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Salt Spring's Gaia Soul Sistahs Song Circle members prepare to be part of the huge colourful throng in Saturday's Pride parade. PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

CRD

Noise bylaw amendments could be tossed

CRD Board considers overwhelmingly negative public feedback

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Capital Regional District Board will debate whether to scrap proposed amendments to Salt Spring's noise bylaw that have been in the works since 2011 as a result of gun club controversy.

Board members attending today's (Sept. 10) meeting were originally set to give third reading to Bylaw 3855, which received first and second readings on June 11. Noise suppression bylaw amendments would have reduced shooting hours at Salt Spring's Rod and Gun Club and restricted gun noise produced there to 70 decibels. The CRD will now consider a new staff recommendation to rescind the bylaw, since neither side of the noise dispute supports it.

According to the staff report, a call for public input following the June 11 meeting elicited nearly 300 responses, with 98 per cent opposed to the amendment and the majority requesting "no further restrictions be considered."

"Much of the feedback supporting the gun club listed 70 decibels as too low a limit, and suggested enacting this level was in essence shutting down the club's activities as it was too low to be achievable," the staff report states.

"In contrast, neighbours and others disagreed with the proposed amendment, noting the proposed 70-decibel level was too high and the noise created would still be unreasonable and a nuisance."

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FESTIVALS

Pride X unleashes celebration

Hundreds participate in annual parade

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Springers brandished boas and rainbow flags as the island's annual Pride parade wound its way through the streets of Ganges on Saturday afternoon.

This year's "people-powered" parade saw representatives from more than 20 community groups, businesses and government travel from Mahon Hall, through the village

core and into the Heiwa Peace Park, where the afternoon culminated with a beach-ball-infused dance frenzy under the hot September sun.

"We're here, we're here and you're used to it," emcees Deirdre Rowland and John Dolman told about 200 cheering participants at the post-parade party.

Rowland, who also served as one of the parade marshals, said it's always incredible

to see the community's festiveness, vibrancy and colour along the parade route.

"Having participated in the last 10 [Pride celebrations], I can only hope we continue to bring meaning and purpose to an event that supports diversity, allows people to come together and embrace our differences in a dynamic way without judgement."

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Politicians praise 'most diverse community' in B.C.

PRIDE

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This is the seventh time a parade has been part of the Pride weekend.

Spectators lined the route in rows that occasionally reached three and four people deep in the busiest section near Centennial Park.

Speaking to the Peace Park crowd, Salt Spring Local Trust Committee member Peter Grove suggested the province's third-largest Pride festival may be the largest such gathering in North America, when considered on a per-capita basis.

Saturday's parade was part of an extended weekend of Pride-related events. This year's celebration featured a queer movie night, social gatherings, burlesque performances, Saturday night's Rainbow Warrior dance party, a Unitarian service and Sunday's Pride picnic at Ruckle Park.

"One shouldn't be picking favourites because I'm the federal party leader for the Green party, so one should expect that all Pride parades are equally wonderful by definition, but you know what — that's not true," said Elizabeth May, MP for Saanich-Gulf Islands.

"This is a parade that is people powered. We use our feet and we dance through the streets of Ganges. It is awfully nice to be home and march in a parade that is all about our feet, our heart, our head, our prayers, our hopes and our love for each other."

Cast members from exitStageLeft's upcoming performance of Rent sparked the crowd with the rock musical's signature tune, Seasons of Love, while Vancouver-based drag diva Symone twirled through Peace Park to reach out and touch more than a few spectators.

"This is the most diverse community in British Columbia and this demonstrates it today," said Gary Holman, NDP MLA for Saanich North and the Islands. "I'm proud to be part of a political movement that is founded on the principles of social justice and fairness."

Holman's colleague, MLA Spencer Chandra Herbert made the trip from his Vancouver-West End riding to see the biggest little pride parade for himself.

"We will keep fighting for true equality, for each and everyone in this province and I just want to say thank you for standing in solidarity with everybody who loves diversity, everybody who loves difference," he said.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Carol Adam spreads her wings during the Salt Spring Pride Parade in downtown Ganges on Saturday. A video from the event is available at gulfislandsdriftwood.com and the Driftwood's Facebook site. See page 16 for more Pride event photos.

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At their August 18, 2014 meeting Trustees received a proposed 2015 Operating Budget prepared by staff. Beginning at 6:30 pm on September 15, 2014 (prior to the trustees' regular monthly meeting) time will be reserved for interested members of the public to hear a presentation on and discuss the proposed budget.

Board of Trustees
Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District
September 4, 2014

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SEARCH & RESCUE

RCMP find woman reported missing

Weekend search coincides with busy SAR schedule

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Search and rescue teams working with Salt Spring RCMP concluded a 24-hour search for a missing woman with a happy ending on Saturday afternoon.

Members of Salt Spring's Ground Search and Rescue team received an RCMP report of a missing person in Mouat Park on Friday at 1 p.m.

According to search manager Chuck Hamilton, teams ran the trails and scoured many off-trail sections of the park until late Friday night. A more thorough search of the park was scheduled Saturday morning as dense bush and poor visibility created hazardous conditions for search participants.

The local team was joined Sat-

urday morning by 15 searchers from search and rescue teams on southern Vancouver Island, including Peninsula, Juan de Fuca, Saanich and Metchosin.

"We got the teams out searching behind the hydro lines, near the recycling depot and up behind the pool," Hamilton said.

"We felt there was a high probability that she was in Mouat Park initially and we had to cover that off with searchers."

SGT. GEORGE JENKINS
Salt Spring RCMP

Salt Spring RCMP, meanwhile, canvassed the missing woman's friends and acquaintances. Police discovered surveillance video

of the subject visiting the Mid-Island Co-op gas station late Friday night.

RCMP found the woman on a vessel moored in Ganges Harbour early Saturday afternoon.

"We felt there was a high probability that she was in Mouat Park initially and we had to cover that off with searchers," said Sgt. George Jenkins.

The search coincided with a busy weekend SAR schedule. The action began with a Friday morning report of a missing male, who was found soon afterwards without the deployment of a SAR team. GSAR members also provided traffic control at Saturday's Pride parade and were involved in a Saturday food bank drive outside Country Grocer.

Some team members were also on the scene early Saturday afternoon when a pedestrian suffered minor injuries after falling near the intersection of Seaview Avenue and Fulford-Ganges Road.



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LITERACY

Volunteer tutors and learners reap literacy rewards

Training session set for Sept. 23

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Estelle Heitzmann's first few months on Salt Spring were filled with uncertainty, uneasiness and doubt. Due to a lack of familiarity with the English language, visiting acquaintances and going to the grocery store were ordeals best put off or avoided altogether; then she joined an English conversation class hosted by the Salt Spring Literacy Society.

"I'm really grateful to have these kinds of lessons because I remember at the beginning, when I was first here on Salt Spring, I could barely make a phone call because I was not confident enough," Heitzmann said during an interview at Salt Spring Literacy's Hereford Avenue headquarters. "It really gave me more confidence and made me less shy to just do some simple things like daily life things."

"It gave me strength." Heitzmann meets her instructor and another female student once a week for a dose of discussion, grammar and reading comprehension.

With students and instructors seated around a wooden table, the class feels more like a kitchen party than a study group. The group's instructor, Lynn Clark, said it's common for the women to touch on participants' experiences with personal issues like marriage, child rearing and life in a new country.

Clark built a career teaching English as a second language in countries that include Indonesia and Paki-

stan. Heitzmann hails from France. Laleh Eskandari comes from Shiraz, Iran. During the past year, the group has welcomed women from Japan, China, Mexico and Moldova.

"It's not something that you come here once a week and you learn and go; it's something that is an ongoing thing. There is a very nice relationship between all of us," Eskandari said. "I joined this group and met these other awesome ladies. Basically, it's a good connection to the community and there's always room for learning."

The women's conversation class is one of the services offered by Salt Spring Literacy. On a weekday afternoon in early September, there's another ESL class upstairs, two men seated on white plastic chairs use a laptop in the front yard, and a one-to-one session between Shinobu Murata and Kim Ballantyne is underway on the patio.

Murata, former owner of the Raven Street Market Cafe, sought assistance after she signed up for an online university course. Despite years of experience in business and education, Murata requires help to decipher the challenging academic language and essay requirements.

She attends class every week with a binder of questions. Her essays are meticulously highlighted to identify problem areas like perverse idioms and the proper use of conjunctions and particles.

"It's good to have somebody explain to me instead of just taking a course by myself," she said. "My challenge is not making a sentence, it's making a sentence that makes sense to native speakers, even though it



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

From left, Estelle Heitzmann, Laleh Eskandari and Lynn Clark during their English practice session led by volunteer Clark.

totally makes sense to me."

Ballantyne became a volunteer tutor earlier this year, and recently joined the society's board. In Vancouver, she worked as a marine educator for 10 years. The switch to ESL has offered her a few rewarding surprises along the way.

"Teaching your own language is a bit of a challenge because I have to break it down and stop to think about what I'm saying instead of talking all the time," she said.

SSL relies on two paid staff, six board members and approximately 30 volunteers. As of early September the society serves 30 regular weekly students. The centre also attracts as many as 15 single-session visitors every week. Since the late Elma Rubright launched the society in 2007, the organization has evolved and expanded into a valued institu-

tion for teachers and students.

"We provide tutoring and support in all areas of literacy and that's something I've really enjoyed finding more about," said Aletha Humphreys, the society's executive director.

"When I started, I was thinking literacy was reading and writing, but it's so much more than that."

Island book lovers will know SSL for its Giant Book Sale fundraiser at the Farmers' Institute in November. Proceeds from the annual sale are crucial for the group's ongoing operations.

The society welcomes potential volunteers and new students, said Stella Weinert, a former elementary school teacher who is SSL's educator.

A special training session for prospective tutors and learners will be held at the library between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 23. The event

is a chance for anyone in the community to learn how the organization operates. Participants are asked to preregister.

"We're finding that we have really motivated learners and dedicated tutors and they both find the experience rewarding," Weinert said.

For student Sam Lo Balbo, one-to-one computer classes with instructor John Kyle are a requirement to stay fresh in his work as a construction safety officer.

"It's fundamental. It's good business and it makes good economic sense," Lo Balbo said.

Kyle has a corporate background and is accustomed to the use of computers for presentations and communication. He and Lo Balbo have focused on word processing and spreadsheet programs, but the pair are also at work on a PowerPoint presentation about Salt Spring Literacy.

Since so much of today's technology is interconnected, one question leads to another and the pair often find themselves delving into social media, online banking and Skype.

Kyle readily admits that he too, like an English instructor trying to explain the origin of "brand-spanking new" or when to use "the" instead of "a," will occasionally find himself scratching his head for an answer.

But that's why he chooses to volunteer.

"As it turns out, I have lots to learn too," he said.

More information about Salt Spring Literacy is available at saltspringliteracy.org or by calling 250-537-9717.

NEWS BRIEFS

McIntyre running again

Salt Spring's current director on the Capital Regional District Board says he is running again in local elections this fall.

"After much thought, encouragement from community members and the

support of my family, I will be running for re-election," Wayne McIntyre said in a written statement.

"The first term has been challenging but I also feel productive. If I am fortunate enough to be re-elected, I will continue to work hard and diligently, using my skills and first-term experience

to focus on actions that will make a positive difference to our community."

Local government elections will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15.

A preliminary list of registered electors is available for viewing at CRD offices on Salt Spring, Pender Island and Victoria. People

can also call the offices to inquire as to whether or not their name is on the voters' list.

Advance voter registration for non-resident property owners in the Salt Spring, Southern Gulf Islands and Juan de Fuca electoral areas of the CRD must be completed by Sept. 23.

Trestle repair at Crofton ferry terminal

Replacement of part of the Crofton ferry terminal trestle will mean less than smooth travelling for a few weeks beginning on Monday, Sept. 15.

According to BC Ferries, the project is expected to take three weeks to complete.

Ferry passengers are asked to follow directions provided by BC Ferries staff in Crofton to ensure safe and efficient movement around the terminal.



Fall Fair 2014 is quickly approaching and we will be publishing the official guide to the winners on September 24. Harvest Time magazine will be a celebration of the fair with lots of photos, prize-winning recipes and, of course, a showcase of the winners in all categories. **Support this important sector of our Island and call your account executive today at 250-537-9933.**

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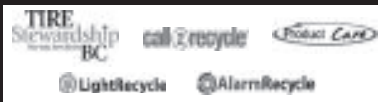
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ISLANDS TRUST

Ashya development gets public hearing

Owners seek legalized secondary suites

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A proposal to allow secondary suites on a new nine-lot Burgoyne Valley subdivision is headed to a public hearing after Local Trust Committee members gave second readings to bylaws 476 and 477.

Owners of the project at the end of Ashya Road want to amend the island's official community plan and land use bylaw to have the lots included within the recently adopted secondary suites pilot area. The application had asked to incorporate full-time occupancy of five seasonal cottages but relented based on legal hurdles that arose while negotiating a housing agreement.

"I believe that everybody in this room is on the same page," developer Robyn Kelln told trustees at the LTC's Aug. 28 public meeting. "I believe we had a goal in mind, that affordable housing is a wonderful thing and that Salt Spring Island needs this. However, when we toss that into the legal arena, it hits a stumbling block."

In a presentation to trustees before the

application was discussed, the chair of Salt Spring's liquid waste commission, a Capital Regional District entity, urged trustees to consider a covenant to warn potential homeowners about a neighbouring disposal facility and adjacent access road.

"We do not want the community held at ransom at some point in the future."

PETER LAKE
Chair, SSI Liquid Waste Commission

"That could possibly affect the residents of any subdivision there, so things could change," said Peter Lake. "One of the problems that's always occurring and has happened quite frequently is that people settle in areas, discover there is an existing nuisance and then complain about it."

"Our concern is that, up front, anybody involved in that residential section should know that there is a facility there and that there is a possibility of some interference

with their property."

Lake's request coincides with the CRD's involvement in an ongoing noise dispute between the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club and neighbours, who live mainly along Churchill Road.

"We do not want the community held at ransom at some point in the future," he added. "We are just trying to be proactive."

A notice of the CRD's waste management facility will be included on a covenant in time for the public hearing.

"The applicant has said he's okay with [notice of the facility], the trustees have said 'maybe yes' and 'maybe no,' and we have a couple of members of the public who say it should be in," said Sheila Malcolmson, chair of Salt Spring's LTC. "Trustees will be able to be convinced at a public hearing."

Following a meeting in April 2014, the Trust's Advisory Planning Commission recommended trustees reject the application based on "questionable value of amenities, lack of justifiable background policies and setting of precedent."

A date for the public hearing has not been set.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64 (GULF ISLANDS) NOTICE OF NOMINATION GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION 2014

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the electors of School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) that nominations for the offices of Trustee for:

Galiano Island	one (1) Trustee to be elected
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will be received at the offices of School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands), 112 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. between the hours of 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, the thirtieth (30th) day of September 2014 and 4:00 P.M. on Friday, the tenth (10th) day of October 2014 and during that period the nomination documents shall only be received on regular office days and hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Should anyone wish to file nomination documents in other than office hours, arrangements may be made by phoning Dawne Fennell, Executive Assistant, at (250) 537 5548 local 202 or the Chief Election Officer at (250) 472 0059.

The Trustees will be elected for a four (4) year term commencing December 2014 and terminating in 2018 after the election held in accordance with the legislation in the Local Government Act and the School Act.

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At the time of filing the nomination documents, the candidate shall also file with the Chief Election Officer or a person designated by the Chief Election Officer a written disclosure, as required under the Financial Disclosure Act.

Copies of all forms are available at the Offices School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands), 112 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. or by contacting Dawne Fennell, Executive Assistant at (250) 537 5548 Local 202 or dfennell@sd64.bc.ca or the Chief Election Officer at (250) 472 0059.

Given under my hand at Victoria, B.C. this tenth (10th) day of September, 2014.

Thomas F. Moore,
Chief Election Officer

LAND USE

Local industrial lands report ready for public feedback

Blueprint Towards a Working Community looks at long-term economic health

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Salt Spring should seek to increase the amount of available industrial land by 50 per cent if it hopes to meet community needs in the next 25 years and foster a healthy local economy.

That's one conclusion of a draft report released by the island's Industrial Advisory Planning Commission, a volunteer group created by the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee last year.

Called Blueprint Towards a Working Community, the report suggests ways that some 70 to 80 additional acres of land could be added to the current 135 acres used for various "industrial" purposes, with a caveat that the island does not and will not support much traditional heavy industry.

"Our mandate was to determine how much industrial land is there, how much is needed, and where it should go," IAPC chair Dale Dow reported at the Aug. 28 LTC meeting.

A more simple way to zone industrial lands, with an emphasis on an activity's impacts being the main defining criteria, is also laid out. If adopted, it would see five zones labelled General Employment 1 and 2, Marine Employment, Waste Management and Heavy Industrial.

"The IAPC believes the current system of industrial zoning is inconsistent, inadequate and overly complex," reads the draft report. "It needs to be simplified."

"The exactly the same classification system could also be used equally for all commercial lands," said commission member John Tylee at the LTC meeting, "and that would give an even more dramatic improvement, we believe, in simplicity, transparency

and overall improvement to the business climate."

The commission anticipates the largest demand will be for waste management uses, with potential future uses being for a composting and repurposing site, liquid waste dewatering and treatment facilities, landfill site, and both expanded sewerage and recycling facilities.

The IAPC used work of the Industrial Task Force, appointed by the LTC in 2009, and collaborated with Urbanics Consultants Ltd., which was hired by the LTC to estimate the demand for industrial land on Salt Spring.

