers Support Group meets every Wednesday at Salt Spring Seniors at 11 a.m. Call Marg Monro at 250-537-5004 for more information.

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CONCERTS

# BotR takes up lighter touch for a fun season finale

Gilbert and Sullivan program this weekend

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Bach on the Rock and the Salt Spring Chamber Orchestra and Choir have taken on some serious and demanding pieces in recent years under the direction of Jim Stubbs, but the tone will be considerably lighter for the end of his sixth season at the helm.

While the Old Testament biblical stylings of Mendelssohn's Elijah may suit the important Christian holiday of Easter, June's summer airs

demand something a little more frivolous. The magical combination of W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan therefore provides just the right musical flair for the last concert of the year, set for June 14 and 15 at Fulford Hall.

"It's so wonderful and everyone's having a great time," said BotR member and bassoonist Laurie Stubbs. "They're just giggling."

"In my professional career I always looked forward to doing Gilbert and Sullivan, because they're clever and tremendous fun," Jim Stubbs added.

The Victorian duo of librettist and composer are known for comic operas such as the Pirates of Penzance and

The Mikado, which combine absurd situations with extremely memorable music. The prevalence of nautical themes can be explained by the fact that Gilbert's father was a naval surgeon and a writer.

Gilbert began by illustrating his father's works. Though he had a short career as a lawyer, he later moved on to creating his own illustrated stories and poems before moving into the theatre, developing his trademark humour as he went.

Sullivan's father was a military bandmaster and had a similar impact on his son's future path. He learned all the instruments in the band at an early age and grew up

to pursue a career as a serious composer. He landed in the world of comedic opera as a way to supplement his income.

"He was often reluctant to start a new work," Stubbs said, because Sullivan found it difficult to devote his time to comedy when he felt his real work lay elsewhere.

However, putting Gilbert and Sullivan together proved a combination too good to pass up. Their partnership (fostered by producer Richard D'Oyly Carte) resulted in the building of the Savoy Theatre to present their works and afforded a revival of English theatre in the process.

Stubbs has selected a pro-

gram that showcases Sullivan's talents as a composer in works written before the partnership formed, such as Incidental Music to Henry VIII, which includes poetry actually written by that legendary person.

"And it's really good music. It represents his serious, classical style," Stubbs said of Sullivan's composition.

Trial by Jury, the duo's operatic collaboration, will be performed in its entirety during the first part of the program. It features Salt Spring locals Jean Brouard, David Butcher, Jim Raddysh, Patricia Flannagan and Derrick Milton in the cast, along with guest tenor Joseph Bulman from Victoria.

During the second half, the program will include selections from some Gilbert and Sullivan favourites such as Yeoman of the Guard, Gondoliers, Pirates of Penzance and H.M.S. Pinafore.

Audiences should look forward to joining the action with a full hall sing-along to Hail Poetry, during which even the orchestra members will lay down their instruments and join in.

The fun starts at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 14 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 15.

Tickets are available in advance at a discounted price from RE/MAX Salt Spring, or will be sold for full price at the door.

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## Beatles rock on at tribute night

Favourite musicians converge at cafe

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The fifth annual Let it Beale show on June 15 features the return of host David Jaquest in his role as Sir Richard Jean-Paul-George McLenninny.

From 6 to 10:30 p.m. the Tree House will feature a who's who of

island entertainers playing their interpretations of Beatles songs. Performers include the Wannabeates (featuring Jaquest, Darren Linnell, Antony Barrett and Brian Box); Bill Nash; Dale Bishop; the Flakes; Dan Smith and Friends; Ben Wiebe; Paul Marcano; Theodore Trout; the Travelling Wheelbarrows and more.

People are advised to come early as the event has been extremely popular in years' past. Entrance by donation.

### EXHIBIT

## GISS art focus of library show

Unique perspectives shared in program room exhibition

From June 2 to June 24, the Salt Spring Island Public Library is displaying artwork created by the students of Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Many of the pieces have been created by students participating in the Advanced Placement art program, which gives exceptional student the opportunity to gain college credit from their portfolio.

On display is an eclectic collection: from the manga stylings of Mikaela Fraser to a stunning representation of horse anatomy by Hannah Martens; from a variety of ceramic masks by Grade 9 and 10 students to an eerily breathtaking surrealist piece by Zoe Savage. These talented young artists have created beautiful works that represent each student's unique and mature understanding of their world.

