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YOU'D BE SCARED TOO: Getting ready for Halloween this Friday are Salt Spring youth participating in Sunday's Zombie Walk: from left, Emma Thomas, Nora Lesosky and Ezra Daws-Knowles attacking Chloe Haigh. The Halloween Spook House at Mahon Hall will also have a zombie flavour. See our page 12 story about this year's Spook House and other Halloween activities.

HISTORY

Documents reveal past islander as key MI5 spy

Eric Roberts infiltrated pro-Nazi Britain

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The man responsible for reporting the most valuable information on Fifth Column activities in WWII Britain was revealed Friday as being Eric Roberts, a resident of Salt Spring for 15 years at the time of his death in 1972.

Documents released by the British National Archives in February determined that a single MI5 agent had played a crucial role in uncovering pro-Nazi acts while posing as an undercover Gestapo agent called Jack King, but the name of the individual was not released.

That information finally became public on Oct. 24, surprising even his family members. "Obviously for a family's sake you have to tell them some things for everybody's safety. But I was only told as much as one would tell a child," Roberts' daughter Crista McDonald, who now lives in Qualicum Beach, said during a phone interview.

Born in 1907, Roberts was working for the Euston Road branch of the Westminster Bank when he was recruited to join military intelligence in 1940. Media reports have made much of his manager's surprise after receiving a request to release Roberts before his scheduled military call-up later that year.

"He did do the banking but it was a cover-up," McDonald explained, implying the reason Roberts didn't make much of an impression at his day job was because it was never his real focus.

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BUSINESS

Channel Ridge fetches \$6.6 million

Court-ordered sale sees investors left hanging

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Supreme Court of British Columbia approved the sale of more than 800 acres of land on Channel Ridge to Kelowna-based Viewpoint Enterprises Inc. on Friday afternoon.

"I like the island. Certainly it's a wonderful place and I took this to be an opportunity," said Brian Lovig, who is listed as the company's sole

director, in an interview from the Edmonton airport. "I feel sad for the people who invested and lost. A development of this kind can involve all kinds of unforeseen things.

"Their loss is an opportunity for me." Viewpoint Enterprises Inc. has agreed to pay \$6.6 million for the Channel Ridge development. The price is based on plans to build 243 housing units in a combination of single family homes and duplexes over the next 15 years.

The sale is well below the original list price of \$17.5 million and considerably lower than an Oct. 7 appraisal, which valued the property at \$9 million.

The property has been in receivership to Ernst & Young Inc. since April 2013.

Lovig said it's too soon to discuss plans for the property. Viewpoint Enterprises was incorporated on Oct. 7.

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GANGES SEWER

Ganges sewer commission puts out referendum hopes

Upgrades predicted to cost \$3.9 million

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Some 400 property owners connected to the Ganges sewer system face nearly \$4 million in upgrade costs for work needed during the next five years.

"Obviously doing nothing is not a viable alternative," said Kevin Bell, a Ganges Sewer Local Services Commission member and past president of Mouat's Trading Company. "We have to think [the public education process] through very carefully."

The commission will host a public event in late November or early December to discuss why upgrades are needed and what financial implications ratepayers can expect.

Preliminary cost estimates, outlined in an Oct. 17 staff report, say ratepayers can anticipate to pay an additional annual parcel tax of \$979 over 15 years to cover borrowing costs. The GSLSC's 2014 parcel tax was \$128.

Bell was the only commissioner who voted against the meeting's timing, arguing a November or December date is too soon for people to contemplate a matter of such importance.

"The decision to spend \$4 million is so infrequent that nobody will know what to ask," Bell said during a meeting of the GSLSC.

According to information presented at the meeting — and available on the CRD's website or from the Portlock Park office — the commission needs to borrow \$3.9 million for an upgrade.

Most of these elements need to be replaced within two years, according to CRD staff.

"The plant is 30 years old, and components are at or near their end of life," said Gary Utter, chair of the GSLSC. "Our challenge is to maintain the plant at levels that satisfy the operating requirements."

CRD staff concerns about a potential infrastructure failure have prompted commissioners to pursue public engagement about a potential referendum question "as soon as

possible." Failure to undertake upgrades will cause infrastructure to fail, "creating one emergency after another," reads part of the Oct. 17 staff report.

The Ganges system provides sewer service to approximately 419 taxable properties within the downtown core.

The commission expects to hold a referendum in 2015 to seek ratepayer approval for the borrowing of funds.

During Thursday's GSLSC AGM, commissioners set the 2015 parcel tax at approximately \$151, up from \$128 in 2014. The GSLSC comprises Kevin Bell, Louis Pepin, Rod Scottvold, John Sprague, Gary Utter and Salt Spring CRD director Wayne McIntyre.

Receiver says Channel Ridge development now viable

CHANNEL RIDGE

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Lovig is a businessman and political commentator who has owned livestock auction markets, machinery markets and conducted hundreds of onsite sales. According to information on Businessweek.com, he has held unreserved real estate auctions across North America, selling several hundred million dollars worth of property for corporations and governments.

Despite development approval

in 2006 for a multi-zoned Channel Ridge village, the project was significantly downscaled by receivers at Ernst & Young to reflect current market conditions.

Gone is the plan for more than 300 homes, up to 75,000-square-foot of commercial space and 8,600 square feet of community amenities. These have been replaced with a proposal to build 209 housing units in a centralized "village area" as well as development of an additional 31 two-acre and three 10-acre "estate-sized lots."

Proposed changes to the original 2006 master development permit

have yet to be received or approved by the Islands Trust, said Salt Spring regional planning manager Leah Hartley on Tuesday morning.

"The revised development concept contemplates a modest phased development approach consisting primarily of single family freehold and strata subdivisions," reads part of the third report of the receiver, published on Oct. 14. "In the receiver's view, the [revised development concept] . . . demonstrates that development of the Channel Ridge lands is economically viable in the current market condition."

The sale price falls \$3 million short of the money owed to first-rank creditor Paradigm, formerly called Mission Creek Mortgage Ltd.

Channel Ridge Properties Ltd amassed more than \$37 million in debt before the 2013 foreclosure order. The company's debt includes \$30 million to Equishare, which comprises 400 investors and Channel Ridge shareholders, \$7.2 million to Calgary's Olympia Trust Company, and a \$271,000 construction lien to Salt Spring Island Excavating.

Conditions of the sale give Viewpoint legal right to the property "free

and clear of all encumbrances of every nature or kind whatsoever and howsoever arising."

Under the oversight of former company president Bryce Chapman, who lives in the area, Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. was responsible for a 950-acre development on Salt Spring's north end. Although there has been "minimal development" at the site since 2001, the company developed 45 fee-simple properties — 43 of which have been sold — and achieved partial servicing of an additional 18 lots before foreclosure proceedings were initiated.

History of unassuming resident comes to light decades later

ERIC ROBERTS

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One of the documents in the National Archives files shows that he was almost certainly a MI5 contact before taking active service as a spy.

"Roberts is thoroughly familiar with everything connected with the various pro-Nazi organisations in this country and Maxwell Knight has the highest opinion of his character and abilities," an officer wrote, referring to a top MI5 official in a May 15, 1940 memo.

One of Roberts' most celebrated feats was gaining the confidence of Marita Perigo, who the archives describes as "the pro-Nazi wife of an interned member of the British Union of Fascists." His task was

to identify pro-fascists within Britain who might be planning industrial sabotage or to support a German invasion.

"The circle of reporting on pro-Nazi activity widened until the operation represented what was described in 1945 as the 'most valuable single source of information' about subversive fascist intentions in Britain," the National Archives states.

Roberts was 50 years old when he brought his family to Canada. He and his wife Alice travelled separately, he taking their two sons and she taking their daughter. They settled first in Ontario for a few months and then moved west after Roberts read about the Gulf Islands in the Hamilton library.

McDonald was 15 when she came to Salt Spring and



Copy of an ad for Eric Roberts' Salt Spring Saga book in the Dec. 13, 1962 issue of the Driftwood newspaper.

lived there for only three years before going on to Victoria and Toronto, and then to Spain to attend university. But her father remained on the island

for the rest of his years, before passing away at age 65.

"He found the islands very interesting and he was really smitten with Salt Spring. He

called Salt Spring his little paradise," McDonald said.

The interest in his new home included the island's early pioneer history. Roberts published the book Salt Spring Saga in association with Woody Fisher, the founding publisher of the Driftwood. He remained a frequent contributor to the paper as a letter writer, correcting historical inaccuracies and decrying modern development.

On June 26, 1971, Roberts wrote a letter complaining of falling cedar chunks and unwelcome noise produced by subdivision blasting.

"There must be many of us on Salt Spring who experienced the horrors at the receiving end of aerial bombardments, rockets, doodle bugs and so on. These unexpected explosions revive

unpleasant memories. If we are forewarned, it would help a lot.

"I, for one, have no wish to be reminded of the past," he wrote, before issuing a plea for peace under the blue garden umbrella where he enjoyed days of fine weather.

For McDonald, who knew only a small piece of her father's MI5 activities before Friday, the information and attention has been somewhat overwhelming.

"We're very happy that he's getting recognition, but at the same time it's quite emotional for the family, just to know he gave so much of his life to helping his country," she said. "And it did affect his health, obviously."

"He was a wonderful father—kind, witty, unassuming. Just a great person."

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION

Tsilhqot'in decision an 'opportunity to move forward'

Effects of Supreme Court ruling will resonate across Canada

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

On June 26, Chief Roger William celebrated the end of a 25-year legal battle mounted with the assistance of Salt Spring lawyer Jack Woodward.

"I've heard people say it's certainly in the top five or even three cases in Canadian history and Roger's name will always be on it," Woodward said during an Oct. 16 Salt Spring Forum event. "It's an astonishing act of courage by eight judges of the Supreme Court of Canada... It was a charismatic case with a charismatic leader for a great cause, a beautifully pristine area in west central British Columbia."

What started as a road block over plans to log forests within traditional Tsilhqot'in territory grew into a decision that restores, for the first time in Canadian history, a First Nation's right to aboriginal title, as enshrined in Canada's Constitution.

"It's nice that [the Constitution] says democracy and the rule of law, but everyone seems to have forgotten that, for 251 years, it also says that the aboriginal title of the original peoples has to be respected," Woodward said.

The right to aboriginal title dates back to the Royal Proclamation of 1763, wherein Canada's First Nations

people were guaranteed access to their traditional lands unless they receive financial compensation and offer them of their free and informed consent.

"In much of Canada, aboriginal title was settled through treaty negotiations," Woodward added. "For most of British Columbia, including Salt Spring Island, aboriginal title was never extinguished as was required to be done by law."

"This is huge; it's an opportunity for B.C. and Canada to learn from the past and move forward with the first peoples of this land."

CHIEF ROGER WILLIAM
Vice chair, Tsilhqot'in National Government

Woodward said part of the reason it has taken so long for aboriginal title to get recognized in a court of law is because First Nations people were barred from the court system until 1951. Even non-aboriginal lawyers, he added, faced penalties if they took cases related to aboriginal title.

"Advancing aboriginal claims could land you in jail," he said.

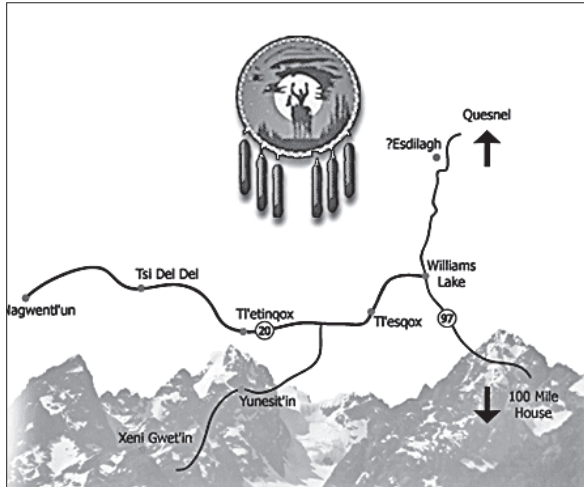


PHOTO COURTESY TSILHQOT'IN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

Map shows Tsilhqot'in Nation territory. The recent Tsilhqot'in court victory could help coastal battles against increased tanker traffic.

Whereas June's Supreme Court decision applies to the use of Crown land, William said "high-level negotiations" are underway with landowners who live or work on Crown lands within Tsilhqot'in territory. William looks at these areas as islands where a new relationship between "operators" and First Nations people must be developed.

"These islands will want a smooth transition and whatever approval processes, licences and permits are on these land should continue," William said. "When you're living on

title land, it's going to be a lot better than living on Crown land.

"This is huge; it's an opportunity for B.C. and Canada to learn from the past and move forward with the first people of this land," he added.

William opened the Forum event with a traditional Tsilhqot'in song that recounts the creation of his people. For many of the nearly 200 people gathered in the ArtSpring theatre, the commanding beat and stirring vocals embodied the ongoing dispute over the future of Salt Spring's Grace Islet, where non-

aboriginal and First Nations people have gathered regularly since June to fight construction of a home on land they want preserved as a First Nations cemetery.

Woodward called construction of the home on Grace Islet "a great tragedy." Much like disputes over First Nations heritage sites at the Long Harbour ferry terminal, Walker Hook and throughout the Ganges village core, Woodward said, work at Grace Islet represents another step in the erasure of the First Nations history in the region.

"The aboriginal people don't have a written archive. Their archive is the physical remains of their occupation and it includes culturally modified trees, it includes shell middens, it includes the clam gardens and it includes the burial grounds," Woodward said. "You can imagine the pain that aboriginal people feel when, one by one, their archives, their library, their history is being destroyed right in front of their eyes, right in our generation, right in our time."

"We have a decades-long struggle ahead of us," he added. "The [Tsilhqot'in] are so far ahead of us and we can only hope that we catch up."

This article is the second of two pieces that looks at the evolving relationship between First Nations and non-aboriginal governments in British Columbia. The first piece was published in the Driftwood's Oct. 22 edition.

NEWS BRIEFS

Library to stay open later

Following an extensive public survey, Wednesday was the evening chosen for the Salt Spring Public Library to remain open until 7 p.m. starting Nov. 5.

"The extended opening hours will be on a trial basis until Dec. 17 (closing at 1 p.m. on Dec. 24 and 31), so

that the library can assess whether the community will support this added service," states a press release.

"The library will continue to rely on volunteers for Wednesday evening operations, with the oversight of a professional librarian."

More volunteers are needed to assist with shelving, circulation, reference and other services, and people should contact the

library if they are interested.

McIntyre earns award

Salt Spring gymnast Darby McIntyre was one of 75 individuals honoured at a Gymnastics BC awards ceremony held in Burnaby on Saturday.

The annual event recognizes the province's top

gymnastic athletes, coaches and volunteers. McIntyre, who competes with Duncan Dynamics and attends school on Salt Spring, received the Karen Kelsall Provincial Stream Athlete of the Year award for women's artistic gymnastics.

McIntyre established herself as one of Canada's top young gymnasts when at age 13 she placed first overall in the P5 Novice division

at the Western Canadian gymnastics championships in Saskatoon this spring.

Fire service input needed

Salt Spring residents are invited to share their thoughts about how the Salt Spring Fire Protection District is doing at three different meetings this month.

Research conducted by

Richard Walker of the Walker Resource Group, a Salt Spring-based company, will be incorporated into a new Fire Service Review.

Input sessions are being offered on Tuesday, Nov. 4 at Beaver Point Hall from 7 to 9 p.m., and during two times at Community Gospel Chapel on Thursday, Nov. 6.

The Thursday sessions will be held from 2:30 to 4:40 p.m. and again from 7 to 9 p.m.



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AGRICULTURE

Produce vision expands

Islanders invited to give input into facility plan

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the public will have the chance to discuss new plans for a community produce centre during a presentation at the library this Sunday, Nov. 2.

Visitors to the Salt Spring Fall Fair may have seen updated conceptual plans for the Beddis Road amenity, with the design shifting from a one-storey building to a three-storey multi-use facility. Island farmers and other producers have added more input since September, with a refined vision now ready for discussion. Consultation is being sought in preparation for an Islands Trust development permit amendment application.

"We've had multiple meetings with stakeholders, but now we want to open it up to the wider community to hear what they think about it," said Elizabeth FitzZaland, projects coordinator for the Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance.

The project is the result of a rezoning application by Beddis Developments that will move Slegg Lumber's location. Part of the property was transferred to the Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust Society and an agreement to build a

1,000-square-foot building shell for the produce centre was made.

FitzZaland said early brainstorming sessions with local producers helped broaden the idea of what the centre should include to help boost food production on the island through storage and processing amenities.

"In going through the consultation process and hearing what would meet community needs now and in the future, building a larger building made a lot more sense," she said.

New design drawings produced by Donald Gunn include a larger facility with a similar footprint as the original warehouse, which takes advantage of a small hill to allow ground floor access on two different stories. The design also includes provisions for outbuildings and landscaping throughout the property. Ideas include a bee house and a demonstration garden, greenhouses, a root cellar and water catchment ponds.

"Salt Spring can pat itself on the back a little bit because this could potentially be a model for other communities. It's something to be aware of and be proud of," FitzZaland said.

Sunday's community meeting at the library program room will include a presentation at 1:30 p.m. and discussion at 2 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION

SSITC settles on Rainbow plan

Referendum to fund next phases of network

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission have decided on a final strategy for safety improvements on Rainbow Road, voting to build an unpaved pathway from Lower Ganges Road to the public pool.