Besides Dow and Tylee, volunteer commission members were Gordon Ellis, Derek Barrio, David Borrowman, Catherine Griffiths, Nancy Krieg and Ken Byron.

Trustees George Grams and Peter Grove praised the group's report.

"This is just a fabulous piece of work," Grove said at the meeting. "It surpasses anything I could possibly have imagined. It's been a huge privilege and a pleasure spending time with this group of excellent professional people, and what [they've] done has provided us with some wonderful work which I would like to see implemented."

Grams said he echoed Grove's remarks and added that it was a "very necessary [task], but nonetheless it is a conduit for controversy and it will be a conduit to controversy."

He suggested that "as most major issues on Salt Spring, it will attract the negative, but I think it's a very positive step in the right direction for this community."

Public input to the report and its recommendations is now being invited. While industrial land owners and other groups with specific interests have been contacted directly and asked to comment on the report, anyone is welcome to view Blueprint Towards a Working Community at the Salt Spring Islands Trust office or on the Trust website and provide feedback, which will be considered before a final report is crafted.

MARINE RESCUE

Salt Spring responders aid Sansum catamaran rescue

Burial Islet collision causes mayhem

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Vesuvius-based Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue Station 25 was the first rescue unit on the scene when a catamaran carrying five passengers hit a rock in Sansum Narrows on Sunday.

The three-member RCMSAR crew had just returned from a call north of Salt Spring when they were tasked by the Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre to attend to a vessel in distress.

"We observed a cata-

maran with one hull completely submerged in the water," said team leader Andrew Ross Collins. "It had struck a rock on Burial Islet and ripped off the starboard transom."

Salt Spring residents Connie and Todd Brett were on their first family trip around the island aboard their 31-foot Ranger tug when they heard the JRCC call-out near Fulford Harbour. According to the broadcast, a concerned citizen had called JRCC after seeing people on board the catamaran waving their arms. By the time the Bretts came across the rescue scene near the entrance to Burgoyne Bay they were gone.

"It was our first tour of

Sansum Narrows, but you could see that if you were out of power and floated by the current into the rip, you could get yourself into trouble," Brett said.

The RCMSAR team had also arrived to find the catamaran abandoned. The five people on board had been rescued by a passing vessel and a line had been attached to the catamaran, which was being moved with the incoming tide northwards through the narrows.

"Lines under tension can break and the recoil is a potential hazard. We observed the vessel trying to pull the half-submerged catamaran against the current and gave a situation report to JRCC via Vic-

toria Coast Guard Radio," Ross Collins said.

"They advised us to ensure that the people on board the vessel were not putting themselves in danger and we passed this message on. Once the line to the catamaran was let go, the passengers were safe."

RCMSAR Station 34 out of Mill Bay arrived shortly after, followed by the Canadian Coast Guard's Ganges 1 and Cape Naden vessels, whose staff assumed on-scene command and attached lines to the catamaran to keep it out of further trouble. The passengers were taken back to Genoa Bay and the catamaran was towed to Maple Bay.



PHOTO BY CONNIE BRETT

Ganges Coast Guard crew on Cape Naden, right, and RCMSAR Station 25 volunteers respond to call of sinking catamaran in Sansum Narrows.

SCOTLAND

Islander's homeland at a crossroads

George Grams offers his take on next week's Scottish referendum

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As Scots prepare to answer the question of whether to secede from the United Kingdom on Sept. 18, the Driftwood asked ex-pat and local Islands Trust trustee George Grams to share some of his thoughts about the independence debate.

Driftwood: How long have you followed events leading up to the Sept. 18 vote?

GG: I've been interested in Scottish governance since I was old enough to vote, so have tracked progress of the devolution of powers to Scotland since the '60s. The independence referendum is part of that continuum, and hopefully its closing chapter.

D: How do you keep informed about happenings in Scotland?

GG: The Guardian newspaper is the best in the world, in my view, and is still free online. Their articles and opinions are up there with the best. I also read the New Statesman (pro-unionist), the Economist (pro-globalization and so anti-independence), some of the other UK national newspapers and, of course, I visit the yes-scotland.net website.

D: What is your reaction to information that reveals a slight advantage for the yes side?

GG: It's only one poll, but the signal is clear; there is a significant drift towards nationhood that is going to be hard to stop. It has made Westminster (and the rest of the world) sit up and take notice.

D: What impact do you feel a yes vote will have?

GG: A yes vote is in the interests of the Scottish people. For too long the nation has been fed the lie that it is an economic liability dependent on the largesse of Westminster for maintain-

ing the level of services and the standard of living, whilst for the past 40 years siphoning off and squandering the wealth from North Sea oil.

The markets are signaling otherwise. Were Scotland a liability, the arse wouldn't be falling out of the pound at the promise of Scottish independence.

D: How about a no vote?

GG: A no vote will see the unionists attempt to expunge forever the possibility of Scottish independence. I expect a move to make any future referendum on Scottish independence subject to a UK-wide poll. That would mark the death knell of the independence movement and why it is so important the country takes this opportunity. It might be its last.

D: How does the Scottish referendum resemble the 1995 referendum vote in Québec?

GG: It doesn't. Québec was never a nation. Moreover, the Parti Québécois movement was all about nationalism. The Scottish move to independence is anything but. It's about returning to the people the power to determine policy, both domestic and national.

The formation of the Scottish Parliament in 1999 has seen domestic policy returned to Scottish voters with a marked shift away from Westminster policies. Scotland has free university education for its residents, not so England. The elderly in England, if they require state-assisted care, are required to sell their home to pay for it. Not so in Scotland. Scotland has managed to resist the privatization of the National Health Service that was begun under the previous Labour government and is continuing apace under the Conservatives.

Now Scots want control over national policy. One example: Scotland is the home of the largest arsenal of nuclear weapons in Europe outside Russia. The Scots not only don't want nuclear weapons on their soil, they don't want them — full stop. Replacing Trident [submarine-launched ballistic missile system] is estimated

to cost four billion pounds a year over the next 25 years, a colossal waste of money that only independence can prevent.

D: Can you discuss the broader (Salt Spring) Scottish ex-pat community's feelings about the vote?

GG: The Scots I have talked to are thoroughly behind the independence movement.

D: Can you recall talk of independence from when you lived in Scotland? How did things get to this point?

GG: Since the Union of the Crowns in 1707, separation has always been a dormant possibility. It was given enormous impetus by former prime minister Margaret Thatcher, who forced policies on the Scots that were bitterly resented. They include a massive sell-off of state-owned assets, the emasculation of the British and Scottish manufacturing base to be replaced by service industries that were substantially dependent on the financial sector and city of London.

Thatcher piloted the despised and quick-to-be-repealed poll tax in Scotland, where lords of the manor paid the same in property taxes as their butlers. There was also the dismantling of regulatory controls over the banks and investment companies that heralded the culture of greed and was a major contributor to the severity of the financial crash.

The rush by Westminster under Tony Blair, supported by all other parties except the Scottish Nationalists, to support an illegal and unjust war in Iraq was one of the final straws. That action saw much of the Labour party's support in Scotland dissolve. Labour voters defected to the Scottish National Party in droves. The electorate now has the taste for what's possible in a free and independent Scotland.

The campaign by the pro-unionists has been unceasingly negative and gained the alias "Project Fear." Led by some of the most reviled politicians in the country, it has spectacularly backfired. It deserves to.

Keep Smiling...

THOUGHTS & NEWS

from Dr. Richard Hayden

Don't take this personally...

"But I hate dentists." If I had a dollar for every time I've heard that line! I don't take it personally, though I take it as a challenge.

I see people every day that have had unfortunate experiences with tooth pain or in their dental history. We all know that fear is a difficult thing to overcome and no amount of reason is going to make it easier.

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LABOUR DISPUTE

Resources spread thin as teachers' strike continues

Teachers to vote on arbitration

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Families around British Columbia have hastened to register for government funds promised for childcare and tutoring costs incurred during the teachers' strike, but while parents can expect eventual reimbursement, teachers are feeling the financial pressure.

Gulf Islands Teachers' Association president Deborah Nostdal reported in June

that some teachers were heading to banks to open lines of credit. The situation is only getting worse, with no hope of settlement in sight.

Salt Spring teacher Sonia Langer, who has worked in the Gulf Islands School district for nine years, is now relying on the savings she set aside in case she ever lost her job.

"In creating this extra bank account, I anticipated a severe situation in which I could no longer work as a teacher within this district, not a job action and prolonged strike which finds me

waving the flag up and down Rainbow Road daily," Langer said.

Langer and her colleagues across the province are committed to sticking it out on the picket line as long as they have to, although union leadership has raised binding arbitration as an option.

"Parents are invited to visit us on the picket line to ask questions, walk alongside, and to help us with our letter-writing campaign which urges the government to support public education and get kids back in school," Langer said.

Teachers will head to polls today (Wednesday) to vote on whether they support the union executive's recommendation to accept binding arbitration, with the condition the B.C. Public School Employers' Association drops "E80" from its demands.

"Their proposal, E80, would 'supersede and replace' all previous class size, class composition and specialist teacher provisions," BCTF president Jim Iker explained at a Sept. 3 press conference. He repeated Sunday that those areas

should be settled through the B.C. Supreme Court, which is currently judging a government appeal on teachers' right to negotiate these work conditions.

Education Minister Peter Fassbender has already dismissed binding arbitration as an option.

As of Monday, parents of 225,520 students or 74 per cent of eligible recipients had registered for the \$40-per-day fund, which will be made available after job action ends. Registration can be entered up to four months after that time

at www.etax.gov.bc.ca/btp/tesp/.

A website created by East Vancouver mom Kate Millberry allows people to donate their stipend and other funds to support the teachers. PayPal transactions that will go to BCTF strike pay can be made at www.familiesfund-ingteachers.ca.

North End Fitness owner Peter Vincent is offering free memberships for teachers during the strike. Those teachers who are already members will have their membership fees frozen during the job action.

Capital Regional District

CRD

Notice of Advance Voter Registration & Availability of List of Registered Electors 2014 General Local Election

Public notice is hereby given that **Advance Voter Registration closes on September 23, 2014** for Capital Regional District (CRD) Lists of Non-Resident Property Electors for:

- Juan de Fuca Electoral Area
- Salt Spring Island Electoral Area
- Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area (Galiano, Mayne, North and South Pender, Saturna and Piers Islands)

The Capital Regional District will be using the Provincial Voters List to determine who is eligible to vote as a Resident Elector in the CRD. If you voted in the last provincial election, your name will appear on the Provincial Voters List, and will automatically be placed on the CRD Lists of Registered Electors. CRD Lists of Registered Electors are used for voting for Electoral Area Directors, referenda, School District Trustees and Islands Trust Trustees in the CRD.

Elector Qualifications

Resident Elector - If you are 18 years or older on voting day (November 15, 2014), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months and in your community for 30 days (the residency qualifications are set out in the Local Government Act), you are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector.

Non-Resident Property Elector - If you are 18 years or older on voting day (November 15, 2014), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the local community for 30 days, do not qualify as a Resident Elector, you may vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector provided that you: a) have registered on or before September 23, 2014, or b) register at the time of voting.

The following information is required at the time of application:

- a recent land title registration of the real property (may be obtained at the Land Title Office) or property tax notice, showing the names of all the registered owners.
- 2 pieces of identification (one must have a signature), and
- in the case of more than one owner of the property, a completed consent form, signed by the majority of the owners, designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property.

Please Note:

- Only one Non-Resident Property Elector may vote per property regardless of the number of owners.
- No corporation is entitled to be registered as an elector or have a representative registered as an elector, and no corporation is entitled to vote.
- Individuals who are on title with corporations are not entitled to register or vote. Individuals who own an undivided interest in land on which the balance is held by a corporation are not entitled to vote.

You may register on voting day if you meet the elector qualifications set out above. For information about registering as a Resident or Non-Resident Property Elector call 250.360.3129. Port Renfrew and Gulf Island residents may call toll free, 1.800.663.4425, local 3129.

List of Registered Electors

The preliminary Lists of Registered Electors are available, upon signature, for viewing at the CRD offices listed below from 8:30am - 4:30pm, Monday - Friday, unless otherwise noted. You may also call the offices to enquire whether your name is on a CRD List of Registered Electors:

- Legislative & Information Services - 250.360.3129, 625 Fisgard St., **Victoria, BC**
- Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Planning & Building Inspection - 250.642.1500, #3 - 7450 Butler Rd., **Sooke, BC**
- Pender Building Inspection - 250.629.3424, 4605 Bedwell Harbour Rd. (Driftwood Centre), **North Pender Island, BC** (8:30am - Noon)
- SSI Administration (PARC) Office, 145 Vesuvius Bay Rd., **Salt Spring Island, BC**.

Following the close of Advance Voter Registration and beginning Tuesday, September 30, 2014, until the close of general voting, a copy of the final Lists of Registered Electors will be available, upon signature, for public inspection at the CRD offices listed above. An elector may request that personal information respecting the elector be omitted from or obscured on the List in accordance with 5.63 (protection of privacy) of the *Local Government Act*.

Objection to Registration of an Elector

An objection to the registration of a person whose name appears on the List of Registered Electors may be made to the CRD Corporate Officer, PO Box 1000, Victoria, BC, V8W 2S6, in accordance with the *Local Government Act*, until 4:00pm on October 10, 2014. An objection must be made in writing, may only be made by a person entitled to be registered as an elector of the CRD, and can only be made on the basis that the person whose name appears has died or is not qualified to be registered as an elector of the CRD.

Dated this 3rd day of September, 2014

Thomas F. Moore
Chief Election Officer

SAFETY

Fulford Inn declared hazardous structure

CRD orders action

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Capital Regional District has ordered the owner of the defunct Fulford Inn to secure the building premises or face financial and legal consequences.

The CRD Board moved to authorize remedial action proceedings at its Aug. 13 meeting and served papers on Aug. 29. The property owner, which is listed on title as Reda Enterprises — although former owner Alf Reda sold the property in 2010 — has until Sept. 29 to respond.

"The CRD building inspector had to put something forward because it's a potential liability, and it's a potential danger to the community and to individuals," Salt Spring CRD director Wayne McIntyre said.

According to a CRD staff report attached to the Aug. 13 meeting, the building's condition contravenes the provincial building regulation and CRD bylaw. Robert Gutierrez, senior manager of the CRD's building inspection office, advised that restricting access to the building is required to protect people from risk.

The remedial action calls for fencing and barricades around the perimeter of the building. All access openings including missing doors and windows are to be secured.

Site access points are to "be equipped with gates and locked when the site is unattended and must be maintained in place until completion of the construction or demolition activity."

McIntyre said if the owner fails to respond to the order by Sept. 29, the CRD will issue tenders for necessary work. The costs will be sent to the owner, and if unpaid by Dec. 31, these will be added to the following year's property tax. Any purchaser of the property would likewise be liable for unresolved remediation actions and costs.

FIRST NATIONS

Islet fight heads to legislature lawn

Premier Christy Clark to meet FN chiefs on Thursday

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A group of Salt Spring residents is taking the fight to save Grace Islet to the steps of the provincial legislature in Victoria today.

Participants will meet outside 780 Blanshard St. between 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. as First Nations leaders meet inside with the deputy and assistant deputy ministers from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. Rally participants will then walk, sing and drum through downtown Victoria to the legislature building.

"We are going to continue with the rally," said group representative Joe Akerman, after hearing news of the meeting on Tuesday. "Until the work is stopped and the permit revoked we are going to continue to stand up."

Organizers want to bring together First Nations chiefs, leaders and elders to ask the minister responsible for First Nations heritage to resolve and protect Grace Islet.

Group members call the provincial government's implementation of the Heritage Conservation Act biased. They question why the province issued a site alteration permit that allows property owner Barry Slawsky to build a house on the islet.

"We're repeating the call for Minister [Steve] Thomson to reverse his decision allowing residential construction on a First Nations cemetery, and to designate Grace Islet a heritage site now," states a Grace Islet Facebook page post.

The show of support from those who wish to see the islet preserved falls on the eve of a meeting between Premier Christy Clark and First Nations chiefs from across the province.

A provincial government spokesperson reached Tuesday afternoon confirmed the Sept. 11 meeting is not about Grace Islet.

"The ministry continues to consult/work with First Nations, local governments and the landowner on an alternate resolution," wrote Greig Bethel when questioned about the latest efforts to resolve the matter. "It would be inappropriate for the ministry to discuss details and/or speculate on an outcome at this time, as discussions are ongoing."

Grace Islet's supporters have also compiled more than 620 signatures on a leadnow.ca petition that asks the provincial government to acquire and protect the property as a First Nations burial ground.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ISSUES

Fish farm noise disturbs Walker Hook area

Company's bankrupt status complicates issue

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Neighbours of the Sable Fish Canada fish farm on Walker Hook are seeking help from the Capital Regional District and senior elected officials to muffle increasingly unbearable noise pollution.

"Our philosophy is, don't judge our noise until you're standing on our doorstep," said Wendy Hartnett, a Grantville Street resident who has initiated a petition with her husband Larry Nelson for authorities to deal with the fish farm's noise. The petition is destined for the CRD, as well as the offices of MP Elizabeth May and MLA Gary Holman.

Hartnett and Nelson have worked with Sable Fish Canada staff throughout the years to mitigate machinery noise since the company moved into their neighbourhood in 2004. They haven't been able to sleep with their windows open or spend time in their front yard since then, but they used to be able to enjoy their backyard comfortably. That changed this

spring when the plant suddenly got extra noisy.