The pieces are being shown in the library's display case and program room, which is open to the public from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., when the program room is not being used.

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## EDUCATION

# Hérons in focus at SSE open house

Youth share year of in-depth rookery explorations

A Salt Spring Elementary School class and the Salt Spring Island Conservancy invite the public to an open house highlighting their year-long stewardship study of the nearby heron rookery on Wednesday, June 18.

The public can see some of the displays of permanent heron artwork, monitoring data, notes and "found objects" as well as learn facts about the amazing blue-listed species.

The Grade 2/3 class has done a year-long study of the great blue herons with one of their teachers, Cat Lightfoot, and Kris Fullbrook from the conservancy. The class has done field trips and monitorings throughout the school year to the local rookery and to some of the areas that the herons might go to find food sources. Other activities have included hands-on experiments, creating hypotheses and mapping lessons.

As Lightfoot explains, the students and parent volunteers learned the proper techniques for monitoring the heron nesting site.

"Once they were all trained, small groups made frequent visits to the rookery to collect data in a nonthreatening and respectful way so as not to disturb the herons. The data that is collected during these monitorings is sent to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources Operations. It will then probably be sent on to the Conservation Data Centre, which monitors the species."

The class had two guest speakers, Dr. Derrick Milton, a veterinarian that lives very



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Grades 2 and 3 students demonstrate heron calls in front of display materials for their June 18 open house at Salt Spring Elementary.

close to the rookery, and naturalist Mike Grandbois, who has worked at Ruckle Park in the past.

Cate McEwen, a Salt Spring eco-mentor, took the class on a field trip to the local estuary to study the ocean's food cycle and connect the cycle to possible heron food sources.

Local artist Johanna Hoskins worked with the students to create an informative calendar that shows and describes what the herons are doing during 10 months of

the year. The artwork forms a permanent display that can be viewed in the school, and some images have been made into beautiful cards. Hoskins has also used the artwork to create a stunning quilt that will be auctioned off at the event, with money raised helping to fund an outdoor school gallery project.

The June 18 event takes place in Salt Spring Elementary's multipurpose room (in the main hallway of the school) from 12:45 to 2 p.m.

## CHARITY

# Foundation grants support community

Thirteen projects get much-needed funds

The Salt Spring Island Foundation is pleased to announce the recent approval of over \$79,000 in grants to nine island charitable organizations. The projects funded this spring address a wide range of areas, including mental health, affordable housing, children and youth, and the arts. Since 1984, the Salt Spring Island Foundation has granted more than \$1.5 million to local registered charities.

**Island Arts Centre Society (ArtSpring)** — To support the replacement of the ArtSpring roof, which has been in place for 20 years and has reached the end of its lifespan.

**Island Pathways** — To assist in the construction of two new sections of pathways on Upper Ganges Road. The project is part of the Ganges Village Pathway Network, which promotes safe, non-motorized transportation on Salt Spring. This is the second year of a multi-year grant.

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2) For the Yellow Submarine/New Beginnings programs, which support people with mental illness and/or addiction issues, providing vocational rehabilitation, employment mentorships and work opportunities for those deemed hard to employ. This is the second year of a multi-year grant.

**Salt Spring Island Land Bank Society** — To assist with the development of the lower level of Grandma's House transitional house for men, including the ceiling, interior walls, and electrical and plumbing connections. To install grease traps at Grandma's House and at the Dean Road house, which provides affordable rental housing.

**School District #64** — 1) Fernwood Elementary: Toward the enhancement of the playground with natural playscapes. Boulders, gravel, stumps, plantings and shade trees will provide more spaces for children to connect to nature and learn to

play creatively and cooperatively. 2) Fulford Elementary: For a storage shed in support of the school garden program. 3) GISS/Transition Salt Spring Community Energy Group: To support the installation of a 20kW photovoltaic grid-tied solar system on the roof of the Gulf Islands Secondary School gymnasium. The value of the resulting electricity savings will be used to fund an annual renewable energy/climate change scholarship for GISS students. 4) Salt Spring Elementary: For a fire-safe and ventilated shed to house the school's clay-firing kiln.

