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HE MADE IT! Santa Claus expresses joy at arriving on Salt Spring Island on Saturday and meeting young Charlie Dee MacDougall on the floatplane dock before heading to Salt Spring Elementary School to visit with more kids. See page 20 for more about the event.

GRACE ISLET

Province open to buying islet

Decision follows threat of First Nations lawsuit

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The dispute at Grace Islet regained centre stage Monday as the provincial government outlined a plan that could result in the purchase of the controversial islet in Ganges Harbour.

Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, confirmed he has obtained provincial authority to buy the property and appointed a mediator to resolve

the ongoing dispute between First Nations and the property owner.

"I received a mandate from government to pursue options that will resolve the situation on Grace Islet," Thomson said on Tuesday afternoon. "The ministry is committed to finding a resolution that works in everyone's interests."

Monday's decision marks the first time the province has explicitly stated its mandate to resolve the matter after a summer of direct

action campaigns on and around the islet.

Thomson has appointed mediator Lorne Brownsey, a former deputy minister of aboriginal affairs, to help the province reach a deal with landowner Barry Slawsky. Representatives from the Capital Regional District and The Land Conservancy, which has received \$400,000 towards the islet's purchase, will assist with negotiations.

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BULLOCK LAKE

Platform resurrects Bullock Lake resort plan

Developer requests 36 building permits from CRD

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The owner of a resort development at Bullock Lake is moving ahead with plans to put the finishing touches on 50 vacation cabins at the contentious Robinson Road property.

Although most of the buildings are near completion, additional work is needed before the CRD can issue final occupancy permits. Permit approval rests with the CRD's building inspection office and is subject to conditions.

These include making sure buildings can supply adequate potable water, obtaining an access permit from the province's Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, and meeting 2012 BC Building Code requirements for energy and water efficiency.

"When the required conditions are met and fees are paid, the CRD will issue building permits for the 36 buildings to be completed," Salt Spring CRD director Wayne McIntyre wrote in a statement Monday.

He said the CRD will recommend Platform Properties implement expanded water conservation measures for the development.

Leah Hartley, the Islands Trust's regional planning manager for Salt Spring, said the 36 building permits cover 50 existing commercial accommodation units in 34 buildings, a water treatment facility and sewage plant.

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RCMP

Dirt bikes damage park fields

CounterAttack campaign also underway

Salt Spring RCMP had 46 calls for service during the past week, including a report of damage at Portlock Park's main playing field.

Over the weekend, one or more individuals operated dirt bikes at the park, causing damage to the turf used for organized sports. Police remind the

public that operating motorized vehicles in CRD parks, and destroying or damaging park features or property, are offences under the Community Parks Regulations, as well as potentially being Criminal Code offences. Anyone who sees motorized vehicle activity in any CRD park is asked to contact the Parks and Recreation Commission or RCMP immediately.

Salt Spring RCMP remind motorists and everyone else heading out to celebrate dur-

ing the holiday season of the need to plan ahead for a safe evening. Police will be active conducting vehicle stops and road checks as part of this year's CounterAttack campaign as impaired driving is still a significant issue in the community.

Salt Spring RCMP members and volunteers involved in this year's Movember fundraising for prostate cancer also wish to thank all those who stopped by the detachment and showed support at the Nov. 29 bake sale.

Opponent certain project won't fly

BULLOCK LAKE

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The plan roughly corresponds to phase one of a Platform Properties proposal presented in July. Hartley said the Islands Trust has not received an application about the 73 units that formed part of the project's proposed second phase.

She said the company's request for building permits complies with the island's land-use bylaw.

Results of a legal review obtained by the Islands Trust this summer said Platform Properties could market 50 dwelling units on the site and complete up to 73 more units on existing foundations, although the buildings would be considered legal non-conforming.

"I think this is going to be a Channel Ridge number two," said Rollie Cook, a neighbour and founding member of the Friends of Bullock Lake. "It's a flawed thing on a number of levels. They don't have water, they don't have the right to rebuild, they don't have a lodge building and the final kicker is that the world-wide economy is still in a great recession."

Platform Properties' building permit application is the company's first public move since the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee voted 2-1 in July to deny the company's rezoning application. Platform wanted to bring the units into accordance with the island's land-use bylaw.

According to the rezoning application, Platform Properties would have cancelled plans for the extra 73 units, provided 20 acres of public green space,

implemented a groundwater monitoring system and provided public access to a clubhouse-style community space.

Trustee Peter Grove, who voted against Platform's rezoning application, called news of the building permits "part of the anticipated process." He looks forward to seeing if the developer can meet the CRD's conditions and address water availability concerns.

"Where it will go from here remains uncertain, and I remain hopeful that no development will proceed if it will have a seriously detrimental effect on the water supply to existing islanders," Grove wrote in an email. "I encouraged the developers to pursue rainwater catchment, rather than relying on ground water, from the very start of their application process, to no avail."

"Were they to now follow this route I would feel very more positively towards the proposal."

The CRD issued building permits for the development (which includes 123 cottages, a water reservoir, sewage treatment plant and pump shed) on Sept. 11, 1996. Construction on the structures is reported to have started the following day.

On Nov. 6, 1996, members of Salt Spring's LTC rezoned the Bullock Lake Properties from Commercial 4 to Rural, the latter being a zone that prohibits such a large-scale development. The cottages were never completed due to the original developer's bankruptcy in 2007, and building permits for the project eventually expired.

A spokesperson from Platform Properties was unable to return an interview request by the Driftwood's Tuesday deadline.

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HISTORY

Community Services building celebrates 100 years

Heritage building has served community in more ways than one

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Initially established as the island's first hospital in 1914, the building commonly known as the Community Services building has capped a century of service to islanders in need.

Salt Spring's Bob Rush was born under the building's gas-powered lamps in 1930. He recalls the early Lady Minto Hospital as an island focal point during much of his youth, which included brief stints as the facility's relief custodian.

"It was the island's only hospital and it's where you went if you were sick," he said.

Rush reckons the building is, along with the jam factory (Salt Spring Literacy headquarters) and telephone exchange (Café Talia), among the island's oldest public buildings.

He can still recall getting schooled in proper hall-mopping technique by the hospital's matron.

"She told me pushing too fast lifted all of the dust," he said.

The building's construction, followed a fundraising campaign, led by the hospital's first physician and a service group called the Guild of Sunshine.

Dr. Lionel Beech donated the

property and the group raised \$3,000 with assistance from Lady Mary Minto, wife of Canada's former Governor General, who established a fund to support cottage hospitals across the country.

Of the 44 Lady Minto Hospitals built in Canada with support from the namesake fund, only two remain. The other is in the small northern community of Cochrane, Ont.

In *The Story of an Island*, author and historian Charles Kahn paints the six-bed hospital as a bustling hive of activity that required constant attention from hospital staff.

"The hospital itself was a dear old building, but you had to be a workaholic to be able to cope with it," recalled Joan Milner, a Lady Minto nurse during the 1930s, in Kahn's book. "No elevators. Two bathrooms. You carried basins everywhere — and bedpans. One funny little room had to act as case room and operating theatre, and we had to do our own sterilizing in a very ancient sterilizer that every time you thought you were going to be blown to kingdom come when you were operating it."

It wasn't until 1937 that the hospital even had electricity.

Sue Mouat was a hospital nurse in the 1940s, a position whose duties, she quickly discovered, extended far beyond patient care.



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Today's home of Salt Spring Community Services was the original site of Lady Minto Hospital, established in 1914.

On her first night shift, Mouat was tasked to paint the operating table. Other routine duties included cooking meals and doing the laundry.

She said much of the food served at the original Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital was supplied by local farmers, fishermen and hunters.

"People would often bring in a hind quarter of venison," she said. "A logger brought in a big log for the winter on his logging

truck."

It wasn't too long afterwards that talk of having a modern hospital eventually began. As with many publicly funded infrastructure projects, a new building was contingent on a referendum vote. Like today, rallying public opinion behind the cause was never easy.

"The first referendum failed by a small margin," recounts reporter Lillian Horsdal in a 1974 article to commemorate

the building's 60th anniversary.

Islanders Warren Hastings and W.M. Mouat are said to have met outright hostility during their campaign for the new facility. The pair undertook "years of meetings" before the second referendum garnered nearly 70 per cent for the yes side. The new Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital was built on its current site in 1958.

The Community Services building served as a boarding house for off-island students until the early 1970s.

The availability of such a large facility within easy reach of the Ganges core attracted interested from islanders who wanted to establish greater support services for islanders in need.

"This building was synonymous with the birth of Community Services," said Rob Grant, executive director of Salt Spring Community Services, during an interview in the building's board room overlooking Fulford-Ganges Road. "This building coming free was the possibility that prompted the birth of Community Services."

"We are tied to this building in a big way."

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NEWS BRIEFS

Holman hosts holiday open house

Gary Holman, MLA for Saanich North and the Islands, will be holding his annual holiday open house at his Sidney commu-

nity office on Monday, Dec. 8.

All constituents are welcome to attend and enjoy light refreshments and snacks, and to meet and chat with Holman and his staff.

No RSVP is required in order to attend.

The office is located at

2393 Beacon Ave., Sidney. The event will run from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Mouat's tops for lights

The votes are in and Mouat's Home Hardware's window is the People's Choice Award win-

ner by a landslide in the annual Driftwood light-up contest.

"It reminded me of displays my grandmother used to do and brought back wonderful memories," said voter Chris Grass.

Mouat's also placed second overall in the

categories selected by the Driftwood panel of judges, while Ganges Fire Hall received first place overall.

In other categories, Love My Kitchen earned first place and West of the Moon second place for creativity, and the Salt Spring Visitors Cen-

tre and Salt Spring Arts Council - Mahon Hall took first and second place respectively for best use of lights.

An honourable mention for creativity was awarded to Dr. Andrea Varju's office for the hand-painted window decorations.

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COOKIE 'STASH': RCMP Const. Ian Gray sports his Red Serge dress uniform and a Movember moustache at Saturday's fundraising bake sale at the local detachment, where moustached police officer cookies, left, were a big hit. All Salt Spring members' moustaches have reportedly vanished with fundraising now completed.



FIRE

SSIFR tackles two Sunday fires

Faulty heater and car fire

Quick-thinking islanders saved their homes from two structure fires in one night over the weekend.

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue responded to a Fulford valley home when a car caught fire in the yard just after 7 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 30. Once the occupant detected the fire, he called 911 and doused the flames with an extinguisher. When the fire didn't go out completely and pools of flaming liquid started forming under the vehicle, he rolled the car away from his home and fuel storage tank.

"The homeowner definitely bought some time with the fire extinguisher," said SSIFR Lieut. Mitchell Sherrin.

Eleven firefighters responded to the emergency, extinguished the fire and determined that the fire was likely caused by a mechanical problem with the vehicle.

"The vehicle engine compartment was destroyed but the home wasn't damaged," Sherrin reported.

At 2:30 a.m. that same night, firefighters responded to a call for residential alarm bells and found a Suneagle Drive home filled with smoke.

"The home owner definitely did the right things. She

closed all the doors and got out with her two dogs," Sherrin said.

Upon investigation, firefighters found that a faulty heating unit had scorched nearby walls. Damage was limited to the immediate area around the heating unit and an area that was filled with smoke.

"We recommend that homeowners maintain regular maintenance for all heating appliances," said Sherrin. "The home owner reported she noticed problems with the unit prior to the fire."

In other SSIFR news, firefighters assisted paramedics when medical emergencies overwhelmed the local B.C. Ambulance Service (BCAS) on Dec. 1. SSIFR responded to one person who had difficulty breathing in the Ganges area and a second who had collapsed at a Reynolds Road residence just before 11 a.m. on Monday.

BCAS didn't have ambulances immediately available to meet either call, Sherrin said.

"One ambulance was shorthanded with just one person on shift and the other ambulance had been sent to Fulford to meet the ferry."

There were no delays to patient treatment. One person was flown out by helicopter.

Legal action withheld for now

GRACE ISLET

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Briony Penn, chair of the TLC, said the board voted unanimously to devote the funds to the acquisition of Grace Islet at a September meeting.

Penn said she's glad the province has finally agreed to start negotiations.

The province's announcement coincides with news of the Cowichan Tribes' threat to file a lawsuit asserting aboriginal title to the islet.

Last week, Chief William Seymour requested the province begin negotiations to buy the islet or face the prospect of legal action. He greeted news that the province is willing to talk with optimism.

"All I can say is that it's about time," he said on Tuesday. "We always like to think we're the ones who push the buttons, but I have no idea [if the prospect of legal action influenced the decision]."

"This has been on their desk for a long time, and it may have been timing."

Seymour said the Cowichan Tribes group plans to withhold legal action for now.

"I want to give the province a chance to see what it can do. Hopefully, the landowner will at least sit down at the table; that's the least I can ask for," he added.

Thomson has denied the prospect of legal action contributed to Monday's decision.

"I have been having discussions with the First Nations and have been working for some time

on trying to find a resolution," he said. "It is taking longer than we originally hoped. I was not aware of the Cowichan Tribes' threat of legal action when we started pursuing options."

Gary Holman, NDP MLA for Saanich North and the Islands, suggested Thomson's commitments are mostly talk with little action to back them up.