The noise stems from fans, pumps bringing oxygen into the tanks and compressors necessary to keep the water cool. The latter sound gets worse during the summer when outdoor temperatures are warmer.

"The noise is 24 hours and it's 365 days," Hartnett said. "It's quite pervasive and it really affects your lifestyle."

Julie and Lawrence Northey bought their property on Grantville Street after the fish farm was established but were not aware it was there when they moved in in 2013. They had plans to construct a new studio for Julie, an artist, and had even dug the foundation when they decided to pull the permit.

"It was so much louder, our dream of quiet country living and painting studio and terraced organic veggies, tropicals, garden — all stopped," Northey said.

In a letter to the CRD, Northey elaborated in part: "We hear the noise whenever we walk out the door, it is the first noise we wake up to after a fitful sleep; we hear and experience this noise first thing returning to our homes, even on what should

be a quiet, peaceful, country lifestyle Sunday morning. Every single day is the same: loud, high-pitched, shrill sounds, elevating with the heat of summer. We get no respite from the noise."

Salt Spring bylaw enforcement officer Wolfgang Brunnwieser said there is difficulty dealing with noise complaints against the fish farm because aquaculture is considered a type of agriculture. According to Salt Spring's noise bylaw, the operation of farm equipment and the noise associated with legitimate farm operations is exempt, "providing all reasonable measures have been taken to abate noise" that disturbs "the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the neighbourhood."

Hartnett believes this clause is the key to the issue.

"Obviously if there's noise, they haven't taken measures, that's our feeling," she said.

"This is a community here. It's like a village. There should be no noise."

CRD director Wayne McIntyre has visited the neighbourhood with Islands Trust trustee George Grams at the request of Hartnett and fel-

low Grantville Street resident Cindy Clark.

"I've been out there several times and it's annoying. There's no question about that," he said.

"It's a classic conundrum. You approved an industrial zone in a neighbourhood."

One of the problems is that Sable Fish Canada is in receivership and for sale. The people that neighbours have talked to in the past about moving fans and other sound mitigation measures aren't there anymore, and nobody seems to know who's in charge.

"Until we know who to deal with it's difficult to proceed any farther," McIntyre said.

Getting a sense of how much noise is produced could be a good place to start for future action, he added.

"It's worth taking a measurement and going from there."

For the neighbours who are living with the constant noise, this might not be enough.

"They may be waiting for some sound meter, when really, we are all in dire straits as to the effects of this 24-hour-a-day noise," Northey said.

CRD staff defer to gun club court case

NOISE

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The report notes the club is currently under order to come to terms with its neighbours as the result of a civil case launched by Brian Milne and Jean Barakett. The limited injunction requires the two sides to agree

on measures that include reduced hours, sound mitigation measures and spent lead collection.

"The bylaw amendment would be premature given the club's allowable use of their property is in the hands of the courts through the enacting of the limited injunction. Rescinding the proposed

bylaw amendments will allow the matter to be settled between the parties directly with oversight by the courts," the report states.

The report notes two civil actions have also been initiated by gun club neighbours against bylaw enforcement staff associated with the file.

Capital Regional District

CRD

Notice of Nomination 2014 General Local Election

Public Notice is hereby given to the electors of the **Juan de Fuca, Salt Spring Island and Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Areas** in the Capital Regional District that **nominations** for the Office of **Electoral Area Director** will be received between 9:00 am, Tuesday, September 30, 2014, and 4:00 pm, Friday, October 10, 2014.

During that period the nomination documents shall only be received during regular office hours, 8:30am-4:30pm, Monday-Friday, excluding statutory holidays, by a person designated by the Chief Election Officer at the **Capital Regional District, Legislative and Information Services, 5th Floor, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, B.C.**

Should anyone wish to file nomination documents in other than office hours, arrangements may be made by phoning the Chief Election Officer at 250.472.0059.

Representation for the Electoral Areas will be as listed below and shall be for a 4-year term commencing December 2014 and terminating in 2018 after the election held in accordance with the legislation in the *Local Government Act*:

- **Juan de Fuca Electoral Area** **One Director**
- **Salt Spring Island Electoral Area** **One Director**
- **Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area** **One Director**
(Galiano, Mayne, North Pender, Saturna, South Pender and Piers Islands)

Candidates shall be nominated in writing by two duly qualified electors of the Electoral Area in which the candidate is running for office. The nomination documents shall be in the form prescribed in the *Local Government Act* and shall state the name and residence of the person nominated in such a manner as to sufficiently identify such candidate. The nomination documents shall be subscribed to by the candidate. At the time of filing the nomination documents, the candidate shall also file with the Chief Election Officer or a person designated by the Chief Election Officer a written disclosure as required under the *Financial Disclosure Act*.

Further information on the requirements and procedures for making a nomination and copies of all forms are available at:

- **Capital Regional District, Legislative and Information Services, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, B.C.**
Tel: 250.360.3129, or toll free 1.800.663.4425, local 3129 for Port Renfrew and Gulf Island residents;
- or by calling the Chief Election Officer at 250.472.0059.

Dated this 3rd day of September, 2014

Thomas F. Moore
Chief Election Officer

OPINION



2014 CNA Awards
 Gold - Excellence in Rural Reporting (Elizabeth Nolan) | Gold - Community Newspaper Magazine (Gulf Islander)
 Gold - Special Section (Best of Salt Spring Island) | Silver - Promotional Campaign (SS Conservancy Blackburn purchase)
 Silver - Multimedia Feature (Pride Festival) | Bronze - Community Newspaper Magazine (Aqua)
 Bronze - Local Cartoon (Dennis Parker) | Bronze - Arts Coverage | Blue Ribbon Award - General Excellence

2014 BCYNA Awards
 Silver - Special Publication (Gulf Islander) | Bronze - Special Publication (Aqua) | Bronze - General Excellence



EDITORIAL

Make a racket

Neighbours near Walker Hook cannot open their windows or sit outside without being harassed by incessant noise from a nearby fish hatchery.

Meanwhile, legal and legislative battles continue over the best way to resolve complaints about noise from the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club on Long Harbour Road.

So salient have islanders' noise and nuisance worries become that Peter Lake, chair of the island's liquid waste disposal commission, recently asked Local Trust Committee members to notify prospective owners of a proposed residential project about a Capital Regional District right of way that may eventually carry sewage trucks past the site.

Sewage trucks tend to have a bad rap and Lake wants to avoid any surprised neighbours in coming years.

THE ISSUE:

Noise and nuisance

WE SAY:

Buyer beware

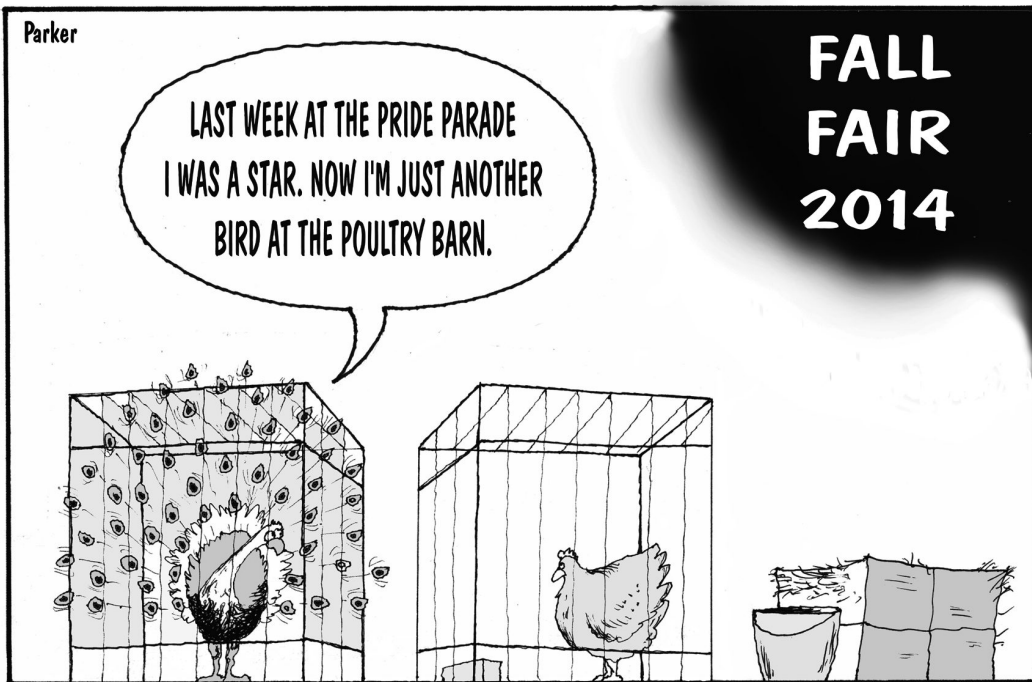
The problem's source is visible in nearly every island neighbourhood. Salt Spring residents are spread thin across much of the island. As a result, many of us live within grateful proximity to forested areas, lakes, hiking trails and the sounds of nature.

The tradeoff means there are few places where industrial, agricultural and recreation activities that test the decibel level can be undertaken without a local insurgency.

A new draft report from the Trust's Industrial Advisory Planning Commission highlights the challenges of managing and planning industrial land use on the island. Among the Blueprint Towards a Working Community's conclusions is a call to increase the industrial land base by 50 per cent to meet projected need over 25 years.

The report specifies 11 locations suited to industrial uses. About 70 or 80 additional parcels of land are needed. That's plenty of neighbours. Peter Lake has it right; it's never too early to be proactive if there's any hope noise complaints can be resolved more effectively five, 10 or 25 years down the line.

For that reason, Blueprint Towards a Working Community ought to be required reading for all island property owners.



FALL FAIR 2014

VIEWPOINT by Julie & Lawrence Northey

Fish farm noise harms community

The following is a letter sent to the CRD and filed with the Driftwood for publication.

I am writing again, to further bring it to your attention, the matter of the constant noise emitting from the sablefish hatchery on 335 Walker's Hook Rd., Salt Spring Island.

I am resubmitting our letter, and I will continue to do so, until this concern is taken seriously. If you are not able to assist us with this potentially long-term health problem and illegal bylaw infringement, please advise as to whom we should contact next.

Please note, the original petition of complaint was submitted June 2012, and we have had no success nor assistance nor acknowledgement regarding the Salt Spring Island residents who truly are suffering from this 24-hour-a-day noise.

The noise, far from being abated by "all reasonable measures" as guaranteed by the noise bylaw, is now, much louder than ever.

The noise pulsates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This disturbance and annoyance level "exceeds all reasonable bounds" (as also stated in the bylaw) and we, as citizens of Canada cannot stand it any longer.

We cannot sit and enjoy our own properties, work in our gardens, nor sleep with our windows open. We hear the noise whenever we walk out the door, it is the first noise we wake up to after a fitful sleep; we hear and experience this noise first thing returning to our homes, even on what should be, a quiet, peaceful, country lifestyle Sunday morning.

Every single day is the same: loud, high-pitched, shrill sounds, elevating with the heat of summer. We get no respite

from the noise. We used to be able to muffle the sound by hiding behind our home, no longer is this possible for us, nor our neighbours. Now the noise is loud enough to be heard in our back yards. We used to be able to seal out the majority of the noise by closing all the windows. This, unfortunately, is no longer possible. We are all out of patience. Enough is enough!

The reason Bylaw 3384 was written and passed in the first place was to protect taxpaying Canadian citizens, like ourselves, from the infractions of noise pollution. We fully expect this bylaw to be enforced. By definition it is illegal for the sablefish hatchery to continue subjugating our neighbourhood to noise-related health risks.

Property values have dropped as a result. We bought a brand new home on Grantville Street with no noticeable sounds from the hatchery. I have recordings taken from our upstairs as proof of only hearing simply bird songs that I had sent to my son at Christmas time, 2013. No longer is that tranquility available; and whether anyone can sell their homes to escape this noise remains to be seen. No one moving into this otherwise lovely neighbourhood should be forced to endure this noise.

It is both unethical and a complete disregard for our basic rights as Canadian citizens. We have been overly patient, waiting for some form of law enforcement and "all reasonable measures" to be taken to abate this dreadful, invasive 24/7 noise. Now is the time for action on this matter, and we fully expect peace and quiet to be restored to our neighbourhood.

The writers are Grantville Street residents.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Is there a noise issue in your neighbourhood?

 Yes No

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

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Is Salt Spring a LGBTQ-friendly community?

19 NO 76 YES

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ISLAND VOICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "It's a classic conundrum. You approved an industrial zone in a neighbourhood."

WAYNE MCINTYRE, CRD DIRECTOR, ON FISH FARM NOISE

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What Fall Fair attraction do you look forward to most?



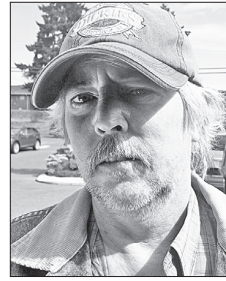
PAUL BRAM
The music, especially Soul Shakedown.



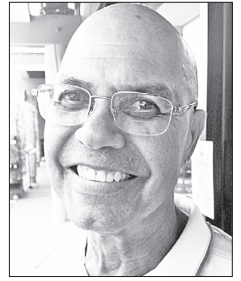
CHRISTA WOHLFAHRT
The zucchini races and herding the sheep.



LIZ TURNER
The quilts, the preserves and the children's cakes.



JIM WHEATLEY
The size of the pumpkins.



STANLEY LAING
The food.

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. Send your letters to news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com.

No money for private school

I am a grandparent with four grandchildren in school. I am asking why Premier Christy Clark's son is attending school paid from the public purse and why working people's kids are not.

My daughter and son-in-law need to work to pay the real bills that most people experience every day. Like most working people, they have no extra money for "private school."

Education is deemed a right in this society, along with public health care, and as such it is incumbent on the government to ensure it is provided uninterrupted.

Quit the posturing, Ms. Clark. The truth is your son is attending school and that's what you are really concerned about.

DAVID L. MERKE,
SALT SPRING

Let electorate decide

Now that the government has rejected arbitration in the dispute with the B.C. Teachers' Federation, their position is becoming increasingly more clear.

The objective is to break the union. They are hoping that teachers who are single parents with no support payments coming in will crack and split with their leadership.

The government side continually talks about what the province can afford. I wonder if the government would accept the following parallel situation: There are a particular set of fines and penalties for alleged infractions of traffic rules. What if the driver charged with an offence did not want a judge to rule on the case? (In other words, the judge is the indepen-

dent arbitrator.)

Then if a fine were assessed for an infraction, could the driver ask for either no, or a limited, financial penalty due to his or her own financial circumstances? Good luck in either of these situations.

To resolve the impasse I suggest the government call a provincial election, which would be an arbitration by the many instead of one, and let B.C. voters determine the future of public education in the province.

RON MARTIN,
SALT SPRING

Not just a hole in the ground

In reference to the situation on Grace Islet, we are glad to hear that John Alexander, Barry Slawsky's lawyer, agrees that "no one is denying that there isn't a presence of cultural and

archaeological features of significance" and that "they are on the island and they are undisturbed." ("Desecration discourse continues," Sept. 3 Driftwood.)

Trouble is that anyone who knows anything about the science of archaeology as practised in 2014 knows that the soil is the artifact. In other words, the dirt that lies between the various stone cairns all over the island is inextricably associated with the "site formation process" — the history of the place. Real archaeology is exactly like forensic science and is interested in far more than just artifacts.

Even shallow soil deposits of a few centimetres can contain valuable data in the form of microstratigraphy (thin yet discernible horizontal layers that accumulate over time), post-holes (the fragile decayed remains of wooden sur-

face features), microdebitage (the millimetre-size remnants of lithic technologies), fragments of red ochre used in ritual activities in association with the dead, thin lenses of ash from ritual burnings, flora (representing special plants used in funerary rites), cremated human or animal remains (extremely fragile and only visible as a thin cast), charcoal for radio carbon dating and who knows what other delicate and fragile remnants of cultural and historical significance.

A great deal of this valuable "archaeological resource" and the potential to learn more about the history of Grace Islet disappeared in 2012 when the soil and sediment between the rock cairns was stripped to the bedrock by a machine excavator and pushed into a large pile of dirt without any monitor-

ing whatsoever, in direct violation of the site alteration permit.

Rocks that may have been parts of stone alignments between the cairns were also removed from their original positions and placed into another large pile. Sure, a couple of basalt projectile points were recovered (typical funerary offerings by the way) when they sifted through the pile of dirt, but the original context of anything in that pile (including evidence of cremated human remains) was effectively destroyed or let's say "disturbed."

Seems some people can't tell the difference between an archaeological feature and a hole in the ground.

CHRIS ARNETT,
SALT SPRING

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Inspectors crucial to enforce province's Bee Act

The following is a letter to B.C. Agriculture Minister Norm Letnick filed with the Driftwood for publication.

BY CATHERINE CULLEY

It has come to the attention of the Capital Region Beekeepers' Association that the bee inspector for southern Vancouver Island and the southern Gulf Islands is no longer in that position.

We had no notification. Your website shows six inspectors for the entire province of British Columbia. Vancouver Island is not mentioned.

Last year, there was an announcement that the region's hours for bee inspection services were being reduced. The annual budget apparently ran out towards the end of the summer.

Our inspector has been invaluable to the beekeeping community to prevent or halt serious bee disease outbreaks by identifying diseases such as American foulbrood and helping with management advice and follow-up.

Commercial beekeepers wishing to sell bees must have permits in order to legal-

ly sell their bees to another region. If a business cannot sell its products, it will not survive. If disease spreads, it will cost everyone.

