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**SHAMISEN WARRIOR:** Koji Yamaguchi delivers classic and modern Japanese songs on his three-stringed shamisen to a sold-out Mahon Hall audience Thursday, with Michela Sorrentino paintings in the background, at the Salt Spring Island Japanese Garden Society event.

**FERRIES**  
**Gulf Islands ferry sched ideas wanted**

New opportunities offered by 2017 vessel replacement

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

BC Ferries is seeking community input to improve service for Southern Gulf Islands customers, with a web-based survey opening the initial phase of consultation on Thursday, April 16.

The nine-month consultation process is intended to develop sailing schedules that meet the needs of local communities, an idea that has been welcomed gladly by the members of the two ferry advisory committees serving the area.

"Everything is theoretically on the table," said Salt Spring FAC chair Harold Swierenga.

"I'll certainly be advocating for more service and faster service out of Long Harbour, instead of people always looking at Route 1 and Route 4 [as their preferred option]."

The scheduling revamp has been made possible by BC Ferries' decision to replace the aging Queen of Nanaimo with two new intermediate class ferries, which will go into service on the southern Gulf Islands routes starting in 2017.

"The addition of the new ferries, coupled with feedback from the communities they will be serving, provides a unique opportunity to help shape the sailing schedules for these routes," a press release explains.

Swierenga and southern Gulf Islands FAC chair Brian Hollingshead are part of a core working group that will meet monthly with BC Ferries staff to devise the new schedules. Swierenga is hoping to include some islanders with tourist-related businesses in that group, which will likely involve around nine or 10 other people.

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**ISLAND POLITICS**

**Incorporation study gets funds**

Research deemed 'important piece of the puzzle'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring residents are set to receive more details about the costs of becoming a municipality following the provincial government's April 10 announcement it will fund a \$120,000 incorporation study.

"There's been all sorts of things discussed about incorporation, but the one missing piece of the puzzle is the financial impact," said Ken Marr, an island business owner and long-time

study advocate. "We have to get the financial pieces of the puzzle."

The province's decision comes 16 months after Salt Spring's Governance Study Committee confirmed islanders want and need more information about incorporation's implications. The province funded the work after repeated requests from Salt Spring CRD director Wayne McIntyre and Local Trust Committee representatives George Grams and Peter Grove.

Elected representatives made undertaking

an incorporation study a key part of their 2011 election campaigns. All three confirmed support for the process during their re-election in November.

"It just puts a big smile on my face. I'm just delighted," said John Macpherson, former chair of the now-disbanded GSC. "We're grateful to the minister [Coralee Oakes] and the province for taking us to the next step."

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**ARE WE READY?:** GISS Improv team members thrill an ArtSpring audience on Saturday night as part of a fundraiser to help the school's seven-member senior improv team attend Canadian Improv Games in Ottawa beginning April 20. From top is Melanie Gregory-Worsell of the junior team driving the skit's action, while junior and senior groups merge for more fun. Fundraising continues on fundrazr.com.

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# Trust impact report also out

## INCORPORATION

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In a release that accompanied Friday morning's announcement, the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development said the incorporation study will "provide residents with the necessary facts and information to compare options and become fully informed about incorporation."

Oakes said the two-part study will compare Salt Spring's current governance structure with a municipal model and undertake public engagement and consultation about the two scenarios.

The decision to conduct an incorporation study coincides with release of a much-anticipated report that examines how the Islands Trust would be affected if Salt Spring were to become a municipality.

Macpherson considers the new report a crucial document for anyone who wants to become more informed about the incorporation process.

"It's important that the impact of Salt Spring's incorporation on the Trust be provided," he said. "Without that piece of

information, nightmares and imagination can get carried away."

The Islands Trust Impact Analysis final report, which is available by following the links at [islandstrust.bc.ca](http://islandstrust.bc.ca), determined the Islands Trust would sustain an \$800,000 funding shortfall if Salt Spring were to become incorporated.

"The \$800,000 shortfall is the result of reduced revenues of \$1.9 million, offset by reduced expenses of \$1.1 million," according to the report.

The Trust's budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year is \$7.25 million.

### "Nobody can say this has been

### done in haste."

JOHN MACPHERSON  
Chair of 2013  
SSI Governance Study  
Committee

"If the community of Salt Spring Island decides to incorporate as a municipality, Islands Trust would need to focus on maintaining fiscal stabil-

ity while adapting as an organization," said Peter Luckham, chair of the Islands Trust Council, in a statement that followed last week's announcement. "We could keep property taxes low and reduce service levels, increase taxes and maintain service levels or find a balance between the two options.

"Either way, our priority is to uphold democratic principles and adapt as an organization."

Ministry staff will meet with Salt Spring's elected officials to discuss the study process. The incorporation study will be managed by a volunteer committee and is expected to be ready in early 2016.

"Nobody can say this has been done in haste," Macpherson added. "There's been enough time allowed over the course of the first study and intervening time for people to get informed. Nobody can say there hasn't been enough time."

The last incorporation study for Salt Spring was completed in 2002. Seventy per cent of voters rejected incorporation in a subsequent referendum.

## What the locally elected officials say . . .

We, CRD director Wayne McIntyre and Islands Trust trustees Peter Grove and George Grams, welcome the announcement from the Hon. Coralee Oakes, MLA, that the incorporation study for Salt Spring island is to proceed.

Two parts of the governance review sought by our local government officials have already been completed: the governance study was submitted to the ministry in December 2013, and the Islands Trust Impact Assessment, commissioned directly by the ministry, was released concurrent with the minister's statement announcing support for the incorporation study. The incorporation study forms the third component in the review.

The study is an opportunity to dispassionately and objectively consider and compare the two options currently open to us in terms of future local governance and, if the community wills and

the minister agrees, to cast our votes for one of those options in a subsequent referendum. This is an opportunity to learn, to debate, to reflect, and to choose between our current form of governance or a municipal model.

We appeal to our community to make this process courteous and respectful, free of the divisive rhetoric, the fear mongering and the ad hominem attacks that so characterized the previous incorporation study and divided this community.

We expect to receive the minister's detailed instructions on how to proceed. At that point we will issue a call to the community seeking volunteers from a broad range of community interests to serve on the incorporation study committee.

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# NEWSBEAT

**Heads up!**  
**SSI Fire Protection District AGM**  
 Monday, April 20  
 Lions Hall at 7 p.m.

**WATER RESOURCES**

## Moratorium squeezes affordable housing projects

NSSWD board members to be elected by acclamation

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District's decision to extend a moratorium on new water connections has raised questions about the future of affordable housing projects on the island.

"We're curious to see what all the paperwork says," said Rob Grant, executive director of Salt Spring Island Community Services. "Obviously we're curious about the water so we're keeping our fingers crossed."

Community Services received five acres of land south of Ganges to build up to 24 units of affordable housing as part of a 2010 land-zoning deal with Victoria-based Three Point Properties.

Grant said he and Community Services staff want to determine if the developer was assured access to water. In an annual report following the deal's completion, Grant noted that Three Point has completed an obligation to bring road and sewer services to the property, but the report is silent on water access.

He said determining if Community Services is covered under a "prior commitment" for potable water will be crucial to the project's completion.

On April 1, North Salt Spring

Waterworks District board members confirmed plans to extend a six-month moratorium on any new water connections within the district's boundaries. According to the district, anyone who already pays a parcel tax to the water district, regardless of whether a structure has been built, is considered committed within the district's current supply.

Complications arise over new developments, subdivisions and requests for secondary suites that will increase demand. Draft reports on water supply conducted for the district in 2014 show that neither St. Mary nor Maxwell lakes have enough water to support additional water licences.

"These draft reports have identified that both lakes are fully allocated," NSSWD board members said.

District chair Marshall Heinekey said the moratorium may be in place until the district receives permission to raise a weir near the outlet to St. Mary Lake, which could happen by 2016.

The extension is needed to enable the district to withdraw more water from the lake.

Bill Crandall, a certified island-based real estate appraiser, said it's still too early to determine the moratorium's repercussions among developers and property owners.

While many projects may be able to postpone work to a certain degree, he suspects more people may consider drilling wells if the

NSSWD's moratorium extends further.

"It really remains to be seen, but it is certainly a cost," he said. "Drilling wells is more risky and the more wells you drill, the more problems can arise [given the limitations of groundwater supplies]."

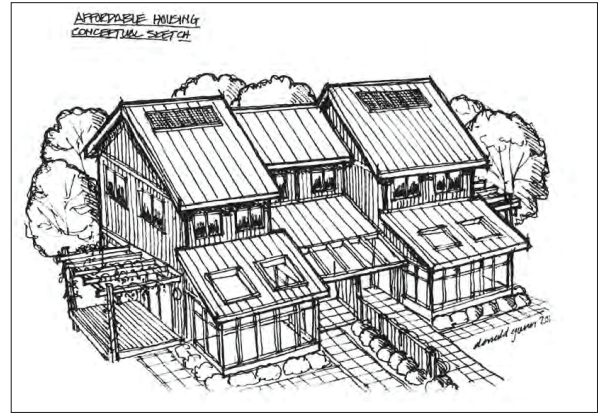
Janice Gauthier, an affordable housing consultant who's been working with the Gulf Islands School District and Capital Regional District on a plan for up to 80 units of affordable housing, said she worries the NSSWD moratorium could stall work on the Drake Road project.