"I am encouraged by this, but I worry that what's going on here is a 'talk and log' kind of situation," he said. "We'll just mediate until [the property owner] is finished with the kitchen cupboards."

Holman wants the ministry to pursue its legal right to expropriate the islet and compensate Slawsky appropriately.

"This is clearly in the public interest," Holman said. "Stop talking about it and do something about it."

When asked about the prospect of expropriation, Thomson's office said a range of options are under consideration.

Joe Akerman, who has led the campaign to preserve Grace Islet as a First Nations cemetery, said Monday's decision by the province follows months of denial, buck passing and lies.

"Something had to be done," he said. "This has forced action and the potential result may finally begin to right the wrongs that have happened here."

John Alexander, Slawsky's lawyer, was not able to comment on the matter. He has said the owner is unwilling to sell the property.

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HEALTH CARE

Coalition releases health needs findings

Public discussion is the next step

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Health Advancement Coalition has come to some conclusions about the gaps in health care on the island, and will soon be looking to the public to see whether it's on the right track.

Moving Health Forward is a 39-page report released to the media and community representatives this week. The result of over a year of meetings, it contains a synthesis of previous needs assessments as well as findings the coalition gathered during round table sessions with community service providers. These focussed on the top two areas of need recognized in previous reports: senior care and mental health care.

"As the first step in our community engagement process we are sharing this information with community leaders," said SSHAC chair Paul Oliphant. "In the new year we plan to

meet with members of the community at large who would like to provide us input regarding how our coalition might work with others to improve the provision and coordination of health care to Salt Spring residents."

The report finds a number of key needs that should be addressed in its summary, including housing both for clients and for caregivers, coordination of information and a central way of sharing it, and more services available on-island, not the least of which is the primary physician care necessary for accessing other services.

"It was not difficult to see that the needs for seniors and for mental health had common needs, some of this a result of being a unique island community that must share time with a large urban area," the summary reads.

"The inequity of services is caused by travel, lack of hours spent on island, inequities of monies allocated according to contract versus Island Health employees, and to the



Paul Oliphant, chair of the Salt Spring Health Advancement Coalition

higher cost of operating on this island."

Underlying all the needs is the basic need for "fair and equitable funding from the government funders responsible for the program mandates." However, the coalition does not see its function as an advocate that will approach Island Health with cap in hand, using its report as leverage. Instead, it will try to find new funding partnerships and to put existing resources to better use.

"I really think that there's lots that we can do

that are creative ways to use present funding and present organizations to move ahead health care on Salt Spring," Oliphant said.

"I just think that there are things we can do to move ahead that don't cost large dollars — [although] they might cost small dollars."

One of the things the coalition found is it's difficult for clients or their family members to learn what all the different services are and when they might be helpful. Even some of the service providers are not aware of what other groups are doing. An information "clearing house" with a coordinator to relay information and help make connections is one idea that repeatedly came up during the consultation process.

Oliphant said the need for outpatient services was also mentioned frequently, and is something that can be both cost effective and achieve better care results. For example, affordable housing

for people with mental health issues with a live-in social worker on site can help clients manage issues on a daily basis instead of waiting for a crisis to occur.

"When you compare that to having to bring someone in to the hospital to treat them, the difference in dollars and cents is unbelievable," Oliphant said.

An out-patient community mental health clinic is another idea, along with a new complex care home for seniors.

Getting the community response to the information it has put together and formulating some tactics for moving ahead will be the coalition's next step, with plans for some world café style events to take place in the new year.

"We're not focussed on the funding right now, we're focussed on what needs to happen," Oliphant said.

"We'd like to have some productive ideas about what we can do to improve things."

TRANSIT

SSITC aims to build on success

Service review indicates top priorities

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

BC Transit planners were on Salt Spring on Thursday to deliver the second round of results of their 2014 service review to the Salt Spring Transportation Commission.

A case comparison with other small systems in the province put Salt Spring well ahead of the pack, with its cost recovery rate almost double the average and its operating cost per service hour considerably lower.

"You do so well against communities of a similar size, we had to go up a level to find one that compared," commented planner Tania Wegwitz.

The second phase of public engagement included a stakeholder workshop on Oct. 17, a survey and open house events. Participants agreed with the recommendation to add summer service to Ruckle Park starting in 2015. There is a possibility of introducing service on Stewart Road as a result.

Short-term priorities that have been identified for within the next five

years that can be accomplished with the existing fleet include additional winter morning service on the Vesuvius and Long Harbour routes, as well as more direct morning service from Fernwood and Walker's Hook.

Another set of options that would require leasing another bus would increase summer frequency on the Fulford Harbour route and potentially introduce service on Beddis and Cusheon Lake roads.

Creating more options for "accessible transit" is considered a long-term priority to be met in six to 15 years, most likely through a flexible shuttle and scheduled on-demand trips rather than operating an expensive HandyDART service.

Participants spoke about the desire to coordinate better with other transit systems. Salt Spring Transit operator Ineke de Jong pointed out that most passengers don't bother trying to take transit to or from the Vesuvius ferry because it so rarely operates on time.

Commissioners also pointed to the lack of transit options linking Crofton with Duncan, which means people travelling off island for servic-

es choose to go through Swartz Bay. The idea was raised of approaching the Duncan Business Improvement Area Society to work with the Cowichan Valley Regional Transit system on the matter.

How to structure Salt Spring Transit's performance guidelines and service standards formed a second thread to the meeting. SSITC commissioners proposed setting criteria for adding new routes, such as minimum passenger counts or a cost threshold.

Wegwitz added that the transit system needs five passengers on a bus to "break even," according to an environmental benchmark, which is determined by calculating the greenhouse gas emissions against those of individual car trips.

Refined service options will be ready for the transportation commission to review by January or February of 2015. The target date for performance guidelines is June or July. Transit planner Elicia Elliott agreed to work with the commission to develop goals and visions for the system, perhaps using the Sunshine Coast's Transit Future Plan for reference.

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SCAM

Industrial products scam hits business

Local owner puts out a caution

Jeremy Milsom from the Salt Spring Inn is warning local business owners about a telemarketing scam that has hit the island.

On Monday he reported that the inn had been called several

times by a person asking for the "maintenance" department, who then promotes a drain-cleaning product.

"They claim to have local clients, so when I asked for a reference, the caller mentioned a business in Qualicum Beach.

"My research suggests that they will ask you to 'confirm

your company address,' then a product will be shipped to your company using the alibi that the 'maintenance supervisor' ordered the product and expecting that the enclosed invoice will be subsequently paid."

He said the business may be called Industrial Chem Labs.

Milsom said another Salt

Spring business recently received a call and was told that "his previous order had been damaged in transit" and that a new supply would be sent to him. It was received and accompanied by an invoice. The business had never ordered anything or had any previous business with this supplier.

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FERRIES

Input needed for ferry design

Public talks literally on the ferry

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
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Members of the public will have the chance to supply input on how the interiors of two new ferries should be configured during two rounds of consultation starting this week.

BC Ferries representatives will present design plans and storyboards for two intermediate class ferries being constructed for the Gulf Islands-Tsawwassen route during an open house at the River Rock Casino in Richmond on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. They will also be on board the Queen of Nanaimo on Thursday, Dec. 11 for the 6:15 a.m. sailing from Long Harbour and the 10:10 sailing from Tsawwassen.

Darin Guenette, BC Ferries man-

ager of public affairs, said the new vessels' design has been refined considerably since the corporation introduced its preliminary concept to the public in May 2013.

"It's not a significant milestone, but it is a bit of a milestone," he said.

"The project is now ready to finalize the internal design elements such as the configuration of passenger lounges and seating. There's a little bit of room for some input."

Guenette said a time crunch made it difficult to schedule staff for the exercise, which is why no information sessions are being offered on Salt Spring or the Southern Gulf Islands. BC Ferries will have an additional meeting with the ferry advisory committees from both locations to gather their input on the design.

Members of the public who can't attend either of the December dates in person will be able to view

the storyboards and make comments online beginning sometime in the week of Dec. 8 to 12. The information will be located through a link on bcferries.com/about/projects.

"It's not a significant milestone, but it is a bit of a milestone."

DARIN GUENETTE
 BC Ferries public affairs manager

A full round of public consultation sessions that will include meetings on all the Gulf Islands will begin sometime in the spring of 2015. They will address possible scheduling improvements on the Gulf Islands routes, which will become possible when the two new ferries are in place.

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SENIORS' HEALTH

Foot-care session for seniors

Meadowbrook hosts home-care nurse

Seniors can put their best feet forward with a special presentation by home-care nurse Maureen Gix on Wednesday, Dec. 10. The event begins in the lounge of the Meadowbrook Seniors Residence on Atkins Road at 2 p.m. and is open to all seniors in the community.

"Your feet have been very good to you over the years," says Gix. "Join us for an informational session on the proper care of the aging foot. Information on footwear, abnormalities, bathing the feet and nail care will be given."

People driving to Meadowbrook for the event are reminded to park only in spaces that do not have a name or a number on the stall.

HEALTH CARE

Lyme disease bill goes to Senate hearing

Elizabeth May fights for federal strategy

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Legislation on how to frame a nation-wide response to the growing and little understood threat of Lyme disease is scheduled for review at the Senate today (Dec. 3).

The Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology will hear expert testimony on Bill C442, a private member's bill introduced by Gulf Islands MP Elizabeth May and backed by Conservative Senator Janis Johnson and a part-time Galiano resident, Liberal Senator Larry Campbell.

First introduced by May in 2012, the bill aims to establish a framework for collaboration between the federal, provincial and territorial health ministers, along with medical professionals and patients.

It passed through its final reading at the House of Commons with unanimous consent on June 11. The Senate hearing was scheduled to begin on Oct. 22, but was cancelled because of the Parliament Hill shooting that day.

May said she is hopeful the committee will approve the bill without calling for further amendments so it can be adopted as soon as possible.

"If any changes are made in the Senate, the whole process has to start over again in the House. So I am very much hoping for no changes and full support," May wrote in an email to the Driftwood.

"Fortunately, the non-partisan support I got in the House seems to be holding up in the Senate."

If passed, the federal framework on Lyme disease will see the establishment of a national medical surveillance program to track incidence rates, new coordinated guidelines regarding prevention, identification, treatment and management, and the creation of standardized educational materials for use by health care providers.

Challenges in Lyme disease awareness, achieving correct and early diagnosis and developing treatment strategy are all motivating factors behind the bill. While formerly assumed to be a problem only in a limited part of eastern Canada bordering New York state, research proves otherwise.

"We have areas of higher risk in Canada but we have

no areas within the 10 provinces that can be considered Lyme disease free," states a press release from the Canadian Lyme Foundation.

"Our friendly migratory birds transport these ticks around at random. In the U.S. where our spring-time migratory birds come from there are an estimated 200,000 human cases of Lyme disease each year. Canada has no standard surveillance criteria so little is known about how many cases occur each year."

Doctor literacy is a key feature of Bill C442 and could be especially important in provinces where not much is so far known about Lyme disease. In Ontario, Lyme causing bacteria is spread by Ixodes scapularis or the blacklegged tick — a type that isn't found in B.C. However, Ixodes angustus and Ixodes pacificus are present and both can carry the bacteria.

"Fortunately, the non-partisan support I got in the House seems to be holding up in the Senate."

ELIZABETH MAY
Saanich-Gulf Islands MP

Salt Spring resident Diane Mortensen, who contracted Lyme in 2003, knew exactly when and where she was bit: on a local island trail system. She was able to bring the offending insect with her to her physician's office. But even with the evidence in hand, her doctor refused to entertain the idea, believing Lyme is simply not a factor on the island.

Mortensen was to suffer a debilitating brain injury with symptoms similar to multiple sclerosis before she was correctly diagnosed, and then had to receive antibiotic injections directly to her heart before she was able to walk again.

It took five years of recovering linguistic and motor skills before she could return to even a semblance of her former life as a successful artist, teacher and business-woman.

The B.C. Centre for Disease Control's website currently states that less than one per cent of ticks tested in the province carry the

bacteria that causes Lyme disease, but that information has also been contested, as biologist John Sprague reported in a 2009 article for the Driftwood.

"Before he retired from the B.C. Centre for Disease Control, Dr. Satyen Banerjee surveyed many parts of the province in the 1990s," Sprague wrote. "He found evidence of the bacterium in 90 per cent of locations. These included 13 places on the mainland, five on Vancouver Island and six on the Gulf Islands. He concluded that five per cent of the Salt Spring ticks carried the bacterium."

Education is necessary for effective diagnosis and treatment. Antibiotics can be successful if administered during the first 60 days. The infection eventually crosses the brain barrier if untreated and causes extreme neural damage.

Unfortunately, according to the Canadian Lyme Foundation, current testing practices further complicate the issue. The organization states "provincial labs generally test only for the strain of Lyme bacterium found in the eastern U.S., which raises the possibility of a false negative test considering the diversity of strains found in Canada and other countries."

While early detection is essential, false negatives can also happen if the test is too early, since it can take some time for antibodies against the Lyme bacterium to develop and be detected.

"Due to emphasis on the rarity of Lyme disease in Canada based upon false or missing data and poor tests, Canadians who have been exposed either at home or abroad are at a distinct disadvantage compared to Americans or Europeans," the Canadian Lyme Foundation asserts.