**Salt Spring Arts Council** — To repair the main entry ramp to Mahon Hall, which provides access to the building for those with disabilities.

**SWOVA (Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse) Community Development and Research Society** — Toward curriculum development aimed at addressing internet safety.

These grants are made possible through the generosity of community members who share the foundation's goal of improving the quality of life for all Salt Spring residents.

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We will also be voting on adopting new Bylaws for the Chamber which members are encouraged to review in advance of the meeting. You will need to be a member in good standing with membership dues paid for 2014/15 in order to vote.

To see the proposed new Bylaws and Agenda, go to [www.saltspringchamber.com](http://www.saltspringchamber.com) or ask for a copy in the office.

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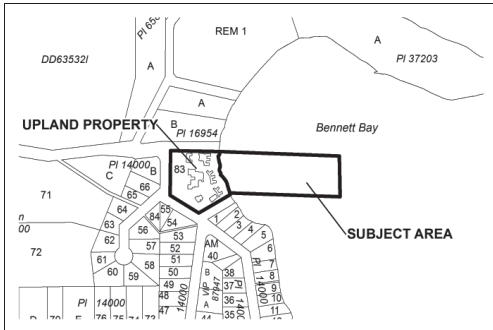
Islands Trust

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee will be considering a resolution allowing for the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit pursuant to Section 921 of the *Local Government Act*. The proposed permit would apply to the lease area fronting Strata Plan VIS6703, Section 9, Mayne Island, Cowichan District (Mayne Island Resort).

The purpose of this temporary use permit would be to permit the owners of the upland strata lots of Strata Plan VIS 6703 to dock their boats at the float located in the lease area fronting Strata Plan VIS6703 (Mayne Island Resort - 494 Arbutus Drive). The permit contains several conditions including one that allows only three boats to be tied to the dock at any one time.

The permit could be issued for up to three years and the owner may apply to the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee to have it renewed once for up to an additional three years.

The general location of the subject area is shown in the following sketch:



A copy of the proposed permit may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing June 13, 2014 and continuing up to and including June 24, 2014.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 922(5) (c) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the Proposed Permit may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Mayne Island, B.C., commencing June 13, 2014. Also, attached for your convenience is a copy of the proposed permit.

If you **HAVE** any questions or comments please contact the Planner, Gary Richardson at (250) 405-5157; for Toll Free Access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867 before 4:30 p.m., June 24, 2014. Written comments may be mailed to Islands Trust, 200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC V8R 1H8; faxed to (250) 405-5155; or emailed to [information@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:information@islandstrust.bc.ca) before 4:30 p.m., June 24, 2014.

The Mayne Island Local Trust Committee may consider the issuance of the permit at the Mayne Local Trust Committee Meeting being held at 1:00 p.m., June 25, 2014, at Mayne Island Agricultural Hall, 430 Fernhill Road, Mayne Island.

All applications are available for review by the public. Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Sharon Lloyd-deRosario, Deputy Secretary

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
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June 18 at Lions Hall

**BY LI READ**  
SS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT

Your Chamber of Commerce board has been busy this past year with many initiatives, all seeking to encourage successful outcomes for all businesses on Salt Spring Island.

Our rural form of governance means that our local chamber may not benefit from funding that all other municipal-based B.C. chambers have available to them. The Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, a non-profit organization, is thus totally dependent on local business sponsors and also some matching funding from Tourism Vancouver Island, to facilitate any initiatives. There is also some funding from Destination B.C. to operate the Visitors Centre.

The chamber board is all volunteer. Current board members are: Li Read, president; Fred Lizotte, vice-president, treasurer, chair of finance committee, executive; Marnie McCaughtrie, vice-president, finance committee, executive; Kate Fischer, executive committee, strategic planning committee chair; Genevieve Price, events committee chair, wellness committee chair; Matt Steffich, past-president, arts committee chair; Jeremy Milsom, tourism committee chair; Linda Bradford, membership committee chair; Peter Vincent, membership committee, web presence co-ordinator, web committee chair; Murray Nurse, executive, liaison between board and Ganges Visitors Centre, secretary to executive; John Cade, small business committee chair, ferries alliance board representative.

The chamber's business centre is effectively and creatively managed by executive director Janet Clouston and book-keeper Gail Beattie. They are there to service the interests of all chamber members and their door is always open to you.