The health of agricultural animals is an essential role of government, whose duties related to honeybees are listed in the B.C. Bee Act. There is no practical way that industry can provide such a service. This is particularly true in the beekeeping industry, where a myriad private beekeepers are encouraged to register their apiaries and follow the Bee Act.

It is not the job of industry to enforce the law and regulate non-commercial operators. If individual beekeepers are forced to pay directly for inspection services, many would simply not do it, which would jeopardize everyone else.

Without inspectors, you can't enforce the Bee Act.

There is no way that official disease notification can occur.

There is no way to compel the destruction or disinfection of diseased hives.

There is no way to establish a system for certifying colony strength.

INDEPTH

There is no way to obtain a permit for the legal movement of bees. The Bee Quarantine District Regulation, which lists our area as #13, states: "Subject to section 5, no person shall take bees, hives or beehive equipment into, out of or both into and out of a bee quarantine district except as provided by the terms of a permit issued by an inspector." There is good reason for this.

In the current crisis of bee disease worldwide, as beekeepers try to manage varroa mites, foulbrood, nosema, many kinds of viruses and general colony collapse disorder, including the spectre of drug-resistant strains of all these diseases, inspection services are needed more urgently than ever.

All of us, backyard hobbyists, sideliners and commercial operators alike, need this support service to maintain the health of bee populations for the wellbeing of all B.C. citizens. Without healthy bees, we cannot provide honey or pollination services. Without an inspector, there is no control over movements of bees and, hence, the migration of disease. The success of bee inspectors in preventing or halting disease

outbreaks is unsung and perhaps not appreciated enough. Cutbacks will have consequences.

The Capital Region Beekeepers' Association membership has grown from 142 in 2012 to 176 in 2013 and continues to grow in 2014. Other island groups include the Salt Spring Island Beekeepers, the Alberni Valley Honey Producers, the Comox Valley Beekeepers, the Nanaimo Bee Club and the Cowichan Beekeepers Association. In addition, there are uncounted beekeepers who are not members.

The CRBA works tirelessly in the Capital Region to educate and encourage beginners to register their hives, manage bee parasites, prevent swarms and detect and treat disease. Our commercial operators need to move bees about, whether for sale, pollination service or forage.

We need the support of a government bee inspector. Please let us know when we can expect to have inspection services available to support our island beekeeping industry.

The writer is president of the Capital Region Beekeepers' Association.

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INDUSTRY DRONES PHOTO

DRONE 'SELFIE'?: Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Elizabeth May, centre, looks up at an Industry Drones drone taking her photo, along with Industry Drones team members, from left, chief pilot Harold Kirpatrick, company founder Philip Reece, founding partner and pilot Jason Pryde, and design engineer Bob Kobierski. May met with the team as it ran through a demo of the drone's abilities, including fast flight, autonomous maneuvers, stable hover, auto land and take off, GPS navigation and simulated emergency response maneuvers that would assist in a search and rescue or emergency delivery situation. The Salt Spring-based company aims to see its drones used for life-saving and other positive outcomes.

Researchers speak up for Grace Islet

The following is an open letter to Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, and Justine Batten, director, BC Archaeology Branch.

INDEPTH

We write this letter as members of the Intellectual Property Issues in Cultural Heritage (IPinCH) project, an international consortium of academic and community researchers, indigenous organizations, and concerned individuals with expertise in law, ethics, archaeology, anthropology, museums and cultural tourism (www.sfu.ca/ipinch). Our work investigates the rights, values and responsibilities concerning the protection and management of indigenous cultural heritage in order to inform fair and ethical decision-making.

As researchers working on indigenous cultural heritage at a variety of scales — from local to global — we think it is important to understand the larger context that shapes local conflicts. The dispute over development on Grace Islet and its impact on a Coast Salish burial site raises issues of local, provincial, national and international significance. Stepping back and taking this broader view can reveal alternatives to costly and divisive disputes between those wishing to develop private and public lands, and those who seek to protect ancestral sites and burial grounds essential to aboriginal peoples' collective wellbeing. At the provincial and national level, the Grace Islet dispute illustrates disconnects between heritage laws and the protection of Aboriginal heritage sites in accord with the values and legal traditions of the affected communities and nations.

Of particular concern are inequities in identifying, evaluating and protecting significant heritage sites. In Canada, aboriginal peoples' burial sites are largely treated as archaeological sites and not afforded the same respect or protection as Euro-Canadian cemeteries. This is a significant point of inequity, as it implies culture- and race-based distinctions between aboriginal and non-aboriginal Canadians. Shouldn't all Canadians be able to expect that the burial grounds of their ancestors and loved ones remain protected, and that they have a say in any decisions made about their protection?

In British Columbia, First Nations burial grounds that pre-date 1846 are not considered cemeteries and thus are managed under heritage legislation. While 1846 is a milestone in Canadian sovereignty, it is an arbitrary and capricious legal imposition to use this date to distinguish between the remains of humans who receive full and respectful protection and those (of First Nations) who may be unearthed or otherwise disturbed because they are deemed to constitute all or part of an archaeological site. The Heritage Conservation Act does afford limited protection for pre-1846 remains, stating that "A person must not damage, des-

ecrate or alter a burial place that has historical or archaeological value." However, the key questions are "Who assigns that value?" and "What constitutes adequate protection?"

Despite the fact that over 90 per cent of heritage sites in British Columbia trace to First Nations, decisions about protection are made largely in keeping with European norms and concepts of property that seek to balance the protection of heritage with the economic benefits of land alteration and resource extraction. Our own work is revealing that collaborative, community-based approaches to decision-making provide a means of balancing values, interests and perspectives. Conflict may be inevitable, but there are many alternatives to the current process used to comply with the Heritage Conservation Act, which too often results in the clear identification of winners and losers and which requires First Nations to fight for equality in how their ancestors and ancestral sites are treated.

... collaborative, community-based approaches to decision-making provide a means of balancing values, interests and perspectives.

The Grace Islet dispute points to fundamental differences in Euro-Canadian and First Nations value systems related to heritage protection. First Nations values and legal regimes are strongly influenced by Indigenous worldviews. For some, ancestral beings and forces, such as those present in burial sites, are real, present and existing in relationship with present-day descendant communities, who are responsible for their physical and spiritual respect. There may also be concerns about how the desecration could impact the spiritual and physical wellbeing of deceased ancestors, their First Nations descendants and others who come into contact with such powerful cultural sites. For example, many First Nations ask archaeologists to apply ochre to be visible to the spirits of past generations and to thus avoid harm.

Most provincial and federal laws require some level of consultation with affected First Nations before development decisions affecting heritage sites on private or provincial lands are made. However, many First Nations assert such consultations are inadequate given the increased pressures of development, and because they are designed to expedite decision-making rather than explore and accommodate

diverse rights and interests. Concerns raised by First Nations may not be satisfactorily incorporated into the final site alteration or management plans. In the absence of significant public pressure on governments, or clear direction from Canadian courts, private property rights and resource extraction often trump First Nations interests. While protests and legal challenges may be effective in some cases, they exact a heavy toll on indigenous communities.

The minimal level of protection offered by heritage legislation across Canada's provinces runs contrary to emerging trends in Canadian aboriginal rights law, which increasingly recognize pre-existing aboriginal occupation and legal regimes and seek to reconcile these with the assertion of Crown sovereignty. The favouring of land and site alteration over the protection of aboriginal rights and interests is also inconsistent with the aspirations of international indigenous rights and cultural heritage law, including the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which Canada has endorsed.

In seeking to resolve such cases, governments, indigenous peoples and cultural heritage experts are called upon to work within both indigenous and state laws. These are not always antithetical. For example, both archaeological evidence and local Coast Salish knowledge support the conclusion that Grace Islet was used as a burial site and that its protection warrants more complete and intensive investigation.

There are other important factors influencing the Grace Islet dispute, including the lack of funding and understaffing of the provincial Archaeology Branch, enforcement of permit violations and the question of who should bear the costs of protecting important heritage sites located on private property. But the critical issues here are the absence of respect for First Nations laws, values and practices relating to burial sites and ancestral remains, and the need for descendant communities to have a say in how their ancestral sites are managed and protected.

Grace Islet offers an opportunity for British Columbia to reassess its approach to protecting and managing such sites in light of this deeper understanding. We advocate for inclusive, long-term and sustainable management policies and practices recognizing indigenous intellectual and material property, traditional cultural expressions, and ancestral remains. We must acknowledge the value of respecting aboriginal rights, indigenous laws and heritage sites for all British Columbians and Canadians.

We and other members of the IPinCH Collective are very willing to offer counsel on the matter, if we can be of any assistance.

GEORGE NICHOLAS,
IPINCH DIRECTOR AND PROFESSOR OF ARCHAEOLOGY SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY, AND NINE OTHER SIGNATORIES

MORE LETTERS

Rainbow Road path response

I refer to Jenny McClean's Aug. 29 "Rainbow Path Has Issues" letter.

The Rainbow Road section in Ganges contains three schools and has the highest daily pedestrian traffic flows for the whole of Salt Spring Island. This section has no pedestrian pathway or sidewalk along the Ministry of Transportation right of way. This is why it is a priority for the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission to create a safe and affordable pathway along Rainbow Road.

It should be noted that the proposals for a Rainbow Road pathway have not been finalized and the public participation process is still ongoing. The final proposal will form part of the North Ganges Transportation Plan (NGTP). This plan includes but is not limited to the provision for a separated pathway link for pedestrians, cyclists and disabled people who use scooters in the Lower Ganges Road and Rainbow Road area.

The objective will be met by the most appropriate path design and not necessarily using gravel or other paving material. The designs for Rainbow Road and Lower Ganges Road are ongoing but are expected to cost far less than the \$1.5 million quoted in Ms. McClean's letter.

The needs of local business are being taken into consideration and no application for permits has yet been made to the provincial government.

The overall objective for completing the NGTP plan is to provide safe provisions for all vehicle users with special considerations for pedestrians, cyclists and the mobility of the disabled. In view of the current strict government budget limitations, the commission's emphasis is placed on using local volunteers and non-profit groups such as Partners Creating Pathways, where possible.

The transportation commission has successfully initiated many similar projects and as such provides exceptional value for the Salt Spring taxpayer and public at large. All recently funded projects have been successfully completed coming in under budget.

ROBIN A. WILLIAMS,
ACTING CHAIR,
SSI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Older is better

It was my great pleasure to attend Nita Brown's birthday celebration with her family on Sept. 6. She is turning 100 years old this week.

Nita received a letter from the Queen. She also received a letter from the Governor General of Canada.

I received a letter from the Receiver General — he says my taxes are due.

Go figure!
I am 68, so I have 32 more years to go.

ROGER BRUNT,
NITA BROWN'S FRIEND AND
BIOGRAPHER,
SALT SPRING

RANTS and Roses

Rants

A mild rant, more a sad sigh, at the litter left behind by some of the participants at the staging area of the pride parade. We love how clean and pristine this island is. Perhaps the exuberance of the moment caused a lapse in judgment, but really there is no reason for litter on this island. Jeff and Janice Wade

Roses

Roses to all the CUPE members, students, parents, trustees, retired teachers and other community members who marched and rallied in support of teachers, from the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association.

A large bouquet of plum-coloured roses and lots of good karma to Ray of Leisure Lane. While we were picking blackberries near his house, he gave us a container of delicious plums from his tree. They were the best plums that we ever had. Thanks for your generosity, Ray.

A large bunch of yellow roses to Helen Hinchliff for taking the initiative to provide a place for two to sit and a dog bowl on Desmond Crescent for anyone to use who would like to give their feet a rest for a while. Thanks on behalf of Island Pathways.

A bunch of well-deserved roses for everyone who donated over \$1,200 towards David and Tanis Beaver's 200-km bike ride in aid of the BC Lung Association last weekend. Donations can still be made at: <http://bicyclerok2014.kintera.org/beaverinalong>.

From coordinators Rama and Ashton and the Pride committee: Rainbows of roses to these special contributors to Pride X! Parade coordinator Lisa Dahling, organizer and producer extraordinaire Maggie O'Scalleigh, Chuck and Search and Rescue, Lowrah, Jen MacLellan of Click Salt Spring, Ineke and Salt Spring Transit, highways department, local RCMP, parade marshalls Scott, Deirdre and drivers Sue and Harry, Janet M. for badges, Tom V. for banner making, Tracey D., Dave and Dorraine for signs, Heather for wind wands, Connie C. for banners, United church, banner workshop attendees, meet & greet host Bill T., youth night hosts Rex, Taryn and volunteers, Tara H., Core Inn's Johanna S. Sumptuous roses to A Friday Affair's producer Maggie O'Scalleigh and cast, David C. Jones, Lola Frost, Symone Says, Johnny B., Clam Chowda, Sweet Water Revolver, Rowan P., Corrie E., Schuyler M., cast of Rent and Chris E., Cindy J., Melinda D., Moe and Robert on concession,

also Olive, Kara and Chelsea on guitar. Bundles of roses to all parade participants and onlookers, vibe watchers, volunteers as well as the talented Samba du Soleil, Ruwadzano, Symone Says, MCs J & D, park party helpers, Bob and Owen T. for flats, Mark for tech and sound, DJ Street, Andrew T., Chris P., Daniel, Christopher H., Jaysun O., George, Bob R., Kate L. and Cicela of ArtSpring. Pride flag coloured roses to Rainbow Warrior dance organizers Sara J., Tali W., Moe, Robert, with Mark and David on libations. Brent and Jichuan deco, tickets takers and DJs Bryan Street, Daniel Trump, Taabu and Lyssa, James and Nick dance security, Fulford Hall, Julian and the clean-up crew. Gardens of roses to Gordon and George for the picnic, Harry W. for sound, Unitarian chaplain Amanda T., Katie and Tara for the lovely Unitarian service. Special thanks to everyone on the GLOSSI board who stepped up in a big way this year!

From the GLOSSI board: A Pride parade full of roses to co-Pride coordinators Rama and Ashton, Tim and John for hospitality, banners and so much, committee members Lisa, Maggie, Bill, Caffyn, Rowan, Karen, Gordon, Brent, Susan, Deirdre, Robert, Lowrah and Anne and Taryn. Sweet roses to our vibe watchers, especially Karen, Rowan and Caffyn, Fishbowl's Steph and Gen. Repeated thanks to the many wonderful sponsors we listed in last week's Pride Guide and further gratitude for the additional gifts we've received. Wow! Thank you all so very much! To anyone we might have forgotten, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We look forward to seeing you again for our 11th year in 2015.

Stand up and take a bow, everyone who showed up at last Wednesday's Peacemakers event. Way to go! You made it a great success, every one of you. Thank-you for your interest in peace and your willingness to learn more! Thank-you to the Driftwood, and merci, Elizabeth May, for your presence as well. Jessica Garceau

A huge thank-you from the organizing committee to all the folks that donated food to the B.C. Day of Thanksgiving Food Bank Drive at Country Grocer on Sept. 6. Thanks to the community partnership of Country Grocer, Salt Spring Garden Club, Salt Spring Poultry Club, Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue, Salt Spring Search and Rescue, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for the volunteer time that was put in to raise 2,000 pounds and \$560 for the Salt Spring Food Bank. See you next year.

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Want best, not cheapest

The following letter was written to Premier Christy Clark and filed with the Driftwood for publication.

I am writing to you as the final arbiter in the dispute between teachers and their employers. I have so many questions and I hope that you can answer them.

1. Teachers gave up pay raises for many years in order that the funds would go back into the system to support students. What happened to those funds?

2. Apparently the wage demand has to be within the affordability zone of 1.1 per cent per year, but many other public service unions have settled outside that zone and your own deputy ministers got a great deal more than that. Are they not public servants? Do not teachers deserve at least the same as nurses and bus drivers?

3. Peter Fassbender says we cannot afford to go back to the services provided in 2002. Why is that? We afforded it then and you have been

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lauding the Liberal party's handling of the economy since then. Surely we should be even better able to afford it today. Please explain.

4. Who is the employer? I thought it was BCPSEA, but they are nowhere in the negotiations. All I hear is from Mr. Fassbender. Is the minister of education taking over as the employer?

5. I always understood there was a legal responsibility to provide 186 days of instruction to all children and I was going to ask about your plan to ensure this happens. However, this seems to have been deleted from the School Act. I can find nothing except references to a calendar year from July 1 to June 30. What do you believe is required for the best education of our children?

In general I believe that you get what you pay for. I want the best education for our children, not the cheapest.

CAROLE EYLES,
MORNINGSIDE ROAD

Where are funds?

For the first time in 92 years of living I find myself living under a government with insufficient skills to see to it that schools are opened, staffed and equipped for the first day of school.

Taxes have been paid into the government coffers for the funding of the school system. Lacking compassion and competence, the current leadership sacrifices the welfare of children and youth. Taxes paid for education are being dispersed for child care if the child is 13 or under. But British Columbia does not have a legislated child care program! Call it tutoring then. Where are the qualified and insured tutors? This isn't the education system taxes paid for. This is misappropriation of funds!

What is the per diem cost per child? Should not this amount be calculated and refunded to each taxpayer for each day of K-12 lost?

Governor Jerry Brown recently led California in an election that saw an increase

in school taxes with the support of many members of the business community. Leadership in British Columbia constantly bleats that "we" can't afford more taxes. We need builders as leaders; educated citizens become builders.

Let us keep our eye on the prize — the children of British Columbia who will be the builders of tomorrow and will be graced with compassion and competence.