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will deliberate on giving a rezoning application for the project first reading at this Thursday's LTC meeting. Trust staff recommend the LTC hold the application in abeyance "until the fundamental issue of water provision is resolved."

The recommendation is based on the NSSWD's Nov. 26, 2014 decision not to accept the proposed development into the district at this time.

"What we intend to do is request first reading of the bylaw with the confidence that the water issue will be resolved. This is still early days on this project," Gauthier said. "We want to explore all of our options, otherwise we are in a total vacuum."

The NSSWD decision has also touched a 26-unit market-based affordable housing complex



Concept drawing by Donald Gunn for the CRD's affordable housing project on Drake Road, which could be halted by a moratorium on water connections.

approved by the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee in 2014 after more than a decade of delays wrought by negotiations and market uncertainty.

Project manager Tom O'Connor said the moratorium won't affect his client's project in the short-term, but he said the experience points to a broader problem with the island's governance structure.

"Immediately, the zoning is in place for whenever the time is right," he said. "In the long-term, I really think this emphasizes the need for [more cohesive] local government. It's not just Norton Road, it's whatever other priorities the community needs to set."

**No new board members**

Trustees Les Howell and Jeffrey Thompson will be elected to serve another term on the NSSWD board after no other potential candidates stepped forward by Monday's noon deadline.

Howell and Thompson will be acclaimed to a three-year term at the NSSWD's 2015 AGM, which will be held on April 28 at 7 p.m. at Community Gospel Chapel.

The meeting features trustee reports on the waterworks' finances and infrastructure, and a discussion about trustee remuneration.

For more information, contact the NSSWD at 250-537-9902 or visit northsaltspringwaterworks.ca.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Fire board voting

Advance polls open today (Wednesday, April 15) for the Salt Spring Fire Protection District trustees' election.

Eligible voters must be property owners within the fire protection district. Each person listed on title of a residential property can

vote. Commercial properties owned by more than one person must select a designated representative.

The advance poll runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the public library's program room, with the main election day taking place at the same location from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 18.

Voters should bring photo ID.

Three seats are being contested by four candidates: Mitch Forest, Derek Hill, Maxine Leichter and Norbert Schlenker.

### Centre School wins prize

The Salt Spring Centre School is one of 10 elementary schools across the province to receive a \$1,000 prize

in the 2015 BC Green Games.

The annual event sponsored by Science World celebrates new or ongoing action projects committed to environmental stewardship. The Centre School was recognized for its mixed grades project led by teacher Katharine Byers, in which students became water wardens of the Blackburn Lake watershed.

Community partners

included the Salt Spring Conservancy, the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society and Stream to Sea, a program of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

### Rainbow photo sought

Did anyone see a beautiful rainbow on the east side of Salt Spring Island on Friday,

April 10 at about 5 p.m.?

More importantly, did someone take a photo of that rainbow?

It has special significance for an island resident who lost a loved one that day, and she would like to have it recorded in photographic form.

If you have an image of that rainbow to share, please email gingermog@telus.net.

# VOTE

For Fire Trustees

# For a Change

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Mitch  
Forest

Derek  
Hill



PHOTO BY KATE GOODING

**CONTAINED:** A boom is set up around the Remora #1 to contain approximately seven to 10 litres of diesel fuel that was accidentally pumped out of the vessel at Centennial Dock on Sunday. With the English Bay fuel spill in the news, the event piqued interest in Ganges.

POLITICS

# CRD backs rural status for EAs

Remuneration also discussed

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The inability of electoral areas within the Capital Regional District to access rural grants found some sympathy from the region's municipal directors, who vowed to support re-designation at the CRD's monthly board meeting on April 8.

The problem was the sole point of discussion to arise from a report and action plan tabled by the Salt Spring Community Economic Development Commission called *Toward a More Resilient Salt Spring*. The board unanimously approved the report, but some members asked for more information on the issue outlined on page 16.

"Because Salt Spring is part of the CRD, it is designated by senior governments as 'urban' and is ineligible for grants to help small businesses in rural areas, an issue the CEDC has taken up with the B.C. government," the report reads.

Salt Spring CRD director Wayne McIntyre, who has often raised this problem in the past, was not in attendance at the April 8 meeting. His Juan de Fuca counterpart Mike Hicks explained the policy — which affects electoral areas in the CRD and GVRD districts alone in the province — has resulted in the loss of privileg-

es such as an HST rebate for people buying secondary homes in 2012 and project funding through the Island Coastal Economic Trust and the Western Diversification Fund.

"You will hear us crying because it's just an ongoing fight," Hicks said.

Responding to the suggestion that a simple redefinition was needed, Hicks said, "I don't think there's any disagreement that a fix would be very simple. The only question is if there's political will at our upper level government, and right now there isn't."

Board members said they would support the electoral area directors in their attempts to gain the change in status.

In other CRD board news, the topic of municipal director compensation caused lively debate following a recommendation from the finance committee to hire a consultant to explore the issue.

CRD staff had already tabulated figures revealing the local directors receive less than any other regional district in the province. The pay structure itself has not been updated in decades, with small advances to meet inflation but no consideration given to the fact that directors are doing more complex work.

"The fact is that in 20 years the role of each of the directors sitting around the table is very different," said Esquimalt mayor Barbara Desjardin. "We all have to do a lot of

homework for the work that we do here, and that work should be valued."

Denise Blackwell, a Langford councillor, noted that municipal directors are paid the same whether they sit on a number of committees, just attend the monthly board meetings, or send an alternate to do so, in which case the alternate also gets paid.

"There needs to be some look at equity around the table," she said.

The CRD's 24 municipal directors are paid \$8,940 a year. The electoral area directors proposed their own raise in 2011 when they were paid \$28,345, and now receive \$40,559 a year. The chairperson receives \$20,509 on top of director's pay, and the vice-chairperson receives an additional \$8,203.

Some, but not all, directors also receive a meeting stipend; alternate directors and standing committee chairpersons receive \$91 per meeting while the vice chairperson gets \$71. Members of the Regional Water Supply Commission and municipal directors who vote on Part 26 decisions for the Juan De Fuca Electoral Area also receive \$91 per meeting.

While some directors felt staff could do the work, the majority voted to approve hiring a consultant for an estimated \$20,000. Hicks said the study should include the electoral area directors and not just the municipality-based ones.

## Keep Smiling...



THOUGHTS & NEWS

from Dr. Richard Hayden

### Tax time.

*We are all looking for a bit of relief.*

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LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

# Kanaka Plaza proposal unveiled

Business owners apply for Upper Ganges Road TUP

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Possibilities for the Ganges village core's future will be on display when consultant Nancy Krieg reveals her vision for the contentious Tree House Café laneway at Thursday's Salt Spring Local Trust Committee meeting.

The conceptual design is being touted as a way to improve emergency and loading/unloading access for Kanaka Wharf. The design proposes replacing parking spaces in front of Mouat's Home Hardware with a landscaped seating area, tree bar and retaining wall. The plaza incorporates public art, a tourist information display and a water taxi waiting shelter.

The design was commissioned by the LTC in February. Trust staff recommend LTC members refer the plaza concept to the Capital Regional District, affected property owners and the local Harbour Authority. The plan's

implementation rests on the cooperation of provincial, federal and local governments.

"Funding for such works may come from private owners and businesses, or from community service agencies, or through community funding," according to an April 9 staff report. "While able to endorse the plan, the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee does not have authority to undertake the proposed works."

A conceptual drawing can be viewed at the Gulf Islands Driftwood's Facebook page.

Other business slated for Thursday's meeting includes a watershed management report, an update on the subdivision of small lots in the Fort Street neighbourhood, consideration of first reading for a Drake Road affordable housing project and deliberation on a temporary use permit to allow servicing and sales of marine equipment and small engines on a residential lot at 248 Upper Ganges Rd.

Thursday's meeting begins at 9:30 at the Lions Hall. The meeting's town hall session starts at noon. A full agenda can be downloaded at [www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca).

# Schedule survey online as of April 16

FERRY SCHEDULES

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the other can serve the southern Gulf Islands.

The first phase of public engagement involves completing the survey, which will be available online from April 16 to May 7. Ways to participate without using a computer will also be available. Open houses are to be scheduled during the summer months as BC Ferries enters the "exploring options" phase. The preferred options will be determined in winter 2015, with new schedules to be published in spring 2016.

Passengers will be invited to comment on routes serving Salt Spring and the southern Gulf Islands from

Tsawwassen (Routes 9 and 9a) as those that connect the southern Gulf Islands with Swartz Bay (Routes 5 and 5a).

Revised schedules for these routes will take into consideration seasonal service demands, operational processes and the possibility of adding more direct sailings.

"Our focus continues to remain on delivering a safe, reliable and efficient marine transportation service for our customers," BC Ferries says in its press release.

More information is available under Southern Gulf Islands Schedule Consultation at [bcferries.com](http://bcferries.com).

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

# History kiosk caps Harbour's End path construction

Area imagined as new pocket park

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Ganges Village's active transportation network continues to grow and improve, with the latest addition bound to encourage more walkers, cyclists and scooter users to take the opportunity to enjoy a seaside stroll or roll.

The new Harbour's End pathway at the head of Ganges Harbour will include a safety railing along its entire length that will no doubt double as a place to stop and take in the scenery. But the "jewel in the crown" is a special information kiosk overlooking the harbour with three display panels highlighting the harbour's history and the prominent role First Nations have played there throughout the years.