May said if all goes well, the sponsors hope to get Bill C442 through Senate before Christmas.

"Fingers crossed!" she wrote.

Islanders who discover ticks on their pets are encouraged to contact Reuben Kaufman, who spent his career studying tick physiology at the University of Alberta before retiring to Salt Spring in 2012. Kaufman is continuing his research on his own time and also shares samples with a university colleague.

Email rk Kaufman@ualberta.ca for details, or search for Kaufman's name at www.ualberta.ca.



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MP Elizabeth May, seen here getting passionate at a speaking engagement, will argue for a federal strategy on Lyme disease before a Senate committee today (Dec. 3).

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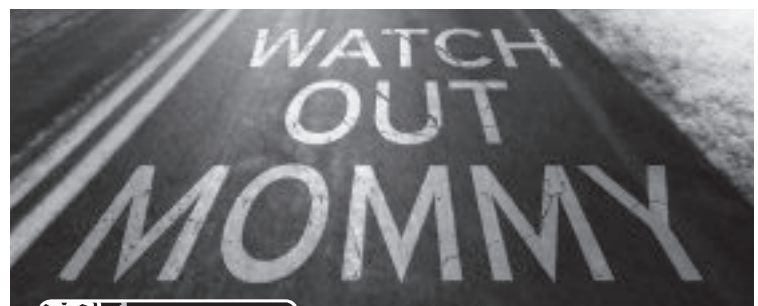
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OPINION



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EDITORIAL

Taking a stand

Every year on Dec. 6, a group of Salt Spring residents gathers in a circle at Centennial Park.

Each member holds a small candle to honour the memory of 14 women shot by a 25-year-old man at the Université de Montréal's École Polytechnique engineering school in 1989.

Participants are often compelled to share thoughts on gender equality, harassment and violence against women. Some talk of past pains, how far we've come or their hopes for the future; others say nothing, content to contemplate the moment in silence.

Over the past 25 years, criminologists, behavioural specialists and advocacy groups have attributed Mark Lépine's actions to various forms of mental illness. Some experts claim his actions stemmed from a childhood marked by poverty, bullying and an unstable home life.

THE ISSUE:

Violence against women

WE SAY:

Change begins at home

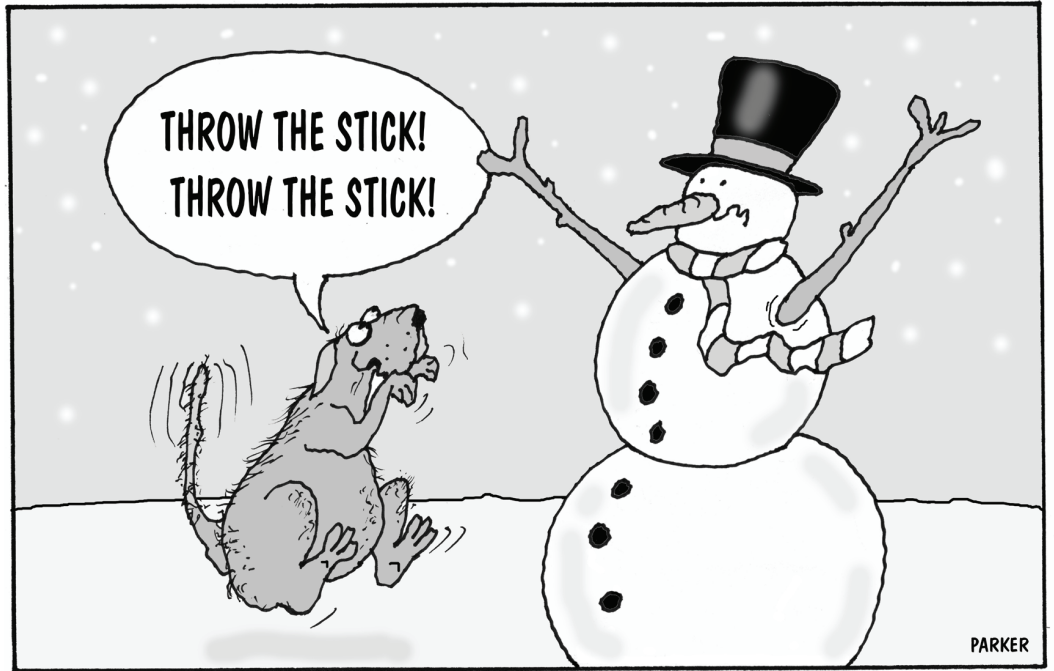
Whereas cases like the École Polytechnique murders and reports of domestic violence among icons of sport and popular culture raise awareness about violence against women, it's important to acknowledge cases are prevalent in communities just like ours, where police and support services are all too familiar with the problem.

According to the Canadian Women's Foundation, half of all women in Canada have experienced at least one incident of physical or sexual violence since the age of 16. Each year, domestic violence offences represent about 12 per cent of all violent crime in Canada even though fewer than 10 per cent of sexual assaults ever get reported to police.

We like to think we've come a long way in 25 years, and in some ways we have. We've learned new ways to communicate, expanded support networks and transcended many taboos, but that isn't enough.

Defeating violence against women will require each of us to go beyond the news headlines so that we may take concrete steps toward creating a fair and safer world.

And that can start Saturday evening at Centennial Park.



VIEWPOINT by Lynda Laushway

Montreal Massacre 25 years later

Twenty-five years ago on Dec. 6, a 25-year-old man walked into École Polytechnique, an engineering school in Montreal, Que., carrying a Ruger Mini-14 semi-automatic rifle and a hunting knife. He walked into a classroom on the second floor, and asked that the men and women separate to different sides of the room. He then asked the men to leave the room. Nine women were left behind. He said, in French, that they were all feminists, and then shot all of the women in the room. Six died from their injuries.

He then went to other parts of the school, shooting as he went. A total of 14 women died that day, and 14 others were injured (10 women and four men). He then turned the gun on himself.

The women murdered that day were all young students, at school studying to become engineers. They thought that they had their whole lives and careers ahead of them. This was the first shooting of its type in Canada, and a direct act of violence not only against women but against the feminist movement.

Two days after the shooting, part of the shooter's suicide note was released. On it was a list of 19 women's names. Before listing them, he wrote, in French, "The lack of time (because I started too late) has allowed these radical feminists to survive." His list included a series of seemingly random women, some more known than others, from politicians to female police officers. It also included Francine Pelletier, a journalist who co-founded a feminist magazine called La Vie en Rose in the '80s and worked at La Presse newspaper at the time.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of this event, which has become known as the Montreal Massacre. Dec. 6 is also now the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, in order to pay homage those who died that day and to raise awareness to prevent violence against women.

In this 25th anniversary year of the horrible act of violence in Montreal, numerous women have brought forth allegations of violence by two high profile men — Jian Gimeshi and Bill Cosby. These well-publicized allegations have once again raised the profile of the extent and seriousness of violence against women and taken it out of the secrecy where it often hides. Our media is abuzz with coverage of these allegations, but time will tell if the current profile of violence against women will create lasting positive change in our society.

The Ritual of Remembering has been held each year since the first anniversary of the tragic Montreal events, and sadly, we must continue to acknowledge the ongoing acts of violence that are a daily reality for women in our province and country.

We hope you will stand in solidarity with us against gender-based violence.

On Saturday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m., a candlelight vigil will be held in Centennial Park, Ganges to honour the memory of the women who died on that day 25 years ago.

Cathy Ford will be present at the vigil to read from her new poem, Flowers We Will Never Know the Names Of. The poem marks the 25th anniversary of the École Polytechnique murders. It is an incantation, a chant, a protest, memento mori, an invocation, and a prayer for peace organized in 14 sections.

The choir Women of Note will also sing. Hot refreshments will be available.

All are welcome at the vigil. Please join us.

The writer is executive director of SWOVA.

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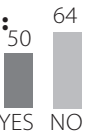
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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Is civil disobedience effective for a cause?



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ISLAND VOICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "I think this is going to be a Channel Ridge number two."

ROLLIE COOK, FRIENDS OF BULLOCK LAKE

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked:
What's your cure for a Salt Spring cold snap?



HOPE STEADMAN
Hot chocolate.



JENNIFER NASH
Bring gloves and wear good shoes that don't leak.



MASON WHITEBEAN
Layers and a good hat.



LEIF THORDARSON
Get a really warm jacket and keep your head covered.



GEORGINA BYRON
Get some firewood and drink hot chocolate.

Letters to the editor

LNG plan is stupid

I am very worried about the whole LNG plan.

I understand that B.C. was to get seven per cent return, seven cents on the dollar of corporate profits, but the companies complained that was too high, and what B.C. is to get has now been reduced to 3.5 per cent, that is 3.5 cents from every dollar of corporate profit — and nothing until they register a profit.

Why are we virtually giving our resources away?

This is incredible! This is beyond stupid.

We endure the fracking, pay for the infrastructure, compromise our fresh water, endanger our wild salmon if the port goes in on the delta of the Nass River, pay out unknown amounts in tax

breaks for a possible (and it could change again) 3.5 cents on the dollar of corporate profits. And this is not even discussed in parliament, not made public, nothing!

And why are we exporting all our energy instead of it being used for our own domestic needs?

If I'm wrong about all this, please give me the true picture, and I hope it is a lot better. Otherwise the whole LNG plan should be stopped.

Thank you,
NANCY WIGEN,
FERWOOD

Duck tales

Thank you for publishing Kathleen Maser's piece about the Fulford Harbour ducks (Nov. 19 issue), and thank you to Kathleen for the delightful, beautifully written piece.

Ducks by their hundred!
How wonderful.

When we bought our five acres at the north end of Salt Spring in 1956, we looked out onto Trincomali or Houston Passage and each winter the whole area of our view towards Wallace and Jackson islands filled with hundreds and hundreds of ducks: mergansers and buffleheads, golden eyes, scoters and many others. Then later in the season we would hear the mournful calls of the old squaws and pick them out (with binoculars) by their long pointed tails.

Perhaps all the fishing licence restrictions and other management, like the establishment in 2003 of the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve, are having some effect and the wildfowl are having a resurgence. We can only hope so.

VAL HAIGH,
SOUTHEY POINT

Quality of life improved by pathways

The Globe and Mail reports that a concerted push to begin narrowing traffic lanes across Toronto will go ahead during next year's construction season with the qualified backing of incoming mayor John Tory.

Now that Toronto has rid itself of its former car-first mayor, the city is following the inspirational example of Salt Spring and the Capital Regional District in leaning towards active transportation infrastructure. The new policy from Toronto's transportation services department is designed to boost safety by reining in vehicle speeds, while freeing up road space that can be used for bicycle lanes or wider sidewalks.

North America is well behind Europe in making cities and villages pedestrian and bicycle friendly. However, "share the road" and traffic calming now comprise the enlightened way forward all across this continent. Salt Spring taxpayer approval of the recent transportation referendum signals renewed impetus for active transportation in Ganges.

There are two persons who deserve a tip of the hat for this positive outcome: Gary Holman for creating the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission and for responding to community wishes by allocating gas tax funds for the Ganges Transportation Plan and for the launch of the Ganges Village Pathway Network; and Jean Gelwicks for creating and leading a community coalition and an army of volunteers to fund and build non-

motorized transportation infrastructure since 2008. Jean richly deserved the BC Community Achievement Award for which she was nominated by CRD director Wayne McIntyre.

In both practical and aesthetic terms, the Partners Creating Pathways network in the periphery of Ganges is a major contributor to quality of life in our community and an innovative partnership example for our political leaders in advancing other worthy projects like a Ganges masterplan and the boardwalk.

As Gary Holman says, "This is an effective and unique partnership that serves as a model for rural areas in B.C."

DONALD MCLENNAN,
SALT SPRING

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Movement on Swartz-Fulford transfer issues

BY HAROLD SWIERENGA

The Swartz Bay connection for vehicle traffic to or from Tsawwassen referred to in a letter by Steven Barer last week has been a major issue for the Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee for years and has been on the agenda of numerous public meetings with BC Ferries.

There have been several changes in connection procedures but the basic problem still remains. I would like to clear up several misconceptions in Mr. Barer's letter and outline some suggestions the SSIFAC has made to BC Ferries.

The underlying problem is that BC Ferries does not view a two-ferry trip as a continuing single trip as the airlines do. Thus, in spite of the thrufare ticket in either direction, which allows someone from Salt Spring a lower round-trip fare, the two legs of the Fulford to Tsawwassen trip are still considered to be two trips. The SSIFAC has been pushing for a change in this policy but at this point it has not happened.

As travellers from Tsawwassen have noted, the Tsawwassen-Swartz Bay boarding pass is now stamped with a message regarding no guarantee of connecting to the next sailing from Swartz Bay to Fulford.

At the most recent SSIFAC/BC Ferries meeting on Nov. 3, we raised the point that although the next sailing is not guaranteed, travellers are still required to be present for the next available sailing, even if it is two hours later. We have requested that BC Ferries consider allowing travellers to use the second leg on the thrufare ticket for any later sailing that day.