I remind everyone that anyone supplying a service or an item to the public is in business. A retail storefront is just the obvious face of business.

In our rural environment, with no industrial base, it may be true that tourism begins the process of success for all businesses. A visitor arrives, falls in love with the island, calls a realtor and stays in accommodation opportunities, eats in restaurants, rents cars and scooters, then purchases, then contacts architects, contractors, excavators, painters, etc., buys art, calls in landscapers, gardeners and seeks out wellness practitioners. The engine of a viable rural community lifestyle may start with tourism, that powerful visitor experience, but all businesses benefit at some point in the cycle. That includes the farmgate options, the markets, the vineyards and cheesemakers... our foodie paradise is also about business.

There are many demands on local business, including the proximity of big-box shopping a 20-minute ferry ride away and the shifts in the consumer experience delivered by internet shopping options. Shopping locally is not an idle decision: it benefits the entire community to decide to do so.

The chamber does fundraising in order to support the business community on the island. If you're not sure that your business needs a chamber membership, then please pop by the business centre (below the visitors centre) and discover how your enterprise, small or large, can benefit hugely. Your membership is essential. It enables the board to continue to create positive outcomes for your specific enterprise and for the community. Ask about the benefits package that comes with membership. Discover the learning opportunities in seminar situations.

The annual general meeting is on Wednesday, June 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Lions Hall. If you're already a chamber member, please be there. Discover the new web and video presences that have just been created. Meet your fellow business owners at the post-meeting networking mixer. Find out about the new and exciting initiatives well underway, all for your benefit. Meet your board members and learn about their many recent accomplishments on your behalf.

Not a member yet? Your voice is important. Consider joining your chamber and bringing your expertise to the current issues experienced by all rural communities.

On behalf of the board, I look forward to welcoming you to the 2014 Chamber of Commerce AGM.

SENIORS

# Greenwoods updates garden space

Renovations support mobility and therapy

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Residents, visitors and staff at Greenwoods Elder care facility will soon have a more enjoyable space to spend their time in with the next phase of multiple garden renovation projects underway.

During a recent tour of the yards with Greenwoods manager Andrew Brown and activities coordinator Carla Molloy, the two administrators showed considerable excitement about how the transformed gardens would impact residents.

"It's going to be a wonderful space and it's giving residents a longer space to walk on, and they'll also be able to use wheelchairs and walkers," Brown said. "This will probably quadruple their outdoor space."

"And they'll be able to use the space freely," Molloy added.

"The residents are chomping at the bit to get out there in July."

Following up on this spring's project to restore the surface of the interior courtyard, phases two and three will tackle the side yards that, until now, have not promoted much access. With support from the Greenwoods Foundation and the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, Brown has been able to secure a unified vision for the two areas in a design by landscape architect Peter Oro.

Oro explained that in his view, getting people outside is therapy in itself and is the goal of all his projects, both at work and in his off time. Creating one vision for the two side yards allows him to complete the original landscaping work he did at the facility years ago. The improvements also show respect for the residents who are living out their final years, as well as making that space more inviting for family members and the staff who take care of them.

Phase two, which is currently under-



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Devon Quinn, left, and Peter Oro work on the Greenwoods garden-area project.

way, is in the space directly in front of the dining hall's windows along Blain Road. The project has involved removing some older flowering trees and conifers whose roots were undermining pavers and conflicting with hydro lines, as well as a mess of smaller bushes. Oro has installed stone retaining walls and is replacing the pavers, and will be adding planter boxes and handrails.

"The residents have already commented on how much brighter it is inside without the trees," Molloy said.

The Salt Spring Lions are adding a significant contribution by entirely funding phase three. The yard located between Braehaven and Greenwoods will be dedicated to longtime Lion and Greenwoods resident Stan Sage. It will include horticultural therapy beds where the residents

will participate in growing vegetables and herbs to be used in the facility's kitchen. A composting area and greenhouse will be constructed, and an existing fountain will be moved slightly to improve mobility flow and sight lines. The goal for phase three is to have work completed by September to be ready for spring planting.

"This will be a really nice walking space. And for me, the critical piece is the horticultural therapy," Brown said.