"Personally, I see the new Harbour's End pathway and history kiosk as creating impetus for the continuing community drive to open up and take advantage of Ganges Harbour," said project volunteer Donald



PHOTO COURTESY PARTNERS CREATING PATHWAYS

Slegg Lumber yardsmen John Emekoba (in safety vest, left) and Matt Reike deliver to Island Pathways volunteers the components they had pre-fabricated for a new history kiosk display on Upper Ganges Road during an April 8 work party.

McLennan.

During the past month, Partners Creating Pathways members have been hard at work pre-fabricating the kiosk in project manager Glenn Trarup's south-end

carport, while others have put in the foundations on the pathway itself. The kiosk walls were raised on site on Wednesday, April 8.

With the pathway now paved in asphalt to accom-

modate all users and installation of the kiosk nearly complete, ideas are rising on how the surrounding right-of-way could be put to better use.

"Island Pathways believes

that as a community we can make a real asset out of Harbour's End by essentially creating an 'instant park' at this beautiful location," McLennan said.

"The land is all in community hands in the sense that it is Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure jurisdiction from the roadside all the way down to the foreshore, from Salt Spring Marina and Moby's Pub to the property at the corner of Upper and Lower Ganges.

"This is a big plus since not one square inch of property would need to be purchased to make a splendid park. Since the land is already in effect publicly owned, all that needs to be done is to landscape the slope from the new pathway down to the beach."

McLennan added the task could be easily done by volunteers, who have already shown their skill at building benches and picnic tables.

Partners Creating Pathways gained approval from the Archaeology Branch of the B.C., Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources and consulted with First Nations before beginning

work since some of the pathway was located in an archaeologically sensitive area.

The Capital Regional District provided the main funding with a \$75,000 grant from its Active Transportation Innovative Infrastructure Program. Other contributors include the Salt Spring Transportation Commission, the Salt Spring Island Foundation, local businesses Hastings House, Moby's Pub, Salt Spring Marina and Harbour House, plus contributors to Island Pathways' annual Step Up for Safe Pathways campaign.

Project coordinators are hoping for a large turnout from the community for the next kiosk work party, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to noon to put on the finishing touches before the grand-opening. Help will be needed to dig out a bunch of blackberry bushes, plant greenery along the large cement blocks, put in a sign post, clear other shrubbery away, put gravel in front of the new kiosk and maybe stain the new fence.

ENVIRONMENT

# Cowichan plans new outfall site

Satellite Channel among most viable options

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Cowichan Valley Regional District staff assure the public that a plan to relocate the treated sewage outfall for nearly 30,000 people into the ocean facing Salt Spring's west coast will not harm public health or the marine environment.

"Nutrient loading is much less of a concern in the marine environments as the ocean is much more robust than fresh water environments at assimilating nutrient loads from rivers and drainages all along the coast," said Emily Doyle Yamaguchi, an engineering analyst for the CVRD's water management division. "A marine outfall, if selected, would be sited in an area with deep water and good currents for dispersion."

A proposal to relocate the CVRD's current outfall away from the Cowichan River has identified potential outfall locations near the Catalyst pulp mill in Crofton and Satellite Channel, south of Sansum Narrows.

Though the Satellite Channel site has been deemed a "suitable option for further study," the CVRD must complete a formal process to identify and assess other options, consult members of the public and First Nations, and complete an environmental study.

Doyle Yamaguchi said the CVRD has dumped treated effluent at its Cowichan River site since 1999. The district wants to move the outfall by 2021 due to expiry of a lease agreement with First Nations, natural hazards that endanger infrastructure, service expansion, restoration of the Cowichan Bay shellfish harvest and environmental factors.

"Climate change is affecting the Cowichan River," Doyle Yamaguchi said. "There are periods of the year when there is not enough river water flow to dilute the treated effluent accord-

ing to provincial requirements. Such low flows are expected to continue and get worse in years to come."

She said effluent is monitored weekly and exceeds federal and provincial health standards on an average annual basis. Wastewater is currently treated through a secondary treatment plant before it is sent into the Cowichan River. In summer months, tertiary treatment is used.

"This highly treated effluent is non-toxic and is disinfected to protect human health, in accordance with provincial testing procedures and requirements," Doyle Yamaguchi added.

**"This highly treated effluent is non-toxic and is disinfected to protect human health, in accordance with provincial testing procedures and requirements."**

EMILY DOYLE YAMAGUCHI  
CVRD engineering analyst

Options to dispose of treated sewage in freshwater lakes within the Cowichan Valley have been eliminated due to worries about nutrient loading and a requirement for further treatment, Doyle Yamaguchi added.

More information about the Liquid Waste Management Plan is available at cvrd.bc.ca, 250-746-2530 or by email at CSLWMP@cvrd.bc.ca.

Representatives from the Georgia Strait Alliance and Gulf Islands Alliance did not respond to requests for a comment in time for the Driftwood's Tuesday afternoon deadline.

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- Water rescue on our lakes

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For more information about Maxine see:  
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# OPINION



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

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



## EDITORIAL

# Myth-free study

**S**alt Spring Island's governance structure is going back under the microscope.

After months of anticipation, the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development released word on Friday that \$120,000 would be made available for an incorporation study process.

The next task at hand is creation of a solid volunteer committee to oversee the public process and select a consultant who will do the actual study and report, and then make a recommendation on whether or not a referendum about incorporation should be held. It's up to our three locally elected officials to make committee appointments.

Already the cry of "What? Again?" has been heard.

It's true that from 1984 until the present day, discussion and study about governance for Salt Spring has regularly occurred at some level. But there seems to be a myth that Salt Spring has voted down incorporation multiple times in recent history. In fact, the only relevant-to-now study period ran from 1999 to 2002 with a referendum in June of 2002.

### THE ISSUE:

Incorporation study

### WE SAY:

Let's take a mature approach

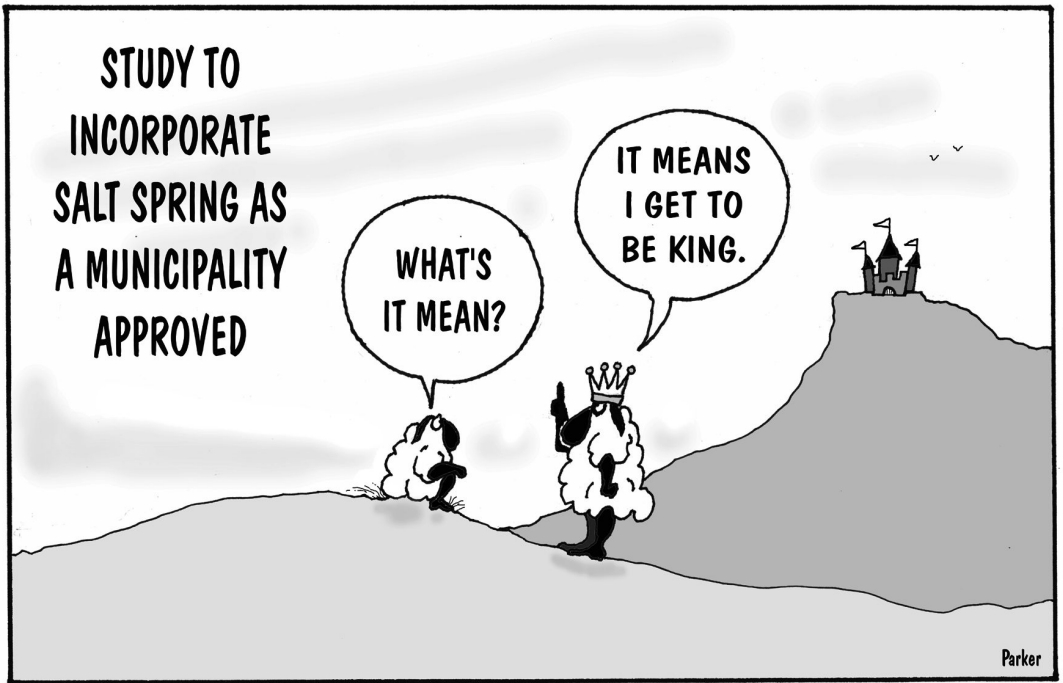
A vote on the incorporation of Ganges village alone was also taken in 1967, and that proposal failed by a 109 to 91 margin.

Another myth is that incorporation will kill the Islands Trust because it would no longer have access to Salt Spring's tax base to fund the Local Planning Services part of its budget. (The island would still contribute to the Trust Area Services portion.)

Knowing that concern about the Islands Trust is a legitimate issue, the province ensured we would know the impact of incorporation on the Trust before a 2015 incorporation study is undertaken. Called the Islands Trust Impact Analysis and also released on Friday, this separate study has determined that the Islands Trust would face an \$800,000 annual budget shortfall if Salt Spring became a municipality, which it could address in various ways.

This time around there's something else we already know, and that is that being a municipality would cost us more in property taxes, as was determined back in 2002.

With years of talk, study and revelations to draw on, let's hope islanders are ready for a mature, informed and myth-free discussion when we get to that stage of the process.



VIEWPOINT by Frants Attorp

# New electoral system is needed

The following letter was sent to the leaders of the federal NDP, Liberal and Green parties:

As the next federal election approaches and you prepare to do battle with one another, I can hear the laughter rolling out of the Prime Minister's Office. Do you not realize that Stephen Harper can only remain in power so long as there is a divided opposition — and you are playing right into his hands?