Commissioners decided last week on an option that brings the pathway to the full length originally envisioned but leaves off asphalt and intersection work. The projected cost is \$550,000.

"I think the major thing we've accomplished is we've beaten the budget down from something that was really obscene to something that's digestible in today's economy," said SSITC chair Robin Williams.

SSITC will ask taxpayers to increase the requisition for its transportation folio by \$250,000 per year over the period of 2015-18 through a referendum timed with the Nov. 15 local elections. The cost per average assessed residential property will be \$37.80, or \$0.1346 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

The goal for the funds is to complete the next segments of the North Ganges Transportation Plan. Phase One saw sidewalks, bike lanes and bus pull-outs installed on Lower Ganges Road near Country Grocer. Phase Two will tackle pedestrian and cyclist challenges on Rainbow Road with the primary aim of getting students off the roadway.

With only a few weeks left to go before the referendum on the issue, SSITC vice chair Ross Simpson presented a detailed table of possible options for Phase Two at the Oct. 21 meeting. The possibilities ranged from a "big engineering"

project envisioned by consultants JE Anderson that would include a full-length paved path and major intersection improvements for a cost of \$1.45 million, to a short path from Lower Ganges Road to Windsor Plywood for \$300,000.

During discussion, Simpson said he favoured one of the smaller-scale options, stating the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure would classify Rainbow Road as one of the safest roads in B.C. He also noted that other options would result in parking space loss in the downtown area.

The plan commissioners eventually accepted closely follows the idea endorsed by the Gulf Islands School Board in May. Design drawings were produced by a working group that included SSITC members and school board representatives Katharine Byers and Rod Scotvold.

"... we've beaten the budget down from something that was really obscene to something that's digestible in today's economy."

ROBIN WILLIAMS
Chair, SSITC

Commissioner Kevin Bell was the sole vote against the plan, warning taxpayers might not see why they should increase taxes by a total \$1 million over the next four years when the Rainbow Road plan is estimated at only \$550,000.

"That dog might not run," he observed. Williams clarified that additional

funds will go toward the next phases of the NGTP starting with a connector along Lower Ganges Road.

Karla Campbell, CRD manager for Salt Spring, confirmed after the meeting that the next phases are laid out in SSITC's five-year capital plan, which the commission approved in April and the CRD district board approved in July.

The capital plan budgets \$30,000 for planning the Rainbow Road project in 2014 and \$780,000 toward construction in 2015.

"SSITC is trying to keep within that scope and if possible reduce it further," Campbell said.

Involving the expertise of and possible labour of volunteer partners Island Pathways is one way costs could be kept down to the \$550,000 level now desired by the SSITC.

Windsor Plywood co-owner Ken Marr continues to oppose the pathway, which he says takes students on an unsafe route and ignores the only place where anyone has been injured: the intersection of Lower Ganges and Rainbow roads.

"I have a lot of respect for the members of the transportation commission, but I think they're pushing through things that are not ready to go," he said.

Marr has suggested formalizing an alternate route that cuts through school property at Kanaka. He has previously joined with Murakami Collision and Auto Repairs owner Richard Murakami in protesting the loss of parking for their businesses, stating the commission has not done real consultation.

"They have a history of not listening to the stakeholders," he said.

"The only group that has been supportive has been the schools, and I suspect that's because they have to be when safety is mentioned."



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ISLANDS TRUST RAR hearing on Tuesday

Bylaws reach end stage

The island's Local Trust Committee invites residents to have a say about the latest incarnation of the island's Riparian Areas Regulation.

A public hearing to learn about and discuss proposed bylaws 480 and 482 is scheduled for the Lions Hall at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Multiple LTC committees have devoted nearly 10 years to implementing the provincially mandated regulation geared to protect sensitive fish habitat on the island. RAR will require property owners who want to develop land within a specified area of select water bodies and streams to obtain advice from a qualified environmental professional before any work gets underway.

Copies of the bylaws, including maps and proposed development permit areas for all affected streams and water bodies, are available at the Trust office or through www.island-trust.bc.ca.

HOMELESSNESS

Cold weather shelter re-opens for inclement season

Volunteers and donations needed

As the season turns towards winter, Salt Spring Community Services is preparing for the annual launch of one of its most critical programs.

In From the Cold is composed of an overnight shelter and evening meal hosted at the main facility at 268 Fulford-Ganges Rd. Shelter staff can also help people identify other housing options and connect them with support services during their visit.

The shelter opens officially in November with partial funding from the provincial government through BC Housing. Strict weather criteria limits the nights that the shelter is funded, with extreme weather defined as temperatures below 0

degrees Celsius, snow, or continuous rain for longer than 14 hours.

"There are 20 to 30 people seeking shelter on the island every single night," said Rob Grant, executive director of Salt Spring Community Services.

"In order to be able to provide basic needs consistently during the cold months we require more funding than what is available from BC Housing."

Based on previous years' records, Grant estimates \$25,000 is needed to prop-

erly fund the shelter for the 2014/15 winter season.

Donations of items in good shape, such as rain gear and woolen socks, are also welcome. Contact shelter coordinator Jordan Lessick at 250-537-9971 for details.

Volunteers are also needed.

NOISE

Fish hatchery noise getting attention

New owners agree to meet with neighbours; CRD and Islands Trust step up

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Walker Hook residents may have reason to hope constant noise emanating from a nearby sablefish farm will soon wind down to a tolerable hum.

Salt Spring's CRD director Wayne McIntyre feels a positive outcome is probable, following a face-to-face meeting with Sable Fish Canada's new owners Golden Eagle Aquaculture Group last week. A branch of Vancouver's powerful Aquilini family holdings, the company has the resources and potentially the will to improve sound mitigation at the plant.

"They understand, and they're making an investment on Salt Spring. Obviously I don't think they want to suffer the slings and arrows of Salt Spring anger," McIntyre said.

McIntyre reported that John Negrin, the president of the Aquilini Investment

Group, and Golden Eagle president Richard Buchanan had agreed to meet with Salt Spring residents who have been affected by noise sometime in the coming months. They are also interested in other possible investments on the island and want to meet with local innovators.

"Obviously I don't think they want to suffer the slings and arrows of Salt Spring anger."

WAYNE MCINTYRE
Salt Spring CRD electoral area director

Salt Spring's new bylaw enforcement officer for the Islands Trust has also been looking into neighbour complaints and completed a recent tour of the fish farm with its manager George Nardi. Loo determined the facility is operating within its zoning and is exempt from noise complaints under provisions of the Right to Farm Act.

Loo agreed, however, that a constant tonal noise can be heard, probably coming

from pumps outside the building. He said the fish farm owners could choose to voluntarily enact sound mitigation efforts to be good neighbours and suggested Nardi contact BKL Consultants, an acoustical engineering firm in North Vancouver with expertise in the area.

According to Loo's report, Nardi has raised the idea of relocating the pumps to the other side of the building so noise will project out to the water instead of toward the residential neighbourhood. McIntyre's information is that new fans are also being ordered.

Grantville Street resident Julie Northey has been one of the most outspoken complainants since noise at the fish farm ramped up this summer and has put her house up for sale as a result. She said she appreciates the recent attention Loo and McIntyre have given the issue, but she wants a more concrete plan for a solution.

"We all need to know . . . Golden Eagle's true timeline, as from where I am typing . . . it all still sounds the same," she wrote in an email.

"There is nothing new to me in this follow up; we need a commitment to a date."

LIQUID WASTE COMMISSION

Liquid waste chair issues ultimatum

Peter Lake demands 'performance'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Years of missed deadlines, false promises and frustration came to a head on Thursday afternoon as the chair of Salt Spring's Liquid Waste Local Service Commission vowed to resign if work on the Burgoyne Bay septage and sewage facility continues to stagnate.

"I have now spent six years of my life accomplishing very little without achieving very much, which is not fulfilling personally," said Peter Lake, during last week's AGM. "There's been absolutely no progress on the receiving station.

"The longer we wait, the more problems we are going to have."

Lake has devoted much of his tenure as commissioner to researching the feasibility of a cost-effective and environmentally safe method to deal with islanders' liquid waste. He has repeatedly tried to have Capital Regional District staff consider a natural reed-bed system that would greatly reduce the amount of waste material

that needs to be trucked off the island every year. Lake said the reed-bed treatment system could save taxpayers millions of dollars over the system's lifetime.

"We are being subjected to resistance at some level," he said. "The alternatives have not been examined."

Sharon Bywater, a fellow LWLSC commissioner, suggested the time has come for the CRD to recognize the experience and dedication that Lake brings to the table.

"If the CRD can't see what we stand to lose here, then there's really no hope," she told meeting participants. "The passion is here, and we need the support to keep that passion moving."

The LWLSC received ratepayer approval to borrow \$2.1 million for upgrades to the Burgoyne Bay system in 2008. Although approximately \$700,000 of that money has been used to keep the facility operating as a transfer station, work has yet to begin on upgrades to reopen a treatment facility. Liquid waste collected at the site is hauled to the Hartland landfill at a cost of approx-

imately \$285,000 per year.

CRD staff assembled for the AGM assured Lake and other commissioners that changes have been implemented.

"This comes with a history," said Karla Campbell, senior manager for CRD operations on Salt Spring. "I didn't create it, but we're trying to create a better reality."

Staffing changes and a dearth of personnel to handle competing demands from CRD-related commissions — and 54 volunteer commissioners — on the island has created unavoidable backlogs, she said.

"It's a challenge, but we're trying to turn things around here."

Likewise, Salt Spring CRD director Wayne McIntyre said commissioners should anticipate movement in the right direction given the administrative changes that have been implemented.

"I'm optimistic about progress," he said. "I think it's a system thing rather than a people thing."

The LWLSC is made up of Sharon Bywater, Peter Lake, Wayne McIntyre, Wayne Lee, Maxine Leichter and Rod Scovold.

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Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District OPEN-BURNING REGULATIONS Bylaw No. 125, 2014

Trustees of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District ("the District") have received a staff report recommending changes regarding Open-Burning regulations (existing Bylaw No 92) and have incorporated these into a new proposed bylaw (Bylaw No 125). Changes are intended to update definitions and references to provincial laws; remove redundant references already address by other District bylaws; introduce revisions to allow an on-line permitting process and reflect contemporary practises for open burning; and update references to cost recovery.

Trustees invite input from interested community members to assist them in their deliberations to be received by 7 November 2014. Submissions may be made by email (corpadmin@saltspringfire.com, Subject matter Proposed Open Burning Bylaw), delivered by hand at the District's office or received by first class mail. Unless confidentiality is explicitly requested, all submissions will be considered part of the public record.

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EDITORIAL

Monday madness

Anyone in search of a one-stop shop for the latest scuttlebutt in island politics can expect good things from Monday evening's 2014 Salt Spring local government all-candidates meeting at ArtSpring.

After all, where else can islanders bring themselves up to speed on local issues, formulate an opinion and share it with election hopefuls in a single evening?

Given the modest attendance at most regular Local Trust Committee and Capital Regional District local commission meetings, the traditional all-candidates meeting stands as a kind of reunion, where islanders of all political bents can discuss neighbourhood concerns, grand future visions and all in between.

THE ISSUE:
Local elections

WE SAY:
Debate valued

Monday's event is an important opportunity for people to engage, revisit or explore the island's varied political topography. On no other occasion — other than perhaps a mid-term legal

challenge — are elected officials held to greater account for their decisions and promises as at the all-candidates debate.

This year's contest stands to be especially worthwhile since the list of candidates has shrunk from 12 in 2011 to six political hopefuls who want your vote on Saturday, Nov. 15. This year's debate features two candidates for CRD director and four people fighting for two LTC positions. Candidate Q&As run on pages 15, 17, 19 and 20.

More room on the stage means more time for audience questions and more opportunities for candidates to share their ideas, passion and vision for the island.

Secondly, in spite of the decision to host one meeting (as opposed to events in the north and south ends) we hope southerners can make the trip for an event that stands to feature all the spice that can be anticipated from a truly island-wide debate.

The 2014 Salt Spring local government all-candidates meeting takes place from 7 to 9 p.m. at ArtSpring on Nov. 3. The free event is co-sponsored by Driftwood Gulf Islands Media and the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce.



VIEWPOINT by John Macpherson

Let's avoid a return to extremism

Elections are indeed about choosing direction, as Jan Slavok says ("Local elections give direction option," Oct. 22 Viewpoint), but her candy-coated message is a poison pill that would reinvigorate the uber-green extremism that so divided the community scant years ago, creating a nasty anti-Trust backlash at the same time.

Jan supports Christine Grimes, whose nomination papers she signed. A vote for Ms. Grimes is therefore a vote for Jan's world.

Recall . . . Jan supported the notorious RAR bylaw proposed in 2011, a draconian plan that would have cost property owners needlessly and dearly forever by sidestepping accurate mapping of fish habitat streams, one that forbade even gardening within 100 feet of a roadside ditch without an environmental assessment and a Trust permit, one that brought the RCMP out in force before the plan was abandoned.

Jan then dissembled about the illegal actions of former trustees George Ehring and Christine Torgrimson who — without disclosure — used public money to fund private activist societies that they themselves controlled.

Jan then publicly accused the 2013 governance study consultant of bias without the tiniest shred of evidence, based solely on her distaste for the result of the public engagement process, apparently unaware of the fact that the Trust was using the same trusted consultant as well. Even now Jan says "no" to a governance study that would provide voters an informed choice among the only options legislatively available, a position I find deeply undemocratic.

It is again the same extremism that sent the coffee company to Richmond, and that would have limited house sizes while imposing monster waterfront setbacks in the name of climate change. It

is about the end justifying the means, where healthy community and economy become collateral damage in the war for nature.

I for one will be voting for the status quo. Our current elected officials — CRD director Wayne McIntyre, trustee George Grams and trustee Peter Grove — have done an outstanding job providing balance and calming troubled waters. Suffice to say we have begun a process of governance study that will (hopefully soon) afford islanders an informed choice; we have a RAR bylaw based on accurate mapping set to pass on Nov. 6; a credible water protection authority replacing a contentious private activist society; more affordable housing and public transit; a determination to hold the line on spending; more balanced decision making (even with the occasional disagreement between trustees); measurably more efficiency, transparency and accountability; and no more rude bumper stickers. I believe it helps that Peter Grove and George Grams have credentials as mediators.

CRD director Wayne McIntyre also attends all Local Trust Committee meetings to listen in and report to the public, unlike his predecessor Garth Hendren, who is again running for office although he too was involved in the founding and funding of private activist societies.

On Nov. 15 all votes matter. I sincerely hope to see the return of those who are pro-choice: Wayne McIntyre, George Grams, Peter Grove. Models of good stewardship, they have shown they support the community and the economy as well as the environment. No poison pill for me!

The writer describes himself as an advocate for informed choices. He chaired the Salt Spring Governance Study Committee and signed nomination papers for George Grams.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:
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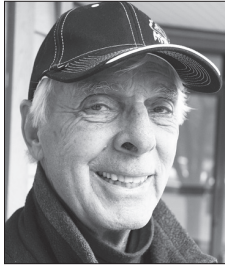
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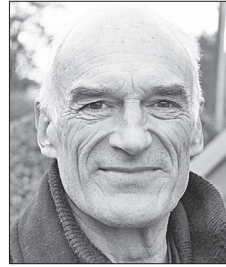
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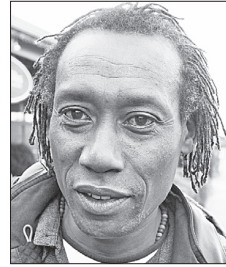
PAUL NAAYKENS
Very little, except arming the guards. There should be at least three [National War Memorial] guards.



JULIA GRACE
I think it's about keeping internal integrity together by recognizing the tragedy but not making it bigger than it is.



RONALD WRIGHT
It should teach us not to panic and not let Harper use this to deprive us of our democratic freedom.



SAV BORO
I know it's sad, but it has really brought us together. Violence is not the answer.



RYAN DEVOE
It shows that there are consequences to fighting international terrorism and ISIS. We cannot expect to participate in foreign conflicts without repercussions.

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

Useless fear mongering

It seems to be happening again ... doing all we can do to make the terrorists' dreams come true. Terrorism is an autoimmune disease — the small agent attacks the big agent to cause the bigger agent to attack itself. Osama bin Laden must be one of the most successful people of the 20th century. He changed America, and in fact the world, and not in a good way, with his enemy's aircraft and some box cutters. He was successful because his enemy went along with his plan and the result was creating even

more terrorists. It is of course tragic that innocent people died. But thousands of innocent people die every year (often slowly and in agony) from preventable causes such as air and water pollution and medical mistakes, to name a few. Evidently over \$1 trillion has been spent on anti-terrorism since 9/11 and terrorism is now worse. How about spending more money fighting preventable killers? Perhaps the attitude of Londoners during the Battle of Britain would be better. In a comedy skit they say, "Half our house is blown away by the bombing. Never mind.