Other improvements to the Greenwoods facility include an exterior paint job taking place this summer, while inside, installation of the new sprinkler system is almost complete.

Updates on these projects, a calendar of events and information on the facility's programs can be found at the new website at greenwoodseldercare.org.

PHOTOGRAPHY

# Ernie Westlund just keeps on clicking

Photographer passes 1,000th-pic mark

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

On Aug. 12, 2011, Ernie Westlund snapped the first picture of what was to become 365 consecutive daily images.

He'd set the goal to ignite his creativity, improve his photography and document his daily life. With help from an online photo-sharing network called blipfoto.com, Westlund reached his goal and benefitted from the support of like-minded photography enthusiasts from around the world.

"I began just for the fun of it," Westlund said. "I heard of Blipfoto and I was fascinated by the challenge of taking one photo a day."

Nearly three years after he began the "365 Project," Westlund still appreciates the challenge of taking a photograph each and every day. In May, Westlund's collection of daily



Ernie Westlund at home.

pictures surpassed the impressive milestone of 1,000 shots.

Westlund keeps an open mind when capturing his shots. He rarely has an image in mind when he sets out in the morning, but the process has helped him uncover his interests as a photographer.

He has a knack for garden and floral shots, many of which are captured near his home in Brinkworthy. There are close-up shots of peonies, dogwoods

and foxgloves, mixed among photographs like a glass fishing ball hanging from a tree, his neighbour's new hot-pink car and the wavy reflection of power lines in a window.

"I am absolutely free to choose whatever I want and that can be a big challenge," he said.

Below each picture is a short description and area where other Blipfoto users can submit comments or "like" his photos. Westlund said the network of followers and casual commenters has been incredibly supportive and linked him to a global audience.

"This is a friendly community; there is not much criticism," he said. "I'm not sure if that makes me a better photographer, but it's mostly encouraging and I like that."

Westlund traces his love of photography to his early youth in Sweden. Though his career in the computer science sector left him with little time to pursue his passion for

picture taking, the 72-year-old has rekindled his passion since he and his wife Maria moved to the island in 2004.

Westlund is an active member of the Salt Spring Photography Club and a Swedish photo community called Fotosidan.se.

Westlund likes that the arrival of digital technology essentially puts an advanced photo studio at his fingertips. He continues to explore new technologies and creative paths with his DSLR camera, powerful photo-editing software and mission to keep on shooting.

"To someone thinking about taking on a 365 project I would say, 'Do it, hang on to it. Not all photos may be that great, but that doesn't matter,'" he said. "The daily work with your photos will stimulate your development as a photographer, and over time that will show in your photos."

For a look at some of Westlund's photographs, visit www.blipfoto.com/Ernie.



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*From Marie and Rosalie Beaudoin, Nick Williams and Emily Myers.*

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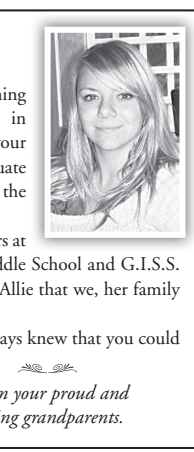
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**Tip of the Week:**

It is Friday the 13th and under the bright light of the Full Moon in Sagittarius the final countdown to Summer Solstice has begun. It of course marks the official beginning of the summer season. Amidst the ever changing flow of styles, attitudes, beliefs, perceptions, approaches and so on it is comforting to know that some things remain consistent. While the same cannot exactly be said of the weather, it can be of the season. It is quite a remarkable fact that the tilt of the Earth's axis just so happens to be almost exactly 1/4 of a perfectly vertical one which would be 90 degrees. The mid-points between the equator and the north and south poles are the 'Tropics' of Cancer and Capricorn. When the Earth is in its annual orbit here in the Northern Hemisphere, it is tilted most directly towards the Sun and it achieves its annual zenith or highest position in the sky. It is this cycle which determines the specific cast of the Sun's light on the surface of the earth. It changes incrementally every day of the year. Beyond the simple facts of this annual progression, Astrology clearly demonstrates that there is a psychological component woven into it. Popular thinking these days asserts that all your psychology exists in your head. Yet the deeper truth is that our psychological 'nature' is a feature of an intricate web or relationships, and principle among these is our intrinsic individual and collective relationship with the Sun's light.

**Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)** You may be experiencing some second thoughts about plans made a while back. There may be unfinished business and/or a few unanticipated situations to tend to before you proceed. Establishing a reliable foundation first is one consideration. Another includes affordability and deciphering what constitutes your best investment.

**Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)** If anyone's life has been extra busy over the past couple of years, it has likely been yours. And the pace will continue for a while yet. In fact it stands to accelerate over the next few weeks. As though in the final minutes of an important sport event, a feeling of urgency is pushing you to give it all you have. You will be able to slow down again soon.

**Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)** Some new momentums have begun for you. These are linked to home and family, health and security. The need to establish a healthier rhythm, one that is more balanced and in accordance with where you are at in your life, is featured. Circumstances are pushing you to focus deliberately on it now. This trend will continue for several weeks.

**Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)** You are in the final stretch of bringing things to completion in preparation for the new season. There are some big events in store for you over the coming weeks. At best this includes the foundations of new friendships. As well, new inspirations to concentrate upon your talents and hobbies are highlighted.

**Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23)** This is a mixed time where you find yourself making new connections yet also find yourself busy behind the scenes rather than socializing. But that is about to change. Get ready for a noticeable increase in your social life. This should feel quite welcome, this week anyway. You may feel less inclined later so get it in now.

**Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22)** Mercury Retrograde may be pitching you some curve balls and sliders, especially in your public and professional life. These are pushing you to both deepen your research and to develop new skills and approaches and perhaps obtain new tools, techniques or equipment. As well, you may feel the need to reveal certain expressions yet conceal others. Altogether, this is a complex time.

**Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22)** A deepened search for a clearer sense of yourself and what you feel you truly want and need has begun. This will become increasingly apparent this week. You may feel at a loss about what to do. You may wish you had what others have, but what's the use in such comparisons? On the other hand, it could prove useful to ask for guidance or at least emulate the successes of others.

**Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21)** Circumstances are leading you to think deeply more and communicate casually less. Listening well to others and engaging in some strategic research and investigative work will prove beneficial. Seeing the beauty in others and allowing room for increased admiration and decreased competition will help you feel less isolated and more connected.

**Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21)** Weighing your words more carefully where it really counts will prove important over the next while. This does not mean telling others what they want to hear. What is implied is a spirit of giving more and judging less. It is said silence is golden and listening more and especially tuning in to who others are and what they need, beyond suggestions, will prove invaluable.

**Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19)** The time has come to make some needed improvements. This may be especially the case in your perceptions, beliefs and attitudes. Not that they are wrong per se, but rather you stand to benefit from making a few adjustments to refine them at this time. Take a constructively critical attitude for best results and avoid justifying human frailty, specifically your own.

**Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19)** Reconsidering what constitutes your best creative advantage is in the spotlight. Creating beauty in your home and living space is a likely bet. This may require that you assert your position to arrange things that suit you specifically. Things stand to take off for you in the best sense in about a month, so now is the time to fortify your foundation.

**Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)** Balancing clear intentions to persevere as necessary with an equal need to exercise more flexibility in your perspective, attitude and approach begins this week. This cycle will last up to six weeks, possibly even more. Aim to follow through with your plans yet weave in a strong element of willingness to listen and cooperate.

**SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**

**IODE completes century of service**

School libraries last group to benefit

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A service organization that has been part of Salt Spring's social fabric for most of the community's history will close its charter next February, marking the end to an era in island life.

The HMS Ganges Chapter of the IODE, which was founded in September 1914, has its centenary this year. But after a full 100 years of contributing to community causes, the remaining eight members are reluctantly conceding the group has run its course.

The organization used to be rather exclusive and members had to decide on whether they would allow someone new to join. Attracting new people to the group became more and more challenging as the century wound down.

"Slowly, through age and ill health, slowly but surely people have had to drop out," explained local IODE president Cherry Jensen.

"I have only been a member since 2000, but I think it's a wonderful organization. And we've helped a lot of people."

**"We tried to cover everything, so that every part of the island was supported in some way."**

CHERRY JENSEN  
HMS Ganges Chapter, IODE

"It is a very positive group of people and they are involved in many parts of the community," agreed Victoria Woodman, who joined IODE when she moved to Salt Spring around 20 years ago.