As you must know, the first-past-the-post electoral system allows a party to win a majority of seats with a minority of votes. For example, in 2011 Harper won a (false) majority with just 39 per cent of the popular vote. As a result, the vast majority of Canadians are now having an extreme right-wing agenda foisted on them against their will. Their votes were for all intents and purposes wasted. Is it any wonder so many potential voters remain firmly planted on the couch come election day?

The challenge is to get rid of not just Stephen Harper and his odious politics, but also the antiquated electoral system that allows such despots to come to power. Canada desperately needs a new electoral system based on proportional representation to ensure there is a close match between the number of votes cast for a party and the number of seats it wins in parliament. Almost all modern European democracies use this type of system. Why is Canada stuck in the past?

The Conservatives will of course never agree to electoral reform. Why would they abandon a system that has given them 100 per cent of the power with just over one third of the votes? First-past-the-post and the concomitant voter apathy are Stephen Harper's best friends.

Elizabeth May, to her credit, has campaigned hard to promote

proportional representation. She has also tried to convince Liberals and New Democrats to work cooperatively with the Greens to defeat Harper in this year's election. In 2012, she proposed a one-time united effort by progressives in a relatively small number of targeted ridings where the incumbent Conservative won by less than 50 per cent.

Unfortunately, Elizabeth's proposal was greeted with as much enthusiasm as a bout of influenza. Both you, Thomas, and you, Justin, nixed the idea before it could take hold.

The first question that comes to mind is "why." Perhaps you have yet to fully appreciate the damage Stephen Harper has done to Canada. Entire books have been written about how he has taken his wrecking ball to our democracy, social programs, environmental protection laws, employment standards, safety rules, cultural institutions, and yes, even our economy.

Given that much of the damage to Canada has been documented on your own websites, I have to conclude you are putting partisan considerations ahead of the good of the nation. Perhaps it is time you re-evaluated your priorities. Surely it is more important to save this great country from the American Tea Party movement than to become leader of the official opposition.

What is preventing three intelligent adults from sitting down in a quiet room and working out a strategy for defeating Harper and introducing a new electoral system? Allow me to suggest there is nothing except your own egos and personal ambitions. For the sake of all we value as Canadians, I implore you to put your differences aside and wake up to the collective power you now hold in your hands.

The writer is a Salt Spring Island resident.

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**  
**Should Elizabeth May be in the leaders' debate?**  Yes  No

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

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**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**  
**Are major NSSWD water restrictions needed?**

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# ISLAND VOICES

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "You will hear us crying because it's just an ongoing fight."

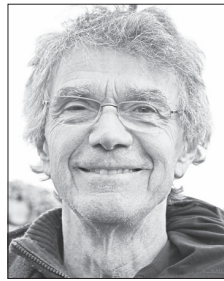
MIKE HICKS, EA DIRECTOR FOR JUAN DE FUCA, ON RURAL DESIGNATIONS

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** Are there any yard or garden projects you'd like to tackle this spring?



**LYNNE JOHNSON**  
*Weeding. It's never ending.*



**DENYS JAMES**  
*I just came back from the nursery and I got more Spanish lavender that the deer won't eat.*



**NOMI LYONNS**  
*Yes! My rain catchment system.*



**ANNA CARTER**  
*I'd like to do something with all the horse tails, and plant a moon garden with plants that flower at night.*



**GARY STUBBS**  
*I've got to fix up my lawn — the moss has taken over*

## Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication. Send your letters to news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com

### Middle path

There is an important fire board election this week-end with advance voting on Wednesday, April 15 and regular voting on Saturday, April 18.

Fortunately for all of us on Salt Spring, we have some good candidates from which to choose. That being so, why do I feel so strongly that Salt Spring's interests would be best served by Maxine Leichter being among those elected to the fire board?

First, Maxine's extensive past experience, both working in government and with non-profits, means she would bring to the fire board a unique and very relevant mix of acquired skills and past experience. She's already successfully walked the administrative talk and then some. She has also demonstrated

her expertise in encouraging meaningful community involvement.

Also, Maxine is unquestionably and unalterably committed to our firefighters continuing to provide first responder service. I am a member of but one of the many Salt Spring families who have benefitted from this important, even life-saving service. I thus welcome her strong support of what this isolated community with its limited ambulance service so obviously needs.

Finally, we need Maxine on the fire board to speak with a third voice, to walk a middle path between longer-serving trustees perhaps too committed to defending what currently exists and a "new slate" that may see little of value in the decisions made and the actions taken by their predecessors. That need for an open mind and a third voice, a mind

and a voice that Maxine Leichter would provide, is alone reason enough for me to ask all of you to vote for her.

**STAN SHAPIRO,**  
FULFORD

### Voting for change

I have known Norbert Schlenker, Mitch Forest and Derek Hill for years. In my experience they are bound by a common regard for open-mindedness, transparency, thoughtful evaluation and community engagement.

They all have a longstanding interest in fire district and governance affairs, have attended many board meetings and made some suggestions. Mitch has also been both a firefighter and an elected commissioner. I know they felt the same as I did about the proposed \$6.25-million emer-

gency services centre, that it did not reflect what the community wanted — and they weren't alone. They are also the only candidates without any connection to the fire department at all.

Change is needed at many levels and the recently released Walker report confirms this. But change needs clear eyes and a board that engages the community. As one senior career firefighter also shared with me, "the community can have any kind of fire department it wants." All sides can find accord.

What level of service is the community willing to pay for? The chief only recently recommended to the board that the department be officially certified full service, but he offered neither backup rationale nor impact analysis. The board has asked him to make a presentation later

this month with more detailed information. The reason is that certification raises legitimate questions about union and other staffing needs as well as training and equipment costs, and the public's willingness to pay.

Only Norbert, Mitch and Derek are raising these questions. Conversely, the other candidate not only unequivocally embraces "full service" but appears to interpret questioning as negative, expressing concern that unless she is elected, the "slate" might effectively dismantle the service we now have. To me this looks like a rush to judgement in more ways than one, not independence of thought.

As to democracy, the other candidate claims some expertise in governmental affairs, yet has alleged that a "slate" with a majority would

somehow threaten democracy . . . forgetting perhaps that this also applies to the Green party, the NDP and others, which also run "slates" and hope to get majorities. The fact is, there is no threat.

Today, April 15 (from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and again on April 18 (from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at the Salt Spring library, the public has an opportunity to vote for three people who will make a difference. This is long overdue after years of ballooning budgets, lack of planning, lack of public engagement, and a big fire hall project gone wrong.

Every vote is important. I know what Norbert, Mitch and Derek stand for and they have my vote.

**JOHN MACPHERSON,**  
SALT SPRING

**MORE LETTERS** continued on 8

# Interesting times, yes, but spare us the bullies

I received an email message from my colleague Derek Kilbourn of the Gabriola Sounder newspaper on Friday after he heard that funding for an incorporation study had come through for Salt Spring Island.

"May you live in interesting times, and work for a community newspaper!" he wrote.

I know he is jealous. Derek wasn't yet living on Gabriola when that island had its incorporation referendum in 2004, so he missed out on all the fun.

For media types, things like governance restructuring committees and studies can be ridiculously exciting. Like many people I'm especially eager to see a new financial analysis of what it would cost for Salt Spring to run as a municipality.

Off-island media reports make it sound as if incorporation is a done deal and coming our way next week or the week after, but I'd be gobsmacked if a study is completed and a recommendation about whether or not to hold a referendum made within one year as the provincial government's news release suggested.

Something I've heard in casual discussions about our governance structure is "Incorporation might be a better form of government for Salt Spring Island, but I don't like the people who are in favour of it."

I don't know how we get past something as

fundamental as that, but hopefully it can be done so the discussion and decision-making process can be more fact based than emotional.

• **Ferry issues** will also be commanding our attention more than usual both this week and in the next couple of years. As of Thursday, April 16, a web survey seeking our opinion about schedules for two new ferries that will service Salt Spring and the Southern Gulf Islands in 2017 goes live. It's the first step in a nine-month process. See the Southern Gulf Islands Schedule Consultation part of the BC Ferries website to get connected.

A new ferry update was just one bit of news shared during a visit from BC Ferries CEO Mike Corrigan and Deborah Marshall, BCF executive director of public affairs, a couple of weeks ago. They were doing the rounds to ensure everyone heard the positive news in BC Ferries Commissioner Gord Macate's review of Performance Term 3, which we had detailed in our March 25 news story.

Corrigan and Marshall also confirmed that a study about Salt Spring's three ferry terminals was undertaken and completed by 2019. I find it incredible that anyone with a modicum of knowledge about why we have



**Gail Sjuberg**

### OTHER WISE

three terminals would think eliminating one either makes sense or will truly save money, but if it takes a formal study to finally put this notion to bed, let's have it.

One concern, though, is that the provincial government's madness about Salt Spring supposedly being "overserved" by BC Ferries runs even deeper than it appears on the surface and that somehow the fix is in. Corrigan made it abundantly clear to me that the province is a not-insignificant partner in BC Ferries operations, with dictating of service levels being one of its big sticks. ("Big sticks" is my term, not his.)

When the study process gets underway, I hope we see strong representation from the community beyond our ferry advisory committee. Perhaps the Salt Spring Ferry Action Alliance, which was formed in January of 2014 following the Ministry of Transportation-mandated service cuts process, could be reinvigorated for this purpose.