Put the kettle on and we'll have a nice cup of tea." The terrorists would hate that. Yes, we should attack terrorism, but covertly instead of all this useless fear mongering. **ROBERT BATEMAN, SALT SPRING**
Be reasonable spending our property taxes
I am sure ratepayers will join me in thanking Mark Lucich for staying on top of the ever-increasing budget of the fire department ("Board faces heat again,"

Oct. 22 Driftwood). Many of us have to wonder just why and where does all that money go? We are of course presented with a shopping list of expenditures, but it's unbelievable that the board of trustees and the department can't be expected to budget for a rainy day. Recently they, like the library, have had to go hat-in-hand asking for even more funds, either via donations or through these quietly announced Alternative Approval Processes, always placing a further burden on ratepayers and users. Island organizations lucky enough to be on the tax

requisition should be budgeting and anticipating for such inevitable maintenance expenditures as the fire hall's \$90,000 cost for exhaust system upgrades. These funds could easily have been set aside in advance if the board took some time to allocate funds based on priorities. With an average of seven house fires a year they certainly have a lot of wiggle room to prioritize how to spend the multi-million-dollar budget we fund them with. Mr. Lucich makes credible points of concern, particularly about more public consultation, and we should all

take note for the next time the department or any other organization asks for funding without showing reasonable efforts to plan for their needs. Where is that master plan by the way? Ratepayers expect a higher level of fiduciary responsibility when budgets reach "orbital status," at least until such time that the island matures enough to elect a town council that can prioritize our tax expenditures in relation to the needs of the entire community. **PAUL MARCANO, VESUVIUS**
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Celebrity Ferry Deckhand: next reality TV hit?

Just a few days ago, I found myself clicking the buttons on my TV remote in search of something, anything, worthy of an hour of my limited time and even shorter attention span. As I roamed from channel to channel, however, it seemed that the only choices available were either reality television shows or infomercials. As program after program flashed by on the screen, my senses were accosted and affronted by the likes of Extreme Makeover, Beauty and the Geek and Are You Hot? At first I seethed at the thought that the network programmers so underestimated my intelligence and cultural tastes that these examples of visual pablum were the best they had to offer. Seriously, why would I care a rat's ass about the trials and tribulations of The Real Housewives of Beverley Hills? For what reason would I choose to waste a minute of my life following The Battle of the Network Reality Stars or matching wits with the imbeciles populating Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? Suddenly, right in the midst of my indignation about this "dumbing down" of our western civilization, my brain underwent a paradigm shift. I came to a Zen satori-like realization that it would be better to join the "Evil Empire" and co-opt it from within than to flail away in a futile battle which was impossible to win. So, keeping that in mind, are you ready for Real Housewives of the Gulf Islands? That's right, if we have to watch stupid shows about stupid people doing stupid things, why don't we turn the cameras back on ourselves? Aren't we just as interesting to follow as the Trailer Park Boys?

I've even started writing the first episode pilot script for the Real Housewives of the G.I. series. Let me set the scene. Starshine (formerly Lorene) comes down the unfinished staircase to find her live-in boyfriend, Matthew (formerly Baba Shri Shiva), scouring the house in a frustrated search for something important. Starshine: What are you doing, Matthew. You're making a mess of everything. Matthew: Honey, have you seen where I put that temporary occupancy permit? I saw it here just a couple of months ago when I was looking for the fire permit we never renewed. Starshine: What do you need it for? It expired in 1993 anyway. Matthew: I think I might have written down an important phone number on the back of that permit. Starshine: Oh yeah. Whose number are you looking for? Matthew: Um, nobody really important. Just someone I met at a drumming workshop that weekend you went to visit your sick grandmother in Nanaimo. She ... I mean ... he was so centred and I've never been Rolfed like that before. Starshine: (suspicious) I bet. Anyway, I don't have time for this. I'm late for yoga class and right after that I'm supposed to meet Linda for lunch at the Harbour House where we're going to cram for our realtor's licence exam next week. Matthew: You'll be home to make dinner, right? Starshine: Aw, honey, I wish I could, but it's



Shilo Zylbergold
NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

Thursday and you know I've got spin class at the fitness centre and because it's the third Thursday in the month, I've got my book club tonight. Why don't you just open up a can of chili and warm it up on the stove? Etc. etc. Okay, it's not exactly riveting "must-see" television, but I'm still working on it. Eventually, Starshine will give Matthew the boot, and replace him with her old high school beau who sparked her flame again at the 30th reunion of the Belleville Senior High. Matthew will go back to living on his boat in Fulford and spend each morning at the Rock Salt reworking his profile on Plenty of Fish. Don't worry; it's going to be a hit. This is why people watch reality shows. It makes us feel as if our lives are just as exciting and/or boring as anything a Hollywood producer could concoct. "Housewives" is just the beginning. I've got a whole slew of irons in the fire and have my feelers out for a vast array of reality projects. Here are just a few of the proposed titles followed by a short synopsis of each storyline: **Celebrity Ferry Deckhand:** every week a different entertainment superstar is flown to Salt Spring and given the job of loading vehicles onto the Skeena Queen; more laughs than a barrel of diesel as both drivers and foot passengers are treated to narrow escapes from serious bodily injuries. **The Secret Life of a Building Inspector:** be prepared for a thrill a minute as you follow the harrowing life of a CRD secret agent with

a "licence to bill" as he twists and turns from one crisis to the next in an attempt to keep the island safe from building code infractions. **Amazing Race to Catch a Ferry:** watch the crazy driving antics of normal (?) islanders as they risk life and limb in a death-defying race in hopes of making it to the ferry terminal in time to get on a boat that is already overloaded. **The Biggest Thrifter:** once a week, five islanders compete to see who can get the best deals shopping at the local thrift stores; laugh yourself silly as you watch the different contestants struggle in a tug of war over a Cowichan sweater missing three buttons. **So You Think You Can Dock a Ferry:** the name says it all; ordinary shoppers are pulled out of the Express Lane checkout counter at Country Grocer and given the opportunity to dock the Vesuvius ferry with no instruction or training; it doesn't get any more fun. **Tofu Dynasty:** watch the cut-throat machinations and backroom dealings as an entrepreneurial island family attempts to carve an empire out of soy bean curd only to see it all turn to mush. What you see so far is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the endless stream of reality TV possibilities on our Gulf Islands. No doubt, our little archipelago in the Strait of Georgia has the potential to become the reality TV mecca on the planet. Nobody asked me, but it's obvious that a complete change in perspective can transform an extremely annoying situation into a veritable jackpot of opportunity. The "Age of Reality" looms on the horizon. Get on board and you too may be the next star of Network Battle of the Metal Recyclers.



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Herculean effort appreciated in boat adrift drama

The morning after the big storm on Thursday night I was most alarmed to discover I had been visited by an uninvited guest who had yet to depart. The brazen visitor was stranded across the stone walls protecting my beach. It was all too apparent it was not able to leave until the next high tide.

My intruder was a stray yacht named Priority One!

The Coast Guard responded to my distress call so the situation passed into the hands of the experts. I should like to express my gratitude to the boat's owner and his companions who arrived on the scene and spending the rest of the day assessing the damage and devising the means of the rescue on the expected incoming high tide. There was much drama throughout the day, but victory finally arrived at 5 p.m. as she was lured off the rocks with the Herculean teamwork of her rescuers.

Great work, guys, my congratulations! I trust Priority One will not be allowed to wander off alone again.

JOAN MCCONNELL,
GANGES

Salt Spring Fire Protection District Fire Service Review Notice of Public Meetings

Meetings are held in two locations at three different times to provide an opportunity for the public to share thoughts regarding the Fire Service on Salt Spring as part of the Fire Service Review currently being conducted by The Walker Resource Group Ltd.

Nov 4th Beaver Point Hall 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
 Nov 6th Community Gospel Chapel 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Nov 6th Community Gospel Chapel 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



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Water commission frustration

As a member of the Fulford Water Commission of four years I once again have to wonder what role we play and why we are going through the process other than to legitimize the CRD's actions.

We try to control costs, ensure the accuracy of costs and manage the overall charges to the community and, as we can get no clear answer on our role, that is our self-appointed mandate. If not that then why are we required by law to exist as a commission?

We have tried to have meaningful discussions and input to the budget process, but when that failed then the CRD imposed a budget over our objections. When we have pleaded for years to have accurate accounting of costs on a monthly basis there has been nothing done other than to continually alter the accounts so that year-to-year charges are impossible to track or compare.

When asked to accurately reflect monthly costs we are told not to be concerned and the only number that counts is the bottom-line number, an approach that has caused many miscoded improper expenses that have caused cost overruns.

When we try to control project work we are told that regardless of our wishes the work will be done at any cost and billed to the users of the system. When contract work is mismanaged we are told "too bad" and we are billed for the mistakes and then billed to fix the mistakes. When we question why contract work was billed and not received we are met with silence and no response.

Why are we spending our personal time and effort when our input is not valued or acted on? How can you call this a democracy when the CRD will not fulfill its mandate, ignores legislated representation and senior government refuses to get involved? These are all questions voters should be asking all levels of government, including our current local election candidates.

TONY MAUDE,
MORNINGSIDE ROAD

Return incumbents

Political memories might be short, but few are so short as Jan Slakov's (Oct. 22 "Local elections give direction option" piece). She suggests we should return to the radical "place before people" philosophy that we suffered here from 2005 through 2011.

Voters should think back on those years. Young people fleeing the island. Important businesses chased off the island. Public meetings held in secret. Bylaws so ill drafted and unpopular that Salt Spring came near to riots. And let's not forget the parting shot: office holders funneling public funds into private clubs they controlled, an illegal act which burned untold thousands of taxpayer dollars in legal fees, and for which no apology has ever been given.

By comparison, we have sailed a sea of balance, calm and progress over the last three years. With local government encouraging them instead of putting them in the crosshairs, I see young faces opening new

green businesses almost every week. After years of talk, a water protection authority has been created and funded. Governance is being addressed, even if the province is dragging its heels. A sane riparian bylaw is coming to fruition at last. Smiles. No water catastrophes. No riots, and to be honest, barely a harsh word.

Salt Spring has been a "calm-unity," to appropriate a phrase that Jan coined about five years ago. Credit is due our current elected officials, who have been engaged and thoughtful representatives for the last three years. George Grams, Peter Grove and Wayne McIntyre get my thanks and praise, even if I haven't agreed with every decision they made. I will vote to return them all to office next month.

NORBERT SCHLENKER,
SALT SPRING

Healing island candidate

Salt Spring! Here's what we've been waiting for — a gutsy young candidate, ethical and enthusiastic, who is running for the Trust.

Christine Grimes, a health-care professional, has already shown leadership in sustainability as a director for Transition Salt Spring, which has helped to facilitate several initiatives, including the Community Energy Group's Solar Scholarship Project now being installed at the high school. Christine is actively engaged in issues from cooperative housing models to stopping tankers in the Salish Sea to defending aboriginal rights.

She has developed a network of supporters with her interest in making the island work for young people, farmers, self-employed entrepreneurs and other diverse islanders who make our community thrive — but she wants to do more. She knows that many islanders choose to live here because the Islands Trust can ensure this remains a livable island. She wants to revitalize the Trust through community, not bust the Trust for commodity.

Salt Spring has a reputation as a healing island; who better than a trustee who works as a professional in the field and has a good understanding of the many faceted aspects of health? And who better than a trustee who has the creative flair to see that problems can be resolved by using existing rules and tools in new ways through new eyes?

We are supporting Christine Grimes because she is a team player, dedicated, smart and interested in problem solving that is intergenerational and intercultural. Christine has the ability to get islanders who have never voted out to vote. And that is perhaps the finest endorsement we can think of because political health is a fundamental cornerstone of this "healing island."

**JOE AKERMAN, MICHAEL COOKE,
 DOROTHY CUTTING, GARY GAGNÉ,
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 MARCELLE ROY, BRIAN SMALLSHAW,
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Notice to the Public

Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting

Open to the Public

- Monday, November 3, 1 pm to 3 pm
- Salt Spring Island Public Library-129 McPhillips Ave

Note: BC Ferries reps will be attending this meeting in an online format, but FAC members will be together at the library.

Public are welcome to attend and may be able to make a presentation provided:

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- you limit your input to five minutes or fewer

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SHACKLED: Valdy and Kathleen Horsdal beg for their freedom at Friday's Jail & Bail fundraiser for the Breast Cancer Society of Canada. The event coordinated by Salt Spring Fire Rescue had brought in \$3,575 as of Monday afternoon, with some pledges still expected.

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Stay on cooperative path with McIntyre

For the past three years I have served as alternate CRD director for Wayne McIntyre and I hope that in some small way I have been of assistance.

The workload for our local representatives is onerous and none more so than that of CRD director, comprising not only the requirement to attend meetings and provide support for 20-plus local commissions, organizations and groups but also to the Electoral Area Services Committee, the CRD Board and various committees and sub-committees of both.

I know from personal observation how conscientiously Wayne has undertaken those duties and how he has focused on implementing the platform that he espoused before the last election. A number of projects have been completed — the pathways downtown, transit expansion, water system upgrades — which could not have been done without his support, including the grants in his control.

Some much-needed shift of Salt Spring support from CRD headquarters to Salt Spring has been started. He has also supported the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority by assigning resources and financial support. This valuable Islands Trust initiative on the part of trustee George Grams is only one example of the co-operation of CRD and the Islands Trust in forward planning during this term. There are only a few examples of first-term results. There are many more listed on the incumbent websites:

www.re-electwaynemcintyrecrd.ca; www.georgegrams.wordpress.com; www.petergrovefortrust.com.

Much remains to be done and I would suggest that, my personal opinion aside,

it is in the best interests of the community to re-elect Wayne with his many years of local governance experience as well as the incumbent trustees so we do not lose what has been a good working relationship, and the foundation of the previous three years experience and their collective results.

It is a truism that you cannot please all the people all the time and that is especially true in public life.

What should be remembered is that equitable solutions most often leave all parties somewhat unhappy. What matters is whether the community as a whole has benefited. I would submit that the community on the whole has been very well served over the last three years and we should let CRD director Wayne McIntyre and the incumbent trustees Peter Grove and George Grams get on with the job.

PETER LAKE,
ALTERNATE SSI CRD DIRECTOR,
SALT SPRING

Open church doors

The weather can turn nasty here on the "wet coast" again and once again we notice the needy and homeless population. Many of us feel uneasy that people among us will be exposed to wet and cold without shelter during the nights.

There are 10 or more houses of God on Salt Spring — warm, cosy, underused most of the time and the question begs why are they not opened and offered in times of need? I know one standard argument to be lack of funds and human resources.

But isn't the number-one Christian principle to help others in need, to share and not to judge? With this letter I pose the question to our Salt Spring Christian community.

VERA ROBINSON,
SALT SPRING

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RANTS and Roses

Roses

Thank you, Salt Spring, for your warm welcome to "x-springers." You are so appreciated and missed. Each year on our annual visit we are again reminded of what a special place Salt Spring is. Its never-ending beauty is made even more wonderful when we can go to Seaside and are welcomed back by Pauline, have Herman still give us a bad time at Calvin's, talk about this year's travels with Darlene at French Country, share a coffee and update with Tim and John, know that Steve is still at the golf club, find I can still get my hair cut by Joanna at Island Magic and that as I leave the island the ferry attendant still knows our names. How cool is that? And on top of it all, thanks to all of our personal friends who welcome us and make us feel so at home. Many thanks again, Salt Spring. Bruce and Frankie Watkins

Dozens of belated, milk-white roses to everyone who supported Salt Spring's first year participating in the Quintessence Breast Feeding Challenge! Thank you to the Fishbowl and the Driftwood for the publicity, the SS Library for hosting the event and story time, the generous dona-

tions of food and door prizes from Embe Bakery, Seachange Seafoods, Pharmasave, West of the Moon, Genevieve Price of Purely Salt Spring and Celle Rikwerda of Stark Natural Herbs and Artisan Teas, and our fantastic speakers, Dr. Brendan Carr and public health nurse Chris Smart. Most of all a huge thank you to all the mothers and babies who came out to celebrate and share their

stories! Angela Huser and Jenny Redpath (Island Health)

Thanksgiving roses to all the folks at the golf club and the happy diners. Thanks for your help! Love from Copper Kettle

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Galiano Island Local Trust Area - Two Trustees to be Elected:

Surname	Given Name(s)	Residential Address
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DODDS	Jeanine Gay	720 Simpson Road, Mayne Island, BC
MAUDE	David P.	484 Cherry Tree Bay Road, Mayne Island, BC

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Surname	Given Name(s)	Residential Address
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HANCOCK	Ken	6610 Harbour Hill Drive, North Pender Island, BC
MASSELINK	Derek	4316 Clam Bay Road, North Pender Island, BC (Bright Future Party)
STEEVES	Gary	2702 Yawl Lane, North Pender Island, BC

Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area - Two Trustees to be Elected:

Surname	Given Name(s)	Residential Address
GRAMS	George Frederick	890 Walkers Hook Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
GRIMES	Christine	544 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
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MIDDLETON	Lee Robert	425 East Point Road, Saturna Island, BC

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McCONCHIE	Bruce Michael	8806 Canal Road, South Pender Island, BC
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THORN	Cameron Allan	209-2468 Bayswater Street, Vancouver, BC and 9884 Castle Road, South Pender Island, BC

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Voting Opportunities

Voting places will be open from **8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Saturday, November 15, 2014** to qualified electors of the Capital Regional District at:

Salt Spring Island

- Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
- Fulford Elementary School (Gym), 203 South Ridge Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
- Salt Spring Island Public Library, 129 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC
- Richmond Secondary School, 7171 Minoru Blvd., Richmond, BC
- Piers Island Fire Hall, Piers Island, BC

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- Agricultural Hall, 430 Fernhill Road, Mayne Island, BC
- Lions Hall, 992 Burrill Road, Galiano Island, BC
- Pender Island Elementary/Secondary School, 5714 Canal Road, Pender Island, BC
- Saturna Recreation Centre, 140 Harris Road, Saturna Island, BC
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- Salt Spring Island Public Library, 129 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC
- Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney, BC

Southern Gulf Islands

- Agricultural Hall, 430 Fernhill Road, Mayne Island, BC
- Lions Hall, 992 Burrill Road, Galiano Island, BC
- Pender Island Elementary/Secondary School, 5714 Canal Road, Pender Island, BC
- Saturna Recreation Centre, 140 Harris Road, Saturna Island, BC
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Mail Ballot Voting is now available to electors who:

- have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity, or
- expect to be absent from the regional district on general voting day (Saturday, November 15, 2014) and at the times of all advance voting opportunities (Wednesday, November 5 and 12, 2014).