"I think it's really important. It's a Canadian-originated organization that's really done a lot of good in Canada, as well as provincially and locally."



PHOTO BY EAM MCINTYRE

HMS Ganges Chapter of the IODE members at their recent meeting.

The Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire was founded in 1900 by Margaret Polson Murray of Montreal as a patriotic service during the Boer War. It soon grew to be a national organization that attracted civic-minded women from coast to coast. When the HMS Ganges chapter formed, there were already another three chapters active on Salt Spring (since collapsed into one group).

Since the 1970s, Canada's less imperial context has been reflected in the officially shortened name of IODE. For some time the national focus has been on children. The Ganges chapter has reflected that focus but has also shared its fundraising efforts with a wide variety of island needs.

"We tried to cover everything, so that every part of the island was supported in some way," Jensen said.

Historic fundraising events included a bake sale at the Ganges docks whenever the supply ship came in. In more recent years, an annual fashion show at the Harbour House Hotel raised the group's profile as well as some cash.

Among their community work, Salt Spring's IODE members have made a "sunshine breakfast" of crepes, fruit and coffee for Greenwood residents once a month for many years. The group has supported Transition House residents and contributed to local school libraries

year after year. It also contributed to the IODE's national Ph.D. scholarship program.

The cairn at Centennial Park is there with help from IODE fundraising. A guaranteed investment certificate the group inherited from a member paid for a scholarship for students in Gulf Islands secondary's culinary program until the funds ran out.

"A few of the kids have actually gone on to become professional chefs, which is nice," Woodman said.

Another important initiative was the Food for Thought program, which brought lunch and snacks into schools for children in need. The Salt Spring Lions have fortunately agreed to take that project on.

"Having worked in the system, those snacks are very important. They're nutritious and they keep a child going — especially if a child is having a bad day and you suspect he's come to school without any breakfast," Jensen said.

For their final effort, Salt Spring IODE members have decided to focus on another of their favourite programs benefitting kids, which is providing books to elementary schools. They are accepting donations for that project, as well as any other suggestions or offers of help, until they close up in February 2015.

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# Toastmasters club celebrates 10-year anniversary

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"The story began when Wayne Goruk placed an ad in the Driftwood calling for people who might like to form a club here

to contact him," recounts a press release. "Several recent immigrants to the island called to talk about their valued experiences in clubs in their former hometowns and soon it was clear that there was sufficient interest to start meeting. The club was launched!"

Early Toastmasters included Goruk, Ilona

Deri, Bob Rogers, Jean Stewart, Joyce Beckman, Kathryne Holm and Stan Peters. By May of 2004 the club had the requisite 20 members to receive its official charter from Toastmasters International.

Ten years later the club has a roster of former and current members who have become competent public speakers and

have leadership training and experience that not only helps to run a successful club but also benefits other local organizations.

Everyone is welcome at Saturday's event, which runs from 2 to 5 p.m.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Stan Peters at 250-537-8754.



PHOTOS BY MEL DIVERS

Clockwise from top left: Pat Spencer, left, and Judy Grundy of the Salt Spring Lions Club with scholarship envelopes ready to disburse at Saturday's grad ceremony; the O'Donnell and Bates families gather outside with grad



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## Giant Book Sale plans now unfolding

Collection begins later in summer

Island bibliophiles can start gearing up for the 8th annual Giant Book Sale, with sorting space now secured.

Thanks to School District 64 and Fernwood Elementary School, Salt Spring Literacy volunteers will use a room at the school for sorting and packing the thousands of donated books received.

This year's sale dates at the Farmers' Institute are Friday through Sunday, Nov. 21 to 23.

Collection bins will be set up at Salt Spring's three financial institutions and the Rock Salt Cafe and Restaurant by mid-August, with drop-off days also planned for Fulford Hall and Country Grocer in September.

People who cannot hang on to their donations until August can call the Salt Spring Literacy office at 250-537-9717 to arrange for a pick-up.

This year it's more important than ever that people not give standard books to the fundraiser since discarded items cannot be taken to the Salt Spring Recycling Depot. While some arrangement may later arise to help with book recycling, nothing is yet in place.

As always, magazines, Reader's Digest publications, outdated computer books or textbooks, DVDs/videos and damaged or moldy books are

not accepted.