ELIZABETH PELLETT,
SALT SPRING

Go Liz go

I'm sure she doesn't have a "thing" for old men, so it must have been my new sign for 2014 Pride: "most QUEERS WANT HARPER GONE."

Elizabeth May broke stride, came over and bussed me on the cheek again, as she did last year.

There were lots of "thumbs up" and maybe as many as 20 photos taken. I hope more lesbians and gays will help with Elizabeth's election campaign next year.

It would be a shame if the "Parliamentarian of 2013" is

not allowed to participate in the leaders' debate.

Go Liz go!
JACK HALLAM,
SALT SPRING

Side effects

Helen Hinchliff does not explain what pharmacists were doing when she and her mother were taking medicines with side effects (Aug. 27 Aging in Place Salt Spring Style column). Don't they brag that they check for inappropriate combinations?

Doctors of course vary in competence, in both Canada and the U.S. And the slice-and-dice approach to doctor's time that is almost standard in Canada and the U.S. does not foster thinking through.

One problem with warning leaflets is that they try to cover every little possibility, thus obscuring serious side effects. For example, the leaflet for a motion sickness patch went on about dry mouth, as did a pharmacist, but far more important is to understand the medicine is a central nervous system depressant.

Conspiracy theories

about medicine salespeople don't help improve health care. Hinchliff should be chasing doctors, insurers and pharmacists to do their job.

KEITH SKETCHLEY,
SAANICH

Lack of school resources

In support of our public school teachers, I want to share a few thoughts.

When I see the strike pickets, I see a group of passionate professionals who love their jobs and care deeply about the students they teach. I believe the strike is at heart a demand for equal education for all B.C. residents, independent of individual family resources.

As I understand it, class size and composition means the number of students per teacher and number of special needs students per teacher. As the B.C. government directs more and more funds to private education, there is less and less money for the students who need it the most. Private institutions are not required to teach special needs students. They get the same public funds as public schools to enroll the students with the best test score outcomes and fewest behavioral difficulties. Therefore, the public classrooms are becoming disproportionately filled with students with special needs and lower test outcomes.

All public education students are suffering from the lack of resources to address this increased division between the children of those who have and those who have not.

Equal educational opportunity for all children, not more pay, is in the heart of the teachers on strike.

G. CALLISON,
SALT SPRING

Dis-grace-ful

The desecration of Grace Islet continues, with many of the key actors displaying what we can only think of as appallingly "dis-grace-ful" behaviour.

The owner is treating the situation as if it were warfare: gain ground (that is, continue to build so there is less likelihood of turning back), and then maybe we'll discuss the matter. The B.C. premier purports to build closer ties with the province's First Nations, while turning a mighty deaf ear to their pleas not to allow a luxury home to be built over the graves of their ancestors. The lawyer for the owner argues on procedural matters (permits in place, etc.), while conveniently ignoring the ethical issue staring at him (and his client) in the face (as well as ignoring issues related to the alleged unauthorized variances to the original building permit).

And the off-island suppliers, contractor and workers are acting in narrow self-interest, regardless of the irreparable damage to the sacred site and affront to First Nations and anyone else with sensitivity about sacred grounds.

Bottom line, it is hard to imagine how these actors may think that their reputations and popularity will go untouched as a result of their actions (or inactions) in this case.

Above all, it is hard to fathom how the owner may expect to feel welcome in this community if he persists.

LUISA MAFFI AND
DAVID RAPPORT,
SALT SPRING

Capital Regional District

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Are you in favour of the Capital Regional District Board adopting Bylaw No. 3956, "Salt Spring Island Community Transit and Transportation Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2007, Amending Bylaw No. 3, 2014" authorizing the CRD to increase the maximum annual requisition for the transportation service until 2018 so that it will be the greater of **THREE HUNDRED NINETY-SIX THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS** (\$396,250) or **\$0.1346** per ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) of taxable land and improvements for the purpose of funding the capital and operating costs of the transportation service, including further improvements to the North Ganges Village Transportation Management Plan. YES or NO?

Scrutineers

Applications to act as a scrutineer for those organizations for and against Bylaw No. 3956 shall be received at the offices of the Capital Regional District (CRD), PO Box 1000 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm from **Tuesday, September 30, 2014 until Friday, October 10, 2014**. Application forms and information on the requirements and procedures for making an application are available at the CRD by telephoning toll free 1.800.663.4425 local 3129 or 250.360.3129 or at the address noted above.

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Beginning Tuesday, September 30, 2014 until Friday, November 14, 2014 a copy of the List of Registered Electors for Salt Spring Island will be available, upon signature, for public inspection at the CRD office listed below, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday - excluding statutory holidays. You may also call to enquire whether your name is on the List: CRD Legislative & Information Services Dept., 5th Floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC, Telephone Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3129 or 250.360.3129.

Notice of Advance Voter Registration for Non-Resident Property Electors Only

Advance Voter Registration closes on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 for the List of Registered Non-Resident Property Electors for Salt Spring Island. Please note that the CRD will be using the Provincial Voters List for Resident Electors in the CRD.

Voter qualifications are set out below. You may also register on voting day if you meet these qualifications: You are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector or Non-Resident Property Elector if you: are 18 years or older on voting day (November 15, 2014), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months, and either:

- have resided in the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area for 30 days; (If registering as a Resident Elector on voting day, you must provide two documents proving identity and residency, one of which must have a signature); OR
- have owned and held registered title to property within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area for 30 days and do not qualify as a Resident Elector. If registering as a Non-Resident Property Elector on voting day, you must provide the following information:
 - a recent land title registration of the real property or a property tax notice, which will show the names of all the registered owners; and
 - 2 pieces of identification (one of which must have a signature), and
 - in the case of more than one owner of the property, a completed consent form signed by the majority of the owners designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property.

For more information about registering as a Resident Elector or a Non-Resident Property Elector, call Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3129 or 250.360.3129.

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Book protagonist makes special island appearance

Timothy Britannic launch set for Sept. 20

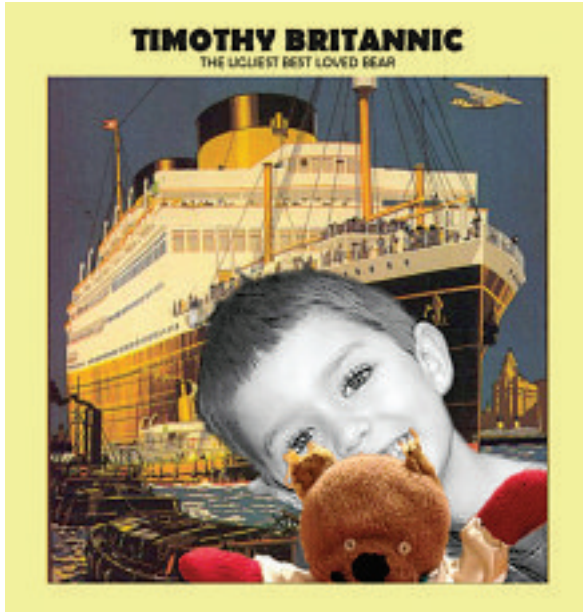
BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

"Granny in the Trees" Ros Bennett Vijendren will have a special guest on hand when she launches her latest illustrated tale called Timothy Britannic on Saturday, Sept. 20.

The teddy bear who is the star character will be on hand for the outdoor party that takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. in the author's backyard. As well as a reading from the story, the event will feature old-fashioned games that were popular when Vijendren and Timothy were young, such as hula hoops, yo-yos, hopscotch and marbles.

Timothy Britannic is the fourth book in Vijendren's Come Read With Me series, with one book destined for each of her six grandchildren. Children can read the books on their own from around age seven or eight, but younger listeners will also enjoy the story as much as older people who like to read out loud.

While most of the books have been based on adventures Vijendren has shared with her grandchildren when they've visited her forest home



Cover image from Ros Vijendren's new children's book.

— hence her "Granny in the Trees" name — the latest offering tells a story from her childhood.

The photo-illustrated book describes how she obtained her teddy bear, who now lives with her

grandson Quinn and his family in Toronto.

"It's about a very old and ugly teddy. The grandson wants to know why he looks so different from other stuffies," Vijendren explained.

"It's a very interesting book because it appeals to the adult in that we all had something we loved when we were small, and children get to ask questions and delve into history."

Timothy does have significant historical interest. Vijendren's father purchased the bear for her in 1948 while aboard the MV Britannic — an ocean liner for the Cunard-White Star line that travelled between Liverpool and New York.

The old and well-loved teddy bear was flown in to Salt Spring for the grand event and will be available for photos with children and their stuffies. These can be pasted into the blank pages at the end of the book, where young authors can write themselves into the story, if they choose.

The games are just a bonus of the launch, and sure to please guests whether for old times' sake or as a brand new experience. While they will help set the tone of the time period when Timothy and Vijendren first

met, they're also just plain fun.

"When I was teaching I always kept a lot of old-fashioned games that could be played if it was a rainy day," Vijendren said. "The kids used to cheer if it rained because they could play these games."

All the books from the Come Read With Me series will be available for purchase at the event. The address is Wynsum Cottage, 180 Walker's Hook Rd. on Salt Spring.

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FESTIVALS

Sip & Savour offers scrumptious bites

Grazing Experience expected to sell out once again

While islanders are no doubt focused on this weekend's Salt Spring Fall Fair, the following weekend features another popular festival.

A celebration of regional food and drink, Sip and Savour Salt Spring consist of three days of delectable options for people who truly enjoy what they eat.

On Friday, Sept. 19, a number of restaurants plus Stowel Lake Farm are offering a special Friday Night Harvest Dinner, as well as special harvest menus on the Saturday.

Billed separately is the 1 to 4 p.m. Grazing Experience held at the Salt Spring Farmers' Institute, where more than 40 of B.C.'s best

wines, ciders and beers are available to sip, paired with locally grown and produced tasty morsels to savour, live music and a host of island characters to keep people entertained all afternoon.

According to a press release, items include "farm-raised, spit-roasted lamb and pork, island cheeses, flavourful relishes, crunchy salads, house-made salumi and charcuterie, comforting soups, spicy curries, raw chocolate, juicy apples, tomatoes so sweet and ripe they will make you weep."

On Sunday the Harbour House Organic Farm and Restaurant will offer a Sparkling Wine Brunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Details and tickets for the Grazing Experience are available at www.sipandsavoursaltspring.com or 250-537-8320. Last year's Grazing Experience was a sell-out, so people should get their tickets soon.



FILE PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN
Sample from 2013 "grazing" event.

POTTERY

Guild show and sale highlights unique vessels

Sept. 19-20 event at Mahon Hall

Ceramic arts fans won't want to miss the Salt Spring Potters' Guild's show and sale next weekend.

"The Salt Spring potters are emerging, blinking, from their solitary studios to come together for the annual show and sale at Mahon Hall," explains a media release about the event, which consists of a 5 to 7 p.m. opening on Friday, Sept. 19, and a full day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20.

"The stage gallery will hold a splendid array of vessels created by many of the artists, while on the main floor there will be booths displaying pots that represent the work of individuals. Also on the main floor will be a mug table, where, if you are early you may find the mug that fits your hand perfectly, or possibly four."

The Salt Spring Potters Guild is a true guild that has members of all skill levels, from beginners to master potters. They meet monthly to learn, encourage and support one another.

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- 8-11:00 am..... Five Buck Breakfast by Lions Club
- 8:30 am..... Start of livestock judging...continues all day
- 9:00 am..... Commercial vendors and exhibitors open
- 10:00 am..... Free bus shuttle from town to/from the fairgrounds: starts at the Visitor Information Centre
- Food concessions open/Games of chance open
- ♪ 10:00 - 10:30 am .. Salt Spring Pipers and Drummers
- 10:30 am..... Demo Tent - Chickens 101
- ♪ 10:40 - 11:10 am.. Vaughn Fulford and the Folke Fiends
- 11:00 am..... Indoor sections open in the Main Building
- ♪ 11:20 - 11:50 am .. The Travelling Wheelbarrows
- 11:30 am..... Sheep Dog Demonstration
- Demo Tent - Maple Syrup Harvesting
- ♪ Noon - 12:30 The Still Creek Crows
- Lisa Maxx & Michael Darragh
- ♪ 12:45 - 1:25 Simone and the Soul Intentions
- 1:00 pm..... Demo Tent - Keeping Honey Bees
- Zucchini Races
- ♪ 1:40 - 2:20..... The Hooper Family Band
- 2:00 pm..... Tractor Pull
- Demo Tent - Seed Saving
- 2:30 pm..... Sheep Dog Demonstration
- ♪ 2:35 - 3:15 The Never Never Band
- 3:00 pm..... Demo Tent - AED & CPR
- ♪ 3:30 - 4:10 Bill Henderson with Special Guest Claire Lawrence
- ♪ 4:25 - 5:05 The Brent Shindell Band
- ♪ 5:20 - close Island Rootz & Reggae For Peace
- 6:00 pm..... Gates closed



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| 7:30 am..... Admission gates open | 1:00 pm..... Farmer Vicky and Daisy the Cow |
| 8-10:00 am..... Five Buck Breakfast by Lions Club | Zucchini Races |
| 9-10:30 am..... Admittance to the Main Building. | Demo Tent - Growing Healthy Carrots and Beans |
| Open only to people with special needs and residents of Senior Facilities | Rooster Calling Contest in the Show Ring |
| 9:00 am..... Commercial vendors and exhibitors open | ♪ 1:30 2:10..... Duck Creak |
| ♪ 9:15 - 9:45..... Richard Cross | 1:30 pm..... Dog Agility in the Upper Level Ring |
| 9:30 am..... Demo Tent - Judging the Sweetest Apple | 1:45 pm..... Longest lasting rose bloom and dahlia announced |
| ♪ 9:55 - 10:25..... Safiya and Emileae | 2:00 pm..... Tractor Pull |
| 10:00 am..... Free bus shuttle to/from the fairgrounds and the Visitor Information Centre | Demo Tent - Food Dehydration and Vacuum Packing |
| Food concessions open\ Games of chance open | ♪ 2:10 2:30..... Dave and Arvid Comedy Spot |
| 10:30 am..... Demo Tent - People's Choice Award for Best Tasting Apple | ♪ 2:30 3:10..... Synergy |
| Indoor exhibits open to all fair-goers | 2:30 pm..... Sheep Dog Demonstration |
| ♪ 10:35 - 11:05..... Vibe Raiders | 3:00 pm..... Rotary Club Muffin Madness |
| 11:00 am..... Pet Parade | 3pm-5:00 pm Prize money may be collected behind the exhibition hall |
| ♪ 11:15 - 11:45..... Sweetwater | ♪ 3:25-4:05..... The Barley Brothers |
| 11:30 am..... Sheep Dog Demonstration | ♪ 4:20 - Close..... Ruwadzano Marimba Band |
| Demo Tent - Fungus Among Us | 5-6:00 pm All entries must be removed (not earlier) |
| ♪ 11:55 - 12:35..... The Hoochie Coochie Men | Gates closed for another year |
| Terry, Arvid & Richard | |
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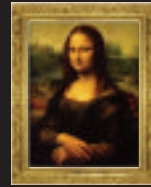
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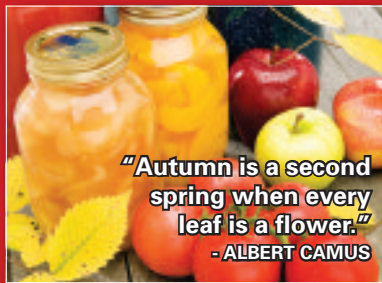
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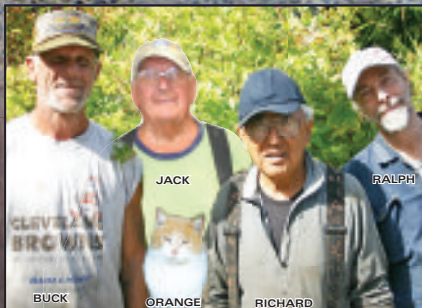
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ART OF PRIDE: Far left, from left, Rowan Percy, Lisa Dahling, David C. Jones, Maggie O'Scalleigh and Cindy Jacobsen rehearse the Straight Allies Dance Team number for A Friday Affair, which was emceed by Vancouver comedian Jones at ArtSpring. At left, from top, is Vancouver drag performer Symone singing at the post-parade Party in the Park event, while below is Corrie Hope Furst, left, and Schuyler Matthews ready to go on stage, also at A Friday Affair.



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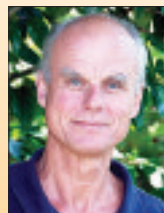
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At ArtSpring the season is full of bursting with music, dance, theatre and a special curated gallery show this year.

Subscriptions and single ticket sales have begun for ArtSpring Presents 2014/15, Met Opera broadcasts, the Bolsoi Ballet and the Royal Ballet broadcasts.

The ArtSpring Presents series begins on Sunday, Oct. 5 with the celebrated young tenor Michael Slattery and Montreal early-music ensemble La Nef presenting the fresh, light and beautiful music of Shakespeare's time by composer John Dowland.

This is just the beginning, as in its entirety the season contains five dance productions, 10 classical music concerts, three folk/roots groups, one jazz ensemble, four theatre pieces and one Latin singer/musician. ArtSpring will be making room to dance for all three of the folk/roots groups by removing the stage thrust for The Bills on Sunday, Oct. 26, De Temps Antan on Sunday, Nov. 9 and Matuto

on Tuesday, March 3.

Ballet broadcasts from the Royal Ballet in London and the Bolsoi in Russia are new this year. ArtSpring will be broadcasting five ballets: Manon, The Legend of Love, The Nutcracker, Swan Lake and Frederick Ashton's joyful ballet La fille mal gardée.