You must be a **qualified Resident or Non-Resident property elector** to vote.

To Register To Vote By Mail, eligible electors who meet the criteria must submit a **completed application form** in advance of general voting day, November 15, 2014. Application forms are available on the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca/mailballot. Completed application forms may be submitted via email, mail, in person or via fax at the following contact information listed below:

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If you are not on the Provincial Resident Elector List or the CRD Non-Resident Property List of Electors, you may now register at the time of filling in your ballot. If you wish to confirm that your name is on the List of Electors, please call the number listed above.

After receiving a mail ballot application, the CRD will send out the applicable mail ballot package commencing on or about Monday, October 27, 2014 for the following:

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- Assent Voting for Galiano Health Care Centre

If we receive your application after November 3, 2014, and time does not permit mailing, you should arrange to pick up a package from the CRD, Legislative & Information Services, at the address listed above. To be counted for the election or assent voting, your mail ballot **must** be received by the Chief Election Officer no later than 8 pm on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at address listed above. It is the obligation of the person applying to vote by mail ballot to ensure that the mail ballot is received by the Chief Election Officer within this time limit.

Elector Qualifications

Resident Elector - You are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector if you are 18 years or older on voting day (Nov. 15, 2014), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for the past six months and within the boundaries of the jurisdiction for the past 30 days. If registering on voting day, you must provide two documents proving identity and residency (one must have a signature).

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

- have registered on or before Sept. 23, 2014, or
- apply at the time of voting. The following information is required at the time of application:
 - a **recent** title search, state of title certificate, or property tax notice, showing the names of **all** of the registered owners,
 - 2 pieces of identification proving identity and residency (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 (including the person registering) designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property (**original signatures only; facsimiles of signatures not acceptable**).

A copy of the consent form may be downloaded from: <https://www.crd.bc.ca/about/how-we-are-governed/elections-other-voting/elector-qualifications-registration>

The following are acceptable classes of documents for proof of identity:

- BC driver's licence
- BC ID card issued by the Motor Vehicle Branch
- BC CareCard or Gold CareCard
- Request for Continued Assistance form SDES8
- Social Insurance Card (Canada)
- Citizenship Card (Canada)
- Real property tax notice (municipal or rural)
- Credit card or debit card issued by a savings institution
- Utility bill

Please Note:

- Only **one** Non-Resident Property Elector may vote per property, regardless of how many owners there may be. Further, you may vote for only **one** property, no matter how many properties you own within the jurisdiction.
- You may register on voting day if you meet the qualifications set out above. If you are already registered as a Non-Resident Property Elector, **and** provided that you still meet all of the requirements of the *Local Government Act* in order to be registered under this category, you are not required to re-register in order to vote.
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- Automated vote counting machines will be used for the Salt Spring Island vote.

For questions regarding voting and voter registration call the Capital Regional District @ 250.360.3129 or Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3129, or Mr. Tom Moore @ 250.472.0059.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2014

Thomas F. Moore
Chief Election Officer

BUSINESS Excellence



PHOTOS BY JEN MACLELLAN

A few winners in the Chamber of Commerce's 9th annual Salt Spring Business Excellence Awards gala held at the Harbour House on Thursday night were, clockwise from top left, Larry Gorrill of El Loco Taco, who won both the people's choice and new business of the year awards; Sue Earle and son Eland Bronstein of Duck Creek Farm, for agricultural/farm business; and Sam and Elizabeth FitzZaland of Green City Builders with the Trades and Construction business award. Other winners were Windsor Plywood and Salt Spring Cheese tying for best business with over 25 employees; Twang & Pearl for small business; Duthie Gallery for tourism business; Island Escapades for green business; Jeremy Milsom of Salt Spring Inn for outstanding customer service; and Salt Spring Literacy for non-profit association.

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MORE LETTERS

Let's save Rainbow Road money for sewer project

I attended the open house for the Rainbow Road plan on Oct. 21. This meeting was publicly advertised and it is too bad that more people did not come to find out about this major project that is planned to start in 2015.

Rainbow Road has been the main topic of the transportation commission meetings since I started attending them in June 2013.

Since then, many commissioners have retired and have been replaced. As well, many different plans have been extensively studied, then shelved.

The current commissioners are very good, however, they have inherited a difficult mandate. For starters, the public is not crying out for this big project on Rainbow Road.

It is hard to understand why the schoolchildren cannot continue to walk along Kanaka Road as they are currently doing. The James Report (one of two studies on Rainbow Road options) commissioned to support this project noted that the majority walk to school along Kanaka Road.

From attending the open

house I learned that the option of having a sidewalk on the north and south sides just up to Kanaka has been shelved.

A large, well-lit, paved road was built through the bush by the high school in the early 1990s. This connects upper Ganges with lower and we walk it every day and so does everyone else. It still has never been answered why this is no longer adequate.

When many parts of our sewage infrastructure need funds and there is a referendum on that planned for 2015, we might be better off to not put so much money into Rainbow Road.

Vote no in the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission's Nov. 15 referendum.

JENNY MCCLEAN,
ATKINS ROAD

Overreaction to Ottawa shooting is greater danger to society

In 1972 in Victoria there was an official visit by the then Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.

Less than an hour before his arrival the Crisis Line got an anonymous call to say a man with a concealed rifle was in the crowd, planning to kill Trudeau. The police and RCMP were immediately notified.

Fortunately, they were able to find, apprehend and remove the man with the rifle unobtrusively before the prime

minister arrived.

No one knew except us, the caller, and those who arrested him. It was never made public. Our lives went on safely and unchanged.

How do I know? I was a Crisis Line volunteer on duty that day. All calls are confidential, so of course we didn't make this known. If it had been made public would there have been panic, new laws and restrictions?

I think right now our greatest danger in Canada is the overreaction to the sad events in Ottawa, with subsequent loss of our freedoms and increased justification for war in Iraq and Syria. Our over-response gives aid and encouragement to extremists and unstable individuals.

Let's not forget that on the same day Malala Usifi was receiving her honorary Canadian citizenship in Toronto. Her courage in the experience of real terrorism and violence should guide and inspire us. Let's think more about Malala and less about the emotionally disturbed, homeless, drug-addicted shooter in Ottawa.

Maybe we should be spending more on mental health, detox facilities and rehabilitation.

And maybe we should have more inspiring, demanding and crucial causes for good and for improving the world, that young people can give their lives to.

There's plenty of need.

NANCY WIGEN,
FERWOOD

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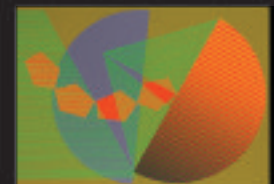


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HALLOWEEN

Spook House returns with exceptional thrills

Frights tailored to suit all ages

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The creative magic and dark materials collected by Bob Twaites and Theatre Resources will come together once again to give islanders a proper Spook House experience on Halloween night.

Staffed by 25 volunteers with either theatrical and improvisation experience or just a keen sense of fun, the Mahon Hall event promises new props, new surprises and special effects with historical success rates.

"It's never going to be the same. We focus on exceptional little frights, that frisson of terror," Twaites said.

The interactive display will include plenty of modern props with latex and electronics making things scarily lifelike. But there are also some good old-fashioned techniques that have been creating magic for hundreds of years.

One of Twaites' favourites is known as Pepper's Ghost.

The illusion, which uses panes of glass and lighting to make objects or people appear and disappear, has been used since at least 1584, when scientist Giambattista della Porta described how it works in his *Magia Naturalis* text.

"I like the old stuff because it still works. The fright you get is so delightful," Twaites confided.

This year the Spook House is sponsored by Thrifty Foods, Country Grocer, Downtown Pharmasave, Uptown Pharmasave and TJ Beans, ensuring participants will leave with "a mitt full of candy" and some fresh popcorn in addition to a good scare for the entry fee. The event is suitable for children of all ages — parents can alert the team at the start of the evening if they want to hold back on the scares.

Twaites observed the Spook House provides a safe and dry environment on what could be a wet night. Salt Spring Fire Rescue has extra safety equipment on hand for the event.

Anyone who would like to bring in carved pumpkins



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Owen Twaites at Sunday's Zombie Walk. Twaites will be helping his father Bob at the Spook House this Friday.

to help decorate the hall can drop them off during the day on Friday, Oct. 31. Donors will be eligible for a prize. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

and will close during the fireworks display, and then open again until 11 p.m. The event is a fundraiser for a Salt Spring clown festival.

HALLOWEEN ROUND-UP

- **Please note** that Greenwoods will **not** be receiving trick or treats this year.
- **Family Pumpkin Carving Party** at SS Cooperative Preschool. 10 a.m. to noon.
- **Dance of the Demons IV.** Family-friendly Salt Spring Concert Band concert at ArtSpring. 2 p.m.
- **Harvest Fun Festival** at Community Gospel Chapel. 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Halloween Street Dance** with DJs in Centennial Park. 6 to 11 p.m.
- **Spook House** at Mahon Hall. 6:30 to 11 p.m., with break for fireworks.
- **Halloween Fireworks** over Ganges Harbour at 7:30 p.m., with free hot dogs and hot chocolate at the fire hall afterward.
- **Halloween Howler Dance** and costume contest with ThruFare at the Legion. From 7:30 p.m.
- **Run For Cover** and costume contest at Moby's. From 9 p.m.

VISUAL ARTS

Submissions solicited for 'people' art

ArtSpring spearheads community exhibits

Forget landscapes, still-lives, Dutch interiors, paintings of the Nativity, or piles of Brillo boxes.

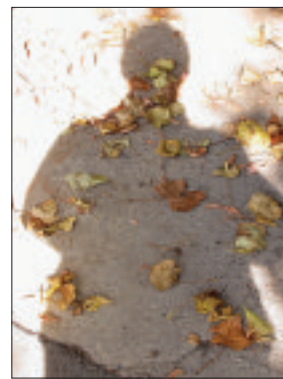
The real action in the visual arts has always been in its exploration of the human person. Portraits, self-portraits, sculptural studies and other ways of thinking about who a person is represent probably the oldest interest of the arts.

That's the premise of a new ArtSpring project that will unfold over the coming months as a successor to last year's 20/20 Vision community exhibition.

"We had a huge response to 20/20 Vision, with over 100 works entered and a resulting exhibition of 50 items which drew over 300 viewers. We want to offer something exciting again this year," said former ArtSpring manager George Sipos, who is spearheading the project, in a press release.

The project has two components. The first is called *Here's Looking at You*. It asks Salt Spring artists to submit work in any medium that speaks to the question of who a person is.

"We anticipate that many submissions will be portraits or self-portraits in the traditional sense, focusing on



COURTESY GEORGE SIPOS

George Sipos self-portrait sample.

ideas of physical or psychological likeness," said Sipos. "But we also especially want to encourage artists to explore alternative ways that the visual arts can address the idea of what is meant by 'self.'"

Details of the call for submissions, which is going out this week so as to give artists three months to prepare and execute their ideas, have been posted on the ArtSpring website (www.artspring.ca/events). The deadline for submitting images for jurying is Jan. 31, 2015 and there will once again be a \$1,000 jury prize and

a separate viewers' choice award.

"The second part of the project is more experimental," said Sipos. "It stems from recognition of an obvious fact of our times — that at any given moment thousands of self-portraits are being recorded around the world on smart phones and tablets. The mega-ubiquity of these selfies is generally derided by everyone, except the young, as banal, worthless and trivial. But what if we looked at the phenomenon through the lens of art?"

So a second call for submissions will go out after Christmas for people to submit selfies for a companion project to *Here's Looking at You*, to be called *Who Are You, Anyway?*

"We'll especially encourage the submission of selfies that speak to identity, ones that the subject feels say something, in whatever way, about who they are. It's a risky project — who knows what we'll get, or what it will all add up to. But that's what art is for, isn't it?"

Plans are for *Who Are You, Anyway?* to be curated by young artists. And it may well turn out that it results in an electronic exhibition rather than a traditional gallery show.

"Between the two projects, there will be lots for Salt Spring artists to attempt, and lots for the community to engage in as viewers and critics."

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REMEMBRANCE

Music and readings offer reflection

Traditional Remembrance time event at All Saints'

Music and Munch on Wednesday, Nov. 5 follows the tradition of presenting music that invites us to reflect on Remembrance Day.

This year's program pays tribute to the human spirit and focuses on the human face of war as it is portrayed in the iconic 1940 photograph Wait For Me Daddy. It was taken by Claude P. Detloff in New Westminster, the day Private Jack Bernard of the B.C. Regiment, the Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles, said good-bye to his

son Warren and the photo became both a symbol of the Canadian war effort and a poignant reminder of families torn apart by war. It was the last time this small family was together.

Last month, a statue was unveiled of Warren (Whitey) Bernard and his parents at the place where Detloff took the photograph. A new stamp has been issued and a new Toonie minted to mark the occasion.

Contributing to Wednesday's program under the direction of pianist and choir director David Storm are members of the All Saints' choir with soloists Connie Holmes, Anke Smelee, Jean McClure, Betty

Rothwell and Alan Robertson, joined by guests Patricia Flannagan and Judy Ellis.

Musical selections, some familiar and some not well known, will be woven together with readings and the opportunity for the audience to join in with the singing and in the reflections.

The free program begins at 12:10 p.m. in All Saints' by-the-Sea and is followed by an optional delicious light lunch prepared by the Anglican Caterers.

Donations received go towards the running of the series and to the annual donation made by Music Makers to the Royal Canadian Legion, Salt Spring Island branch.



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SOCIAL LIFE

Legion doors open wide for island

Halloween dance one of the special events

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Legion halls may have closed in many places across the country in the past decade, but Branch 92 of the Royal Canadian Legion on Salt Spring Island is still going strong.

The local Legion board is inviting islanders aged 19 and older to enjoy the benefits of membership with the aim of being a social centre like Vesuvius and Fulford pubs used to be.

"I'm trying to do at least one dance a month," said Wendy Charlton, the board member in charge of entertainment at the Blain Road building, last week.

This Friday a Halloween Howler costume dance with the band ThruFare is on tap. A relatively new Salt Spring "roots rock boogie" band, ThruFare features Brian Nash on guitar and vocals, Peter McFarlane on bass, Robert Johnson on lead guitar and Bruce Cameron on drums, accompanied by multi-instrumentalists Frank Huether and Tom Upex. ThruFare will keep the dance floor hopping with soulful originals and upbeat covers of artists like The Rolling Stones, Fred Eaglesmith, Tom Petty and "Boris" Bobby Pickett ("the Monster Mash").

Opening for the band is the new duo of Jon Middleton (of Jon and Roy) and Sierra Lundy, debuting with some special Halloween tunes.

On Nov. 21, Teena Turner tribute performer Luisa Marshall takes the stage, and the traditional Newfie New Year with Valdy is set for Dec. 31 once again.

A military connection is no longer a requirement to become a Legion member — and that's been the case since 1998 — although different classes of membership recognize service in the armed forces, RCMP or Canadian Coast Guard.

The Legion boasts an attractive gathering place with a bar, a full-size snooker table, a pool table, darts boards, large-screen TVs for watching sports and free Wi-Fi.

Poker players gather at 1 p.m. on Sundays, and crib aficionados at 1 p.m. on Mondays.

Jose's Kitchen, with Mexican and Canadian food, is open six days a week for lunch from 12 to 3 p.m. and until 8 p.m. on Saturdays. People have been thrilled with the food, said



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Salt Spring Legion board secretary Rebecca Cox, left, and Corilee Kitchen share a hug at the Legion on Friday night, representing the organization's more youthful face. For more photos, see the online version of this story at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com.

Charlton.

On Friday and Saturday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m., the famous meat draws provide a nexus for socializing. Thrifty Foods and Country Grocer sell meat products to the Legion at a discounted price. People then buy tickets that could see them take home a chicken, pork chops or steak, for example, gift certificates or proceeds from a 50/50 draw.

"Everyone cheers when you win and it's just a really fun evening," said Charlton.

Downstairs at Meaden Hall on Fridays is the popular Ladies Auxiliary dinner beginning at 6 p.m. The auxiliary also hosts bingo in the hall on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Early bird games begin at 6:30 p.m.

"The Ladies Auxiliary is a huge part of this place," observes Michael Winter, another board member and retired military officer who is in charge of Remembrance Day activities on the island.

Funds from LA bingo go to scholarships for Gulf Islands Secondary School grads, just one of the community benefits provided by Legion activities.