Several changes have been made recently, however. From Fulford, there is now a policy that if you are among the first 20 vehicles on the Skeena Queen, you will be among the first 20 vehicles off at Swartz Bay, allowing you a better chance of making the connection. This has worked reasonably well but is not always followed and is not considered a solution to the problem.

If you are within the first 20 vehicles to board the Skeena and you are directed to an outside lane, it would be in order to remind the deck crew that you should be within the first 20 vehicles to off-load. It may allow the vehicle disembarking from the Skeena to reach the ticket booth a little sooner, but if the Route 1 vessel (Swartz Bay to Tsawwassen) is already full then you are still out of luck unless you have a reservation.

IN RESPONSE

You can, in fact, make a reservation on the Route 1 ferry and, if you do, you theoretically need to be at the ticket booth 20 minutes in advance instead of the 30 minutes required for non-Skeena travellers. If the Skeena is on time and you are among the first 20 vehicles to off-load, this should give you 10-15 minutes to get back to the ticket booth. In fact, I have only once missed the connection with a reservation, even if I was at the ticket booth with well under 20 minutes to spare.

For foot passengers, with an often tight connection from Route 1 to the Skeena and from the Skeena to the Spirit, you no longer need to go up to the ticket counter for a boarding pass if you have a Tsawwassen-Fulford thrufare ticket or the receipt obtained from the ticket machine on the Skeena. The thrufare ticket and the Skeena receipt are now accepted on the Skeena and on the Route 1 ferry as a boarding pass.

The SSIFAC has suggested a number of more comprehensive solutions to the connection problem and we are optimistic that the upcoming new IT system will allow for a seamless connection. We have strongly advocated that a ticket outlet, connected

electronically to the Swartz Bay terminal, be installed at Fulford Harbour, enabling the Swartz Bay terminal to keep track of the number of connecting vehicles. It has always been our view that once you board the Skeena Queen and pick up the thrufare you are in transit to Tsawwassen and should be guaranteed the next available Route 1 sailing even without a reservation, unless the Skeena is too late into the Swartz Bay terminal.

In further clarification, the current plans for the new ships coming to Route 9 (Long Harbour-Tsawwassen) are for only one ship to operate on that route during the off-season from October to April. The second ferry, which will be on Route 9 during the summers, will be the replacement vessel for other ferries out of service for maintenance and upgrades during the off-season. There will be an increase in summer capacity on Route 9 but not during the off-season.

There will be an opportunity for public input in the near future as the schedules for the new ferries are developed.

The writer chairs the Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee.



**Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District
Fire Protection – Capital Works and Equipment Renewal Reserve Fund**

Trustees of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District ("the District") are considering the desirability of funding the Renewal Reserve Fund (Bylaw No 39, 1983) as part of a broader strategy to deal with renewal and replacement of major physical assets. The District's Finance Committee has recommended that a major portion of accumulated surplus funds be transferred to the Renewal Reserve Fund. **Doing so would allocate these monies to fund expenditures for upgrading, replacing or renewal of existing buildings and equipment used for fire protection purposes.** Trustees are also considering whether there should be an annual allocation to the Renewal Reserve Fund.

Trustees invite input from interested community members to assist them in their deliberations to be received by 12 December 2014. Submissions may be made by email (corpadmin@saltspringfire.com, Subject matter Renewal Reserve Fund), 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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Forward, not backward

Ross King clearly likes calling people names. In a few paragraphs his Nov. 26 letter "Back to caves?" calls pipeline opponents whingers, whiners, NIM-BYists, stupid, lacking intellectual capacity, lazy . . . well . . . you get the idea.

But that is not the purpose of my responding to his letter. It is more that the whole premise of his name-calling is wrong. King quotes Bill Clinton as saying, "It's the economy, stupid." While it may have been a good campaign slogan, the statement has nothing to do with the real world.

To consider "economics" as all-important while ignoring everything else is absurdly simplistic, and dangerous. Good economics, which are human creations, are embedded in and dependent on well-functioning natural ecologies and social systems. We need to shift from the one-dimensional economics focus to a triple-E approach: economics, ecology and ethics.

King incorrectly assumes that those who object to pipelines are back-to-the-cave types, or that we will be forced there because of their objection to fossil fuels. It would be more accurate to say that what they want is to go forward . . . to a better future: saner, healthier and more equitable. Any going back is only to the drawing board.

King says that because the current "paradigm of progress has served us well" so far, "we'd be foolish to rock the economic boat too much." I am reminded of the story of the man who decides to test his flying skills and throws himself from a 20th-floor window. People on a bal-

cony below hear him saying as he goes by: "Things seem to be going well so far."

Every day there is new and mounting evidence pointing to the destructiveness of our current path. Much of that is because of pollution from burning fossil fuels. We have to stop relying on such dirty old technologies. The challenge we face is to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions while also meeting reasonable economic and social goals.

To succeed in this challenge we need to use all our scientific and technical knowhow, our human ingenuity, creativity, inventiveness and vision. It will not be easy, but will be worth it in the end. The alternative of maintaining our present course may very well be what sends us "back to the caves."

This challenge will be easier to meet if we stop calling each other names.

**GREG SPENDJIAN,
SALT SPRING**

Protests and banners boggle

The outside of the empty gas station adjacent to Pharmasave downtown is an insult to our village; looking ugly, pathetic, disgraceful and downright disgusting. Whoever is responsible should feel thoroughly ashamed!

Covered in dozens of tacked-up papers, each conveying basically the same worn-out message, suggests that the majority of passersby are so illiterate they need to read this same message over and over a hundred times in order to understand that the defilers stand firmly for conservation.

Hang on a minute. Look again. It is strangely reminiscent of some ghetto scene from a Stephen King horror story. So much for conservation!

Related: I am disappointed in the reprieve issued to the arrested people on Burnaby Mountain, apparently due to a technicality. The taxpayer should not have to pay up for their contrived antics, and they are free to party another day. Where do they really think government money comes from?

Talk of Wat Tyler and mob rule. Where will it end? How they can possibly rationalize calling sheer anarchy by the name of civil disobedience completely boggles the mind. A very thin disguise!

In the province of Alberta, Calgary's economy is 25 per cent dependent on natural resources. Not only will company offices suffer huge job losses, but related housing, retail and restaurant industries also. Forget about the men in the field.

B.C. will catch up very quickly as people continue to block pipelines and delay the much-needed export of our resources, including natural gas.

Bah and humbug! There will be nothing but happy families. Feel proud, and a Merry Christmas to all. With respect.

**ROWENA DIXON,
SALT SPRING**

Shared Space idea should be revisited

In 2009 I wrote a proposal to the Salt Spring Foundation for the Shaw family money and that was the basis for the Shared Space initiative, now called the Shared Space Salt Spring Society.

I have attended their meetings at least once per year and frequently check their website and I believe this quote best describes my feelings. "When I die, I want the people I did good projects with to lower me into my grave, so they can let me down one last time."

In the beginning, Shared Space included the Copper Kettle, two brilliant hardworking women, with a small board who do the most and best work on Salt Spring!

They are no longer part of Shared Space, no doubt having grown tired of attending the endless meetings. Left are all great organizations that simply need office space, save StageCoach (who should be allowed to use ArtSpring or Mahon Hall) and the Salt Spring Arts Council.

The Salt Spring Art Council needs space? Why on earth do they need space? Their space, Mahon Hall, is completely under-utilized. Mahon Hall, if managed properly, could have performing artists employed and thriving recreational programming. Instead it sits empty most days and nights and receives government funding to do so.

All groups who are part of Shared Space could simply use a co-operative office, with a meeting room and private offices. Because of advances in information technology, an office can now fit on a portable data stick, so please do not spend a dime on a feasibility study for Shared Space that wants to see us spend \$1 million plus on an office building. A unit in the Merchant Mews complex for a little over \$100,000 would suit a co-op office just fine.

What does this community need? Help for the homeless! A medical clinic! A fire hall! Recreational facilities!

The Salt Spring Fire Protection District had the right idea with inclusion of other groups into their space. Throw in a medical clinic and their emergency response centre was a brilliant idea, with its commercial kitchen, state-of-the-art office and meeting rooms.

Firefighters have the Brinkworthy land, a plan and access to funding. Shared Space has money. The CRD has access to new federal funding for shovel-ready projects.

One small board of three people, dedicated to actually getting it done, is all takes.

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SNOWMEN COME IN ALL SIZES: Alex Biddlecombe holds a tiny snowman made on Saturday while in downtown Ganges. The unusually early snowfall put islanders in the spirit of the season as Santa came to visit. The forecast is for a return to warmer, wetter weather this weekend.

Support Klabona Keepers

BY JOHN MUIRHEAD

On Aug. 12, 2014, the largest mining disaster in Canadian history occurred in Likeby, B.C.

The culprit was Imperial Metals' Mount Polley mine. A reported breach in the tailings pond dam was allegedly ignored by the mine manager, and two weeks later the dam gave out. Approximately 25 million cubic metres of toxic tailings flooded down Hazelton Creek and into Quesnel Lake, one of the world's deepest lakes.

Quesnel Lake is drained by the Quesnel River, which leads into the mighty Fraser, one of the largest remaining wild salmon rivers in the world. Imperial Metals faces up to \$1 million in fines, basically a slap on the wrist for a disaster of this scale.

In response to the emergency, the Klabona Keepers have blocked Imperial Metals' new project near the town of Iskut in north-western B.C. For millennia, Tl'abanutin elders have protected their homelands and way of life in the Tl'abane (Sacred Headwaters) area for future generations.

The Klabona Keepers, a grassroots group of Tl'abanutin elders and fami-

lies, was created to continue this responsibility.

Imperial Metals has big plans for an open pit copper and gold mine on Todagin Ridge, a culturally significant place to the Tl'abanutin people. The Red Chris mine has an identical tailings pond design as Mount Polley, but in the headwaters of the Stikine River.

Over the past few months, two different blockades have stopped work for more than a month. Imperial Metals was granted a court injunction that would force the Klabona Keepers to let Imperial Metals proceed with the project. The rightful protectors of their territory can now be arrested for upholding their ancestral responsibility to the land.

The Klabona Keepers have a long history of stopping corporations, from BC Metals, Fortune Minerals and even Royal Dutch Shell from fracking in the headwaters. They are now fighting an interlocutory injunction that would permanently disallow them from blockading the road to Red Chris. This is supported by the Tahltan Central Council, a society that puts European-based law before ancestral law.

The Klabona Keepers are working towards recovering their traditional ways of governing, creating an option for their community that is not influenced by the provincial government, which will ultimately work towards a sustainable future for their community.

The Beyond Boarding crew spent six weeks in the Sacred Headwaters last summer, documenting the eviction of Fortune Minerals in the Northern Grease documentary. This summer we assisted the Red Chris blockade.

Photos and short films gathered on the trip will be displayed at Fulford Community Hall during a Dec. 13 event. We hope you will join us for a night of dinner, music, speakers, slide shows, videos and a silent auction.

We want to raise money for legal and personal costs for the people who sacrifice their jobs to protect an ecosystem that is vital to all of us.

The event begins at 5 p.m.

The writer is a filmmaker and activist, who participated in the Beyond Boarding group's Northern Grease film project.

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Gratitude for Lions dinner

BY GEORGE CLOGG

It is getting close now when Salt Spring's seniors hear the Lions roar.

The president of the Lions Club and his fellow members have generously invited getting on for 200 single senior citizens to their annual Christmas party, on Sunday, Dec. 7 at the spacious Meaden Hall.

I was invited last year by the then president Lorne Beaudette to explain how I first witnessed the invaluable behind-the-scenes work the Lions Club carried out when I lived as a young man in the UK. Now I am a 96 (half way to 97) Brit who has lived on Salt Spring for 25 years.

How many seniors, I wonder, would be alone on this festive occasion in their home and simply face four walls without the positive assurance of a Christmas dinner? It is hard to avoid introducing politics into the problems that old age presents, but supposing the Lions Club had never been formed in 1917, a year before I was born in London, England, by a Chicago businessman, Melvin Jones? Jones asked his colleagues, "What if these men who are so successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition were to put their talents to work improving their communities?"

My first knowledge of the Lions Club was in Southampton, where I was a contracted BBC freelance news interviewer. Southampton saw the arrival and departure port for the world's biggest passenger liners. In fact, I made friends with the late Queen Mother.

In numerous company offices I became friends with a band of insignificant men who called themselves Lions. Frequently they rubbed shoulders with the gold-braided ship captains, and nudged them into providing financial help. But below decks the contacts they made were equally as important.

Jones' personal code, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else," today burns just as fiercely among the Salt Spring Lions Club as it ever did all those decades back.

Fortunately, I can walk, talk and think. Jokingly I wonder if someone might care to give me a TV or radio spot so I can become Canada's oldest DJ. I can't run very far and I live from day to day.

How many seniors, I wonder, would be alone on this festive occasion in their home and simply face four walls without the positive assurance of a Christmas dinner?

Still, I'm alive eight years after my beloved wife Eunice died in Lady Minto Hospital. And once again the Lions Club has arranged to give me and all those who need transportation a ride there and back to their Christmas dinner party.

But it must not go unsaid that it is time to remind those politicians who continue to decimate the few remaining advantages seniors have left, such as the dwindling health service, how much we have contributed before age slowed us down.