The Met Opera broadcasts continue this year with Macbeth (Verdi) starring Anna Netrebko, Le Nozze di Figaro (Mozart) directed by James Levine, Carmen (Bizet), Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg (Wagner) directed by James Levine, Il Barbiere di Siviglia (Rossini), The Merry Widow (Lehár) starring the great Renée Fleming, La Donna del Lago (Rossini) with bel canto superstars Joyce DiDonato and Juan Diego Flórez, double bill Tolanta (Tchaikovsky) and Bluebeard's Castle (Bartók), both with Anna Netrebko and ending with the double bill Cavalleria Rusticana (Mascagni) and Pagliacci (Leoncavallo), both with the Met principal conductor Fabio Luisi at the podium.

Check the ArtSpring website for further information on ArtSpring Presents, gallery events and other shows.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Up Close and Personal exhibition opens at ArtSpring

Collaborative relationship continues for two Salt Spring Island photographers

Bob Rogers and Wendy Rosier have teamed up to share their photographic explorations in an exhibit that opens at ArtSpring's gallery this Friday, Sept. 12.

Up Close and Personal is the name of the show and is descriptive of the photographers' combined works.

Subject matter ranges from Rosier's Qi Series of macro/close-up florals through to Rogers' explorations of just about everything

else he encounters when out and about with his camera.

Both became serious about their photography in the mid 1970s and share similar philosophies as to how and why they chose photography as an artistic medium. They met in 2003 at ArtSpring when Rosier was on the Island Arts Centre Society board and they have been collaborating ever since.

The Up Close and Personal show is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and for evening performances at ArtSpring until Sept. 21.

The opening reception, to which everyone will be warmly welcomed, runs this Friday from 5 to 7 p.m.



From left, Three Feathers scanograph by Bob Rogers, and Holding the Universe from Wendy Rosier's "Qi" Series of images, part of the Up Close and Personal show.

LITERARY EVENTS

Shakespeare's London in focus

Library visit by writer C.C. Humphreys



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

On Thursday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m., people are invited to the Salt Spring library to join actor, swordsman, playwright and novelist C.C. (Chris) Humphreys for a visit to Shakespeare's London of 1600.

"Hear what life was like – the sights, the food, the politics and the smells," explains a library press release. "Chris will introduce the world that gave birth to Shakespeare's amazing plays."

Humphreys lives on Salt Spring and has acted all over the world, from London's West End to Hollywood. He has played Hamlet, Oberon, Don Pedro, Caleb the Gladiator in NBC's Biblical-Roman epic mini-series AD – Anno Domini, and Jack Absolute in Sheridan's The

rapher at the time Hamlet was written, which has also been adapted into a play.

His latest novel, Plague, was launched at the Salt Spring Inn on July 31 and was published by Doubleday in Canada, along with the upcoming sequel Fire. Both are tales of religious fundamentalist serial killers set against the wild events of 1665 to 1666 in London.

"The fetid labyrinth of London's backstreets is so pungently drawn, you can smell the leavings stuck to your boots, while the advent of the plague that ravaged the city offers a terrifying backdrop to the characters' quest to unmask a savage killer," states a review of Plague on www.historicalnovelsociety.org website.

The summer 2014 issue of Aqua-Gulf Islands Living magazine, published by Driftwood Gulf Islands Media, also carried a story about Humphreys.

Rivals, among others.

He has written 13 novels, including Shakespeare's Rebel about the Bard's fight choreog-

Historical fiction and fantasy author C.C. Humphreys will give an entertaining presentation at the library.

ORGAN RECITAL

Simply Organic returns for fall

Belgian composer featured next week

All Saints' By-the-Sea begins hosting another season of the popular organ recital series called Simply Organic on Wednesday, Sept. 17.

These monthly recitals have been played for the past few years by Don Conley, now established on the island as an accomplished pianist, organist, teacher and most recently as conductor and choir director of Salt Spring Singers.

"His knowledge has been an inspirational insight into the world of organ music and the life of composers of the genre through many centuries and his skill at the keyboard is much appreciated by the island's music lovers," states a press release.

Wednesday's concert features the works of Belgian composer, organist and teacher Flor Peeters, who was born in Tielen in 1903. He held the position of chief organist at the St. Rumbold's Cathedral in Melchen for most of his life. He was made a baron by King Baudouin of Belgium in 1971 and died in Melchen in 1986.

As an organist and pedagogue, Peeters enjoyed great renown, giving concerts and liturgical master classes all over the world. He also made recordings of 16th, 17th and 18th-century organ music still available today in compact disc. Most of his work — well over 100 pieces were for his own instrument, for choir or for both.

An enjoyable sampling of his work begins in All Saints' at 10:10 a.m. The music is free and is followed by freshly baked muffins and coffee in the hall overlooking Ganges Harbour, at a cost of \$2.

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Seniors' Wellness Centre Opens Doors

Salt Spring Community Services Society has opened the doors of 129 Hereford Ave. as the office of the Seniors Wellness Program. This office will be the central resource for all the seniors programming offered by Salt Spring Community Services including the Salt Spring Better at Home program. Public hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. from Monday through Friday. Sharing space with Salt Spring Hospice, the Seniors Wellness Centre offers resource materials, and provides referrals and access to direct services for seniors.

Fall Is Just Around the Corner

As the autumn leaves begin to fall, seniors may struggle to keep up with the piles of leaves and other physically-demanding tasks to get their homes ready for the winter. The Better at Home program can help seniors to tackle their autumn yard work and any other chores that have begun to feel too much.

Better at Home is a program that helps seniors with non-medical day-to-day tasks so that they can continue to live independently in their own homes, and remain connected to their communities.

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Mammography Screening Change of Venue

This Fall the Seniors Wellness Centre is hosting the BC Cancer Agency's mobile mammography screening program on Salt Spring Island from Sept. 24th to 30th.

The temporary clinic will be held at the Seniors Wellness Centre at 129 Hereford Ave.

B.C. women over the ages of 40 who have a primary care provider can book a screening directly through the Screening Mammography Program of B.C. without a doctor's referral, by calling 1-800-663-9203 for an appointment.



Seniors Program

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VOLUNTEERISM

Red Cross recognizes outstanding island volunteer

Organization grateful for Salt Springer's skills and dedication

Lorraine Norfolk has never been content to spend her retirement years in a rocking chair. Instead, she's settled for an office chair at the Canadian Red Cross on Salt Spring Island, but she's so busy she rarely sits in it.

At a special get-together held Monday, the Canadian Red Cross recognized Norfolk's outstanding volunteerism with a merit award.

"When we look for new volunteers, we look for someone like Lorraine. Someone who's dedicated, caring and such a pleasure to work with," said Diane Marwick of the Canadian Red Cross. "Lorraine came in, took charge, fixed the place up and organized absolutely everything. She does it all, and then some."

Norfolk started volunteering with the Canadian Red Cross in 2010. Having been a professional interior designer and restaurant owner, Marwick says Norfolk took control and reorganized the space to maximize its potential, all while juggling many other priorities.

When the previous lead volunteer resigned last year, Norfolk took on the role at first in an acting capacity, and then permanently. Three days a week, she

checks paperwork, compiles donations and expertly packs the health equipment in the compact storage area.

Her zest to do it all and passion for detail have helped build a model health equipment loan location, and a place where volunteers truly enjoy coming in to help out.

The commitment that volunteers make every day to the humanitarian mission of the Canadian Red Cross ensures that people receive the resources that they need to overcome adversity and gain essential skills in the process. Anyone interested in giving their time should visit redcross.ca/ volunteer.

The Canadian Red Cross Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP) is a community-based, volunteer-supported program, with more than 70 locations in B.C. and Yukon. Access to this service lets seniors stay in their home longer, helps people return home from the hospital sooner and supports palliative patients who wish to spend their final days in the comfort of their own home. HELP programs are made possible by the support of health authorities, donations of used equipment, financial donations and the efforts of hundreds of volunteers. The Canadian Red Cross has operated on Salt Spring Island for more than 25 years.

— Article submitted by the Canadian Red Cross



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

From left, Diane Marwick, Red Cross health client service coordinator, volunteer Emily Hepburn, volunteer and award recipient Lorraine Norfolk, and volunteers Audrey Denton and Susan Good at an awards ceremony on Monday.

FUNDRAISERS

Book sale collection process changed

Lack of recycling options causing problems

Salt Spring Literacy, which organizes the annual Giant Book Sale fundraiser, has pulled donation bins from their usual spots and is limiting collection activities to specified dates and places.

"We have had some amazing books donated in the bank boxes and are very appreciative of the support of the Giant Book Sale," said Salt Spring Literacy executive director Aletha Humphreys, who is also coordinating the sale. "Despite

signage asking people not to donate textbooks, etc. or books in poor condition, unfortunately, much of what is being placed in the collection boxes is unsuitable for the sale. The sheer volume has also been overwhelming.

"Currently, there is no place on the island to recycle books, so our feeling is that people, out of desperation, are not sorting through their donations as carefully as in previous years. This year, Salt Spring Literacy will need to cover the cost of recycling the books and, as such, we must be careful about what is collected."

New book collection dates and loca-

tions beginning Thursday, Sept. 11 are as follows:

Salt Spring Literacy Centre, 126 Herford Avenue (behind Cafe Talia) on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 12 and 4 p.m., and Fridays from 12 to 4 p.m. at Fernwood School.

A special drop-off day is also scheduled on Saturday, Sept. 20 at Fulford Hall with more dates to be announced.

For more information or to arrange book pick-ups or drop-offs at other times, call the Salt Spring Literacy office at 250-537-9717 or ahumphreys@saltspringliteracy.org.

EVENTS

Mouths water for 2014 apple festival

Full roster of farms promises bumper crop of fun

Salt Spring Island's legendary apple festival returns for 2014 on Sunday, September 28, highlighting the island's incredible range of apple varieties and the dedication of local farmers to growing healthy, organic food close to home.

"After a long, warm growing season, we're excited to share the fruit

of our labour with apple festival visitors," said organizer Harry Burton. "It's going to be a great day, full of interesting activities and the delicious flavor and aroma of freshly harvested apples."

The incredible community event attracts visitors from the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island and the United States. With a display of the island's hundreds of apple varieties at Fulford Hall and numerous farms welcoming visitors for tours, tastings, apple sales and delicious lunch offerings, the festival will again

deliver a great experience.

"Salt Spring's farmers, chefs and artisans are planning the biggest and best apple festival ever," said co-organizer Peri Lavender, "offering everything from apple tastings to apple tree sales and from apple butter to apple cider vinegar, not to mention tours of the island's orchards, some open to the public only this one day each year."

The 2014 Salt Spring Island Apple Festival will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.SaltSpringAppleFestival.org.



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Wed. Sept 10 **Thurs. Sept 11** **Fri. Sept 12** **Sun. Sept 14** **Mon. Sept 15** **Tues. Sept 16** **Wed. Sept 17**

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Sue Newman Quartet.
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Youth Blogging Workshop.
With social media expert Julie Nowell. Salt Spring Library. Call the library to register or email info@saltspringlibrary.com. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Free Hearing Screening Day.
With NexGen Hearing at Country Grocer. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gulf Islands Board of Education Meeting.
School trustees meeting. Lions Hall. 1 p.m.

A History of Ladysmith.
Presentation at the Salt Spring Historical Society meeting. Central Hall. 2 p.m.

Raspberry Pi: Computer Programming and Robotics for Youth.
Youth program for high schoolers explores computer programming. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Salt Spring Studio Tour AGM.
Annual general meeting at Lions Hall. 7 p.m.

SongJam.
On hiatus until Sept. 24.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Peter Prince.
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Rent - The Musical.
Talented local performers plus a live band will make this a night of theatre you won't want to miss! ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Raspberry Pi: Computer Programming and Robotics for Youth.
See Wednesday listing.

Open Mic Poetry Night.
With guest reader Sandi Johnson. Perform, rap or read your poems at the Open Mic. Sign up at 6:45 p.m. Salt Spring Library Program Room.

Giant Book Sale Drop-off Hours.
Bring good quality books to Salt Spring Literacy office, 126 Hereford Ave., 12 to 4 p.m. Info: 250-537-9717

Fri. Sept 12

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Marianne Grittani and Brent Shindell.
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
David James and Big River - a Tribute to Johnny Cash.
Salt Spring Legion. 8 p.m.
Aidan Miller.
Live music at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.
Rent - The Musical.
See Thursday listing.

ACTIVITIES

Giant Book Sale Drop-off Hours.
Bring good quality books to Fernwood School, west side of parking lot, 12 to 4 p.m. Info: 250-537-9717.

Bridge at the Library.
Registration: Jean Elder, 250-537-0897, or Ruth Hopping 250-537-9682. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 10 a.m. to noon.

Art Show Opening: Up Close and Personal.
Opening reception for show of photography by Bob Rogers and Wendy A. Rosier. ArtSpring Gallery. 5 to 7 p.m.

Sat. Sept 13

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Aidan Miller.
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Angry Hippies.
Rock/dance band at Moby's Pub.
Rent - The Musical.
See Thursday listing.

ACTIVITIES

Saturday Market in the Park.
Centennial Park. 8:30 to 4 p.m.
Salt Spring Fall Fair.
Salt Spring Island's biggest annual community event! Farmers' Institute. 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Chamigos.
Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Fall Fair.
See Saturday listing.

Yang Style Tai Chi.
Weekly classes resume with Osman Phillips at Cedar Lane Studio. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-5667

Doors on Perception.
A six-part photographic seminar series/workshop begins. Salt Spring Public Library. 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Michael Levy Art Opening.
Reception for two series of new photographic works: Mists of Time and The Excursionists, for show running to Oct. 18. Fernwood Road Cafe. 2 to 4 p.m.

Mon. Sept 15

ACTIVITIES

ToddlerTime.
For parents and children under four. Salt Spring Public Library. 10:30 a.m.
Chess and Scrabble Club.
Open to chess and Scrabble players of all ages and skill levels. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 2 to 5 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

iPad and eReader Tutoring.
iPad and eReader tutoring with Conrad! Sign-up sheets are found in the Info Desk Programs binder at the library. Salt Spring Public Library. Noon to 2 p.m.

Open House: Salt Spring Scottish Country Dance Club.
No partner is needed, dress casually and wear soft soled shoes. All Saints Church hall. 6 to 8 p.m. Information: Susan Rogers, 250-931-0033 or www.saltspringscottishdancers.org.

Salt Spring Fire Protection District.
Public budget discussion at 6:30 p.m., followed by regular business meeting at Ganges Fire Hall.

Chefs Across the Water.
Chef Angus An of Maenam Restaurant in Vancouver. Hastings House Country House Hotel Dining Room. 7 p.m.

Seniors Active Learning Program Open House.
Learn about a new peer education program. Salt Spring Seniors Services Society. 2 p.m.

Chen Style Tai Chi.
Weekly classes resume with Osman Phillips at Cedar Lane Studio. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: 250-537-5667

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic with David Jaquest.
All welcome. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Yang Style Tai Chi.
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Ros Vijendren Children's Book Reading.
Local children's author will read from her latest book, Timothy Britannic. For kids ages 5 - 9. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday Farmers' Market.
Every Tuesday in Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.

Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission.
Public meeting at the Portlock Park portable. 4 to 6 p.m.

Giant Book Sale Drop-off Hours.
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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Simply Organic.
Free organ recital by Don Conley features work of Belgian composer Flor Peeters. All Saints' By-the-Sea. 10:10 a.m.

ACTIVITIES

Dying With Dignity Meeting.
Topic is Patients' Rights - First Steps In Advance Care Planning. Salt Spring Public Library. 1:30 to 3 p.m.

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- **UPCOMING: National Theatre Live: The Curious Incident of the Dog In the Night-Time** runs on Wednesday, Sept. 24, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. only. Advance tickets at Island Star Video and Salt Spring Books.

EXHIBITIONS

- **Up Close and Personal** is an exhibit of photographs by **Wendy A. Rosier** and **Bob Rogers** that opens at **ArtSpring** on Friday, Sept. 12 with a public reception from 5 to 7 p.m. The show is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and for evening ArtSpring performances until Sept. 21.
- **Michael Levy** shows new photographic works: **Mists of Time and The Excursionists** at **Fernwood Road Cafe** with an opening reception on Sunday, Sept. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. Show runs to Oct. 18.
- **Wesley Clark** has paintings on exhibit at the **Harbour House Hotel** this month.
- **Stefanie Denz** shows work at **kiZmit Galeria and Cafe** through September.
- **Salvaged: Artifacts and Stories**, the final exhibition of **ArtCraft's** Showcase Gallery summer season, is a collaboration between painter **Rosalie Matchett-Short**

- and **Steve Paterson** and his metal work. The show runs daily through Sunday, Sept. 14. ArtCraft, the annual sale of some 100 Gulf Islands artisans, runs daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Mahon Hall until Sept. 14.
- **Duthie Gallery** presents **Dead Reckoning**, sculptures in bronze, steel, cement and paper by **David Robinson**, through Sept. 30. The gallery is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursdays through Mondays. The **Summer Lights Night Gallery** is open nightly from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight.
- **Hannah Martens** shows artwork at **Cafe Talia** in September.
- An exhibit of ceramic art by various **Salt Spring artists** is on display in the **library's program room**.
- **Salt Spring Photography Club** member **Judy H. McPhee** exhibits in the **Country Roasters Cafe** at Country Grocer.
- A Community Pride Photo Exhibit by Click Salt Spring photographers **Jen MacLellan** and **Mel Divers** is in the lobby of **ArtSpring** this month.
- **Roger Donnelly** has paintings hanging at **Penny's Pantry**.