Last year, \$13,000 was disbursed to groups ranging from Meals on Wheels to Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwood's, search and rescue, youth sports teams and others.

The more people involved in local Legion activities, the more groups can benefit.

"We need more of a volunteer base to help us raise the money,"

said Charlton.

Winter explains that money is raised in three different areas — the Poppy Fund, gaming and general revenue — and must be spent in specific ways depending on the source.

While there will be more about Remembrance Day in next week's Driftwood, one event that occurs on Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 1 p.m. in Meaden Hall is the Veterans Luncheon for any vet, regardless of Legion membership, as well as an escort, whether a relative, friend or neighbour.

The 2014 Poppy Campaign begins this Friday. Look for donation boxes with volunteers and in stores.

While Charlton does not have a military background like Winter, she was motivated to join the Legion not only to serve her community but because of a sense of gratitude to war veterans, who ensured Canadians could live in a democratic society.

"I'm very appreciative of what people have done for me, our family and country."

In addition to Winter and Charlton, the current board consists of president Jay Small, past president Bill McKenzie, vice president Lorne Bunyan, treasurer Dionne Bemis, secretary Rebecca Cox and Alastair Aitken, who takes care of membership matters.

For more details, see the Legion's spiffy new website at www.saltspringlegion.ca or drop by the Legion lounge. People can attend as guests four times before committing to become a paid member.

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SPIRITUALITY

Minister shares how laughter enriches spiritual practice

Amanda Tarling leads service

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Unitarian chaplain Amanda Tarling will take advantage of her monthly sermon on Salt Spring this Sunday, Nov. 2, to explore how laughter can deepen a spiritual practice.

Tarling will address the topic What Does It Mean to Live a Life Full of Laughter? as part of a series of theme-based ministries for the Salt Spring fellowship. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in divinity at Starr King School for the ministry in California, one of only two Unitarian seminaries in North America.

A pluralistic form of spirituality that embraces people of diverse beliefs, Unitarianism welcomes everyone equally. Tarling said it appeals to her "because wherever you are on your spiritual path, be it Wiccan, pagan, athe-

ist, agnostic, Buddhist, Jewish or Christian, Unitarians encourage you to deepen your understanding and share your wisdom."

While laughter came up as a possible sermon topic at the strong request of the Salt Spring fellowship members, Tarling found the subject surprisingly engaging as she started her research. One of the most telling facts was that children under age five laugh an average of 400 times a day, but by adulthood that number drops to 18.

In approaching the Nov. 2 ministry she asks, "What is the place of laughter, and what does it mean that as adults we only laugh 18 times a day?"

"If we forget to laugh we've forgotten a part of ourselves and are missing part of our spirituality," Tarling said, adding, "I think it's very appropriate to laugh at church."

Some of the other questions Tarling asks

are who or what makes us laugh, and whether laughter comes as a result of outside sources or from a joy deep within. During her sermon she will touch on these issues, as well as looking at the history of laughter. For example, there's the fascinating fact that court jesters were responsible for delivering bad news to monarchs.

The sermon will include funny YouTube clips, suggested readings and movies and even a short session of laughter yoga, a practice that Tarling already enjoys and which she says is hilarious to witness.

Newcomers to Unitarian sermons are always welcome. Services take place every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at Salt Spring Seniors (across from Country Grocer). Childcare is available.

Tarling also offers coffee meetings between her monthly sermons for further reflection and conversation on the monthly theme. She can provide further details on Sunday.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Unitarian minister Amanda Tarling.

BUSINESS

Island institution changes hands

Hengstler legacy continues in wholesale supply

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The family behind one of Salt Spring's longest-running and best-loved businesses has left the retail side of their operations, with Arnie and Julia Hengstler handing over The Fishery to newcomers Vivian He and Hollis Hu last week.

If one thing was clear at the weekend's sale to celebrate the transfer, Salt Spring likes its fresh crab, especially when it's offered at low prices. Over 450 pounds of the live crustaceans moved during the two-day event.

The local appreciation for high-quality seafood is fortunate. It will help keep the business viable for the new owners, since the strong community bonds the Hengstlers have forged were equally apparent during the sale. Customers were visiting the shop as much to say goodbye and good luck as to pick up a great deal on dinner.

"It will be 42 years exactly that I've been on the island next weekend," said Arnie Hengstler, who is now 50. "I grew up here. I went to school here, coached basketball... it will be of a change for me than Julia."

The Hengstlers are moving their home to Duncan, which will mean an end to commuting for the rest of the family. Julia works for Vancouver Island University and the couple's two sons, Jameson and Connor, attend Queen of Angels School.

Arnie figures he might actually spend more time on Salt Spring now, where he remains The Fishery's property owner



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

From left, Connor, Jameson, Julia and Arnie Hengstler, with new Saltspring Fishery owners Vivian He and Hollis Hu. See www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com for more photos.

and from where he'll base his crab fishery. On the other hand, he won't have to travel to access his salmon fishing boat, the Mahola Kai.

The Fishery holds a special place in Salt Spring life, both as one of its longest running businesses and for its place in island branding. Hengstler, who learned how to fish commercially on the Fraser River alongside his father Kurt, was one of the original vendors at the Saturday market when it started in 1973. Home sales followed, and the iconic waterfront shop opened in 1992.

Fish sold in the shop comes directly from the fishermen. Hengstler recalls fishing the entire west coast in the old days of an "A licence." Under the

new rules, which have fishermen choose area licences, he fishes Barclay Sound, Nootka Sound and the Johnstone Strait, "because the quality is better." In contrast, he finds the best crab fishing is done in local waters.

People who are on other Gulf Islands during the summer months have also benefitted from Hengstler's business, with Saturday dock sales on Mayne and Galiano attracting many happy customers. A video on his phone taken last summer shows over 100 people lined up on the dock and down the gangway at Miners Bay for the privilege.

Hengstler will continue to sell his fresh catch wholesale to Hu and He, ensuring islanders benefit from high-quality product. The new owners have

also inherited the expertise of long-time employees Pam Leyland and Shelly Vermeulen, who are staying on. Conrad Pilon is finally retiring from his post-retirement job to take care of his heritage orchard.

One of the innovations that helped grow the business above and beyond fresh fish is the value-added canned salmon and tuna, which is sold at The Fishery shop, through mail-order and at major Canadian craft fairs. Hengstler's presence at these events for the past 20 years — along with a massive Salt Spring banner — has helped secure the island's reputation for gourmet local food.

"I think we've advertised Salt Spring more than anybody, and the name Salt Spring has actually helped the product," Hengstler said, pointing to a schedule that will take him to Prince George, Vancouver and Toronto — the biggest Christmas fair in North America — during the next month, before the famous Touch of Salt Spring fair goes up in Saanich in December.

Hengstler said he definitely had mixed feelings about selling the business, but he feels customers will be in good hands with the new owners, who have recently moved to Canada from Beijing.

"I think it's going great," he said about the transition. "The new people are young and they're energetic and they want to learn. It's working well."

He and Hu are learning the ropes quickly while working to improve their English skills at the same time. They have a 10-year-old son who they hope to bring to the island next year.

"Salt Spring is really beautiful. Salt Spring people are very nice. So I like everything," He said.

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> CRD candidates Q&A

Election of local government candidates takes place on Saturday, Nov. 15 (with advance polls on Nov. 5 and 12).

As part of the Driftwood's election coverage, we asked those seeking to be Salt Spring's electoral area director to the Capital Regional District and trustees on the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee to answer four questions in writing. Salt Spring school board candidates' answers will be published next week.

GARTH HENDREN



Q: Describe one of the most significant CRD-related issues that faces the island and explain how you intend to resolve it during the upcoming term.

Garth Hendren: Water is fast becoming one of our most costly items. I would work with our various water commissions to streamline the services, reduce the costs of doing business and reduce consumption and pass whatever savings on to the customers.

Q: Salt Spring's economy has been strongly affected by various external and internal pressures in recent years. How do you propose to invigorate the island's economy and give people the confidence to live, work and play on the island for years to come?

GH: There is no magic bullet that will invigorate our economy. As the CRD director I would sit on the BC Ferries advisory committee. I would use that venue to support better and more service. The Community Economic Development Commission that I established in 2010 will be used to establish a trade forum. Support the expansion of the Saturday Market. Support the upgrading of Mahon Hall, the location of the largest centre for the sale of arts and crafts on the island. Help resolve the congestion and traffic problems located at the principal entrance to Salt Spring, Fulford. Continue to support the expansion and upgrading of our public bus service. Complete the North Ganges Transportation Plan.

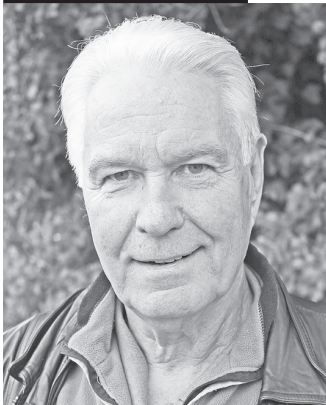
Q: Why have you decided to stand for the position of Salt Spring's CRD director?

GH: I was the director for one term, 2009-2011, and although I learnt a lot, because of that I did not achieve what I set out to do. I now understand how to achieve my objectives, and I now want to get down to the business of governing effectively and proactively.

Q: Salt Spring's multifaceted local government structure is unique in the province. Though an incorporation study was launched after the 2011 local government election, islanders still await word on an incorporation study from the province. In the meantime, how do you propose to govern the island effectively and wholly via the CRD?

GH: The task is almost unachievable. I would use Salt Spring's highly skilled and competent volunteers that serve as commissioners on all of our boards that provide oversight on the services and infrastructure from parks, to water, to sewage, to transportation, to affordable public housing.

WAYNE MCINTYRE



Q: Describe one of the most significant CRD-related issues that faces the island and explain how you intend to resolve it during the upcoming term.

Wayne McIntyre: There are many significant CRD issues, but the one I feel needs the most attention is simplifying and tailoring CRD systems and processes to Salt Spring Island's unique requirements, not Victoria's. Presently we are working within a large complex system and trying to fit our unique needs into it. We've made some improvements with the move of some resources and functions to Salt Spring but more CRD resources on Salt Spring and local control, or at least influence, is needed. This will reduce administrative costs, improve efficiency and increase local knowledge and commitment. I will focus on further collaboration with CRD headquarters to address and make changes as this issue affects the delivery and management of all Salt Spring CRD services.

Q: Salt Spring's economy has been strongly affected by various external and internal pressures in recent years. How do you propose to invigorate the island's economy and give people the confidence to live, work and play on the island for years to come?

WM: The action plan, Toward a More Resilient Salt Spring, released this month by the CRD's Community Economic Development Commission — of which I am a member — is an excellent place to start. Its development included a lot of community input, recognizes the importance of the environment in a sustainable community and emphasizes six areas: tourism, agriculture, Ganges and other villages, research on new sustainable sectors of the economy, business support and communications/advocacy. Once again collaboration is needed; for example with the Southern Gulf Islands on a bike/trail network to link all our islands

to regional and trans-Canada networks; or completion of the Ganges boardwalk in collaboration with the Islands Trust, the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, relevant property owners and the harbour authority.

Q: Why have you decided to stand for the position of Salt Spring's CRD director?

WM: I am passionate about our community and see some exciting possibilities before us and want to be a part of keeping the momentum going. Over the past three years I have developed valuable relationships with many organizations and individuals, on and off Salt Spring, especially CRD staff and directors in Victoria. I believe these relationships will be helpful in delivering projects to benefit Salt Spring.

Q: Salt Spring's multifaceted local government structure is unique in the province. Though an incorporation study was launched after the 2011 local government election, islanders still await word on an incorporation study from the province. In the meantime, how do you propose to govern the island effectively and wholly via the CRD?

WM: I do not see "wholly via the CRD." No organization can be truly effective working alone. Three years ago in my platform was a promise to work as a team with the Islands Trust, both the trustees and staff. I have done so and will continue to do so, including collaborating on projects such as water management and an integrated community sustainability plan.

I will also continue to work closely with the Southern Gulf Islands; some of their issues mirror ours and we can be stronger working together. One area in particular I will emphasize more is engaging senior levels of government, particularly the province. They need to listen to and support us in some of our key challenges such as BC Ferries, ensuring we are eligible for rural grants available to most other areas of the province, and supporting our request to fund the study that compares the cost of our existing governance system to a municipality. Effective governance requires an informed public, so quarterly public meetings will be instituted to provide updates on the CRD and to hear ideas on what might be done better.

Where & when to vote

Saturday, Nov. 15 is local election day in B.C. with candidates for Islands Trust, the Capital Regional District and Gulf Islands School Board seeking four-year terms. On Salt Spring a transportation-related referendum will also be held. (See story on page 4.)

Salt Spring Island polls are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Community Gospel Chapel, Fulford Elementary School and the Salt Spring Public Library. Piers Island also has a polling station at the fire hall.

Advance polls are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays, Nov. 5 and Nov. 12 at the Salt Spring Island Public Library and Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney.

A poll will also be set up on Nov. 15 at Richmond Secondary School in Richmond for Salt Spring and Southern Gulf Islands voters who cannot attend at their on-island locations.

For full details on elector qualifications, including for non-resident property owners, and voting opportunities for all Southern Gulf Islands voters, see the ads on pages 10 and 18 of this paper, or the Islands Trust and Capital Regional District websites.

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Wed. Oct 29 **Fri. Oct 31** **Fri. Oct 31** **Sat. Nov 1** **Sun. Nov 1** **Sun. Nov 2** **Tues. Nov 4** **Wed. Nov 5**

ACTIVITIES

National Theatre Live: Medea. Two shows at The Fritz Movie Theatre: 4 and 7 p.m.
SSI Golf & Country Club Fall General Meeting. Salt Spring Golf & Country Club clubhouse. 5:30 p.m.
Texas Holdem Poker. Sign-up time is 6 p.m. At The Local bar every Wednesday.
Best of the Fest: The Lunchbox. Film festival hit about a mistaken delivery in Mumbai's famously efficient lunchbox delivery system. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
SongJam. A special emphasis on Halloween-themed pop/rock hits from the soundtrack of our lives. Best costume prize. Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Dance of the Demons IV. Salt Spring Concert Band presents a Halloween concert for families and kids of all ages with spooky music, lots of special effects and thrilling surprises. ArtSpring. 2 p.m.
Halloween Howler Dance. With live music by ThruFare, and opening act Jon Middleton and Sierra Lundy. Prizes for best costume. Cash bar. Dinner & snacks available. The Legion. 7:30 p.m.
Run For Cover. A very scary party with island favourites featuring Stephanie Rhodes. Prizes for best costumes. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

StoryTime at the Library. Program for kids aged 3 to 6 at the Salt Spring Public Library. 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
Family Pumpkin Carving Party. Halloween activities and snacks and locally grown and donated pumpkins will be available to carve for children 6 and under. Costumes encouraged. Please bring a non-perishable item for the food bank. Salt Spring Cooperative Preschool. 10 a.m. to noon.
Harvest Fun Festival. Games, cake walk, candy and fun. Community Gospel Chapel. 5 to 7 p.m.
Spook House. Mahon Hall is turned into a crazy haunted house. Entry fee includes candy and popcorn. 6:30 to 11 p.m., with a break for fireworks.

ACTIVITIES

Halloween Fireworks. Annual show over Ganges Harbour sponsored by Salt Spring Fire Rescue. Fireworks at 7:30 p.m., with free hotdogs and hot chocolate at the fire hall afterward.
Halloween Street Dance. With DJ line-up including Greenskeeper, Andrew Interchill and Dan Snakehead. Centennial Park. 6 to 11 p.m.

Sat. Nov 1

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Ange Hehr. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Dennis Maione Literary Event. Author of What I Learned From Cancer launches book at Salt Spring Public Library. 3:30 p.m.
Greenwoods Christmas Craft Fair. 6th annual Christmas craft and bake sale fundraiser. Braehaven. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Met Opera Screening: Carmen. Richard Eyre's mesmerizing production of Bizet's steamy melodrama returns with mezzo-soprano Anita Rachvelishvili singing her signature role. ArtSpring. 10 a.m.
NaNoWriMo - Kick Off Party. For those adventurous souls that are accepting the challenge to write a 50,000+ book in 30 days, a get together to meet your fellow adventurers. Salt Spring Public Library. 1:20 to 2:40 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring United U13 Girls Soccer Team Fundraiser. Bake sale and concession stand to raise money for warm-up suits. Portlock Park. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Satsang & Meditation Retreat. Two-day retreat with Greg Marian starts today. Ram Spring Wellness Sanctuary. Noon to 6 p.m.
Photography Exhibit Opening - Highway One. Opening reception for Salt Spring photographer Michael Wall's exhibit, which runs through November. Cafe Talia. 5 to 7 p.m.

Sun. Nov 2

ACTIVITIES

Restorative Restshop. Specialized sequencing using specific support in postures, and to nourish the nervous and immune systems. Highly restorative, the blanket, bolster and cushion support create a session conducive to deep relaxation. All levels welcome. With Celeste Mallet Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio. 9 to 11 a.m.
Laughter Ministry. Unitarian chaplain Amanda Tarling will address the topic Laughter: What Does It Mean to Live a Life Full of Laughter? as part of a series of theme-based ministries for the Salt Spring fellowship. 379 Lower Ganges Rd. 10:30 a.m.