Federal and provincial government cutbacks this year also mean that Salt Spring Literacy will rely more than ever on the Giant Book Sale to help fund its programs.

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**RADIO YACHTING**

## Salt Spring gives sailboat racers weekend to remember

Californian takes title

**BY GAIL SJUBERG**  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Salt Spring Sailing Club waters were again roiling with small boats over the weekend as the Canadian Radio Yachting Association hosted a major regatta on the island.

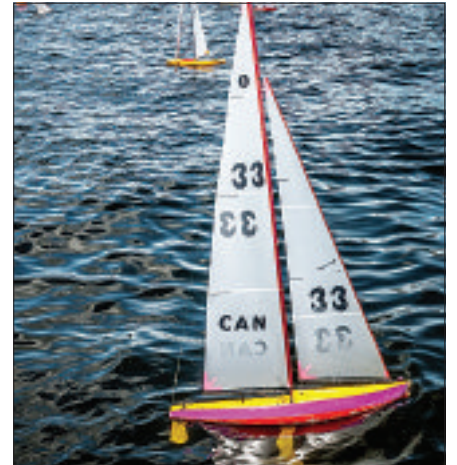
The Western Canadian Championships event for the international one-metre class saw 28 competitors from Western Canada and the U.S. enjoy Salt Spring hospitality and exciting racing from June 6 to 8.

Overall event winner was Jess Atkinson from Alameda, Calif., with Julian Laffin of Hornby Island, B.C. in a close second place.

"The second-to-last race they were tied and that was after about 25 races," said Salt Spring's Lawrie Neish, who is president of the CRYA and the weekend's regatta chair.

Graham Herbert, also of Hornby Island, was third, and his brother Martin Herbert brought in the top Salt Spring finish at number eight.

As a ranking event, the participants' results contribute to point



PHOTOS BY KYLE HEEB

From left, competitors control their model sailboats from the Salt Spring Sailing Club dock in a championship event for boats up to one metre in length; vessel raced by David Cloud of Hornby Island.

totals used to determine who will represent Canada or the U.S. at world championships.

Neish points out that radio yacht-

ing is more physical than it looks, with each Salt Spring race requiring the best part of a kilometre of walking (and sometimes running) on the


docks.

He said the sport's popularity has grown in recent years, especially in the B.C. coast region, and competi-

tors love coming to Salt Spring.

"It's ranked as one of the best regattas anywhere," he said. "They really like the hosting they get here."


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**STINGRAYS**

## Swimmers ready for new season



PHOTO BY MEL DIVERS

Stingrays swim team coach Kevin Nickerson, and kids Keil Johnson, Michael Patterson and Emma Roll advertise their team's fundraising car wash on the weekend. The photographer's car was spotless after the Stingrays squad cleaned it.

**Icebreaker a success**

The competitive youth swim season is now underway, with Salt Spring Stingrays participating in the annual "icebreaker" event in Cowichan and looking forward to a meet at Saanich Commonwealth Pool this weekend.

"After a month of training, the Stingray swimmers did not miss the opportunity to show that their hard work has definitely been paying off," said coach Kevin Nickerson.

"With it being a number of our

younger swimmers' first swim meet ever, there was lots of excitement as well as nervousness. However, with lots of determination from these swimmers, and some support from their older teammates, all were able to do great in their first races of the summer and most importantly have some fun."

He added that the more experienced Stingrays performed well for this early in the season.

Swimmers with recorded times at the Cowichan meet were Taylor Akerman, Imani Bennett, Margaret

Birch, Austin Bisnar, Nigel Bisnar, Rylan Burnett, Christopher Cooper-Smith, Sienna Cowan, Seth Crouse, Nina De Roo, Kaelin Ertel, Cassidy Fraser, Aaryn Funk, India Hayden, Kiel Johnson, Mia Kerrigan, Emma Lizotte, Megan Lizotte, Theo Marill, Molly Patterson, Selamu Patterson, Autumn Peers, Jaidalyn Pinney, William Rithaler, Emma Roll, Cheyenne Sawchuk, Joseph Schulze, Thomas Schulze, Camille Smith, Aramis St. Gelais, Zadian St. Gelais, Kai Stenstrom, Azalia Vachon, Elyse Walsh, Liam Walsh, and coach Nickerson.