As we all know, the situation has still not been resolved and seems to become more confusing as time goes on.

One unfortunate side shoot to the conflict has been that some community members have decided to inappropriately express their anger by dumping on HASSI employees who are out and about doing their jobs. Those individuals obviously have no responsibility for what's happened with the Tree House or any other HASSI decisions, but that apparently hasn't stopped some people from putting on their big bully suits and having a go at the most visible HASSI folks.

"[To the kind of people] who take pleasure in picking the wings off of bugs, these employees are low-lying fruit to be hassled, chewed on and spat out on a daily basis," writes islander Jim Watkins, who brought this to my attention. "It really needs to stop."

"I accept people's passion about the Tree House and what that business and venue means to them, but the question remains, what right does the public have to demoralize (look up the definition and think about it) those that have no power or say in the matter in any way, shape or form. What would it feel like if it were you?"

Well said, Jim.

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## ISLANDS TRUST MAYNE ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee will hold a Public Hearing within a Local Trust Committee Business Meeting on:

- Proposed Bylaw No. 161 – cited as “Mayne Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 144, 2007, Amendment No. 1, 2014”
- Proposed Bylaw No. 162 – cited as “Mayne Island Land Use Bylaw No. 146, 2008, Amendment No.1, 2014”

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws at **1:00 p.m., April 27, 2015, at the Mayne Island Agricultural Hall, 430 Fernhill Road, Mayne Island, BC.**

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

- **Proposed Bylaw No. 161** – cited as “Mayne Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 144, 2007, Amendment No. 1, 2014”

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 161, is to amend Mayne Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 144 by making various technical amendments, including updating the background section of the OCP, correcting cross-references, correcting typographical errors, updating references to Ministries and agencies, making changes to reflect updated legislation, and by re-designating Lot 8, Plan VIP66907 from Rural to Public Service to be consistent with zoning and current use, as show in the following plan:



- **Proposed Bylaw No. 162** – cited as “Mayne Island Land Use Bylaw No. 146, 2008, Amendment No.1, 2014”

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 162, is to amend Mayne Island Land Use Bylaw No. 146 by making various technical amendments, including correcting definitions, inserting additional definitions, updating administrative provisions, correcting cross-references, correcting typographical errors, updating references to Ministries and agencies, making changes to reflect updated legislation, inserting a maximum accessory building height in the S1, S2 and S3 zones, and by including “Waste Transfer Facility” as a permitted use in the Industrial One zone.

A copy of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing April 15, 2015, and up to and including April 24, 2015.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) (e) of the Local Government Act, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Mayne Island, B.C., commencing **April 15, 2015.** The proposed bylaws can also be viewed on the internet at the following URL: [www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/mayne/bylaws](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/mayne/bylaws)

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. The office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, by Fax (250) 405-5155 prior to **4:30 p.m. April 24, 2015**
2. By email to: [vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca)
3. After **4:30 p.m., April 24, 2015**, to the Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at **1:00 pm, April 27, 2015.**

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

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

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Gary Richardson, Planner, at (250) 405-5157 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

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

Sharon Lloyd-deRosario, Deputy Secretary

## MORE LETTERS

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### Remarkable asset

I have known Maxine Leichter for years and am pleased with her decision to run for fire trustee.

Maxine has worked very hard for many years for the benefit of this community. She has lived here long enough to understand how our systems work, how sometimes they don't work and what we should be trying to improve.

I think that Maxine will be able to keep politics out of the situation and deal with the actual issues in an open and intelligent manner.

She would be a remarkable asset to Salt Spring Island as a fire trustee.

Don't forget to vote.  
**PATRICIA DONNELLY,**  
WRIGHT ROAD

### Invest in health education

I read with interest Ron MacKenzie's article on “What does health care really cost?” in the Driftwood last week.

As I pondered how society makes tough choices between health care for seniors and education for youngsters, I came to realize that we are asking the wrong question, and therefore contemplating false choices.

The questions that need to be asked are “What does disease care really cost?” and “How do we change that?” As an example, it is now known that between 55 and 85 per cent of cancers are preventable through lifestyle choices such as smoking, diet, exercise, alcohol consumption and toxin exposure.

So what if we avoided all that pain and suffering by teaching people in very specific terms how to do all the positive things and avoid all the negatives? And what if we constantly reinforced those behaviours at home, at school, on radio and television (even during hockey games)?

Even at the conservative end of 55 per cent preventable cancers, imagine the economic savings of cancer-related visits to doctors, surgeons and oncologists, the ultrasounds, MRIs, CAT scans, biopsies, surgeries, chemotherapy, and expensive drugs and hospital, home and palliative care. Surely it is worth investing additional millions in disease-prevention education in order to save billions in disease-care costs!

It's time to think differently and be more innovative in how we approach complex problems. We see a lot of that here on Salt Spring. Now if we could just engender that culture in our provincial and federal leaders!

Let's enable those who have the insights and courage to approach these difficult issues with enlightened views on disease prevention, education and other needed public services.

**BRIGITTE HAYES,**  
SALT SPRING

### Growing Tree clarifications

In the April 8 article on The Growing Tree Play Therapy and Consulting Services, co-founders Jodi French and Kiran Dhingra were presented as “certified play therapists.” We are, in fact, therapists with certification in Expressive Play Therapy.

The Growing Tree would like to acknowledge and honour the important work of the other therapists (past and present) on Salt Spring that provide counselling services to children, whether that be in schools, private practice or non-profit agencies. We embrace the unique qualities of each service, and encourage families to choose the

approach and counselling setting that works best for them and their circumstances.

We are pleased to include the unique qualities The Growing Tree has to offer as an additional option for consideration. We are strong supporters of the children's counselling field and feel that any association to it being glorified daycare undermines the integrity, skill-set, professionalism and well-founded therapeutic nature of the work . . . and we embrace the enriching daycares on the island.

**JODI FRENCH AND KIRAN DHINGRA,**  
GROWING TREE PLAY THERAPY AND  
COUNSELLING SERVICES

### No fire service reduction necessary

A few weeks ago in a Driftwood Viewpoint, I started my campaign for fire trustee by pointing out that being a trustee is about setting the direction of our fire department in an open, thoughtful and business-like way without reducing services.

It requires an understanding of the special challenges that come with running the geographically largest fire district in B.C., and one that is on an island, where help from neighbouring communities is many hours away at best.

I am the only candidate that has committed to no reduction in services. My opponents, who are running together, would not promise this. Our fire department must remain the full-service department it has been for decades, meaning it goes beyond just fighting fires. It backs up our overstretched ambulance service, provides hazardous materials response, rescues people from crushed cars after an accident, and much more. These services will not be provided here by any other agency.

We need to make progress in three critical areas: controlling costs, better transparency/accountability for board activities and designing a new fire hall the community will support. Accomplishing this is a big project. This effort should not be slowed down by a lengthy discussion to design a 10-year strategic plan, as my opponents propose, to find out the obvious: that the community wants to keep the emergency services we have built up over decades. If we are to move forward in these three critical areas, we must put our energies where they will have the greatest benefit: solving today's problems.

We have the opportunity to address a major expense by negotiating a fair and affordable contract with unionized firefighters next year. I was the first candidate to propose hiring professional help to negotiate this contract. We should also review current administrative expenses for savings and explore new ways to recover emergency response costs.

I will bring fresh skills and outside experience to the fire board. For over five years, I have been a community advocate pushing for effective public participation in government decision-making.

I was a policy analyst with the City of Los Angeles where part of my job was to find solutions to community problems and tendering contracts in a transparent manner and I was an elected director of a large public agency. I know how effective government agencies should be run. I know there is a limit to the public's money. You can learn more about me at <https://maxineforfiretrustee.wordpress.com>.

This election will change how the fire board is run and, perhaps, what we can expect in emergency response. I ask for your trust and your vote.

**MAXINE LEICHTER,**  
SSIFPD TRUSTEE ELECTION CANDIDATE

# RANTS and Roses

## Rants

To the person (or persons) who picks the daffodils that I plant along Reynolds Road: they are for the enjoyment of everybody, not just you, you despicable, loathsome, nasty, selfish thief. Marlyn Horsdal

A big GMO rose with huge thorns to the lady at the Co-op gas station driving a grey/black Kia Soul. Please stop using the handicapped spot! If you feel you are disabled, talk to your doctor. Ignorance is not a disability. J. Waring

## Roses

A copper rose to the delightful anonymous person who left a donation for Copper Kettle at Salt Spring Books. Thank you for your generosity.

A zillion roses to Paul Johnston for the great job he did installing a floating floor. It complements the cute little sleeping cabin he built for me as well. Thanks, Paul. Beverley

Roses to Susan Cunningham for coming to my door and explaining that it is the responsibility of the fire trustees to represent the taxpayers, not firefighters, and how fire trustees should be concerned with the needs of the public with input from the public. Thank you, Susan! I am looking forward to a refreshing change.

I would like to thank the many friends and neighbours for the cards, flowers, support and compassion, all helping me during this time of healing concerning the loss of my mother Loes. My heartfelt gratitude goes out also to the many home support workers and nurses for their loving care and special attention they gave Loes over the years. Joy Holland

A grocery cart full of roses to Coun-

try Grocer (and Bill from the floral department) for your fabulous prizes. Thank you for pulling my name — I really needed a new computer!