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SENIORS EDUCATION

Peer learning program launched for island seniors

Kelowna success informs local model

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of Salt Spring Seniors Services Society and other island seniors are invited to attend an open house session at the centre this Monday to hear about a new peer education program being launched this fall.

The meeting, which starts at 2 p.m., will be the opportunity for society board member David Counts to introduce an idea he's particularly passionate about — an innovative style of continuing education that's based on peer study groups rather than instruction.

Counts, who moved to Salt Spring from Kelowna three years ago, was an active participant in that city's Society for Learning

in Retirement for 10 years. With up to 600 learners engaging in as many as 60 different topics per session, it's his hope the amazing success of that program can inspire a similar trend in his new home.

"It's unique among other groups that are doing basically the same thing across Canada and the United States, as far as I know, in that it's the only one done entirely by and for the seniors themselves," Counts said, noting the classes are not delivered through sponsorship of a university or an organization.

Counts and his wife Dorothy were recruited to join the team of SLR study group coordinators shortly after moving to the Okanagan in 1999. They signed up for two sessions as students first to see if they liked the program, deciding to take one course on

astronomy and another on NGOs.

"We had the tops of our heads blown off because it was not babysitting, it was seniors in intellectual exchange," Counts said.

Through the SLR program, the couple learned the basics of rudimentary astronomy, purchased their own telescope and joined the Canadian Astronomical Society.

"It literally changed us. We had no experience with this," Counts explained.

When it came to leading their own sessions, they figured a session on the Pacific Islands made a lot of sense, as anthropologists who had returned many times to Papua New Guinea. In practice, Counts said, it was a terrible idea because everyone in the group deferred to them as experts.

The way the program usually works is the study

group leader or coordinator will define some initial aspects of the topic that people might be interested in, and research what resources might be available locally. From there, the participants themselves lead the way by researching topics and giving presentations to the group.

"There are many people among the elderly who have never had the opportunity to do that sort of thing," Counts said.

Participants might start by being nervous and then blossom, perhaps to become session leaders themselves.

Topics covered by the study groups can fall under many wide categories, from art and history to politics and current events. Investment, Mah Jong, classical music and writing are some of the topics recently covered at SLR.

Counts and his wife, for example, put away anthropology and instead led sessions on other topics that were of interest to them, but in which they were not experts. Learning alongside their peers then became enjoyable and rewarding.

"... it was not babysitting, it was seniors in intellectual exchange."

DAVID COUNTS
Active Learning Program

"Current research shows the human brain forms new neurons into later age — but if you stop

using them, they whither," Counts said, adding that learning new things can help stave off dementia later in life.

For the start-up of the new Active Learning Program at Salt Spring Seniors, Counts expects to begin on a small scale with one or two groups meeting once a week for eight to 10 weeks, beginning in October. The groups should ideally have at least 10 and no more than 25 participants.

Getting people interested is not a concern; Counts said his only worry is being overwhelmed with more participants than the society can handle without creating a more formal structure for the program.

"There are a lot of seniors here, so I really think there is great potential for this becoming an important institution in the community," he said.

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CANCER FUNDRAISER

Salt Spring survivors share cancer stories and advice

Terry Fox Run contributes to advances in treatment

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The participants who walk, run and wheel through the Terry Fox Run every September often have a personal connection to the cause — after all, it's a modern truism that everyone has been touched by cancer in some way.

For a small number of Salt Spring residents who have faced the same family of cancer that eventually took Fox's life, that connection is profoundly apparent. Islanders Phyllis Coleman, Rick MacKinnon and Roberta Temmel have each survived an encounter with different types of sarcoma — and the young Canadian's activism and death had a direct effect on their success stories.

"I am benefitting from all the years of funding that has been done in Terry Fox's name," said Temmel, who was diagnosed with high-grade pleomorphic spindle cell sarcoma in May 2012 and will celebrate this year's run on Sept. 21 as her second anniversary of being cancer-free.

"The PET (Positron Emission Tomography) scan for sarcoma now checks if the cancer has gone to any other part of your body. This would have saved Terry Fox's life, because they would have detected right away that the cancer had moved in," she said.

Ninety-nine per cent of cancer cases diagnosed in Canada belong to the carcinoma family, which begins with a malignant tumor originating from epithelial cells. Sarcomas, which originate in connective tissues such as bone, cartilage and muscle, are rare and can frequently be mistaken for a more benign cyst.

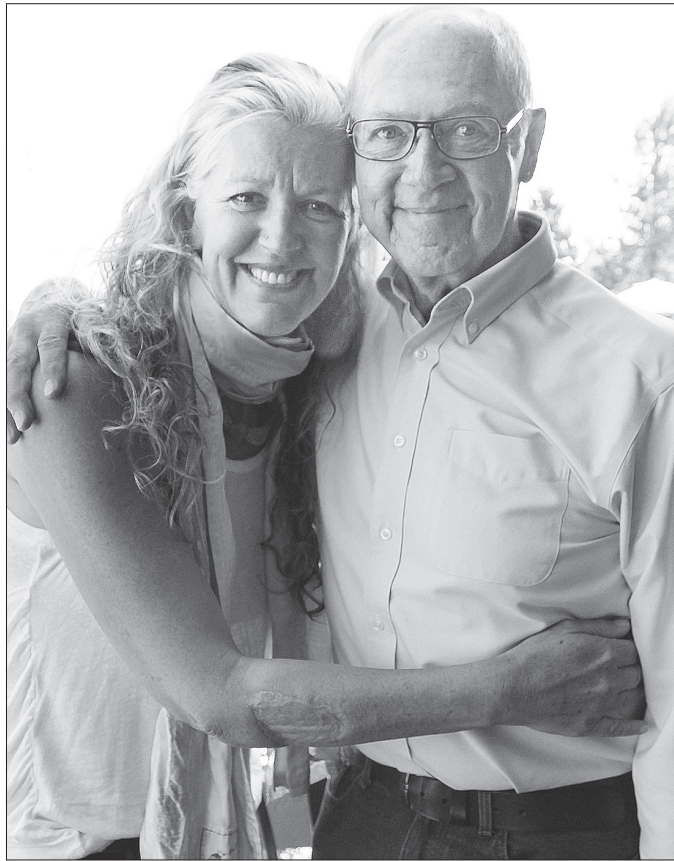


PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Salt Spring sarcoma cancer survivors Roberta Temmel and Rick MacKinnon.

decided to have it removed, with the procedure taking place at Lady Minto Hospital in early May of 2012. No one realized there was cancer involved and the minor surgery would spread the cells.

Testing proved otherwise, and two weeks later Temmel was on the way to 25 radiation sessions in Victoria and to prepare for surgery in Vancouver. In September 2012, the bottom of her elbow was removed and the bone shaved down. The area was covered with skin flipped over from her forearm and patched up with tissue taken from the top of her hip. Months of physiotherapy, massage and swimming helped her arm bend and move afterwards.

It took seven months for doctors to determine that a growth on MacKinnon's knee was a stage-three pleomorphic myofibroblastic sarcoma, and only after it exploded in a particularly gory episode on Thanksgiving weekend, 2013.

"After months of watching it grow and going along with the idea of 'if it doesn't hurt, it must be okay,' they decided to look at it more closely. Meanwhile it kept growing to the size of one and a half golf balls," MacKinnon recalled.

When the tumour exploded and MacKinnon was sent to Vancouver for treatment, he still thought it was just a cyst and that he'd be back home the same day. Instead, he had to endure weeks of daily radiation sessions before having surgery.

"When the specialist said, 'The next seven months of your life are going to change,' it blew me away. I was terrified, but I also felt I couldn't be in better hands," said MacKinnon, who benefitted from the same specialists that Temmel saw in Victoria and Vancouver.

Getting the right treatment is essential to

recovery. Sarcoma can metastasize in the lungs or the liver. If it does, the outcome is rarely good.

"It's a happy ending for both of us, despite the time factors that took place that didn't have to take place," MacKinnon said.

"Having Phyllis was a really big gift . . . When you are going through this, it is good to talk to others who have gone through this," said Temmel, adding she would be happy to pass on the same help to other islanders. "If somebody else is going through this and finds out they have extremity cancer, let's talk about it . . . It's a journey you really can't understand until you've had it."

"I would advise people to not consult with Dr. Google; you should talk to someone that's really had it," MacKinnon agreed. "What I found on Google was too much darkness."

After the cancer is deemed gone, MRIs and CT scans are given every four months for the first two years, then every six months after that. In addition to the anxiety and fear throughout the treatment process, cancer survivors also have to face the possibility that the disease will return, either in the same place or in another form. But along with the fear, those who emerge from the experience count unexpected gifts.

"Having cancer has helped me to feel the radiance in the ordinary . . . being grateful to go to work to see the beauty in living and just appreciate my health and care for it," said Temmel. "For me, I think it breaks you open to love, and that's one of the gifts cancer has given me."

"It's surrendering to the faith that it's going to be okay and letting go of the fear. Because it can be really overwhelming, that fear."

Like Temmel, MacKinnon wakes up every morning happy to still be here. He now approaches life in a more positive way that reduces his stress, and has learned to appreciate life by virtue of not taking anything for granted.

"Life is fragile. When you see cancer firsthand you see how vulnerable it can be, but strong at the same time, because we can defeat it," he said.

Fox was still alive when the first charity run named in his honour was held in 1981. The legacy that began with his Marathon of Hope is that other people facing the same illness now have a good chance of survival, as funds raised at runs held around the world every September keep the research advancing.

Running the 10K in 2013 was a special moment for Temmel, who had just passed her first year of being cancer free. Coleman is a regular participant, and can be seen threading her motorized chair down the course. MacKinnon is also a regular runner. Although this year previous plans will take him out of town, he's already looking forward to the 2015 event.

The Salt Spring edition of the Terry Fox Run starts and ends at the Rainbow Road public swimming pool on Sunday, Sept. 21. Registration begins at 10 a.m. and the event starts at 11 a.m. with 4.5-km and nine-km options, plus a 1.3-km course for kids.

The event is also suitable for bikes, wheelchairs, strollers and rollerblades. Dogs on leash are welcome.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6:00 pm Thursday, September 18, 2014

Community Gospel Church
147 Vesuvius Bay Road

SSICS provides a broad range of community services including early childhood, family development, mental health and addictions, youth drop in, victim services, recycling, community housing, seniors wellness, developmental disabilities and food security. AGM agenda includes reports from the Chair, Treasurer and Executive Director and election of Directors.

All residents of the Southern Gulf Islands are welcome to attend. Only paid members may vote. Annual membership fee is one dollar. Your support is appreciated. For information contact SSICS at 537-9971

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**Salt Spring
Terry Fox Run 2014**
Sunday, Sept. 21
Rainbow Road pool site
Registration begins at 10 a.m.
Run/walk/ride starts at 11 a.m.

Coleman had a lucky escape after doctors had failed to believe the sarcoma in her right leg was anything more than a muscle injury 15 years ago. By the time she eventually saw specialist surgeon Bas Masri in Vancouver, her leg had to be amputated, but at least they were able to halt any further spread.

Though Coleman thinks of her sarcoma as a thing of the distant past, she has used her experience to help others. Her immediate advice to Temmel was to see Dr. Paul Clarkson, Basri's successor at the BC Cancer Agency.

"What I like to do is I like to help people," Coleman said. "It's sending people to the right people, telling them what you need to do and what you need to ask, because not everyone knows that."

Temmel's journey started with a growth on her right elbow. Her family doctor didn't think much of it and neither did she — they were both content to wait and see what happened while she went travelling for several months. When she came home they

FALL FAIR FOCUS

4H Club celebrates 100th anniversary in province

Volunteer program leaders needed

BY LORETTA RITHALER
SALT SPRING 4H 'A' LEADER

As the Community Club 4H leader, I deal with registration of members, help organize events, seek volunteers, communicate with members and families, keep members abreast of opportunities available (camps, scholarships) and report activities to the district and provincial leaders.

I can't say enough for the program and the benefits to the youth it serves — the motto is "Learn to Do by Doing" ... and they do. There are so many successes to celebrate and we encourage new members to see what it's all about.

Program alumni Alisha Clair-Rein is now a Cloverbuds leader and assistant leader of the poultry and rabbit projects.

"I believe the program builds confidence and lead-

ership in youth, teaches responsibility and understanding not only of animal husbandry but the fundamentals of record keeping, business meeting management and public speaking," she says. "It gives opportunities to be involved in the community and the environment. Along with this the continued experience of spending time with youth, building networks and creating life long friendships"

"During the time that I have been involved with the SSI 4H club I have seen the numbers of members and leaders ebb and flow, but what sustains my own interest is the dedication of the individuals both past and present," adds project leader Christine Clair-Rein.

"I have seen shy individuals find their footing and share their knowledge in a public forum where they blossom with confidence. I have watched as family and club have supported and nurtured youth encourag-



PHOTO BY LORETTA RITHALER

A cake like this one marking 100 years of 4H in B.C. will be part of the Salt Spring 4H Club display at the Fall Fair this weekend.

ing them to find what excites them and, in turn, they have taught us. I have had the opportunity to be a part of the larger 4H community and am still excited by the possibilities and our future."

"It's no surprise that the program is growing. People are brought in by cute animals and interesting projects, but it is so much more than that. It teaches respon-

sibility, maturity, and community," says 4H alumni Danica Jensen, who is now studying at the University of Victoria.

The Salt Spring Island 4H Community Club is supported by a dedicated group of volunteers who provide guidance and leadership to this talented youth group.

Their jobs are varied and vast. We are presently seek-

ing new volunteer leaders to expand the programming offered to our members — the opportunities are amazing!

We also have the benefit of some fabulous sponsors, notably Country Grocer, Foxglove Farm and Garden Supply and Slegg Lumber. Thanks for your support!

Our current group includes: Loretta Rithaler (Community Club Leader, Photography Project Leader and Rabbit Project Co-leader), Christine Clair-Rein, Poultry Leader and Rabbit Co-leader, Alisha Clair-Rein, Cloverbud Leader and Poultry/Rabbit Assistant Leader. Other volunteers include Nikki Menard (Photography and Events), Art Falardeau (Event Expert and Set-up) as well as parents and family members.

If you are looking for an opportunity to share your knowledge, perhaps as a guest speaker, or to join us as a leader, please contact Loretta Rithaler at lrithaler@telus.net.

4-H KIDS SAY:

Helena Cuddy - Grade 9
Current Projects: Poultry and Photography

"I really feel like I have benefited from participating in public speaking because I'm no longer as frightened to speak in front of a crowd. I also feel like my people skills have really increased from doing barn duty and talking to the public about my animals."

William Rithaler - Grade 6
Current Projects: Rabbits, Photography

"I think 4H is still getting popular after 100 years because parents and their families want to get back to learning skills they can use in their lives, get outside, get to meet new people."

Joely Welsh - Grade 9
Current Project: Poultry

"The two things I like most about the 4H community are how all the 4H people are so close and I also enjoy talking to people about my birds."



PHOTO BY LORETTA RITHALER

Izzy, left, and Amy Nowell practice their showmanship skills at a 4H meeting.

Amy Nowell - Grade 6
Current Projects: Rabbits, Poultry

"I would encourage my friends to join 4H because it is a fun activity. It helps with keeping your animals healthy and happy, making new friends, and getting confident in what you have learned."

Faevan Barstead - Grade 9
Current Project: Poultry

"I would encourage more people to join because it is a really fun experience. You get to go lots of places with the club, like fairs, judging field days and public speaking events, as well as spending time with friends. If you have an interest in animals or photography we have really awesome clubs that you can join to learn more. It's also a great opportunity to meet new people and have fun."

Anna Rithaler - GISS grad 2014; Vancouver Island University student; Club President and Treasurer

"I have learned about animal husbandry and skills like public speaking, keeping records and have really enjoyed my photography projects. But I have also learned about myself, how to communicate and about friendship. I have also benefitted by being involved in organizing and participating in the community with our many public events."

Islands Trust - Local Trustees



Notice of Nomination 2014 General Local Election

Public Notice is hereby given to the electors of **Galiano Island, Mayne Island, North Pender Island, Salt Spring Island, Saturna Island and South Pender Island Local Trust Areas** that nominations for the Office of Local Trustee will be received between: 9:00am, Tuesday, September 30, 2014 and 4:00pm, Friday, October 10, 2014.

During that period, nomination documents shall only be received during regular office hours, 8:30am - 4:30pm, Monday - Friday excluding statutory holidays, by a person designated by the Chief Election Officer at the **Capital Regional District, Legislative and Information Services Dept., 5th Floor, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, B.C.**

Should anyone wish to file nomination documents in other than office hours, arrangements may be made by phoning the Chief Election Officer at 250.472.0059.

Representation for the Islands Trust will be as listed below and shall be for a 4-year term commencing December 2014 and terminating in 2018 after the election held in accordance with the legislation in the *Local Government Act*:

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| • Mayne Island | Two Trustees | • Saturna Island | Two Trustees |
| • North Pender Island | Two Trustees | • South Pender Island | Two Trustees |

Candidates shall be nominated in writing by two duly qualified electors of the Local Trust Area in which the candidate is running for office. The nomination documents shall be in the form prescribed in the *Local Government Act* and shall state the name and residence of the person nominated in such a manner as to sufficiently identify such candidate. The nomination documents shall be subscribed to by the candidate. At the time of filing the nomination documents, the candidate shall also file with the Chief Election Officer or a person designated by the Chief Election Officer a written disclosure, as required under the *Financial Disclosure Act*.