No way am I a spokesperson, but this is my personal chance to say a heartfelt thank you to the Lions. It's going to be a joyous Christmas and a healthy 2015 indeed.

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MUSIC

Island bands join forces in concert

Salt Spring Concert Band and Swing Shift on tap Dec. 12

Two of Salt Spring's most exciting community bands are teaming up to present a fantastical musical journey, with Land of Make Believe taking place Friday, Dec. 12 at ArtSpring.

"December is a magical time of year and audiences will love the eclectic kaleidoscope of music presented by these well-loved local ensembles," say music directors Dawn Hage and Derrick Milton.

The concert opens with Hage directing the Salt Spring Concert Band in a rousing arrangement of Celtic Carol, followed by Winter Suite by Gustav Holst, a gorgeous triptych of seasonal melodies and fanfares.

Fans of Shakespeare's *As You Like It* will love *Rosalind in the Forest of Arden* by Alfred Reed. Described as "a sylvan serenade for winds," the gorgeous tone poem musically describes *Rosalind* reflecting on her life and new-found love Orlando as she strolls in the lovely forest setting of Arden.

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen is the concert band's wild, "fasten your seat-belts" take on a Christmas classic before



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Swing Shift director Derrick Milton, left, and Salt Spring Concert Band director Dawn Hage will offer a joint concert on Dec. 12.

it returns to fantasy with *Nimrod* from Elgar's *Enigma Variations*. The first half of the concert concludes with a dramatic classical journey as the band performs *Offenbach's Overture to Orpheus in the Underworld*.

Swing Shift, under new director Derrick Milton, will follow with swing, jazz, latin and holiday favourites. The program will open with two movements of the Ellington/Strayhorn arrangement of Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker*.

er. The band will then expand their horizons a little with Arturo Sandoval's *Sandunga* and music from the Japanese TV hit *Cowboy Bebop*.

A new big band arrangement of Mel Torme's *Christmas Song* by Salt Spring's Mike Reveley will feature young vocalist Niko Reveley. Mike Reveley studied at Berklee School of Music and the University of British Columbia, and was a freelance trombonist and arranger in Vancouver during the '70s. He created the Jazz Studies program at Capilano University. Reveley's 12-year-old granddaughter Niko has learned to sing through osmosis, practicing her vocal skills since she was a toddler. She now studies with Wendy Milton.

Before the grand finale, Swing Shift will play some of its much loved standard repertoire, such as *Groove Merchant* and *Jobim's Meditation*. The two bands will then unite for the finale — the imaginative and beautiful *Land of Make Believe* by Chuck Mangione. Featuring the full concert band, vocalist Carly Davenport (Rent) and Swing Shift's rhythm section, the collaboration will provide an exquisite finish to a special musical evening.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the ArtSpring ticket centre or online at tickets/artspring.ca.

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FOLK CLUB

Jaybirds headline folk night

Peter Prince is opening act

John Reischman and the Jaybirds will be playing the Salt Spring Folk Club on Monday, Dec. 8 as they wrap up a tour of the region.

Audiences will enjoy hearing some old and new favourites from the Juno-nominated band, including music from their new album *On a Winter's Night*. Celebrating winter and the festive season in eight traditional tunes, the collection was largely inspired by an album of seasonal folk songs released by the Seeger family in 1992. It features tracks with pared down combinations of instruments as well as the full-strength

Jaybirds sound.

With five critically acclaimed albums behind them, the Jaybirds have established themselves as one of the freshest, most tasteful bands on the acoustic music scene today. Press material explains the group "fashions a stylish, elegant take on bluegrass that is at once innovative and unadorned, sophisticated and stripped-down, happily old-fashioned, yet unselfconsciously new.

"Their live shows feature their studied performance of original songs, instrumentals, and newly arranged traditional material mixed with the fun of watching the musicians skillfully weave around one centre microphone, and topped off with the band's genial

and often humorous MC work."

"This is bluegrass done right, true to the roots but not afraid to look forward to new ideas," critic Hermon Joyner of *Audiophile Audition* wrote about the Jaybirds' previous album, *Vintage & Unique*.

"If you're a fan of acoustic music, you know — it doesn't get much better than this. I can't think of a better-balanced bluegrass band working today."

Salt Spring artist Peter Prince opens the show. Delicious dinners and desserts will be catered by Ramona. Doors open at 6 p.m. for pass holders and 6:15 p.m. for everyone. Music starts at 7 p.m.

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ART REVIEW

Precious gifts come in small packages

Gallery 8's new show

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The annual Christmas show at Gallery 8 opened Friday as a gift of the season to local art lovers, who have the chance to purchase work by their favourite artists on a price scale below the regular collector's budget.

The smaller-scaled works produced to accommodate the lower price also fit into the gallery's name theme, with an 8 X 8 inch size adhered to by most artists. The result is a charmingly miniature collection, precious without ever falling into the annoying sense of the term.

Friday's opening afforded the opportunity to speak with many of the artists. Newcomer Mark Heine proved to be a wealth of fascinating information, including the fact that two of his 8 X 8 pieces are linked to a multi-faceted artistic journey. The Sirens paintings are studies for much larger paintings, which feature the female characters of a novel he's working on of the same name. The book



One of Mark Heine's images in the Sirens series.

takes on the environmental degradation of our local ocean through the eyes of the creatures who live there, anthropomorphized as mermaid-type beings.

Heine normally paints scenes of nature with his daughters as the central figures. The Sirens studies were done using underwater photography with his daughter Sarah and a friend wearing costumes designed by his partner. This may account for the troubling feeling of reality in these dark fantasy works. Even as miniatures, though, the studies contain all the key

elements of Heine's artistic practice.

"I've come to realize through my art that there are certain key aspects in painting that fascinate me," he states on his website. "The subject and location of this series is the perfect vehicle for what I choose to explore . . . light, flow and the human form, with elements of surreal mystery."

"Instead of searching for those aspects in the real world, I've taken an active role and designed this fictional vision to suit my purpose. The sub-surface environment brings many new aspects to my art and changes the rules for others."

Other Gallery 8 artists also appear to have used the 8 X 8 format to explore new themes in their work. J.D. Evans provides several examples of her Tornscapes series, including a lovely landscape that contrasts dramatic movement with soft line and muted palette to suggest Arctic ice and rock.

Jerry Davidson has a softer than usual approach to his humourously titled Hold the

Eggs. This still life of eggs held in a wrench's gentle grip allows the artist's hand to be seen as the bottom portion fades into a sketch — quite different from his usual penchant for extreme photo realism — and a lovely touch.

Donna Hall brings her abstract paintings into vivid relief by creating three-dimensional styrofoam assemblages on an 8 X 8 canvas. Hold On Tight and No Cause For Alarm in some ways contain familiar elements to Hall's portfolio, such as the architectural feeling of arches and angles. But these works are busier and more condensed than her larger works, producing a playful and frenetic energy.

E.J. Feller's smoke-fired ceramics find interesting ornamentation in Bowl With Spike, featuring bent and twisted rusty iron in place of where more delicate chopsticks might go. And sculpture collectors can find a rare piece of Morley Myers in the 8 X 8 platform with a bronze male torso scaled down from his life-sized monuments.

CONCERT PREVIEW

Two sides of Christmas in Singers show

Don Conley directs concert

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Both the holy and the more entertaining aspects of Christmas will get their due in song this year at the Salt Spring Singers' annual winter concert, coming to the ArtSpring theatre on Dec. 6 and 7.

Salt Spring Singers Present Schubert & Scrooge combines traditional repertoire featuring Schubert's Mass in G Major during the first half, followed by songs from the Broadway musical based on A Christmas Carol during the second. All together it amounts to a well-rounded and rewarding celebration of the season.

Choir director Don Conley said having a variety of styles within a program is one that works for performers and audience members, with the pieces that offer more challenge getting everyone into the spirit straight away.

"These are some of the masters that are celebrated in classical music," Conley said of the first part of the program, which in addition to Schubert's mass includes Benjamin Britten, Healey Willan and a Russian orthodox hymn sung in the original language.

"They are all demanding works that require

preparation and interpretation; even on the part of the audience it will require some focus. It's more intense but beautiful as a result," Conley said.

Schubert's Mass in G will offer islanders their first opportunity to hear Cicela Månsson on stage. ArtSpring's new executive director is an accomplished coloratura soprano. More than 70 community members will also lend their voices to the concert, with admirable results.

"One of the things we've been focussing on is interpreting the music close to the style of the composer, and I think the choir's been doing a fantastic job," Conley said.

Schubert therefore sounds how Schubert himself would expect to hear it, while the Russian selection will have the singers "scooping up to notes" in authentic style.

"If there's a common thread [to this half of the program], it would be about love being incarnate on the Earth. The reason why the Russian piece was chosen was the theme. It's all about the heavens opening their gates," Conley said.

"But we also have a fantastic group of men who can go low, low, low, which is a feature of the Russian orthodox tradition, and we have that capacity in the choir. So that will be very

delightful to the audience to hear the men going to their depths."

After the intermission, audiences will return to the theatre to find a shift in tone, with the second half of the program dedicated to music by award-winning Broadway and film composer Leslie Bricusse. Conley describes this part of the show as more of a family gathering with a retelling of Dickens' famous Christmas tale as the central fun. Soloists will appear on stage to sing selections from the musical Scrooge, with narration between songs written by choir member Alan Hughes.

"It's not really a play but narration with vignettes," Conley explained.

Conley characterizes the music as "toe-tapping fun," with numbers like Thank You Very Much. The cast includes Lyle Petch as Scrooge, Ken Lee as the Ghost of Christmas Present and Vera Algoet as Mrs. Cratchit. The role of Tiny Tim will be sung by 13-year-old Lukas Booy, in perhaps his final performance with a pure child's voice.

Audiences should be aware that the concert's original start time on Saturday, Dec. 6 has been moved back to 7:30 p.m. to allow people to get home earlier. Sunday's concert begins at 2 p.m.

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what's on this week



Wed. Dec 3 **Thurs. Dec 4** **Fri. Dec 5** **Sat. Dec 6** **Sun. Dec 7** **Mon. Dec 8** **Tues. Dec 9**

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Winter's Light: Morris Mummers and Waits Wassail. Rasma Bertz and musical friends present a seasonal program at Music & Munch. All Saints' By-the-Sea. 12:10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Fill the Fire Engine Food Bank Drive. SS Fire-Rescue is collecting non-perishable food items and cash for the Salt Spring Food Bank daily until Dec. 7. Ganges Fire Hall.

Community Social Knit-in. Knit-in followed by a talk on both Fair Isle and Intarsia knitting given by Nell Bushby. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 2 to 4 p.m.

South Salt Spring Seniors Centre Renovation Celebration. Ribbon-cutting ceremony followed by food and refreshments at the centre attached to Fulford Hall. 2:45 p.m.

The Cannabis Seminar. An educational seminar on both the nutritional and medicinal benefits of the plant. Guest speaker is Dr. Paul Hornby. ArtSpring Gallery. 6:30 p.m.

Poker Night. Hosted by Albert at The Local bar every Wednesday. Sign-up time is 6 p.m.

Extended Library Hours. Open to 7 p.m.

SongJam. A 21st-century pub sing-along, to vocal and instrumental backing tracks, including six decades of rock and pop hits. Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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

ACTIVITIES

A South-end Christmas. Anglican celebration at St. Mary's Church in Fulford. 2 p.m.

GISS Market. Delicious food products available from the Garden to Market Initiative. GISS cafeteria. 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Salt Spring Women's Basketball All levels of play welcome. Every Thursday (excluding school holidays) at the SIMS gym. 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.

Open Poetry Mic. With featured readers JayLynda Cole and Lottie Devindisch. Salt Spring Library Program Room. Sign up at 6:45 p.m. Event begins at 7 p.m.

Open Late Shop & Social. Several stores open until 8 p.m. in Ganges.

Glowntini Contest. Watch local mixologists compete while creating Salt Spring's signature holiday drink. Harbour House Hotel. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

African Dance Classes. Live percussion. All levels. Ganges Yoga Studio. 4 to 5:15 p.m.

Beaver Point Christmas Craft Faire. Annual arts and crafts sale at Beaver Point Community Hall. Enjoy delicious meals in the fireside room. 5 to 9 p.m.

Fulford Hall Christmas Craft Fair. Annual arts and crafts sale at Fulford Community Hall opens with special dinner menu. 5 to 9 p.m.

Friday Night Madness. Family fun swim at Rainbow Road Pool on Fridays. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Sat. Dec 6

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

A Musical Christmas. Cabaret musical evening with optional dinner at Meaden Hall. Doors at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 and show at 7 p.m.

Salt Spring Singers Present Christmas With Schubert and Scrooge. Classical and contemporary choral music, directed by Don Conley. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

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

The Barley Bros. Live at The Local. 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Fulford Hall Christmas Craft Fair. Fulford Hall. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Beaver Point Christmas Craft Faire. Beaver Point Community Hall. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Winterfest. Annual SS Centre School celebration of crafts, music, food and more. Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

CFUW Scholarship Fundraiser. Silent and live auctions and lunch to support local scholarships and the Hope Project. Tickets from Ruth Burstahler at 250-537-1742. ArtSpring. 10:30 a.m.