English roses, French roses and Italian ones too! To the great many who helped make our school trip to Europe over spring break a success. To chaperone extraordinaire, Annie Goodall, a dozen for you. To our easygoing and giving parent Dale Schack, take a bunch for yourself. To our supportive administration, clerical and teaching staff at GISS. To Colin McDougall and the Salt Spring firefighters who gave over the corn booth at the fall fair to us this year and to Dr. Malcolm Bond for all the corn. To Rick MacKinnon at Country Grocer and to Joann Grey and the Salt Spring Lions Club for ongoing fundraising opportunities. To Heidi Shebib at Salt Spring Vineyards and Aletha Humphreys with Salt Spring Literacy for the donations. To the very generous Carolyn Walkner at Persnickety, to all the beautiful staff at West of the Moon, to the awesome Rabson family, and to the very cool Dennis Parker for his artwork on our T-shirts. Thank you all, merci beaucoup, e grazie mille!


I wish to express my heartfelt thank-you to everyone who was there for us both during the very long fight with numerous enemies Allan had. The "family" at Lady Minto Hospital went beyond all boundaries to be there for Allan and the family. Thank you all, you are truly amazing. Patrick Beat-tie of Haywards, you went above and beyond with the funeral and everything else. Kudos to you — I personally will never forget how very well you did for us. To Ron Reznick, what can I say? He's been a wonderful doctor and friend for most of the time here. Ron, you know how we both felt. To our friends, thank you for the ongoing support. It was and is the most comforting feeling. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Jan Worthington Sherman



GISS students, staff and chaperones in London, England, part of a 17-day tour of London, Paris, Florence and Rome taken by 25 students this spring. The group thanks all those who made it possible.

A white rose to everyone who helped with moving myself and my companions from our home by the shore to a cottage in the forest. And a luminous bouquet to Jill McIvor who packed over 200 boxes of books. Phil and the Companions

Dozens of blood red roses to everyone who helped make the first Murder Mystery in the Library a success, including director Mary Lowery, actors Kathy Page, Jordan Stratford, Adina Hildebrandt, Ronald Wright, Arthur Black, Deb Toole, Karen Hudson, Stephen Roberts, Jacob Richardson and Matthew Hubbard; photographer Sue Higgs, Anne McMillan, Salt Spring Air, Barb's Bakery and Bistrot, Ganges Yoga Centre, SS Wellness Centre, Anne May RMT, Salt Spring Books, Janet Clouston and SS Chamber of Commerce, Salt Spring Coffee, author Jordan Stratford, Mouat's Clothing Co., Jill Louise Campbell Gallery, Persnickety Clothing for Kids, Moonstruck Cheese, Salt Spring Vineyards, Thrifty Foods and Country Grocer.



**SSI Watershed Protection Authority Seeks Volunteer with Expertise in Limnology**

The Watershed Protection Authority (SSIWPA) exists to cooperate on the development and implementation of policies and initiatives for improved raw water quality, and coordinated management of quantity of Salt Spring island water sources. SSIWPA is currently accepting applications for a volunteer position on its Technical Advisory Committee. (<http://ssiwatersheds.ca/technical-advisory-committee/>)

More information about the agencies involved can be found here: <http://ssiwatersheds.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Organizational-Structure-of-SSIWPA-0115.pdf>.

To apply, please send CV and a brief cover letter to [ssiwpacoord@gmail.com](mailto:ssiwpacoord@gmail.com), or telephone Shannon Cowan 250.537.4847 for more information.

**Deadline: Friday, April 24, 2015.**

# Questions wanted for forum

BY BOB MACKIE

Does your Salt Spring organization have an idea for a project you think the government should institute? Would you like to have all three levels of government in one room at the same time to address your issue or project?

Now is your chance. Elizabeth May, Gary Holman, Wayne McIntyre and Peter Grove have agreed to get together with us on June 13 here on Salt Spring.

The idea is to have a non-partisan meeting including members of community groups such as Transition Salt Spring, Island Pathways, Salt Spring Community Economic Development Commission, Chamber of Commerce tourism group, Agricultural Alli-

ance and perhaps others.

Each group's spokesperson would pose a question online about a specific issue or project to each government representative before the end of April. Elizabeth, Gary, Wayne and Peter would post answers online in May.

The June 13 meeting would allow the government representatives to speak and each spokesperson to ask a follow-up question or perhaps make a comment or give a thank you.

Please contact me, Bob MacKie, by next Wednesday, April 22 at [RobertB-MacKie@gmail.com](mailto:RobertB-MacKie@gmail.com) with whether your organization would like to participate and who your spokesperson would be. The spokesperson should draft questions about a

specific project or issue; for example, the Ganges boardwalk or support for tourism.

There should be a different question about that project or issue for each government representative that takes into account their responsibility area.

The participants and questions should be finalized by month end. Details on times and location will be published in May so that you can invite your members to attend.

This is a unique opportunity for Salt Springers to address issues, get direction and get together.

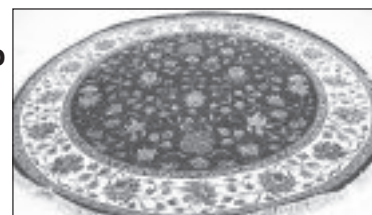
*Bob MacKie has been Salt Spring resident for over 10 years and is a director of Island Pathways.*

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## ART REVIEW

# New work by printmakers delights at Duthie Gallery

Enthusiasm growing for handmade medium

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The art of printmaking is in focus at Duthie Gallery this month, with work by four artists showcasing the appeal of the handmade in Imprints 2015.

Salt Spring artist Richard York is the featured artist of the show, with additional work by Jan Smith along with Vancouver's Richard Tetrault and Arnold Shives.

Tetrault's artwork reflects the contemporary urban landscape and examines "the artist's place in the context of community, the street and the industrial environment." His pieces on exhibit demonstrate the idea of the city's energy with heavy equipment and architecture made dynamic with soaring lines and frenetic marks crosshatched into the block's surface. His use of colour and texture creates an abstracted window into a feeling rather than producing a snapshot of a location, in this case the up-and-coming Railway Street.

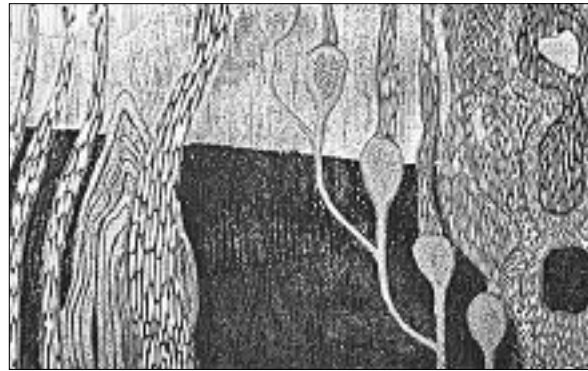
During Saturday's open-

ing reception, Tetrault said he thinks of woodblock prints as a fusion between sculpture and graphic arts, because of the gouging action necessary to create the design. And although prints are usually produced in editions of more than one, the number that can be produced is small, adding to their value in the age of mechanical, and now digital, reproduction.

"I think people are really appreciating that it's handmade work," Tetrault said, noting a new surge of interest in the form both from collectors and those who want to do it themselves. His classes on Salt Spring and in Vancouver have no trouble filling; admirable examples from his latest batch of students can be viewed as part of the Duthie show.

Among Tetrault's most faithful island students is Richard York, who has been developing his solid entry into the field a few years back with growing confidence and panache, refining his technique while opening the door to bolder explorations.

York has upped the artistic ante this season with larger-scale works and a complex process that



COURTESY THE ARTIST

Kelp Forest II by Richard York, part of a Duthie Gallery exhibit on now.

includes from 12 to 15 colours. With a series of five prints per image, that's around 60 presses each, which he accomplishes with a small river stone. It sounds labour intensive and tricky but is well worth the effort.

York's Kelp Forest series is mesmerizing for its vibrant colours, complex composition and implied texture. In some pieces he has added depth to background areas by embedding tiny

nail heads or pin pricks into the wood block surface. In others, different textured inks with shimmer or matte oil slicks provide the idea of depth and currents.

The Kelp Forests themselves are at times serene in shades of marine greens, aquas and blues, or excitingly vibrant with luscious hot pink and lavender. The movement of undulating kelp and ripples of seawater work well with the wood's enhanced grain.

Also to be seen in the show are a selection of Arnold Shives' nature-inspired works, which emphasize the strong lines and monumental thrust of mountains in prints such as Lake Louise. Shives limits his colour palette in this piece, with black and deep blue dominating the scene. He highlights white areas to great effect with flecks of red and mossy green and creates a sky and lake surface full of movement.

Jan Smith, known for her exquisite jewellery, gets to play on a bigger scale with her west coast landscape in shades of blue called Disappearing. Receding mountains edge into delicately marked snow peaks with just a bare demarcation in tone, working in lovely contrast to the highly differentiated foreground with its stalks of grass in white against the area of deepest blue. Not surprisingly, this work was snapped up on opening night.

The Imprints show continues to April 30. Spring gallery hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday through Sunday, or by appointment.

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## MUSICIANS

# Island upbringing inspires Vancouver artist

Broke B raps on Salt Spring  
Island influence

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A new brand of hip hop is streaming out of Vancouver's Chinatown neighbourhood with a distinctive blend of humour, style and social commentary nourished on Salt Spring's fertile shores.