Further information on the requirements and procedures for making a nomination and copies of all forms are available at:

- **Capital Regional District**, Legislative and Information Services Dept., 5th Floor, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC Tel: 250.360.3129 or toll free 1.800.663.4425, local 3129 for Gulf Island residents;
- **Islands Trust**, #200-1627 Fort St., Victoria, BC Tel: 250.405.5188;
- **Islands Trust**, #1-500 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, Tel: 250.537.9144;
- or by calling the Chief Election Officer at 250.472.0059.

Dated this 3rd day of September, 2014

Thomas F. Moore,
Chief Election Officer

The following constitutes the designated Island Local Trust Areas for the purpose of electing local trustees to the Islands Trust: **Galiano Island Local Trust Area** - Galiano, Ballingall, Charles, Gossip, Julia, Lion Islets, Parker, Retreat, Sphinx, Wise, Lot 145 Whaler Bay. **Mayne Island Local Trust Area** - Mayne, Curlew, Georgeson **North Pender Local Trust Area** - North Pender, Boat Islet, Fane, Roe Islet, Lot 31 A & B Colston Cove, Lot 50 Grimmer Bay, Lot 176 Otter Bay, Lot 32 Bedwell Harbour, Arbutus, Brethour, Chads, Coal, Comet, D'Arcy, Forrest, Gooch, Goudge, Hood, Imrie, James, Knapp, Portland, Pym, Rubly, Rum, Sidney, Tortoise Islets. **Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area** - Salt Spring, Acland, Bright, Buriel Islet, Channel, Deadman, Goat, Grace, Hall, Hawkins, Idol, Isabella, Jackscrew, Mowgli, Norway, Piers, Prevost, Red Islets, Russell, Secretary, Secret, Sisters - First, Second, Third, Wallace, Lot 73 Long Harbour, Lot 349 Ganges Harbour, Lot 222 Long Harbour, Lot 344 Stuart Channel. **Saturna Island Local Trust Area** - Saturna, Anniversary, Belle Chain Islets, Cabbage, Java Islets, King Islets, Lizard, Pine, Samuel, Trevor Islet, Tumbo, Lot 65 East of Samuel. **South Pender Local Trust Area** - South Pender, Blunden Islet, Skull Islet.

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FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEATHS

JAMES NEIL CAMERON
June 10, 1942 - Aug. 28, 2014

Neil was born in Cornwall, Ont. on June 10, 1942 and passed away in Victoria on Aug. 28, 2014.

He attended elementary school in Cornwall, high school in Kemptonville, Ont. and graduated from Ottawa Tech and Algonquin College Culinary Institute in Ottawa, Ont.

Neil relocated to BC in 1984 and on to Salt Spring Island, where he thoroughly enjoyed island life. He was a volunteer with the Salt Spring Lions Club where he had many friends and acquaintances.

Neil was predeceased by his parents Austin and Katherine Cameron and brother-in-law Neal Lemke. He is survived by his sister Sheila (Cameron) Lemke, of Reno, Nevada.

Inurnment will be in Maxville Cemetery, Maxville, Ont.

If you wish to remember Neil, you can make a donation to the Lion's Club in his memory.

ERNEST HAIGH
1926 - 2014

After a life of adventure, Ernest Haigh passed away peacefully at home on September 4th, 2014.

Born in England, Ernest and his wife Val and their three eldest daughters immigrated to Canada in 1955. In September of that year they came to Salspring for Ernest to take up the position of farm manager at Fernwood Farm. Quickly realizing that farming in Canada was not like the farming they had left behind in Britain, he purchased a new set of overalls that said "Journeyman Carpenter" and started a career in construction.

In 1968 Ernest and Val launched "Tryste", a home-built trimaran, and began a 30-year life under sail that included two circumnavigations (one with daughters) and numerous trips around the Pacific, a rescue at sea, and building their new boat "Truce". In 1999 they moved ashore and settled back into their garden home at the north end of Salspring.

A self-sufficient man who accomplished all he set his mind to, Ernest was an inspiration to all who met him. He will be greatly missed by his wife Val, five daughters, son-in-law, ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. There will be no service; flowers gratefully declined.

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GREENWOODS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Thursday September 25, 2014
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: Lady Minto Meeting Room (portable)

Minor changes to the GES Bylaws will be presented for approval, including:

1. Terminology change from Chief Executive Officer to Executive Director
2. Reduce number of elected board members from ten to seven.

MEMBERSHIP: Persons who have reached 19 years of age, who reside in the Gulf Islands - namely Salt Spring, North Pender, South Pender, Prevost, Saturna, Samuel, Mayne and Galiano - who have made written application for membership in the Society. Memberships for the Society can be obtained at the Greenwood's Care Facility.

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COMPUTER SCIENCE

Pi fuels aspiring programmers

Robotics will be on club agenda

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As the teachers' strike nears its second week of the new school year, parents and students are looking for alternatives to keep them busy until a resolution is reached.

Student enrolment in online programs is up, while others participate in self-guided study groups or meet with private tutors and parents.

Beginning this week, there's one more option to choose from as Gulf Islands Secondary School students contemplate some Raspberry Pi.

No, that's not a typo.

Raspberry Pi is a skeletal computer that has redefined how information technology is taught to kids around the world. The credit-card-sized computers have all the inputs and outputs that one can find on a laptop or traditional PC but can be bought for a mere \$40. The technology was developed by a UK-based charitable organization called Raspberry Pi Foundation, set up in 2009 to promote computer science education in schools.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Molly James, Jacob Richardson, Karl Slakov at the Salt Spring library with Richardson holding a Raspberry Pi skeletal computer that will be explored at a new computer club or by youth borrowing them from the library.

at YouTube, however, to grasp why the hardware has sold more than two million copies worldwide.

High school and elementary school students are designing two-wheeled robots and camera-equipped model cars that can be controlled with an iPhone. Others have set up weather stations or remotely operated cameras.

Beginning this week, six Raspberry Pis will be offered through the Salt Spring Public Library, thanks largely to a donation from an island family. Kids are encouraged to take them home and explore the possibilities on their own and through library meet-ups organized by students Karl Slakov, Jacob Richardson and Molly James.

"We've only met a couple of times but have been exploring the basic commands available," Richardson said. "I think we really will be exploring. If there's a great interest in robot-

ics, we'll get some motors and do that, but if people are more interested in the programming we'll do that.

"We're playing it by ear."

More meeting times have been set for 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. this week on Wednesday and Thursday.

Rob James is a parent and library board member who helped inspire the computer programming club. James' interest in Raspberry Pi flows from the technology's popularity in Europe and developing countries, where he's watched the low-powered and affordable hardware change the way people perceive computers.

"The real opportunity is to get them away from the internet," James said. "The idea is to have them work in groups, get their brains working and that's how they'll learn."

For more information about the computer club, contact computerclubonsaltspring@gmail.com.

"The real opportunity is to get them away from the internet."

ROB JAMES
Raspberry Pi proponent

Hook up the device to a keyboard and monitor and users can crank out an essay, surf the web or access a wealth of other relatively basic computer applications.

One need only take a look

Fall Fair Focus



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The track will be open for trial runs @ 12:30pm sharp, both Saturday & Sunday. Races will commence 1-2pm

This Week's Horoscope

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Tip of the Week:

I was asked recently if the increasingly unusual and fierce weather patterns are linked to Astrology. The basic answer is yes. Astrology is about the relationship that exists between the Sun and all the planets in our Solar System and specifically to our own Moon. While there are many moons, ours is especially important, because it very significantly and personally is what connects us to the Sun and planets. This is where our own collective sentence and that of all the creatures that we share the planet with produce that subjective point of reference without which all other discussions would have no meaning. Feigning some notion of objectivity beyond this intimate relationship presents its own absurdity so the paradox must be accepted. However, it is largely the influence of the Sun that is the main factor linked to the weather. The other question includes deciphering what is influencing the Sun. While many theories abound, two come to the fore: 1) Something other than the Sun itself is influencing it. Many assert it is another planet while others assert that there is actually a brown dwarf sister Sun to our own which has a 3600 year cycle and is not fast approaching its return. 2) The Sun's consciousness and our own, as in the collective of humanity and all life on earth are more intimately linked than might be assumed and, as it changes, so do we. Some would say it is supported by the ideas presented by quantum physics. The first of these theories come under the domain of physics while the second can be categorized as metaphysics. Basically, from the standpoint of holistic thinking, which weaves the perspectives of metaphysics and quantum physics, everything in existence shares a close, intrinsic relationship. This occurs both physically, as in physics, yet also in consciousness itself, as in metaphysics. So, the weather anomalies are a combination of solar activity and human consciousness, what may be deemed a symbiotic relationship. This presents an example of synchronicity on a large scale. As mystical as it sounds, this perspective is based on quantum physics and represents the emerging paradigm where science and mysticism meet. This is also the basis of how and why Astrology works. Division and separation are ultimately illusions.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Getting down to business means making some key improvements. You will have to give more than usual. Improving relations is featured. This may be necessary on a variety of fronts, at home and socially. Your ambitions are running high now and others may find you pushy. This trend will continue. Exercise empathy to activate diplomacy.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21) A creative work cycle begins. Your focus may be both upon outer projects and possibly on inner work as well. The latter includes sincere efforts to improve, to evolve. Genuine growth in consciousness means you feel more human, more in touch with your own and the feelings of others. Gaining the mutual support of other key players is your praver.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21) Cleaning-up and getting all your affairs in keeping you busy. Aside from the virtues of organization, your true objective is to feel creatively inspired. Now you are ready to follow through on your goal. This will include increased social activity, adding to an already stretched schedule. At least you will not be bored amidst all the drama and excitement.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22) A busy time woven with a variety of activities and errands may well also include travel. With by choice or circumstance, you are focused upon the future. Your direction may not be so certain. You may feel somewhere between wanted and unwanted change. Yet there is a big bend in your river and you must navigate it. Get ready to paddle harder.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23) Establishing new foundations is keeping you busy. This includes expansion in both your awareness and linked to actual outer territory. New relationship connections are implied. Since first impressions mean so much, make effort to make them good ones. Fortunately, you are entering a playful and adventurous cycle. Make the most of it.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) A pioneering cycle continues. This implies new initiatives. These must be negotiated carefully. Casual attitudes and approaches will not produce the results you desire. At deeper levels you are challenged to access deep reserves of faith. This extends to the cultivation of your talents and skills. Focus to make definite improvements to increase your confidence.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22) Your recharging cycle is almost over, but not quite yet. This includes contemplation, reflection, revision and review as well as good old fashioned rest. You are in an opportune position to make some key internal changes to produce positive outer change. Adjustments in your perspective, attitude and approach will be their own reward.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21) Your individuality is shining brightly now. The question is: is the light blinding or soothing for others? Your ambitions have been running high lately and at best you have integrated some new skills and realizations. At worst you have to contend with incoming casualty reports. Sometimes we need to have a good long talk with ourselves. This may be one of those times.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21) Getting the attention you want and feel you have earned and deserve continues. The twist is that you are meant to ask and look for opportunities to make bigger and better contributions. Making it a pleasure, even a privilege to serve is a key to success. However, you are also entitled to receive and be rewarded for your efforts. Weave these two principles.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) Sometimes it is important to pay extra close attention to the details of the bigger picture, like now. However you did it and whatever your objective, expand your perspective and aim to think in long-term perspectives. This includes identifying key players and personalities. Who has the skill and talents you can employ to fulfill your goals and plans.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19) Amidst an overall expansive cycle, the time has come to concentrate your focus. The emphasis is upon improvement and upgrade. It could be your own approach or skills or actual equipment. Yet, you are also destined to connect more fully and consciously to your higher mind. This is accessed through your heart center and ultimately implies unity. Practically speaking, focus to do what you love and love what you do.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) Increasing the scope and quality of your work and your relationships is a woven theme now. Simply improving social relations is featured and ideal as well. How can you increase trust and intimacy? Aim to improve and add skills. Giving and receiving training of some sort is likely and ideal. Increasing your confidence levels is linked to building trust within and without.

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SOCCER Soccer players start hitting the pitch this weekend

Volunteer positions still need filling



Malcolm Legg

SOCCER SHOTS

Yes, soccer is back!

Another season of soccer excitement is in store for all of you as the Salt Spring United Soccer Club unveils its 2014-15 season. And I bet you are all wondering what we have in our bag of goodies for this year, right?

Well, firstly comes the teams that we have for both youth and adults to compete on:

Boys youth has teams in U-10, U-11/12, U-13, U-14, U-15/16.

Girls youth has teams in U-10/11, U-12/13, U-14/15/16, U-17/18.

We also have the house program for ages six to 10 and a tots program for five and under.

Adult teams feature SSFC (men's open ages), SS Old Boys (Over 40) and SS women (Over 30).

Registration for all these teams can be done on the soccer website www.saltspringsoccer.com or contact Maggie at maggiemayrn@shaw.ca for help or info.

Then there is the matter of start-up dates, which are as follows:

Sept. 13-14: Adult teams start.

Sept. 13-14: All youth off-island teams start.

Sept. 20-21: House and tots programs start.

If you need more info about teams/coaches and/or practices, the website www.saltspringsoccer.com will help, or contact Sean Norgard at sean.norgard@gmail.com.

Maybe you are interested in coaching or managing a team, or volunteering for the club or even being so daring as to become a referee (or your child wishes to take this on)? These programs and opportunities are all available through coaching/managing: Sean (sean.norgard@gmail.com) or Josip (jbratanovic@shaw.ca).

Referees — whether re-registering for this season or to become a new one, contact me, Malcolm Legg, at mallegg@shaw.ca.

Volunteers

We are looking for people to do the following jobs:

Web master: manage our website with articles and announcements.

Newsletter writer: create and send a regular email letter to all members about club activities.

Travel co-ordinator: look after coaches' ferry cards for the season.

If anyone is interested in any of these jobs, they should contact me at the email listed above.

Over the coming month I will highlight some of the club events, including the season format, listing start/stoppages and breaks, cup play at off-island level, tournaments for the

teams, photos for the teams and sponsorship of teams and the club.

For now, make sure your children are registered, start the practising and get ready for the start-up this weekend. (Note that some teams will have byes due to the fall fair.)

Also, please note that all games will be at Portlock Park due to the school facilities being closed during the work stoppage — hopefully this will be rectified, not just for our games, but so that our youth can get back to their studies.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at mallegg@shaw.ca.

See you on the fields real soon ... soccer is back!

HEALTH

Tai chi holds cure for whatever ails you

Open house and weekend workshop planned

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When Cam McCannel began to practise tai chi, he was sick and tired from nine years of poor sleep. Lorna Wood took up the meditative martial art when she got uneasy about her balance. Bill Curtin could barely move his left shoulder after a motorcycle accident.

Each of them had tried various medical and naturopathic treatments with mixed results. Some methods offered brief respite, others made matters worse.

"I had tried different kinds of therapies, but this, that and the other thing all ended up putting me on the couch for two days," McCannel said. "It was horrible, but [since trying tai chi] things just improved and improved."

McCannel has since become a volunteer instructor. Tai chi has helped his blood pressure, circulation and overall perspective on life.

"They call it a whole body exercise and that refers to the fact that it uses everything," he said. "This sounds a little esoteric, but it works right down into your internal organs."

"It's doing stuff that we don't see. I certainly don't claim to understand it, but it works."

Taoist tai chi is a gentle form of exercise and moving meditation. Classes are suitable for all ages and health levels and are commonly adapted to persons with mobility issues.

Ninety-minute classes are held several times a week at All Saints' By-the-Sea and open to people of any age and ability.

Beginning on Sept. 26, the group hosts a three-day workshop to give newcomers a thorough immersion into the world of tai chi. For those unable to make the weekend commitment or who want a taste of what to expect, an open house is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20 at 11 a.m.

Reasons to join the group may differ, but participants share common results: the



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Salt Spring Taoist tai chi group practises at All Saints. An open house and workshop in coming weeks will introduce people to the whole body exercise.

pain is gone, balance is restored and mental clarity is heightened.

Curtin said his shoulder began to improve within weeks of starting tai chi three years ago. Within a year it was nearly equal to his uninjured side. These days, he attends five tai chi classes every week.

"My chopping wood really improved and I learned a lot about balance," he said. "I learned a whole lot of things about the body that I didn't know before."

"I noticed that I had weaknesses and a lack of flexibility. I could see people [in the class] 30 years older than me with a range of motion I was not capable of."

In Wood's case she began to hesitate along familiar trails, suddenly unable and unwilling to negotiate a steep drop or dizzying climb. In the two and a half years since she joined the group, the avid hiker has regained her trail legs thanks to tai chi's emphasis on core strength and proper posture. She's also discovered a new level of clarity from her practice.

"The real difference it makes in my life is that I'm much more able to stay focused," she said. "I didn't realize how scattered my

mind had become. The mind can be scattered, especially in our technological age."

Most importantly, she said, tai chi makes her happy.

Steven Patterson, coordinator of the Salt Spring group, said he expects between 20 and 25 people to attend the three-day event at the end of the month.

"The bigger group really makes it easier for people to participate," he said. "The energy really flows."

The range of people in each class works because tai chi is a self-driven martial art. Group members encourage one another, but each participant is the master of his or her physical and mental boundaries.

"The people who get amazing results are the people who have nothing else to lose," Patterson said. "You really get out of it as much as you put into it."

The weekend workshop runs from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 26 and from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27 and Sunday, Sept. 28.

For more information and workshop registration, contact Patterson at 250-537-1721 or swp91011@gmail.com.



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