ACTIVITIES

Dance Temple - Sacred Sundays. Ganges Yoga Studio. 10:30 a.m. to noon.
Produce Centre Presentation. Members of the public will have the chance to discuss new plans for a community produce centre on Beddis Road. Salt Spring Library Program Room. Presentation at 1:30 p.m., discussion at 2 p.m.
Rollerblading. At Fulford Hall every Sunday from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Mon. Nov 3

ACTIVITIES

ToddlerTime. For parents and children under four. Salt Spring Public Library. 10:30 a.m.
Arno Kopecky Literary Event. Author of The Oil Man and the Sea, currently shortlisted for the 2014 Governor General's Literary Award in nonfiction, reads at Salt Spring Public Library at 7 p.m.
Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting. Public semi-annual meeting between FAC and BC Ferries executives. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 1 p.m.
All-Candidates Meeting. For CRD and Trust candidates. ArtSpring. 7 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Giant Book Sale Drop-offs. Book donations can be dropped off at SS Literacy office from noon to 4 p.m.
Film Series: Years of Living Dangerously. Nine-part, prize-winning documentary series on climate change starts today. SS Public Library. 2 to 3 p.m.
Improvitational Comedy Workshop. Gulf Islands Secondary School. 7 to 9 p.m. Info: workshop@janrabson.com
Salt Spring Fire Service Review. One of three meeting opportunities for the public to share thoughts regarding the fire service. Research conducted by The Walker Resource Group Ltd. Beaver Point Community Hall. 7 p.m.
SSI Watershed Protection Authority Public Advisory Committee Meeting. Public observers welcome. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 2:30 p.m.
Riparian Areas Regulation Islands Trust Public Hearing + Info Sessions. Public hearing on bylaws no. 480 and 482. Trust planner answers questions at Fulford Community Hall from 12 to 2 p.m. and at Lions Hall from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Public hearing begins at Lions Hall at 6 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Music & Munch - Remembrance Event. Music and readings related to Remembrance Day themes. Free program followed by an optional lunch. All Saints' By-the-Sea. 12:10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Don McKay Poetry Reading. Winner of two Governor General's Awards and one Griffin Poetry Prize reads from newest book, *Angular Unconformity*. ArtSpring Gallery. 7 p.m.
Extended Library Hours. The Salt Spring Public Library hours on Wednesday nights will be extended from 5 to 7 p.m. beginning tonight.
SongJam. A 21st-century pub sing-along to vocal and instrumental backing tracks. Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.
Texas Holdem Poker. See last Wednesday.
Advance Local Election Poll. For Islands Trust, CRD, school board and SSITC referendum. SS Public Library. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Thurs. Oct 30

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic With Ross & Dave. Every Thursday at Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Beddis Water Service Commission AGM. Annual general meeting at the Library Program Room. 10 a.m. to noon.
Giant Book Sale Drop-offs. Book donations can be dropped off at SS Literacy office from 12 noon to 4 p.m.
Cedar Lane Water Service Commission AGM. Annual general meeting at Library Program Room. 1 to 3 p.m.
Green Drinks. Come for a retrospective slideshow of green happenings on the rock. Harbour House Hotel. 6 p.m.

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• **National Theatre Live: Medea** — For the sake of her husband, Medea has left her home and borne two sons in exile. But when he abandons them, Medea faces banishment and separation from her children. Cornered, she begs for one day's grace, and exacts an appalling revenge and destroys everything she holds dear. Wed., Oct. 29 at 4 and 7 p.m. Advance tickets at Island Star Video and Salt Spring Books.

EXHIBITIONS

• **Michael Wall** shows photos in an exhibit titled **Highway One - Finding My Country Through a Lens** at **Cafe Talia** through November, with an opening reception on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 5 to 7 p.m. **Hannah Marten's** work can be seen at the cafe until then.

• **Mary Laucks'** new show — **Vision Unframed: Painting Outside the Rectangle** — appears in the **ArtSpring lobby** from Nov. 1 to 30.

• **Salt Spring Gallery** on McPhillips Ave. hosts **No Public House**, an exhibit of photographs by **Peter Allan** of the now-decrepit Fulford and Vesuvius inns, until Oct. 30

• New works by fabric artist **Susan Paynter** are showing at **kiZmit Galeria and Cafe** on Beaver Point Road through October. For info about gallery opening times, call 250-653-4638.

• **Duthie Gallery** hosts two new installations by **Michael Dennis**. See **Council of Elders** in the **Hastings House field**, fresh from the VanDusen Botanical Garden, Vancouver, and **Michael Dennis' 7 Figures** in yellow cedar in **Duthie Gallery** on Church Road. The gallery is open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. until the end of October and thereafter till February by appointment (250-537-9606).

• An exhibition of the late **Jack Avison's** watercolours is on display through October in the **Salt Spring library program room**. Portfolios of unframed watercolours and drawings will also be on display and available for purchase each Friday during October from 1 to 3 p.m., with proceeds going to a GISS graduate scholarship fund.

• **Across the Board** show and sale of paintings by **Judy Nurse** is in the **ArtSpring lobby** for the month of October.

• New works by **Gabrielle Jensen** are now on exhibit at **Gulf Island Picture Framing** in Grace Point Square.

• **Wendy french** has paintings hanging at **Penny's Pantry**.

• **Sam Lightman** shows photos at **Island Savings**.

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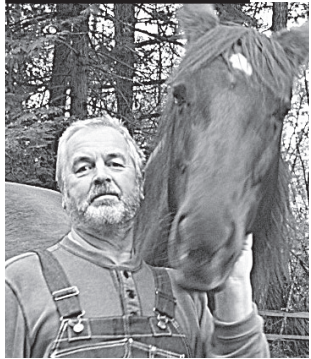
> Islands Trust candidates Q&A

CANDIDATE Q&A

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Four candidates are running for two seats on the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee. They are incumbents George Grams and Peter Grove, and challengers Christine Grimes and Vincent MacDonald. Answers to four questions posed to the candidates are on this page and pages 19 and 20.

GEORGE GRAMS



Q: Describe one of the most significant land-use decisions that faces the island and explain how you intend to resolve it during the upcoming term.

George Grams: For the first time in the Trust's 40-year history an LTC (ours) won the right to undertake the coordinated management of the agencies responsible for water legislation, regulation and delivery. Winning that right, and convening the Water Protection Authority (SSIWPA), was an essential foundational step that I championed with staff's considerable help. It took a year to obtain delegated powers and another year to win consent to raise a tax requisition to fund watershed management. SSIWPA, initially focused on water quality, is now well into its stride and has begun to tackle water quantity. We have raised more than \$159,000 in grants and in-kind contributions to assist our vital work. I ask residents to allow me to steward the water quality/quantity reviews through next term. Their outcome is vital to sustainably planning our community.

Q: The Islands Trust's responsibility to preserve and protect the Gulf Islands was established 40 years ago. Is the mandate still relevant and, if so, how will you foster a thriving community without sacrificing the island's natural environment and rural character?

GG: Preserving and protecting our environment is a timeless mission, one that will remain perpetually relevant. The Islands Trust deserves support and encouragement in that endeavour, but as a community we need to do more if we are to move to a truly sustainable society.

Canada has the eighth highest ecological footprint in the world. We each need more than seven hectares to provide us with the resources to sustain our current lifestyle. Those resources are harvested from land (surface and subsurface) and from oceans and lakes.

There is deep injustice if we preserve and protect our own environment but do nothing about reducing our demand on resources that must necessarily come from someone else's back yard. Reducing our ecological footprint needs investment in our built environment and a change (though not necessarily a reduction) in lifestyle so we can live comfortably on less resources. That mission needs to become

an island imperative, but I would also wish it to be Islands Trust policy.

An Integrated Community Sustainability Plan will help define the goals our island community wishes to set and the path to achieving them. Talks with other agencies confirm interest in developing such a plan, which I will vigorously promote if re-elected.

With the help of entrepreneurial islanders, CRD and the Community Economic Development Commission, we can explore means of, and paths for, shifting our economic base to one that aligns with that Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.

Q: Why have you decided to run for a spot on Salt Spring's LTC?

GG: I love this island and have an affinity with the people and other creatures with whom I share it. I have the education, experience and background necessary to help this island flourish as an ecological community. As a UK-chartered architect I have over 40 years experience in low environmental impact design, including three years as chair of the Scottish Ecological Design Association. I am a qualified arbitrator with the training and ability to bring sound judgment to bear on difficult issues, and I have the courage to make hard, sometimes difficult decisions. Lastly, I have a track record as a thoughtful and hardworking trustee during a becalming period in office.

Q: Salt Spring's multifaceted local government structure is unique in the province. Though an incorporation study was launched after the 2011 local government election, islanders still await word on an incorporation study from the province. In the meantime, how do you propose to govern the island effectively and wholly via the LTC?

GG: I dislike the word "govern." We will administer as we have done for the past three years, objectively, impartially and collaboratively. In particular, this administration has made great strides in bringing about integrated governance through working with CRD, other government departments, agencies, improvement districts and our community.

I will also seek to have further powers devolved from Trust Council to the LTC to permit us to expand our work with other agencies to embrace a range of issues. The confidence and trust that our inter-agency work on watershed protection has generated at Trust Council paves the way for further devolved powers to be requested.

VINCENT MacDonald



The following answers are based on comments transcribed from an interview undertaken on Monday, Oct. 27, as the candidate did not have email access as of that date.

Q: Describe one of the most significant land-use decisions that faces the island and explain how you intend to resolve it during the upcoming term.

Vincent MacDonald: The one case I've really been thinking about was a couple of years ago at the Ganges Marina, but you know it will come up again. The decision was to not go forward, and a service was lost from the marina. If it went the same way as Bullock Lake, what would you be left with except reduced marine service, which affects all of the businesses in town. Developments of that nature can quickly just carry over into the whole in-town economy.

It's all about doing it right; if it isn't done right, you lose what you already have. If something is not successful, in the end, all you did was lose part of your economy.

Q: The Islands Trust's responsibility to preserve and protect the Gulf Islands was established 40 years ago. Is the mandate still relevant and, if so, how will you foster a thriving community without sacrificing the island's natural environment and rural character?

VM: Time and due diligence. You have to look at everything. You can't feel that you have to push something through when you're not certain that you've covered all the bases.

It can be frustrating. Back when it was really busy [prior to 2008] I can understand the delay, but we need moderation. We had the SLOW movement, and in the end you get less problems that way, but it's easy to get caught up in a boom.

Q: Why have you decided to run for a spot on Salt Spring's LTC?

VM: I guess a lot of it is just growing up in a similar environment, and a lot of interest from people who feel things that take place in the community matter. Over the years, you hear a lot of different viewpoints, and a lot of people have good suggestions. There's a lot of different aspects to the community; they don't all just go to public meetings. There's a network of established community groups.

Q: Salt Spring's multifaceted local government structure is unique in the province. Though an incorporation study was launched after the 2011 local government election, islanders still await word on an incorporation study from the province. In the meantime, how do you propose to govern the island effectively and wholly via the LTC?

VM: When you look at different places, Comox and Courtenay have looked at amalgamation, and now it's come up that they want a non-binding referendum with this election just in North Cowichan and Duncan.

As for the costs, there's always a plus and minus, you can always debate those, but it's known that, in the end, incorporation costs more money. We need to ask if a community of this size can afford it.

That's why those examples are looking at amalgamation, even something the size of Comox-Courtenay is looking at it. It's just an evolving process of costs. Something comes up, you create a group, and then they feel like they need to stay in the system like any one, workplace life must continue.

We've created a lot of focus groups, and what's the hub for all of this? Well the CRD director is a big part of it. The whole nature is about who has some governance over all these committees and who can make them more efficient, and that's cost wise as well.

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Capital Regional District



Notice of Election by Voting and Notice of Assent Voting Opportunity (Referendum) | 2014 General Local Election

Public notice is hereby given that **General Voting Day** will be held from **8:00 am to 8:00 pm** on **Saturday, November 15, 2014** to elect persons to serve a **four-year** term of office as **Electoral Area Directors for Southern Gulf Islands and Salt Spring Island** on the **CRD Board** from December 2014 until after the 2018 General Local Election held in accordance with the legislation in the *Local Government Act*.

Salt Spring Island Electoral Area - One Director to be elected:

Surname	Given Name(s)	Residential Address
HENDREN	Garth	261 Canvas Back Place, Salt Spring Island, BC
MCINTYRE	Wayne	195 Broadwell Road, Salt Spring Island, BC

Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area - One Director to be elected:

Surname	Given Name(s)	Residential Address
CROPPER	Stephen	257 Lundy Lane, Mayne Island, BC
HOWE	Dave	7915 Swanson View Drive, Pender Island, BC

Notice of Assent Voting Opportunity – Galiano Health Care Centre

Take notice that below is a synopsis of the proposed Bylaw No. 3955 for which the electors of the Galiano Island (includes Galiano, Retreat, Wise, Parker and Gossip Islands) within the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area will be asked to vote on the following question on **Saturday, November 15, 2014**:

Are you in favour of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board adopting Bylaw No. 3955, "Galiano Health Care Centre Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2014" authorizing the CRD to establish a service to contribute to the costs incurred by the Galiano Health Care Society in operating and maintaining the Galiano Health Care Centre building and to raise a maximum annual requisition of the greater of EIGHTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$86,550) or \$0.19 per ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) of taxable land and improvements for the purpose of funding the operating costs of the service?

YES or NO

A synopsis of Bylaw No. 3955: *The intent of Bylaw No. 3955, "Galiano Health Care Centre Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2014", is to establish a new service to contribute to the costs incurred by the Galiano Health Care Society in operating and maintaining the Galiano Health Care Centre building on Galiano Island in the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area, and to raise a maximum annual requisition of the greater of:*

- (a) EIGHTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$86,550) or
 (b) \$0.19 per ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) of taxable land and improvements in the service area, for funding the cost of this service.

Taxation Impact

The proposed service includes a maximum annual requisition of \$86,550 and would result in an estimated annual cost of \$66.07 per average household in the service area.

Notice of Assent Voting Opportunity – Salt Spring Island Community Transit & Transportation Service

Take notice that below is a synopsis of the proposed Bylaw No. 3956 for which the electors of the Salt Spring Island Transit and Transportation Service within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area will be asked to vote on the following question on **Saturday, November 15, 2014**:

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, Amendment 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?

A synopsis of Bylaw No. 3956: *The intent of Bylaw No. 3956, Salt Spring Island Community Transit and Transportation Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 2014, is to amend Bylaw No. 3438 by increasing the maximum amount that may be requisitioned annually for the Salt Spring Island Transportation Service until December 31, 2018 to be the greater of:*

- (c) Three Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$396,250), or
 (d) an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax rate of \$0.1346 per One Thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars applied to the net taxable value of land and improvements in the Service Area, for the purpose of funding further improvements to the North Ganges Village Transportation Management Plan

Taxation Impact

The tax rate of \$0.1346/\$1,000 of net tax value of land and improvements will result in an increase of \$4.29/\$1,000 or \$37.80 per average household assessed at 2014 rates.

The above synopses are not an interpretation of Bylaw Nos. 3955 and 3956. A copy of the complete bylaws and this notice may be viewed at Capital Regional District (CRD) Headquarters located at 625 Fisgard Street, 1st Floor – Foyer, Victoria, BC from October 22, 2014 to November 15, 2014, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm except statutory holidays. The bylaws and other information, may also be viewed on the website: <https://www.crd.bc.ca/about/how-we-are-governed/elections-other-voting>

Voting Opportunities

Voting places will be open from **8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Saturday, November 15, 2014** to qualified electors of the Capital Regional District at:

Salt Spring Island Electoral Area

- Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, [Salt Spring Island, BC](#)
- Fulford Elementary School (Gym), 203 South Ridge Road, [Salt Spring Island, BC](#)
- Salt Spring Island Public Library, 129 McPhillips Avenue, [Salt Spring Island, BC](#)
- Richmond Secondary School, 7171 Minoru Blvd., [Richmond, BC](#)

Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area

- Agricultural Hall, 430 Fernhill Road, [Mayne Island, BC](#)
- Lions Hall, 992 Burrill Road, [Galiano Island, BC](#)
- Pender Island Elementary/Secondary School, 5714 Canal Road, [Pender Island, BC](#)
- Piers Island Fire Hall, [Piers Island, BC](#)
- Saturna Recreation Centre, 140 Harris Road, [Saturna Island, BC](#)
- Richmond Secondary School, 7171 Minoru Blvd., [Richmond, BC](#)
- Mary Winspear Centre (Room 6), 2243 Beacon Avenue, [Sidney, BC](#)*

*for those qualified electors who reside on Pauquachin or Tseycum Indian Reserve Lands

Advance Voting Opportunities will be available from **8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 and Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at:**

Salt Spring Island Electoral Area

- Salt Spring Island Public Library, 129 McPhillips Avenue, [Salt Spring Island, BC](#)
- Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Avenue, [Sidney, BC](#)

Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area

- Agricultural Hall, 430 Fernhill Road, [Mayne Island, BC](#)
- Lions Hall, 992 Burrill Road, [Galiano Island, BC](#)
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Mail Ballot Voting

- is now available to electors who:
- have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity, or
 - expect to be absent from the regional district on general voting day (Saturday, November 15, 2014) and at the times of all advance voting opportunities (Wednesday, November 5 and 12, 2014).

You must be a qualified Resident or Non-Resident Property elector to vote.