Ben Taylor, who has been gaining music fans as Broke B, attended Fulford Elementary School from kindergarten and grew up on the side of Lee's Hill during the 1980s and '90s. Though he feels the island has lost much of its spirit and diversity since then, memories of good times past continue to fuel his songwriting material.

Perhaps unsurprisingly since he's a former islander, this doesn't exactly align with the standard genre model.

"Pop rappers are trying to promote being wealthy and being gangsters," Taylor said.

"I'm the alternative to pop rap. It all contradicts the stereotypical image of what a rapper is — I'm white, I'm broke, and I care about my family and want to take care of them."

Taylor grew up in a working-class home during a time when there seemed to be more balance between the wealthy and the less-so on Salt Spring, whether that meant the intentional absence of possessions practised by hippies raising barefoot children in VW vans, or in those holding down jobs in the resource industries.

"Now it feels like more of a name brand. There are people who can afford to live on



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Island-raised Ben Taylor and his son Benson in Vancouver.

Salt Spring without the need to make an income," he said.

Taylor has lived in Vancouver for a number of years, where he is married, has a young son and works with special needs students in the West Vancouver School District. It's also where he started rapping, although his island roots have inspired his style and much of his subject matter.

Early musical experience began on Salt Spring as the DJ for island rap group Get Some. It was due to a long-delayed reunion with that group that Taylor first started laying down his own beats, working on his scratching and turn-tabling, and even

working out full songs and lyrics.

"I was never going to rap, I was just the DJ," Taylor noted. But after 15 years of waiting, "I was so frustrated and I just had to let someone hear my art or I was gonna freak right out."

What Taylor did instead was attach his wife's camera to the GPS unit in his car and record a musical tirade, all in one take. Friends who saw the video on Facebook encouraged him to do more. He now has a decent following on YouTube, with hits that far exceed the number of people in his Salt Spring friend base, and sells hard-copy CDs out of his trunk for fellow old-schoolers.

His source material is both fun and serious but never vulgar — Taylor will not swear in his songs, for example, and some of his videos were recorded with his son in the car seat. (The five-year-old has actually joined Taylor's Broke Pocket Prophets crew and created his own persona, Benson Rock.)

Taylor's second album, which is almost done, is based on a new concept he's calling gumboot rap or surf rap, which references a Pacific west coast culture based on the natural environment — or "hugs, trees, and 653z" in rap shorthand. The song Davy Jones, for example, includes samples from another ex-islander, Josh Clark, who is a fan of the Tofino surfing scene.

"I feel like hip hop's never been really joined with that before," Taylor said.

"Hip hop is still to some people a teenager rebellion thing, but the underground is really diverse, and I hope I can be part of that shift in thinking that hip hop can be fun, or positive or deep."

DANCE

# Helix dancers hit the stage

Pre-professional youth company brings fresh show

A Salt Spring audience is in for a treat on Saturday night when Helix Dance Theatre presents Perception in Motion at ArtSpring.

Helix is a pre-professional youth dance company from Parksville made up of serious dancers from a variety of studios and places.

One of those is Madeline Woodley of Salt Spring, who benefits from training by artistic director Sarah DeVito and other exciting guest artists and choreographers.

Using contemporary, modern, stylized jazz and acrobatics, with a strong emphasis on classical ballet technique, Helix creates

unique and stylized choreographic works, showcasing the talents of gifted young dancers.

The April 18 Perception in Motion show begins at 7 p.m.

It will be the company's third ArtSpring visit in its six-year history. Tickets are available through ArtSpring.

While on Salt Spring this weekend, Helix is also offering Salt Spring Academy dancers aged 13 and older a free improv workshop from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Dancers taking part will then be invited to perform with the company in the opening piece of the performance. Spots can be booked through the academy.

Look too for some of the dancers at the Saturday Market this weekend.



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG  
Helix Dance Theatre dancer Madeline Woodley of Salt Spring with a poster promoting her Vancouver Island group's April 18 show at ArtSpring.

CHORAL MUSIC

# Legendary Vancouver Bach Choir returns

This Sunday afternoon at ArtSpring

Almost two years ago to the day, the Vancouver Bach Choir performed at ArtSpring to a sold-out house.

On Sunday, April 19 they return to ArtSpring for a concert of sections of Vivaldi's Gloria, Mozart's Requiem, Mendelssohn's Elijah and Handel's Messiah. The program represents some of the most well-known and well-loved pieces in the choral literature sung by one of Canada's best

choirs. Since the concert closes with Handel's Messiah, audiences can probably guess which famous piece they are planning to close with.

The Vancouver Bach Choir is now in its 85th year and is therefore the most senior choral group in the province.

This is the choir's third year under the direction of the dynamic Canadian conductor Leslie Dala. Maestro Dala is also the associate conductor and chorus master of the Vancouver Opera, principal conductor of the Vancouver Academy of Music and

was music director and conductor of the Prince George Symphony.

This is a chance for everyone on Salt Spring, especially the large choral music community, to hear a legendary Canadian choir live.

The concert is sponsored by Lyle Eide and Mouat's Old Salty. Country Grocer will also host an intermission reception at ArtSpring.

Sunday's concert begins at 2:30 p.m.

For tickets, call the ArtSpring box office at 250-537-2102 or visit www.tickets.artspring.ca.

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# what's on this week



## Wed. Apr 15

### ACTIVITIES

**Boomerfit.** Every Wednesday at Fulford Hall. Coed fitness class for the 50+. 9 to 10 a.m.

**Drop-in Computer Help.** Free assistance with computer, tablet, smartphone problems every Wednesday at Salt Spring Literacy. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Fire District Trustees Election - Advanced Voting.** Eligible ratepayers can vote for candidates for three positions on the Salt Spring Fire Protection District Board of Trustees. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Wednesday Night Poker.** Hosted by Albert, sign up at 6:30 p.m. The Local.

**Inhabit: A Permaculture Perspective.** Documentary film event with international director, cinematographer and editor Costa Boutsikaris. Proceeds benefit Centre for Child Honouring and the Seven Ravens Permaculture Academy. The Fritz Movie Theatre. 7 p.m.

**Read Local BC.** Collection: Poetry reading with nationally acclaimed locals Brian Brett and Phyllis Webb, part of province-wide celebration of local writers and publishers. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 7 p.m.

**Truth & Reconciliation Commissioner Marie Wilson.** A Salt Spring Forum and Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) co-presentation. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

**SongJam.** A 21st-century pub sing-along to vocal and instrumental backing tracks. Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.

## Thurs. Apr 16

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**The Big Show.** The Travelling Wheelbarrows vs. Malaeli, in ongoing contest to see which bands will play at the Salt Spring Garlic and Music Festival. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Alanon.** For friends and family of alcoholics. At Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church rear annex. 12 noon.

**Tech Tutoring With Lisa Pearce.** Windows and tablets. No Macs. Salt Spring Public Library. 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

## Fri. Apr 17

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Doug & Thugs.** Live music at The Local. 5 to 8 p.m.

**Anime! Music From Japan.** Salt Spring Concert Band presents music from award-winning anime films and exceptionally beautiful selections by Japanese composers with visual accompaniment. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

**Cease and Desist.** Live music at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Boomerfit.** Every Friday at Beaver Point Hall. Coed fitness class for the 50+. 9 to 10 a.m.

**Texture in Felt.** Weekend workshop with Ulrike Benner starts today. ArtSpring Gallery. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**StoryTime.** A free, interactive program for children and families, particularly suited for children 3 to 6 years of age. Salt Spring Public Library. 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

## Fri. Apr 17

### ACTIVITIES

**The Radicle Seed Library.** Every Friday through April 24. Salt Spring Public Library - Room 103. Noon to 2 p.m.

**Waldorf School Parent Meeting.** Meeting to explore creation of a grade school Waldorf program for Salt Spring Island. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

**Friday WineDown TGIF at Salt Spring Vineyards.** Bring your friends to wind down the week with wine and music in the beautiful winery setting. Salt Spring Vineyards. 4 to 6 p.m.

**Symbolically 8.** Opening reception for 6th anniversary show featuring all gallery artists. Gallery 8. 5 to 8 p.m.

**Games Night.** An evening of board games and other interactive games, facilitated by Bryan Dubien. Salt Spring Public Library. 6 to 9 p.m.

**Dance Temple and the Plenty Project Launch.** Potluck at 6 p.m., Plenty Project's season of activities unveiled at 7 p.m., then dancing and community music jam. Mahon Hall.

## Sat. Apr 18

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**The Barley Bros.** Every Saturday at The Local. 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Helix Dance Theatre presents Perception in Motion.** Pre-professional youth dance company based on central Vancouver Island showcases talents. Salt Spring Arts Academy dancers will be integrated into the beginning of the show. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.

## Sat. Apr 18

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Life Coach in the Hot Seat.** An Anti-Performance by Szos St. Germain. At Mahon Hall at 7:30 p.m. with doors open at 7.

**Cease and Desist.** Live music at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Saturday Market.** Famous market event with all items made, baked or grown by Salt Spring residents. Centennial Park. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**The Plenty Project at Salt Spring Wellness Centre.** Yoga Awakening at 9 a.m. with community building workshop 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., plus family activities, workshops, yoga, and snacks. United Church Meadow and Salt Spring Island Wellness Centre. **Toddler Time.** Stories, rhymes and more for kids three and under and their families. Salt Spring Library. 10:30 a.m.