Visit With Santa. Mouat's Garden Shed. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Candlelight vigil to honour and remember all women who have been killed by violence. Sponsored by SWOVA. Centennial Park. 6 p.m.

Sun. Dec 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Salt Spring Singers Present Christmas With Schubert and Scrooge. See Saturday listing, but time is at 2 p.m.

Shane Hooper. Live music at the Salt Spring Inn. 6 to 9 p.m.

A Musical Christmas. Cabaret musical evening with optional dinner at the Legion. Doors at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 and show at 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Fill the Fire Engine Food Bank Drive. Final day to bring non-perishable food items and cash for the Salt Spring Food Bank daily to the Ganges Fire Hall.

Beaver Point Christmas Craft Faire. Beaver Point Community Hall. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fulford Hall Christmas Craft Fair. Fulford Hall. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Unitarian Ministry - Courage. Sermon reflects on "What does it mean to live a life of courage?" with visiting chaplain Amanda Tarling. Salt Spring Seniors Services Centre. 10:30 a.m.

Satsang & Meditation Intensive. The Dance of the Divine: A Satsang & Meditation Intensive with Greg Marian. Ram Spring Wellness Sanctuary. Noon to 6 p.m. Info: 250-537-1630.

Singalong Messiah Rehearsal. An opportunity to practice up for the fourth annual Singalong Messiah presented by the Salt Spring Chamber Choir and Orchestra. Ticket to rehearsal includes entrance to the Dec. 21 concert. Spring Island United Church. 1 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Jaybirds. Salt Spring Folk Club concert with opening act Peter Prince. Fulford Hall. Doors at 6 p.m. for season's ticket holders; 6:15 for general admission; music starts at 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

ToddlerTime. For parents and children under four. Salt Spring Public Library. 10:30 to 11 a.m.

iPad and eReader Tutoring. Salt Spring Public Library. Two sessions available every Monday between noon and 2 p.m.

Chess and Scrabble Club. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 2 to 5 p.m.

Tues. Dec 9

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Probus Club Meeting. Richard Moses and Murray Shoolbraid, along with their Readers' Theatre group, will present some fun plays, skits and sketches. Meaden Hall. 10 a.m. to noon.

Blue Christmas. A service designed for people who have suffered a recent loss - of a loved one, of a relationship, of a job - or who for some other reason find this to be a stressful and difficult time. With music, readings, prayer and quiet, and optional conversation over refreshments afterward. Salt Spring Island United Church. 2 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Carols and Stories. Anglican celebration at St. Mark's church at Central. 2 p.m.

Improvisational Comedy Workshop. Everyone age 16 & over invited to take part in this weekly workshop. Gulf Islands Secondary School. 7 to 9 p.m. info: jan@janrabson.com.

Wed. Dec 10

ACTIVITIES

Foot Care For Seniors. A free presentation by home care nurse Maureen Gix for all island seniors. Meadowbrook Lounge. 2 p.m.

SS Film Festival Screening: The Rocket. Winner of the Amnesty International Film Prize. A tense and gorgeous journey through today's rural Laos. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Extended Library Hours. Open to 7 p.m.

Poker Night. See last Wednesday.

SongJam. See last Wednesday.

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EXHIBITIONS

- Gallery 8's** annual Christmas 8x8 Exhibition of Small Works by gallery artists runs at the Grace Point Square gallery through Jan. 3.

- Wintercraft Christmas show and sale** by Gulf Islands artisans, put on by the Salt Spring Arts Council, runs at **Mahon Hall** daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Dec. 22.
- Ceramic artist **Denys James Denys James** will demonstrate working with clay in his ceramics studio, and the recent exhibit and sale of his works will continue Thursday, Dec. 4, Friday, Dec. 5 and Saturday, Dec. 6, from noon until 3 p.m. At **182 Welbury Drive**.
- Beaver Point and Fulford Hall Christmas craft fairs** are on this Friday through Sunday, Dec. 5-7. See the calendar above for times of each event.
- Anna McColm** is showing photos of **Snow** on Salt Spring at **Fernwood Road Cafe** until Dec. 13.
- An exhibit of knitting is in the **Salt Spring Library Program Room** and display case through December.
- Patricia Brown** shows artwork in the **ArtSpring** lobby through Dec. 21.
- Sam Lightman** photography pieces are at **Island Savings**.
- Doug Rhodes'** portraits of island characters are at **Penny's Pantry**.
- Nicola Wheston's 'Stuff'** paintings and **Michael Dennis' 7 Figures** in yellow cedar are featured at **Duthie Gallery** on Churchill Road. The gallery is open by appointment (250-537-9606) till February. Sculpture park open daily.

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SEASONAL ENTERTAINMENT

Musical Christmas set to swing

Dinner theatre and shows offered

The group called D.S. al Fine is back on stage and excited to present their second production, A Musical Christmas.

Performances include favourite seasonal tunes, such as White Christmas, Sleigh Ride, the Huron Carol, Blue Christmas, Silent Night, Santa Claus is Coming to Town and many more.

The cast of six singers harmonize and sing solos ranging from popular nostalgic hits to contemporary songs, with a wonderful live band of four local musicians: Karen Arney, band leader and keyboardist; Randy Marchi on horn, guitar and vocals; Jim Shultz on guitar; and Dave Milutinovic on percussion.

The sextet of seasonal singers, Deborah Inkster-Bain Kneebone, Suzanna Laine, Randy Marchi, Scott Merrick, Clark Saunders and Julianna Slomka, with the aid of dynamic emcee Jason Sampson, will put the audience into the Christmas and holiday spirit.

D.S. al Fine's previous show was A Taste of Song, which was an audience hit at the Harbour House Hotel in May of this year.

For people who would like the whole dinner theatre experience, Legion chef Jose Barraza is preparing a choice of three dinner entrees: Chipotle Chicken, Roast Beef with trimmings, or Veggie Enchiladas.

Tickets are available for the show only, or the show plus dinner.

Performances are as follows: at Meaden Hall on Saturday, Dec. 6; and at the Legion (upstairs from Meaden Hall on Blain Road) on Sunday, Dec. 7 and 14.

For all performances, doors open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6 p.m. and the performance at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available at Ganges Stationery, at the Legion, or at the door. People who buy in advance can choose their seats.

FINE CRAFTS

Yarn creations on display

Knitting talents exhibited

Textiles is the focus in both the Salt Spring Public Library's program room and display case through December.

Created by longtime passionate knitters Nell Bushby, Howard McDonald, Kay Avison and Judy Fry, the featured work includes traditional Fair Isle patterns and

contemporary abstract pieces, intricately patterned children's sweaters, whimsical socks and award-winning, one-of-a-kind creations with mind-boggling detail.

On Wednesday, Dec. 3, from 2 to 4 p.m., a community social "knit-in" event is set for the program room, followed by a talk on both Fair Isle and Intarsia knitting given by Bushby.

ARTS COUNCIL

Past and present arts families celebrated

Nita Brown honoured at membership appreciation event

Salt Spring Arts Council will host its annual membership appreciation event on Sunday, Dec. 14, and besides tea and hospitality, the group will inspire extra gratitude for one of SSAC's founding members.

This year's event honours and celebrates the extended ArtCraft family — all those who have volunteered, contributed and helped to make ArtCraft B.C.'s longest-running fine arts and crafts exhibit. Throughout its long history, ArtCraft has relied on the commitment and vision of local volunteers.

Widely recognized as the founding force behind both ArtCraft and the Salt Spring Arts Council, Nita Brown still lives on the island and celebrated her 100th birthday in August. Brown will be in attendance for the afternoon tea, along with family members and several other ArtCraft contributors of her generation.

Recently, ArtSpring was gifted a portrait of Nita Brown by the estate of Alan Edwards. In honor of Brown's contributions to ArtCraft, ArtSpring will be on hand on Dec. 14 to officially present and unveil the painting to SSAC.

The portrait unveiling takes place in Mahon Hall to coincide with the Wintercraft exhibit — Art-



Portrait of Nita Brown gifted by ArtSpring.

Craft's answer to holiday shopping. Representing the work of over 80 artists throughout the Southern Gulf Islands, Wintercraft is offering more opportunities to shop local and hand-made. It runs daily until Dec. 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Mahon Hall.

The Dec. 14 membership appreciation event runs from 3 to 5 p.m.

All members receive 10% off shopping and new memberships purchased during the afternoon will also be eligible for the discount. SSAC would like to invite any artists and volunteers that have contributed to the long-standing success of ArtCraft to attend the celebration. For more information, call the SSAC office at 250-537-0899.

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FOOD SECURITY

LABOUR OF LOVE - Salt Spring's abattoir at the two-year mark

Determined farmers keep working on dream

STORY & PHOTOS BY
BRAMWELL RYAN
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

If you are ever on Salt Spring Island during a big earthquake, head to the abattoir's holding pens.

The government's edict that they be built to the highest seismic standards is just one of the thicket of regulations through which the community group that built the facility had to weave to open the doors of the abattoir. And because they were creating a multi-species slaughterhouse, officials overseeing the process were as skittish as some of the turkeys that turn up for slaughter.

Delays and compliance changes pushed building costs 34 per cent over budget by the time doors opened in 2012. It left a debt which volunteers have been chipping away at ever since. Another attempt to liquidate the remaining \$30,000 deficit was on Nov. 15 when the Salt Spring Island Abattoir Society held its second birthday bash, a \$40-a-plate fundraiser at the Farmers' Institute. Some \$7,500 was raised from the event with 150 attendees.



The abattoir facility on rented land a few kilometres south-west of Ganges.



David Astill chases sheep into a holding pen on the abattoir property.

wifed an agreement to build a local abattoir.

It took years of planning and fundraising for volunteers with the Salt Spring Agricultural Alliance to get to opening day. There was added urgency to the work when a study showed that livestock production had dropped 50 per cent over four years, this on an island renowned for its top-quality lamb.

"No one wanted to be bothered to go off-island," says Thomson.

Since the doors opened two years ago, things have changed.

"There's been a huge impact," says Anne Macey, the Alliance president. Livestock numbers are on the rebound. "People had been giving up. It was too complicated with the new regulations and that was unfortunate at a time of such an increasing demand for local food."

But that early success wouldn't have been possible without countless volunteer hours.

The large white trailers and the bullet-proof corrals are on a scrubby piece of land about five kilometres south-west of Ganges along the main road. Originally designed as a mobile facility that could travel to other Gulf Islands, the abattoir hasn't moved since it was built.

Inside is the knock box where the killing takes place, a skinning room, a sterile room for evisceration and government inspection plus coolers, hanging space and butchering tables. Total cost: \$470,000.

Throughout the March to December slaughter season, lambs are killed on Wednesdays, chickens on Thursdays, Goats,

turkeys, ducks and geese come through periodically. Cutting and wrapping takes place on Fridays for farmers who want that service. Daily volume is usually two dozen lambs and 250 chickens.

There are five part-time employees plus David Astill, a retired high school teacher, sheep farmer and president of the abattoir society, which runs the facility. Astill is also the volunteer operations manager. Lately that takes about 25 hours a week.

"I got mad at myself Sunday night," he admits. "I spent two hours taking calls about abattoir business; I could have been reading a book instead."

When he's not on the phone, Astill helps pull animals out of trucks, fetches supplies, completes paperwork, handles water tests, deals with the inspector and meets delivery drivers.

"It can swallow your time," he says ruefully.

That dependence on free labour is why island farmer Sandy Robley doesn't think the abattoir will survive. With one of the larger flocks of sheep on the island, Sunset Farm could put its lambs through the abattoir, but instead Robley trucks her livestock to Vancouver Island.

"The place has to stand on its own two feet," says Robley, who also runs three other businesses. "It can't survive on donations and volunteer labour. If it doesn't run as a business, it won't last."

Margins in small-scale livestock are thin. An average lamb carcass earns a farmer about \$250 and that's before feed and hay costs. Adding \$116 for ferry transportation means that going else-

where for slaughter only makes sense for people with large numbers of animals like Robley.

"Only serious growers can take them off the island," says Thomson.

With such thin profits the abattoir can't increase its cost to kill and process an animal. It can only increase efficiency and attract more volume. But that's not something Robley — and some other larger scale producers on the island — are about to offer, even though she admits that increased volume is what will make the facility more viable.

"I have a 20-year relationship with another abattoir and no matter how granola you are, people are still price conscious."

Astill agrees that volume needs to go up, but right now his focus is on increasing efficiency and ensuring staff are well-trained.

Original plans for the abattoir called for slaughtering of pigs and cows, but that remains a dream. Expensive renovations to the buildings are needed before that can happen. Already the Salt Spring abattoir is unique in that it handles a range of animals. Most slaughter houses specialize in only one species. And most are only interested in volume; larger facilities elsewhere in Canada process thousands of animals a day.

"No one else has tried to do both red meat and poultry on the same site. And one of our unique features is that we can take just one animal," Macey says with a laugh.

On the 200-acre Ruckle Farm, Mike Lane is one of the biggest producers on the island. This sea-

son he put 130 lambs and 60 turkeys through the local abattoir. He admits he "took some on the chin" last year when inexperienced staff messed up, but he adds that things are better now. He says a local operation reduces the stress on the animals of taking them on the ferry and it saves hours of his time.

"Something like this is vitally important. Without small abattoirs, next thing you know you have to take your animals to the big places, which is completely unviable."