To Register To Vote By Mail, eligible electors who meet the criteria must submit a completed application form in advance of general voting day, November 15, 2014. Application forms are available on the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca/mailballot. Completed application forms may be submitted via email, mail, in person or via fax at the following contact information listed below:

Capital Regional District, Legislative & Information Services
 5th floor, 625 Fisgard Street, PO Box 1000, Victoria, BC, V8W 2S6
Phone: 250.360.3129 | Toll free: 1.800.663.4425 local 3129
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If you are not on the Provincial Resident Elector List or the CRD Non-Resident Property List of Electors, you may now register at the time of filling in your ballot. If you wish to confirm that your name is on the List of Electors, please call the number listed above.

After receiving a mail ballot application, the CRD will send out the applicable mail ballot package commencing on or about Monday, October 27, 2014 for the following:

- Electoral Area Director
- Islands Trust Local Area Trustee
- School Trustee
- Assent Voting for Salt Spring Island Transportation
- Assent Voting for Galiano Health Care Centre

If we receive your application after November 3, 2014, and time does not permit mailing, you should arrange to pick up a package from the CRD, Legislative & Information Services, at the address listed above. To be counted for the election or assent voting, your mail ballot **must** be received by the Chief Election Officer no later than 8 pm on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at address listed above. It is the obligation of the person applying to vote by mail ballot to ensure that the mail ballot is received by the Chief Election Officer within this time limit.

Electoral Qualifications

Resident Elector - You are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector if you are 18 years or older on voting day (Nov. 15, 2014), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for the past six months and within the boundaries of the jurisdiction for the past 30 days. If registering on voting day, you must provide two documents proving identity and residency (one must have a signature). Please note the CRD is using the Provincial Voters List for Resident Electors.

Non-Resident Property Elector - If you are 18 years or older on voting day (Nov. 15, 2014), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for the past six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the jurisdiction for the past 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 Sept. 23, 2014, or
- b) apply at the time of voting. The following information is required at the time of application:
 - a recent title search, state of title certificate, or property tax notice, showing the names of all of the registered owners,
 - 2 pieces of identification proving identity and residency (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 (original signatures only; facsimiles of signatures not acceptable).

A copy of the consent form may be downloaded from: <https://www.crd.bc.ca/about/how-we-are-governed/elections-other-voting/elector-qualifications-registration>

The following are acceptable classes of documents for proof of identity:

- BC driver's licence
- BC ID card issued by the Motor Vehicle Branch
- BC CareCard or Gold CareCard
- Request for Continued Assistance form SDES8
- Social Insurance Card (Canada)
- Citizenship Card (Canada)
- Real property tax notice (municipal or rural)
- Credit card or debit card issued by a savings institution
- Utility bill

Please Note:

- 1) Only **one** Non-Resident Property Elector may vote per property, regardless of how many owners there may be. Further, you may vote for only **one** property, no matter how many properties you own within the jurisdiction.
- 2) You may register on voting day if you meet the qualifications set out above. If you are already registered as a Non-Resident Property Elector, and provided that you still meet all of the requirements of the Local Government Act in order to be registered under this category, you are not required to re-register in order to vote.
- 3) 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.
- 4) Automated vote counting machines will be used for the Salt Spring Island vote.

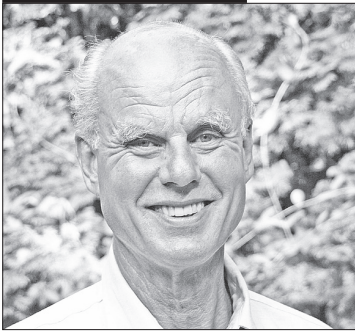
For questions regarding voting and voter registration call the Capital Regional District @ 250.360.3129 or Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3129, or Mr. Tom Moore @ 250.472.0059.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2014

Thomas F. Moore
 Chief Election Officer

> More Islands Trust candidates

PETER GROVE



Q: Describe one of the most significant land-use decisions that faces the island and explain how you intend to resolve it during the upcoming term.

PG: Ganges Village planning, including the completion of the boardwalk. We are at the beginning of the village planning exercise and there are many opportunities to improve on what we have. Islands Trust staff are preparing a charter at the request of the LTC, which will set out how a plan will be developed and implemented. It will entail the cooperation of the many bodies involved, including Islands Trust, the CRD with its several roles, the harbour authority, the Ministry of Transportation and property owners, working always in conjunction with the community at large. The plan necessitates rethinking the multiplicity of different zones currently existing. These complicate and inhibit opportunities for improvements. One consideration might be multi-use zoning to encourage residential development in order to revitalize the village core.

Q: The Islands Trust's responsibility to preserve and protect the Gulf Islands was established 40 years ago. Is the mandate still relevant and, if so, how will you foster a thriving community without sacrificing the island's natural environment and rural character?

PG: It is as relevant today as it was in 1974 when the Islands Trust was created. The Gulf Islands are very special, considered by many to be among the most desirable places in the world in which to live. The Islands Trust has played a key role in preserving and protecting our natural environment and rural character. It also has a responsibility to preserve and protect our community, which forms an integral part of our environment. Our community is rapidly aging. In order to address the imbalance of our demographics, we must find ways to support the island's economy and the need for employment and housing for young families. This includes continued encouragement of affordable housing projects and opportunities for growth in those sectors for which we are already well known, including farming, local markets, the arts, home-based businesses, health care, elder care, tourism and education. Such projects should always be in accord with our OCP, which addresses the need to protect our natural environment and rural character.

Q: Why have you decided to run for a spot on Salt Spring's LTC?

PG: Having had the honour of serving as trustee for the past term, I feel increasingly committed to, and passionate about, our island. I am campaigning for Salt Spring Island trustee for a second term because I want to build upon the achievements of the Trust over the past three years. We have begun a number of important projects I want to see completed, including the planning of our villages, implementation of recommendations from the Industrial Advisory Planning Commission, the development of a long-term sustainability strategy for the island, including the need to address the realities of climate change, and a conclusion to the governance issue. I love Salt

Spring Island and believe that the unique character of the Gulf Islands is worth preserving and protecting. I know that we can make decisions that will both represent the needs of the majority and that will enhance and strengthen our community. As a trustee I believe I can play a meaningful role.

Q: Salt Spring's multifaceted local government structure is unique in the province. Though an incorporation study was launched after the 2011 local government election, islanders still await word on an incorporation study from the province. In the meantime, how do you propose to govern the island effectively and wholly via the LTC?

PG: It is indeed unique. It was designed to separate land-use planning from the delivery of other government services. Salt Spring's local government is provided by the CRD. The Islands Trust is the authority for land-use planning and regulation under the B.C. Local Government Act. The LTC has developed and maintains Salt Spring's official community plan and bylaws which guide the decisions it makes.

Having served for three years, I am well positioned to work knowledgeably and effectively towards streamlining and improving our present system so as to be more responsive to the needs of the community. This includes ever closer cooperation with the CRD (I support the concept of a common building in which all services are contained) and moving the Islands Trust head office to Salt Spring. To have the head office in a jurisdiction outside the Gulf Islands makes no sense. Such changes would enhance our present government structure by allowing for greater coordination and collaboration among the various responsible bodies.

CHRISTINE GRIMES



Q: Describe one of the most significant land-use decisions that faces the island and explain how you intend to resolve it during the upcoming term.

CG: I have been meeting individuals and working families with young children who contribute greatly to this community and yet have no viable, affordable housing. This is clearly an important issue. In the Housing Needs Assessment (2009) it is shown that we need more affordable housing of all kinds to suit a truly diverse community. I am grateful for the secondary suite initiative and the affordable housing projects currently underway. I see a need to take an active role in educating islanders about affordable housing options, help to navigate the maze of bylaws and regulations as well as potential funding options, and advocate on behalf of those who are in need. I am also curious to look more deeply at the major barriers to affordable housing on Salt Spring and see what power the Trust may have to confront these larger issues.

Q: The Islands Trust's responsibility to preserve and protect the Gulf Islands was established 40 years ago. Is the mandate still relevant and, if so, how will you foster a thriving community without sacrificing the island's natural environment and rural character?

CG: The Islands Trust is as relevant today as it

was when it was founded, if not more so. Rapid population growth in the region — in the city of Vancouver and on Vancouver Island — means that development pressures further threaten the environment and rural way of life.

However, drawing from the strengths of our community, I see a future in which we can both protect the natural environment and promote a thriving green economy. Salt Spring is already known for its entrepreneurial spirit, cottage industries, innovative organic farms, an active Transition Town community and our local markets that team with talented artists and craftspeople. Let's build on that momentum and challenge the idea that communities must sacrifice the health of their local environments in order to thrive.

I acknowledge the CEDC report Toward a More Resilient Salt Spring as a resource for implementation. I would like to explore the possibility of creating more incentives for low-

impact projects and piloting co-operative zoning both for affordable co-housing and co-operative businesses that support the needs of islanders.

Q: Why have you decided to run for a spot on Salt Spring's LTC?

CG: Globally, we face sobering challenges. Through my volunteer work organizing with Save the Salish Sea and other groups, I know how much work is involved in protecting something valuable. I know that working to facilitate a cultural shift is needed to complement our efforts to preserve this cherished coast. As a director of Transition Salt Spring — moving from oil dependency to resilience and sustainability — I had the opportunity to deeply understand what kind of future community

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE RIPARIAN AREAS REGULATION SALT SPRING AND PREVOST ISLANDS BYLAWS NO. 480 AND NO. 482

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a Public Hearing concerning **Proposed Bylaws No. 480 and No. 482** for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained therein. At the public hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions.

DATE: Tuesday, November 4, 2014
PUBLIC HEARING LOCATION: Hart Bradley Hall, Lions Club, 103 Bonnet Ave., SSI
TIME: 6:00 PM

- Bylaw No. 480** in general terms amends Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 434 to meet the requirements of the *Riparian Areas Regulation* (BC Reg. 376/2004) by adding a new Development Permit Area (DPA7) which will only apply to specific areas.
- Bylaw No. 482** implements the *Riparian Areas Regulation* by amending Capital Regional District Bylaw No. 103 for Prevost and associated islands by inserting; a new Section 4.7 - Setbacks from Streams - Natural Environment Preservation; a new Section 4.8 - Soil Deposit and Removal; and in Subsection 6.8(3) - Setbacks Residential, by replacing the words "20 metres" with "30 metres".

INFORMATION:

In addition to the Public Hearing, Island Planner Stefan Cermak will be available at the following locations on November 4th to provide information about the Bylaws and to answer any questions:

Fulford Community Hall, Senior Centre, 2591 Fulford-Ganges Road - From 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM
Hart Bradley Hall, Lions Club, 103 Bonnet Avenue - From 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM

Copies of the proposed Bylaws, and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee, may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Wednesday, October 22nd up to and including Monday, November 3, 2014 at 4:30 pm.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) of the *Local Government Act*, Proposed Bylaws No. 480 and No. 482 may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website at www.islandstrust.bc.ca as follows:

Bylaw No. 480 - under Islands>Local Trust Areas>Salt Spring>Bylaws>Bylaw 434 and scroll down to Bylaw Amendments.

Bylaw No. 482 - under Islands>Local Trust Areas>Salt Spring>Bylaws>Prevost Island Bylaws.

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

SUBMISSIONS:

Written submissions may be delivered as follows:

- By Mail:** Islands Trust, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2N8
- By Fax:** (250) 537-9116.
- By Email:** ssiphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca prior to 4:30 p.m. November 3, 2014.
- To the Local Trust Committee:** at the public hearing on November 4, 2014.

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

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

Claire Olivier
Legislative Clerk/Deputy Secretary

All-candidates meeting set for Monday

The traditional all-candidates meeting for Islands Trust and Capital Regional District election candidates on Salt Spring is running this year on Monday, Nov. 3.

Organized by the Driftwood with sponsorship help from the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, the event sees candidates share

what they would bring to elected office and lets islanders ask direct questions of the candidates.

Monday's meeting begins at 7 p.m. sharp in the ArtSpring theatre, with moderator Harold Swierenga.

People are asked to stick to the 30-second time limit allowed for posing questions.

Christine Grimes, Islands Trust, cont'd.

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members want for the island. The dreams and visions of many tend towards creative, community-oriented ideas and low-impact initiatives that are also aligned with the goals of the official community plan. The OCP is a thoroughly researched and deliberated document meant to guide decisions of Salt Spring trustees and I would feel honoured to help realize its goals. Salt Spring has a wonderful sense of community and we need to keep a balance that avoids turning the island into an enclave of second homes for part-time visitors at the expense of the ecosystem.

Q: Salt Spring's multifaceted local government structure is unique in the province. Though an incorporation study was launched after the 2011 local government election, islanders still await word on an incorporation study from the province. In the meantime, how do you propose to govern the island effectively and wholly via the LTC?

CG: I support a full incorporation study that would provide us with needed information and I would be curious to see how the study might evaluate environmental impacts. I'm aware that support for the Trust is strong and that 70 per cent of voters rejected incorporation in our last referendum. Our island faces deeply concerning ecological issues, such as algal blooms in Weston, Cusheon and St. Mary lakes, so upholding the mandate of the Trust continues to be of crucial importance. I look forward to engaging with community groups, as well as individuals, to deepen the quality of communication, understanding and supportiveness that I believe can exist in the political sphere.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Patricias make indelible mark

Noble and imaginative participants

BRIDGETRICKS

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

It was Thanksgiving on Oct. 13, and in spite of that unlucky 13 number, there were thankful bridge players that day as well as several who were celebrating otherwise, resulting in only four and a half tables and a Howell movement where everyone changes places.

It was Patricia Hewett and Bob Morrisette who had the most to celebrate, earning first place, while Gillian Mouat and Jennifer Quick were pretty happy in the second spot. Ted Baldwinson and Catherine Gardiner came third, and George Laundry with Paul Retallack enjoyed fourth place. The rest settled for memories of turkey and pumpkin pie.

Oct. 20 saw things returning to normal, although there will be some departing for sunny southern climes shortly. There were seven full tables and a return to the Mitchell movement with stationary North/South players and East/West getting exercise.

And uniquely, there were two sets of ties! N/S first place was shared by the Blanche Poborsa-Patricia Brown partnership and the Laundry-Retallack pair, and second place was a tie also, between Zelly Taylor with Patricia MacFarlane (welcome back!) and Liz and Oleh Mycyk. The Baldwinson-Gardiner were first, Nick Beringer with Patricia Sutherland came second, and the Vonnie Bryant-Ruth Hopping pair occupied third place.

Has anyone noticed how many Patricias there are in this group? There are four of them this time in the winners' circles, who are living up to the meaning of their patrician Latin name, which is "noble," of course. The Urban Dictionary says a Patricia is "Very Imaginative, wishes to travel the world . . . quiet and thoughtful, independent, creative through art and music. Compassionate, peaceful, caring." And that sounds about right.



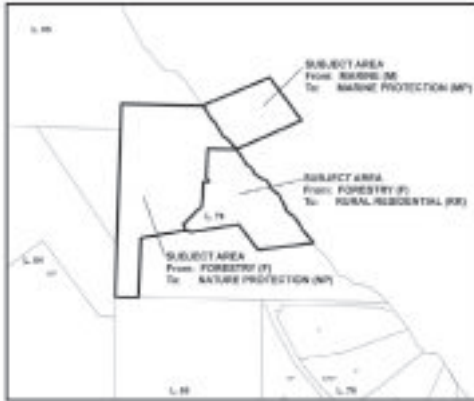
ISLANDS TRUST GALIANO ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee will hold a community information meeting and public hearing within a Regular Local Trust Committee Business Meeting on the following proposed bylaws:

- Proposed Bylaw No. 244 – cited as "Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 2, 2013"; and
- Proposed Bylaw No. 245 – cited as "Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Amendment No. 3, 2013"

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws at **12:30 p.m., Monday, November 3, 2014, at the Galiano South Community Hall, 141 Sturdies Bay Road, Galiano Island, BC**

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



Proposed Bylaw No. 244 – cited as "Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 2, 2013"

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 244 is to amend the Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995 by establishing a site specific policy in the Galiano Island Official Community Plan (OCP) to permit the creation of a subdivision with a minimum average parcel size as low as 2 hectares on the lands to be designated Rural Residential contingent upon the land to be designated Nature Protection by this amendment being transferred to the Crown represented by BC Parks and the Capital Regional District for parkland. In addition, Schedule B of the OCP (Land Use Designations) is amended to re-designate portions of the lands legally described as District Lot 79, Galiano Island, Cowichan District, along with a portion of the water, as depicted in the map to the left:



Proposed Bylaw No. 245 – cited as "Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Amendment No. 3, 2013"

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 245 is to amend the Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999 by establishing a site specific regulation in the Rural Residential zone that would permit the creation of a 5 lot subdivision with a minimum average parcel size as low as 2 hectares on the lands to be rezoned Rural Residential, contingent upon the land to be rezoned Nature Protection (NP) and Park (P) being transferred to the Crown represented by BC Parks and the Capital Regional District respectively for parkland. In addition, Schedule B of the LUB (Zoning Map) would be amended to rezone portions of the lands legally described as District Lot 79, Galiano Island, Cowichan District, along with a portion of the water, as depicted in the map to the left:

A copy of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing October 22, 2014 and up to and including October 31, 2014.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) (e) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Galiano Island, B.C., **commencing October 22, 2014.** The proposed bylaws can also be viewed on the internet at www.islandstrust.bc.ca by selecting the Galiano bylaws webpage: www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/galiano/bylaws

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. The office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, by Fax (250) 405-5155 prior to 4:30 p.m., **Friday, October 31, 2014**
2. By email to vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca.
3. After **4:30 p.m., October 31, 2014** to the Local Trust Committee at the Community Information Meeting & Public Hearing at 12:30 pm, **Monday, November 3, 2014.**

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

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

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Kim Farris, Planner, at (250) 405-5194 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver (604) 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

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INFORMATION

salt spring arts council

Does anyone remember Rosemaria Behncke?