"I'm quite optimistic about the abattoir's viability," says Macey, who was the organizer of the facility's second birthday party. "For a new business we're doing well. There are always challenges."

Astill describes them as birth pains.

"It's been a struggle, but we're getting better at what we're doing. If we can stay open and running for a couple more years it'll be around for a long time. For those who really value having locally sourced food, you've got to have an abattoir."

One of the original proponents of the facility remains convinced that it can thrive. Thomson missed the second birthday party because she was giving a talk about how to set up a small-scale, multi-species abattoir at an international conference in Texas. "Success is possible, although not guaranteed yet."

Bramwell Ryan is a Winnipeg-based freelance journalist living on Salt Spring for six months. www.dispatches.ca

"For those who really value having locally sourced food, you've got to have an abattoir."

DAVID ASTILL
SSI Abattoir Society president

Ten years ago the B.C. government announced a tightening of the rules about meat. Commercial on-farm killing was banned and livestock had to be slaughtered in a licensed and inspected slaughterhouse or it couldn't be sold.

When the changes were first announced, Margaret Thomson knew it would hit Salt Spring hard.

"It was going to be really awkward. Nothing existed here that could be upgraded to meet the new standards."

The retired nurse, now a sheep and turkey farmer, called a meeting of island farmers and mid-



At left, Margaret Thomson feeds Cotswold sheep; while at right is Mike Lane and herding pals of Ruckle Heritage Farm.



people&community

D.W. Salty is looking for material for his column, **Streets of Salt Spring Island**

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PHOTOS BY JEN MACLELLAN

HOT STUFF: Saturday's Chili Cook-off in Centennial Park offered some heat on a snowy day. Clockwise from top left are contest judges John Dolman and Tim O'Connor, with volunteer Mike Lakin at right, and tasters and contestants in the background; celebrity judge David Robertson of The Dirty Apron Cooking School in Vancouver; and Salt Spring Singers carollers, from left, Connie Holmes, Ken Lee, Lyle Eide and Morgan Savin. Moby's Pub earned both the people's choice and judges' awards in the contest.

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CHRISTMAS Talents converge at G2G event

Stories and Songs for the Season runs Dec. 13-14

BY DIANE LUGSDIN
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The holiday season is ever enhanced by the experience of seasonal performances. The partnership that last year brought the dramatic reading of A Christmas Carol to Salt Spring has teamed up again to present Stories and Songs for the Season.

The Salt Spring United Church and Salt Spring Grand(m)others to Grandmothers (G2Gs) bring local audiences dramatic readings of entertaining seasonal classics.

The performance comes complete with musical interludes, under the direction of Shirley Bunyan and David Storm, plus refreshments at intermission.

Salt Spring is well served by its arts community and this event is no exception. Gifted performers are again offering their talents to this fundraiser: Arthur Black, humourist, author, award winner, broadcaster and syndicated columnist; Jan Rabson, voice actor of international renown with

a lengthy list of credits, who shares comedy improv skills on the island; Sue Newman, actor, singer, dancer, musician and performing arts instructor; Ann Stewart, who captures local theatre audiences with her varied characterizations; and the multi-faceted Clark Saunders, actor, singer, dramatic reader and, as the minister of the Salt Spring United Church, the force behind this fundraising partnership. And this year, local author and broadcaster Richard Moses, joins the troupe.

Through the generosity of our performers, proceeds go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation. This organization seeks to "turn the tide" of HIV/AIDS in Africa through its support of 300 community-based organizations to help women, orphaned children, grandmothers and people living with HIV and AIDS. Some 250 Grandmothers groups across Canada have raised over \$21 million in solidarity with their African counterparts. As Ann Stewart says, "Grandmothers to Grandmothers is a wonderful organization; I gladly lend my support."

Audiences will be regaled

with such delights as Dylan Thomas' A Child's Christmas in Wales, a nostalgic portrayal of a simpler time; Mole's Christmas from the Wind and the Willows — the TV version seen in 200-plus countries; plus other heart-warming stories. Arthur Black is looking forward to sharing Howard Engel's A Child's Christmas in Scarborough, a Canadian curve ball on A Child's Christmas in Wales, because "it's Canadian, it's funny and it takes the mickey out of Toronto — something most Canadians can instantly warm to!"

Will these moving, at times hilarious readings link us to the purpose of this fundraiser — a fair response to the major injustice of AIDS orphans in sub-saharan Africa? They can remind us of the value of sharing, giving and hope in an imperfect world, values that find resonance in the seasonal traditions of Christmas and Hanukkah.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13 and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 14 at Salt Spring United Church.

Tickets are available from the ArtSpring ticket centre or the United Church office, weekday mornings from Tuesday to Friday.

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FILM

The Rocket film a trip worth taking

Next SS Film Festival event

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Straight from the rarified air of the international film festival circuit, and carrying numerous awards from New York to Berlin, *The Rocket* is now headed for Salt Spring Island.

Winner of the Amnesty International Film Prize, this tense and gorgeous journey through today's rural Laos has garnered rave reviews for its naturalistic approach and astonishing young actors, all while leaving an indelible glimpse inside a society rarely seen in the west. It will be screened by the Salt Spring Film Festival at ArtSpring on Wednesday, Dec. 10.

At once intimate and epic, *The Rocket* follows Ahlo, a 10-year-old boy believed to be bad luck by those around him. When his village is displaced by a for-

eign dam project, he meets another outcast child, Kia, and her alcoholic, James Brown-obsessed uncle Purple. Together with his family, they travel through a land battered by war in search of a new home.

What follows is a rite of passage through a child's grief and guilt as well as a country's conflicted history of war and the damaging local effects of a global economy. In a final grasp to prove he's not cursed, Ahlo enters a giant explosive rocket in a lucrative but dangerous competition: the Rocket Festival. As the most bombed country in the world shoots back at the sky, the boy will also aim his shot at redemption toward the heavens.

One of the first internationally released feature films set and shot in modern Laos, *The Rocket* has a documentary feel to its stunning cinema-

tography and authentic locations and festivities. Much of this is due to Australian writer/director Kim Mordaunt, who came up with the fictional story based on real characters he met while filming the documentary *Bomb Harvest* in Laos.

The Rocket is Mordaunt's first feature and owes its intimate spirit and gentle humour to this grassroots approach. Yet critics have been unanimous in praising the actors who bring extraordinary performances to the lead roles. Sitthiphon Disamoe, a former street kid, shines in the role of Ahlo, and veteran actor and comedian Thep Phongam brings a shabby dignity to Uncle Purple's downward spiral.

Next Wednesday's screening begins at 7:30 p.m.

More information at www.saltspring-filmfestival.com.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Land and sea wonders shared

Couple's slide show to benefit BCSPCA branch

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Ann Donahue's passion for photography can be traced back to an accident.

When a sudden injury forced the cancellation of a ski trip, her partner Ken Sutherland suggested they consider a diving holiday.

The couple was soon swayed that overlooking the Caribbean's crystalline waters was much more enjoyable than riding an icy chairlift all day.

"We eventually came to photography though our love of diving," Donahue said. "The idea is that we want to take photos to show our friends what we see down there."

With 40 years of diving experience, the couple has compiled an impressive portfolio of stunning photographs from excursions to some of the world's most exotic dive sites.

Islanders can glimpse this seldom seen underwater world and the mysterious creatures that inhabit it during a one-hour talk and slide show on Thursday, Dec. 11.

For the past two years, Donahue and Sutherland have wowed Salt Spring audiences with cephalopod close-ups, coral landscapes and manta ray portraits. A quick look at the couple's website (kenannphoto.com) reveals creatures that appear to have evolved from the world of science fiction.

"It's a very colourful show," Donahue said.

In *Wet and Wild*, the couple combines their underwater shots with the realm of land-based wildlife photographs, accumulated from safari trips across Africa.

Having spent so many years below the surface, Donahue said it's been great to spend more time on firm ground.

"It's easy; we're nice and dry and you don't have to carry as much stuff. It's phenomenal what you need for underwater photography because you have to bring your own lighting, housing for your camera and it's just so equipment-intensive."

Shooting lions and leopards, by comparison, is a walk in the park.

Sutherland, who works as a physician in Victoria, was featured in this year's Photosynthesis exhibit. Donahue, a retired teacher, developed a passion for photography more recently after devoting many years to editing her partner's work.



Snarling lion is among images at the *Wet and Wild* show next Thursday.

"I will talk a lot about the animals and their behaviour," Donahue said. "We have some pretty weird creatures that we take photos of, so that's interesting."

In spite of their sojourn above sea level, the couple's true passion is amidst the reefs and walls of the sea. The couple travels to underwater photography competitions on a yearly basis, and their presentations have encouraged a few like-minded Salt Spring residents to experience the excitement for themselves.

Though diving and photography have, for a long time, been perceived as relatively complex and costly hobbies, advances in equipment and training have brought underwater photography closer to the mainstream.

The hobby's accessibility, Donahue added, coincides with a growing public interest in oceans, often called the world's last unexplored frontier.

"It's still new and unexplored, and I think it's something that people are just waking up to," she said. "Through looking at our photos there are so many people who have been drawn into snorkelling and diving."

The *Wet and Wild* show runs from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11 in the Salt Spring Public Library's program room.

Admission is by donation. All proceeds will be given to the Salt Spring BCSPCA branch.

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COMMUNITY EFFORT:

Santa raises his arms to his fans after stepping out of the Salt Spring Air plane in Ganges Harbour on Saturday afternoon. Each year the local airline brings the big guy to Ganges to visit with island children and Salt Spring Fire-Rescue takes him to Salt Spring Elementary, where the Salt Spring Arts Council arranges crafts and treats. Driftwood staff take photos of Santa and the kids, and Apple Photo makes prints.

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Music, readings, prayer and quiet

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At a time of year when many people look forward to parties and family gatherings, some find it difficult to get into a festive spirit.

In fact, people for whom Christmas comes at the end of a hard year can succumb to feelings of loss and even depression when those around them seem to be entering so fully into the celebrations that come with the holiday season. It is to give people a chance to spend some quiet, reflective time that the United Church offers each December a "Blue Christmas" service.

United Church minister Rev. Clark Saunders says that each year the service attracts people from both within the congregation and from the larger community.

Scheduled this year for Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m., the service is designed to carve out a bit of time when people who have suffered a recent loss — of a loved one, of a relationship, of a job — or who for some other reason find this to be a stressful and difficult time can have their situation acknowledged in a peaceful setting.

The service is not long but allows time for music, readings, prayer and quiet. Following the service, there is an opportunity for those who wish to remain for conversation over refreshments.

CRAFT FAIRS

Community halls host craft fairs

30 years for Beaver Point

Salt Spring's Christmas craft fair tradition returns to community halls this weekend.

The meeting of locally made crafts with great on-site dining has a significant milestone at Beaver Point Hall, which celebrates 30 years of hosting its craft fair this season.

"In 1983 the Kingfisher Group of Fulford Harbour, which had been hosting a yearly artists' Christmas Fair, closed their doors and left a rather large void in the seasonal festivities," explained Wendy Rosier.

"Seeing yet another opportunity to serve their community, the Beaver Point Community Hall stepped up to the plate and the Beaver Point Hall Christmas Craft Faire was born."

South-end artisans and craftspeople had a new venue where they could share their works for the festive season beginning in 1984. The first fair opened with a fundraising restaurant that kick-started the weekend with a scrumptious Friday dinner, with hearty breakfasts and lunches offered on Saturday and Sunday.

With a similar program but a different set of local artisans set up at Fulford Hall, the ideal experience involves visiting both locations in one day.

The Beaver Point fair opens Friday, Dec. 5 from 5 to 9 p.m. and continues on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Fulford Hall fair opens Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

FESTIVALS

Winterfest tradition thrives

Crafts, music and photo booth

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Centre School will bring a well-loved community tradition back for its 18th session this Saturday, Dec. 6, when it hosts Winterfest at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga.

The annual school fundraiser has long been a favourite family event, with its low-cost seasonal activities featuring natural materials. The yoga centre's main hall, filled with lovely decorations and kept toasty warm by the wood stove, is the place for kids to participate in craft activities that produce beautiful items either to keep or to give away as gifts. Adults also enjoy the gathering, with the chance to meet up with friends and neighbours over a steaming cup of chai or spiced cider.

Craft tables offer hands-on fun for a small ticket price. The always popular beeswax candles will return once again, along with the fir-ring candle holders waiting to be decorated. Children can also make bath salt sachets and holiday wands. New this year is a photo booth, where kids and adults alike will have fun choosing vintage paper props like moustaches and hats, with a photo strip ready to take home at the end.

Winterfest's free admission always includes musical performances from wonderful island talents. A holiday sing-along with Tara Grand and friends plus festive songs with Fiddler's Hatchery will put everyone into the holiday spirit this year.

The Salt Spring Centre's kitchen is justly famous for its vegetarian cuisine. Organic and vegan items based on its recipe book and other speciality items make for a tasty lunch. Table seating at the Winterfest cafe allows visitors to enjoy their baked goods and heartier items while soaking up the festive atmosphere.

The raffle draw at the end of the afternoon is an exciting cap to the day. Prize items this year include a BC Ferries Experience Card, a flight with Salt Spring Air, a cord of wood, among others. Visitors can also make bids on a silent art and gift auction.

The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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POETRY

Island poets shine

Open mic series returns
Thursday, Dec. 4

Island poets JayaLynda Cole and Lottie Devindisch will share the featured artist's slot following the monthly open poetry mic at the Salt Spring Library on Thursday, Dec. 4.

Cole was born in England and moved to Ontario when she was four years old. Her life's work has been as a psycho-spiritual counselling therapist and teacher. Writing poetry began when she moved to Salt Spring Island four years ago under mentor Lorraine Gane. She has published a chapbook called Coemergence.

Although born in Mexico City and having spent her formative years in Mexico and British Honduras (now Belize), Devindisch received her formal education in England. She received a licenti-

ate from the Royal Academy of Dancing and went on to teach dance and perform internationally. She emigrated to Canada in 1976 and has been part of the dance community on Salt Spring Island since 1981. She is an active member of the local Anglican Parish.

Devindisch's poems are inspired by her childhood, her years as a dancer and her journey as a spiritual seeker. Her work attempts to enter into the skin of each experience to make it her own, whether it be personal or gleaned from a fellow traveller. Her first published collection of poetry was issued in 2012 and she is currently working on some short stories and a memoir.

Anyone with a poem to read is encouraged to participate in the open mic portion of the evening. Sign up at 6:45 p.m.; readings begin at 7.



My name is Katie Hicks and I am the newest addition to the Salt Spring Island Team! I transferred to Salt Spring this past August from the Northwest Territories and have already fallen in love with this beautiful Island. I have been in the Financial Services Industry for 5 years and it was through this experience that I developed a passion for providing quality customer service, financial planning, and a desire to help people achieve their goals.

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Tip of the Week:

From the perspective of Astrology, the interactions of the far planets which produce rather long segments of time (500 years for Neptune/Pluto cycles), can measure and identify evolutionary themes and then observe their synchronistic expressions at key intervals. For example, an important cycle involving Uranus and Pluto, which are currently forming the 6th of 7 exact 'square aspects', (90 degree angle = challenge yet creation of new developments and realities) is fast approaching and will occur on December 14th. The root event, or conjunction (both planets sharing same degree of longitude), of this approximately 200 year cycle occurred in 1965. This constitutes this first quarter or what is symbolically linked to spring which, in turn, is associated with Aries and symbolizes new beginnings. This recent 7 conjunction process (due to both planets turning retrograde) began in June 2012 and the last one will occur in mid-March 2015. (2 very close alignments on either end can also be counted for a total of 9 conjunctions the first of which occurred in late summer 2011 coinciding with the Occupy Wall Street demonstrations which quickly became a global movement, and the last one will occur in January 2016). The deeper story of this evolutionary cycle is linked to gender equality and the basic realization that, like Yin and Yang, neither gender is 'better' than the other and nor should one have more social, political and legal rights than the other. Upon reflection, there are strong and clear indications based on key events such as the gang rapes in India causing death leading to capitol punishments in 2012 and more recently with former radio host and celebrity Jian Ghomeshi. A further extension of this revolution will likely contribute to the ongoing confrontation to patriarchal authority which constitutes the foundations of many of the world's religions. This segment of the revolutionary process will come to the fore while Saturn transits through Sagittarius (Dec. 23 2014 - Dec. 20 2017) which will also coincide with Jupiter in Virgo, Libra and Scorpio. These time spans may seem far and wide, yet in light of the themes discussed and their global implication they are very close indeed. Yes, a new order in the world is emerging and the ability to measure these revolutionary, evolutionary movements is possible based on the observance of cycles of time. This same principle of cycles of time can be applied to your life as well.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Sometimes the attitude of 'go big' is the best approach, like now. This implies some very real revolutionary actions. Social and cultural themes which may include travel are featured. Philosophical, religious and other truth seeking themes may also be evident. In any case, this is your cue and opportunity to break through to a new level of realization.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21) A metamorphic process is underway. Positively, it is coinciding with a steadily emerging quality of increased confidence. It includes pushing through both inner and outer walls of limitation. These may be literal as in certain people and circumstances tending to hold you back and they could be psychological. This is a call to learn by way of action.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21) An expansive cycle continues. It includes meeting new people, thinking more expansively, and generally seeing a bigger picture. Get ready for a revolutionary resolve to do what it takes and what you must to push through and beyond. Your biggest obstacles may be your own limiting self-concepts and perspectives. Open your mind and your world will follow.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22) A big increase in the quality of your daily rhythm and routine is likely now. Making your imagination work for you and not against is a key factor. Avoid worry and negative visions of the future. Bring your focus to current realities and brainstorm for ideas and solutions. Take an inventive approach and be open to the genius and ingenuity of others.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23) That saying, 'fortune favors the bold' is a good one to consider now. The time is right to play a little harder and take a few risks. Among the more important considerations is to decipher what you want and how to get and/or do it. Aim to help other key players see the bigger picture that you are envisioning. Strategize to achieve mutual success.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) A focus upon creative and cultural activity close to home will prove satisfying now. Hardly an idle cycle, you will feel inspired to initiate, activate and nurture your talents, schemes and dreams. To these ends, discipline is a key word. This means get clear, take action and follow-through. Measurable progress over the coming weeks will be your reward.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22) New thoughts, ideas and perceptions are percolating in your mind. These may be the result of new information and knowledge. In turn, they are activating your own creative genius. The larger backdrop reveals a steadily changing chorus of relationships. Gaining clear reflections of your expressions and projections are a feature of a rapidly emerging learning curve.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21) What do you have, want and need and not? Deciphering what to keep and advance with versus what to leave behind is an important question. Attending to the energy flow of your life begins at home. Creating change in your home reveals adjustments in the overall feel and atmosphere. At deeper levels there are all reflections of your own changing interests and priorities.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21) Initiating new momentums continues. An experiential and experimental attitude and approach is implied. Your energy levels should be running quite high now and this trend will increase over the coming weeks. By stepping out and taking risks you are exercising your confidence, creativity and will power. This will soon become the new norm.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) Balancing the urge to step out of the limelight or at least to get things done behind the scenes with ambitions to push forward continues. This push has to do with innovation, improvement, adjustment and quite possibly revolution. This mood and attitude will be evident at home, with your family and/or within you. Focus to access all external resources available.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19) An expansive cycle is steadily rising. It is leading you to broaden your perspectives and horizons. This includes adjustments of self-concept, attitude, belief and philosophy. Meeting existing circumstances with these shifts of perspective will help you to be more flexible, innovative and willing. Work to trust the changing currents.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) Taking new leads and initiatives is in the spotlight. To succeed you will have to make both inner and outer efforts. The inner work implied is to confront and overcome inner blocks, restrictions and resistances. A key to this end is to broaden your scope and to cultivate an inspired vision. The main goal is professional and social expansion and advancement.

FAITH

Courage in focus

Unitarians address timely topic

Visiting chaplain Amanda Tarling will address the topic of courage at the Unitarian Fellowship service on Sunday, Dec. 7 at the Salt Spring Seniors Centre, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Tarling explains she deliberately chose to take on this topic during December.

"I think it is a time when we do need to find courage to get through what many find to be a very depressing and challenging time," she said.

"I think courage is the spiritual side of bravery, and we will explore this on Sunday morning. We will look at the ways in which being a person of courage leads to finding deeper meaning in life."

Tarling will return to Salt Spring to follow up on the theme with a coffee morning and discussion group at the Morningside Organic Bakery and Café on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 11:45 a.m. Anyone who is interested can attend and join the conversation, which will centre on "who in our lives has been a role model of courage and when courage failed us and what we did about it."

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Violet Ann Hare (nee: Letendre)

Born: Lac St. Anne, Alberta, 27 July, 1926
Died: Salt Spring Island, B.C., 30 November, 2014



Violet was born in the Metis settlement on the shores of Lac Ste. Anne, a lake sacred to First Nations and Metis people from all across Canada. She returned almost every year for the annual Lac St. Anne Pilgrimage in order to honour her ancestors, in particular her grandmother. A lifetime resident of Edmonton and more recently Calgary, she came to love Salt Spring Island, moving here in 2013 to live with her daughter (Carol Ann Arnold, nee Brown) and son-in-law (Stephen), Island residents since 2001. She is also survived by a son, Richard Norman Brown of Calgary; two granddaughters: Forest M. Arnold (Vancouver); Stephanie M. Arnold-Simonpietri (Pascal; Paris, France); one grandson, Jarrett E. Brown (Calgary); and one great-grandson, Hugo Paul Simonpietri (Paris).

Before beginning school at age 7, "Vi" spoke only Cree (Michif). Cruelly, she was made to begin her working life at the age of 8, being farmed out to keep house and to give care to elderly and infirm people in the area. Daily she trudged several miles to and from jobs and school, even on the fiercest days of winter. Eventually she gained some relief by being given use of a sled and dogs, before finally being loaned a horse. The sum of her wages was \$5 a month. When aged 16 she became a cook for large "extra gangs" on the Northern Alberta Railroad. Approximately a year later she began to cook in lumber camps, where she met her eventual husband, Norman Brown.

In the last days of World War II, her dear brother Norman was killed in the battle to liberate Holland. At about that time Vi moved from the bush to the city of Edmonton where she worked as a housekeeper in local hospitals. Able to afford only the most modest accommodation, in the poorest area of the city, she was nevertheless a "Tiger Mother", insisting that her children get the education she could never get for herself. Her daughter and son were the first -- and as far as they know -- the only members of an enormous, extended family to earn university degrees (Carol earning four and "Rick", two), with both receiving many professional accolades during their careers. Carol became the teacher her mother had always wanted to be. Once having an empty nest, Vi went back to school to earn a General Education Diploma with an emphasis on the Teachers' Aid Program in order to find a way to express her love for children. She never joined the teaching profession because her legs, so harmed by heavy toil and inadequate winter protection during her childhood, were not equal to the physical demands of teaching, and also because the abandonment and abuse she had experienced when so young had left her with chronically low self-esteem and a feeling of inferiority. Her emotionally crippling early experience was at least compensated by the great pride she felt for her children, a sense of pride that her children felt in turn for her.

In spite of the struggles that weighed upon her, Vi's personality was that of a resourceful individual who often had a great sense of fun. She was especially thrilled to travel several times in Europe and once spent nearly 2 months in East Africa during periods when her son-in-law held positions in French and East African universities. Right up to her 70s she loved to ride motorcycles, touring Canada's eastern seaboard and the American South-west with her son Rick. She also loved parties, of which she was often the life, a raconteur with a bag full of jokes for any occasion. Many of her stories were coaxed from her over and over, year after year at family gatherings. Her passage leaves a large void in many lives to be filled eventually by her legacy of indomitable spirit which will motivate strength in those who were fortunate enough to know her or the story of her life.

Vi's family would like to thank the staff of the Lady Minto Extended Care Unit and Doctors Gummeson and Crichton for their compassionate care.

A Catholic funeral will be held on Salt Spring Island this coming Saturday.

FRANKLIN GILBERT KNEEBONE

Jan 3, 1924 - Nov. 28, 2014



Franklin Gilbert (Gil) Kneebone of Salt Spring Island, BC, died peacefully on November 28th 2014, in his 90th year at Lady Minto Hospital.

Gil was born on January 3rd 1924 in Franklin New Jersey, a few minutes after his twin brother Wilber, son of the late Susie and John Kneebone, and older brother to John and Calvin. When Gil was a toddler his family moved back to his parent's homeland, Cornwall England.

Gil moved to Canada in 1964, joined the Teamsters Union of Vancouver and enjoyed a long career with Bekin's Moving and Storage which took him all over BC. He met and married the love of his life, June Rose and together they began their life of adventures and travelled the globe with groups of friends. Gil's love of scuba diving was extreme, loved warm or cold water diving as long as he could throw on a tank and jump in the water he was happy.

Gil leaves behind his daughter Melanie and son in law Simon Morris of Salt Spring Island, Grandson Tyler and wife Janine Morris of Victoria BC, Granddaughter Robin and husband Aaron Little, and his four Great grandchildren by Robin - Kamryn, Mikayla, Levi and Lauren who all live in Perth Australia, step daughter Louise Hoy and husband John Rupp of Renton Washington, his two brothers John Kneebone of Richmond BC and Calvin Kneebone of Cornwall England, cousin Paul Kneebone and wife Karen of Whitby, Ontario, and of course many friends and family far and wide.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife June Rose and twin brother Wilber

Gil was moved from Victoria BC into Greenwood's Elder Care in 2007 as he was in the early stages of dementia and his family wanted him close by. They took such great care of him and he in turn looked to them like family and loved being there, always had a smile and a hello for anyone who stopped by whether he remembered them or not.

He was a jolly little Cornish man, who lived life as it came with no fuss or muss, pasty in hand and a song in his heart!!

*I dearly love a pasty, a 'ot leaky one;
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The crus' be made weth suet, shaped like 'alf a moon;
Crinkly h'edges, freshly baked' e es always gone too soon!*

A celebration of life will be held for family and close friends at Noon on Saturday January 3rd 2015 at Ruckle Park, Salt Spring Island. Donations in his name to the Dementia and Alzheimer's Association are always appreciated

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