The Salt Spring Arts Council has received a generous bequest from the Rosemaria Behncke estate. We know Rosemaria spent most of her life on Salt Spring, painted and was involved in the Artist Co-op that later became the Point Gallery in the south end of the island, but that is it. We are looking for stories, photographs, perhaps some of her paintings or any other information you may have of her. We want to honour her for her generous donation but need a little more information to do this properly. Please contact the Salt Spring Arts Council if you had any knowledge of her that you can pass on to us.

Ron Crawford, SSAC chairman of the board
250 537 0899 or 250 537 1678 (fax)
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SENIORS HEALTH

Fall prevention among workshop topics

RSVP to Nov. 6 caregivers' workshop requested by Nov. 3

In recognition of National Senior Safety Week, the Seniors Wellness & Better at Home program is sponsoring a Fall Prevention Workshop for caregivers set for Thursday, Nov. 6. Running from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the 129 Here-

ford Ave. Seniors Wellness building, the event is free and lunch is provided.

Please note the correction of the originally advertised date. People interested in attending are asked to RSVP by Nov. 3 to esmith@ssics.ca or by calling 250-537-4607.

Falls are the leading cause of injury among seniors and are the main reason why older adults lose their independence.

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For people who live with chronic pain or care for someone who does, and who like to help others and are comfortable speaking in front of small groups, the Salt Spring Seniors' Well-

ness Program has a great opportunity.

A free four-day Volunteer Leader Training Workshop is set for Monday, Nov. 17 to Thursday, Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pre-registration for the session is required at 1-866-902-3767.

For more information about the workshops or the Seniors Wellness and Better at Home programs, call 250-537-4607.

This Week's **Horoscope** by Michael O'Connor
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Tip of the Week:

Last week's Solar Eclipse New Moon in Scorpio comes to its 1st quarter or half-moon and will now wax to full. The effects of the eclipse will now be revealing its destined influences. Despite the foundation of existing and larger cycles, the current influences will become clearly apparent now over the coming week especially if this rare and powerful triple conjunction of Sun, Moon and Venus at 0 degrees Scorpio activated key planets or angles in your chart.

In the event that you have more than one planet or angle receiving the influence, the interpretations and more importantly the effects will be compounded. To gain the deeper story, your Birth Chart must be assessed as a whole. Your free will remains an important factor. It is largely about how you both co-create situations and handle circumstances which arise beyond your immediate cause or control.

These influences will linger for the next six months and will prove life-changing linked to significant endings and beginnings. Sometimes, events even occur 'prior' to the actual eclipse date when other culminating cycles produce links and bridges. This is an example of the organic and non-linear expression of Astrology which measures a convergence of natural, cyclic processes.

In my New Moon Newsletter (free subscription on my website) I will highlight the general effects of this eclipse both according to each of the 12 Zodiac Signs and more specifically to close aspects to the angles and planets in your Birth Chart.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Some significant changes are underway and you are playing an active role in making them happen. Because you want to deepen bonds you are willing to take the necessary action. Some form or training is implied. The learning curve includes 'unlearning'. This involves breaking habits and/or adjusting habitual modes of perception and personal conduct.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21) For the sake of greater harmony in your most significant relationship, paying close attention to the quality of your communications is the call now. You will notice your commitment levels increase as well. These may be to your resolve and not necessarily to certain relationships. With your confidence levels rising, you will push harder than usual.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21) Some noticeable shifts in your daily routine should be apparent now or ideally will be soon. These may well be linked to the health and quality of your lifestyle. Yet the focus may also be upon a training or apprenticeship process. This could include the care of others. Either way, your ambitions have been activated and now comes the discipline to follow through.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22) Seeds sown recently are beginning to sprout. Creative offspring and/or inspirations to draw up new plans and designs are featured. Circumstances and key players are directing you to be sober and realistic regarding important choices with long-term consequences. This is a good time to invest but avoid risky gambles for short-term gain.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23) Some important and powerful events close to home are a source of excitement and possibly intrigue. These may be stirring your imagination and possibly some fears. There is beauty in the mix but you may have to look deeply to see it. Meanwhile, the time is right to reach out and venture to increase your exposure and influence.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) A busy cycle has begun. It requires that you give more to people and situations than usual. At deeper levels you are being pushed to lay claim to hidden or dormant gifts. This theme will become increasingly evident over the coming months. You will be required to confront certain fears to claim them. Fortunately, you are in a sporting mood.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22) Financial ambitions and responsibilities are stirring. These are moving you to dig deeper than usual. Making key investments is implied. These may include simply the investment of time and energy to pay-off smaller lingering debts and generally tie-up loose ends to clear the way for larger interests. Meanwhile, increasing your social network and expanding horizons brings joy.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21) A busy time exploring new horizons continues. These may be as much in your own mind and perceptions as actually entering new territory. You may also be more willing to sample than commit just now. Altogether, this is yet another phase of a steadily changing daily rhythm and lifestyle in general. This trend will continue.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21) The next phase of letting go has begun. Breaking free of all attachments and expectations is a challenge. Surrender does not mean defeat. It implies accepting larger powers are at play and trusting that you will live to fully engage again another day. Keep breathing and trusting. PS - Don't shoot the messenger.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) You are nearing the peak and/or the end of a major cycle. It will linger through to the end of the year and into the summer of 2015 in drabs and drabs, but it is almost complete. Still, there remains enough time to make some final key moves and assertions. These could even prove to turn the entire game around. 'It is not over until it is over!'

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19) Some promising sprouts should be appearing in your public and professional sphere, as long as you have actually sown seeds. It is important that you assist the process by watering and weeding and bringing the light of your focused intention to your goals. You may have been feeling uncertain and a little lost these past few weeks. Trust the sprouts will grow and cooperate accordingly.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) Balancing a perspective between seeing the bigger picture over the longer term and attending to various details is a current theme. This implies homework. There does remain the issue of losing or scattering your focus. As well, despite various setbacks you should feel sustained by deeper layers of faith and confidence. Look for the silver linings in those details.

DOCUMENTARY FILM

Climate change series at library

Award-winning nonfiction offered Tuesdays through November

Transition Salt Spring, the Salt Spring Island Climate Action Council and the Salt Spring Library are pleased to announce a free showing of the nine-part series Years of Living Dangerously starting this week.

"This groundbreaking and prize-winning documentary series explores the human impact of climate change, how we are causing it and how our lives are being affected by it," the organizers state in a press release. "It is a dramatic, dynamic series, with real heroes and villains, courageously and honestly exploring the issues of climate change and covering intimate stories of human triumph and tragedy."

The first episode will be shown on Tuesday, Nov. 4 at the library, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and the film to start at 7 p.m. sharp. Three more episodes will be shown on each following Tuesday in November, with more to follow in December and January. Coffee and tea will be provided.

From the damage caused by Hurricane Sandy, to the climate-change-induced drought that is the source of the upheaval in Syria and other countries in the Middle East, to the unfolding crises in countries like Bangladesh and the devastating deforestation in Indonesia, Years of Living Dangerously combines the blockbuster storytelling styles of top Hollywood movie makers with the reporting expertise of today's most respected journalists and Hollywood's stars such as Harrison Ford and Matt Damon.

The correspondents who participated in the series were chosen primarily because of their personal concern for the need to raise awareness about climate change. Canadian film director James Cameron is the executive producer, contributing to the overall high quality and passionate focus of the series.

Years of Living Dangerously received the 2014 Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Documentary or Nonfiction Series. Although it was made in the U.S., the issues it catalogues have global relevance.

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EARLY EDUCATION

Film explores role of play

Screening and discussion set for Nov. 6

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A new documentary video filmed on Salt Spring that looks at the importance of play in early childhood development could have profound results on education paradigms, if local producer Kim Hunter has her way.

The 45-minute documentary Time to Play, which has its premiere screening at ArtSpring on Thursday, Nov. 6, suggests taking a step back from cultural trends dominated by screens and a push toward outcomes for a simpler and more effective approach.

“Kim Hunter has done a great job capturing the benefits of play in early childhood and providing her Waldorf preschool as an example. Her program has benefitted many children over the years and continues to have great success,” said Salt Spring Film Festival coordinator James Cowan, whose daughter attended Hunter’s school.

Noting the festival submissions board will be considering the video for the 2015 event, he added, “Salt Spring Film Festival loves to see local documentaries being made and filmmakers taking leaps to put their passions into moving pictures.”

Time to Play is a likely festival hit if it is selected, combining beautifully filmed scenes of local children with interviews with two education experts. Tying it all together is an over-dubbed narrative that catalogues theories of best practices for early childhood education, many of which were developed by Waldorf School founder Rudolph Steiner.

Hunter is known to many island families as the creator of A Child’s Garden Waldorf pre-school. The scenes filmed there reveal a magical world where objects are intentionally beautiful and made of natural materials, play is imaginative or related to useful tasks, and time is marked by festivals with seasonal significance. The group of four to six-year-olds can be seen cutting vegetables for soup and making bread for their lunch, frolicking in the forest and helping to stack wood.

What you won’t see is children sitting down to practise their printing or sounding out words. According to Waldorf theo-



COURTESY KIM HUNTER

Above, scenes from Time to Play, a local play that premieres on Thursday, Nov. 6 at ArtSpring.

ry, the approach to literacy is best accomplished through other means until at least the child’s seventh year.

“There’s a little deception that we can just start developing these higher capacities right away and that by bringing the higher capacities as early as we can in childhood that the child will learn more quickly. But really, we’re depriving the child of building the foundation upon which all these other capacities need to be built,” Adam Blanning, a doctor of anthroposophic family medicine, explains in the film.

Although the DVD was filmed at her school, Hunter didn’t want to limit the audience to those already in a Waldorf program. Instead, her goal was to open the discussion of alternative ideas in early childhood education to the general public.

“I really wanted it to be a springboard for conversation,” she said.

Hunter believes the recent and rapid cultural trend that has seen more and more children using digital technology at an early age needs to be examined. She acknowledges it’s possible this will mean a positive evolution of the human brain (although she doubts it) — but she strongly believes some study is needed.

Next Thursday’s evening event starts with the film screening at 7 p.m. A panel discussion including Gulf Islands School District physiotherapist Judith Bradley will follow.

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Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association would like to thank Lynn Thorburn for her continued dedication as a volunteer for the past 13 years. Everyone from Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association would like to wish her a Happy Birthday (Oct 31).



Debbie Cade, 8 year employee, Salt Spring Island Branch

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As an eight year employee, I am proud to work for Island Savings and happy that we will keep our identity and local decision-making in a model that sustains our business into the future without any disruption to staff or members.

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Debbie Cade
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SOCCER

Women best Cowichan

Old Boys face fright

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
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Salt Spring's O30 women's squad rediscovered its winning form with a 2-1 victory over Cowichan on Sunday afternoon.

The women played through a scoreless first half at the lower high school field despite having an edge in possession and barely missing several scoring opportunities.

Salt Spring stormed into the second half, as Sue-Anne Connolly drove a well-placed pass into the back of the Cowichan goal.

Within minutes, Connolly passed the ball to Sara Mottishaw, who swerved past Cowichan's befuddled defenders and fired a low shot into the corner of the net.

Cowichan managed to score within 15 minutes left in the match but couldn't outplay Salt Spring's late-game defensive stand and a strong performance in goal by Kym Shepard Bellavance. Lorna Walde was singled out for her strong play at midfield, and Anne May stood out on defence.

Sunday's win improves Salt Spring's record to 5-1-0. The team suffered a minor setback on Oct. 19, losing an away game 4-1 against Lakehill. The team's next match is against Vic West Scottish in Victoria on Sunday, Nov. 2 at noon.

Old Boys host horror show

An impressive winning streak reached a crashing conclusion amidst frightening conditions on Sunday morning as the Old Boys lost a hard-fought decision against Cordova Bay.

"The rains came and winds blew, and even the new solar panels on the GISS gymnasium could not provide the energy spark the Old Boys needed to overcome a determined and, it has to be said, robust Cordova Bay Fighting Perch team who were worthy 2-1 winners," said Fraser Hope, spokesperson for the Old Boys squad.

Hope added that the ghosts of seasons past returned with a vengeance as the Old Boys' recent success with its tiki-taki short-passing technique vanished from the field as "the leaves fall from the trees."

Hope said the Old Boys missed successive scoring opportunities in the game's opening 20 minutes but drew first blood on a penalty kick awarded to Mike McCormick, who guided the ball beyond the keeper's reach.

Cordova Bay tied the match just before the half-time whistle, and blue skies opened the second half while heralding a continued onslaught from the opposition that ended in another goal. Post-game analysis attributed Salt Spring's loss to slippery conditions, the players' white boots and the absence of key players.

The Old Boys travel to Frances Kelsey High next, where the team will play the Cowichan Cowboys on Sunday, Nov. 2. Kickoff is at noon.

Salt Spring FC draws again

Salt Spring is tied for fourth place in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's Division 3A after playing to a scoreless draw against the winless Vic West on Sunday.

Salt Spring FC is undefeated with a 1-0-5 record as the team prepares to host sixth-place Castaways FC (2-3-0) at Portlock Park on Saturday, Nov. 1.

TRAIL & NATURE CLUB

Neville event nails down woodpecker behaviour

No events scheduled for Remembrance Day

Special Presentation

Thursday, Nov. 20: John Neville presents Woodpeckers: Nature's Carpenters at Lions Hall, 7:30 p.m. Co-sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy. Open to the public. Refreshments by donation.

Walkers

Nov. 4: Mystery walk. Meet at ArtSpring parking lot at 10 a.m. to choose a leader and a walk.

Nov. 11: No event planned for Remembrance Day.

Nov. 18: Niekie Visser leads a walk to Cable Bay/Dodds Narrows on Vancouver Island, hoping to see

KAYAKING

Salt Springer achieves dream



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Salt Spring's Shay Broemeling, seen here on another adventure, made it around Vancouver Island by kayak this year.

Broemeling circumnavigates Vancouver Island in kayak

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Most people like to think about dream trips; others, like 27-year-old Shay Broemeling, make them happen.

On June 28, Broemeling dipped his paddle into the water off Salt Spring Island for the first time on his summer-long circumnavigation of Vancouver Island. The former sea kayak guide was camped on De Courcy Island, near Ladysmith, at the end of day one. By his second night, he was already past

Parksville.

In a recent interview about the trip, Broemeling said he was lucky to have favourable winds and an accommodating current for much of his journey between Salt Spring's Price Road beach and northern Vancouver Island. Broemeling had good reason to be grateful for the favourable start since the trip's toughest segment, the long paddle along Vancouver Island's exposed western shoreline, was still to come.

In June, Victoria's Russell Henry completed the 1,100-kilometre trip in 12 days, 23 hours and 45 minutes, setting a new speed record in the process.

Whereas Henry

recounts consecutive 12-hour days in a grueling bid to capture the new record, Broemeling purposefully adopted a more leisurely approach. He took 12 days to kayak around the inlets and islets near Port Hardy, relaxed for two days on the remote Brooks Peninsula, checked into Hot Springs Cove in Clayoquot Sound for two days, and spent 20 days WWOOFing at Chez Monique's, a legendary beachside barbecue shack on the West Coast Trail near Carmanah Point.

In his 13 years of white-water and ocean paddling, few experiences compare to the scale of this summer's accomplishment.

Broemeling talks about waking up to the sound of humpback whales breathing offshore and falling asleep to the sound of wolves howling nearby. During his waking hours on the water, he recalled a sense of living on the edge.

"People travel to far-flung places all over the world, but we have some of the most beautiful and undeveloped shoreline anywhere," he said.

At Seymour Narrows, where the Salish Sea disappears amidst a maze of islands large and small near Campbell River, Broemeling entered a wild landscape populated by bears, wolves and an occasional fishing or logging camp. He would

occasionally happen across a fellow paddler but was largely left on his own to navigate the isolated waters, paddle through 40-knot winds and find suitable places to spend his nights.

Broemeling fuelled the journey with 85 days of oatmeal for breakfast and beans and rice for dinner. It sounds like a giant helping of mundanity, but Broemeling wanted to keep the cooking simple and minimize any meats, sugars and processed foods, which can tempt hungry predators.

On most days, he'd aim to cover between 10 and 20 nautical miles per day but could occasionally top 25 if conditions were right.

Although he avoided much of the coast's notorious ocean swells and shoreline fog, Broemeling said the isolation and wild ocean environment stressed the importance of keeping alert about the trip's potential hazards.

"You can be the best paddler in the world, but you can still run into trouble," he said. "It's all about making good decisions."

On Sept. 21, grateful to finally have his island home in sight, Broemeling beached his kayak for the last time, in exactly the same spot where he set off. As for what's next, Broemeling has chosen to take things easy for now — which sounds like a perfectly reasonable decision given how far he's come.

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