**Salt Spring Blossom Festival.** Food, music, demos, booths and more. Hosted by the Japanese Garden Society of Salt Spring Island. Heiwa Garden in the Peace Park. 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Fire District Trustees Election.** Eligible ratepayers can vote for candidates for three positions on the Salt Spring Fire Protection District Board of Trustees. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Salt Spring United Soccer Club AGM.** Annual general meeting. Positions need to be filled and news for next year will be shared. Portlock Park. Noon.

## Sat. Apr 18

### ACTIVITIES

**Cemetery Walk.** Storyteller extraordinaire Dave Phillips shares local history at St. Mary's Cemetery, behind St. Mary's Church in Fulford across from the Fulford Hall. Rain or shine. 1:30 to 3 p.m.

**Tech Tutoring With John.** Saturdays at 2, 3 and 4 p.m. (Note new day.) Salt Spring Island Public Library.

**Charities, Funders, & Enlarging the Tent of the Environmental Movement.** Salt Spring Forum members-only salon with David Secord, vice president of strategic grantmaking at Tides Canada Foundation. RSVP by emailing saltspringforum@gmail.com. Location TBA. 7:30 p.m.

## Sun. Apr 19

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Vancouver Bach Choir.** Vancouver's pre-eminent mixed voice choir, originally founded in 1930, returns after their sell-out performance in 2013. ArtSpring. 2:30 p.m.

**The Barley Bros.** Live music every Sunday at Moby's Pub. 3 to 6 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**A Taste of Salt Spring.** Special local-food-inspired menus from Auntie Pesto's, Harbour House Hotel, Hastings House Country House Hotel, Moby's Pub and Salt Spring Inn, plus tastings at Garry Oaks Winery, Mistaken Identity Vineyards, Salt Spring Vineyards and Salt Spring Island Ales. Part of Salt Spring Blooms in April festivities.

## Sun. Apr 19

### ACTIVITIES

**Unitarian Fellowship.** Monthly singing service with Barb Slater. Salt Spring Seniors Services Society. 10:30 a.m.

**Elehna de Sousa Art Opening.** Presenting photomontages reflecting trip to Goa, India. Fernwood Road Cafe. 2 to 4 p.m.

**Rollerblading.** All ages. Many sets of blades available for use. Fulford Hall. 2:30 to 4 p.m.

**The Plenty Project at Salt Spring Wellness Centre.** Play Temple at Ganges Yoga Studio. 1 to 3 p.m. Clothing swap, Salt Spring Island Wellness Centre. 3 to 5 p.m.

## Mon. Apr 20

### ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District AGM.** Annual general meeting, with regular monthly business meeting to follow. Lions Hall. 7 p.m.

## Tues. Apr 21

### ACTIVITIES

**Transition Salt Spring AGM.** Annual general meeting at the Salt Spring Library Program Room. 7 p.m.

## Wed. Apr 22

### ACTIVITIES

**Boomerfit.** See last Wednesday's listing.

**Drop-in Computer Help.** See last Wednesday's listing.

**Earth Day in Centennial Park.** Yoga in the gazebo from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors, speakers, music and dance from 3 to 5 p.m. Conversations with the Wrong Listeners interactive performance at 5:30 p.m.

**Salt Spring Seniors Services Society AGM.** Annual general meeting at SS Seniors Centre. 2 p.m.

**Blue Gold: World Water Wars.** Earth Day film screening, based on the groundbreaking book by Maude Barlow and Tony Clarke and narrated by Malcolm McDowell. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 6 to 8 p.m.

**Salt Spring Garden Club Meeting.** Guest speaker is professional horticulturalist Jeff de Jong with a talk called Elements of Design. Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.

**Wednesday Night Poker.** See last Wednesday's listing.

**SongJam.** See last Wednesday's listing.

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- Inhabit: A Permaculture Perspective** runs on Wednesday, April 15 at 7 p.m. only. What if we could meet human needs while increasing the health and well-being of our planet? Costa Boutsikaris, Raffi Cavoukian, Michael Nickels and others will lead a discussion afterwards including a special viewing of Michael Nickels' new short permaculture video. Admission \$10 at the door only.

### EXHIBITIONS

- Symbolically 8**, an exhibition of all gallery artists, marks the sixth anniversary of Gallery 8 in Grace Point Square from April 17 through May 10, with an opening reception on Friday, April 17 from 5 to 8 p.m.
- Fabric of Friendship** exhibit of pieces by the **Stitch Dimension Quilt Guild** runs at ArtSpring daily until April 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Imprints 2015**, an exhibition of woodcuts, etchings, linocuts and monoprints by **Arnold Shives, Jan Smith, Richard Tetrault and Richard York**, runs at **Duthie Gallery** until April 30. Gallery hours are Friday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Elehna de Sousa** shows photos in a series called **Goa, India: Street Portraits and Vignettes** at **Fernwood Road Cafe**, with an opening event on Sunday, April 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. The cafe is open weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., except closed Wednesdays, and weekends from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Steffich Fine Art** celebrates its 23rd birthday with an exhibition of new paintings by **Melanie Williamson**.
- Salt Spring Gallery** presents **Animal Magick - New Works by Anais LaRue**, and **Soaring on Broken Stapled Wings - New Works by Slug-fae Blume** until April 16.
- Jill Louise Campbell** features "Boating in our Waters" original coastal paintings. Gallery open Thursday, Friday Saturday. 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- David Baughan** shows work in the lobby of **ArtSpring**.
- The Salt Spring Library Program Room** exhibit for April is **Interpretations II**, work by the **League 181 artists**.
- Avril Kirby** shows photographs in an exhibit titled **China** at **TJ Beans** through April.
- Kevin Vowles** has artwork hanging at **Salt Spring Coffee Co. Cafe** in Ganges.
- Ingrid Korner** shows watercolour paintings at **Country Roasters Cafe** through April.
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SALT SPRING

# Blooms IN April

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## Welcome to the fifth annual Salt Spring Blooms in April spring celebration!

The island's gardens, farms and public spaces are bursting with new growth and activities this month, with details on the following pages.

Special events take place on Salt Spring throughout the month of April.

This weekend sees the **Japanese Garden Society's Blossom Festival** at **Heiwa Garden Peace Park** on **April 18**, and a **Taste of Salt Spring** on **April 19**, when the spotlight is on fresh, local ingredients and new releases of local beer and wines.

Then get set for **Earth Day** in **Centennial Park** on **April 22**, and look ahead to **StageCoach Theatre's James and the Giant Peach** show on **April 24-26**, among other activities.

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**Wednesday, April 15**

Collection: Reading Selected Works with Brian Brett & Phyllis Webb. This free Read Local BC literary event takes place at the Salt Spring Island Public Library at 7 p.m.

**Friday, April 17**

The Salt Spring Concert Band presents music from award-winning anime films and exceptionally beautiful selections by Japanese composers. One night only and not-to-be missed! ArtSpring Theatre will host the 7:30 p.m. performance and tickets are available at the box office or at: www.artspring.ca

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## Wellness centre plots urban downtown Ganges garden

Donations welcomed for Plenty Project launch

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Sustainable methods of farming and finance are in focus this weekend when community

members introduce The Plenty Project. Kicking off events with a Dance Temple and presentations at Mahon Hall on Friday, April 17, participants like Greg Clayton of the Salt Spring Wellness Centre will outline their proposals for permaculture, green building, community construction and more. These will hopefully take shape over the coming year with help from an innovative sharing program.



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Greg Clayton outside Salt Spring Wellness Centre on Hereford Avenue in Ganges with the beginnings of a permaculture garden.

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"The Plenty Project is an idea of community exchange, how to build a new model without relying on the current economic system," Clayton explained. "We all have skills and materials we can share. If we can create that circle of sharing, we can reduce what we need to buy."

Clayton purchased Salt Spring Wellness Centre's Herford Avenue building in February 2014 and then took over the entire space in June. Ganges Yoga Studio made a much-anticipated return to the village core when it moved into the former Sports Traders storefront in the fall. Clayton's dream of creating a shared space serving the wellness community is now coming into full fruition with the rental of practitioner rooms fully booked as of May 1 and a community acupuncture clinic on the way.

With the building's interior taken care of, Clayton's attention is shifting to the exterior environment, where big plans are afoot. He plans to create an urban permaculture garden to replace existing lawn areas with edible plants, fruit and nut trees and hugelkultur beds.

"The idea is that there's so many people that come to the island and they're inspired by the farms that they see, but they think they couldn't do it without a big property. The idea is to show what you can do in an urban landscape," Clayton said.

Quite a few items are needed to realize the project, which will potentially include a community farmstand located next to Cafe Talia, fencing and better parking delineation. Extra items like rain barrels and a bike rack capable of holding six units are also desired.

Clayton is hoping all the materials can be sourced from community members who no longer need them. Noting his farm came with yards and yards of sand that he doesn't have a use for, he feels it's not out of the question that much of it will be found.

"I think most of the items are around. It's more about getting the network together," he said.

This weekend will feature a range of activities to activate Salt Spring Wellness Centre's permaculture plans as well as introducing the entire range of Plenty Project events happening at different island farms through November. Events start on Friday at Mahon Hall with a potluck at 6 p.m. The Plenty Project's season of activities will be unveiled at 7 p.m., with dancing at 8 and a community music jam to end the night. Participants are invited to bring in gently used clothing for a clothing swap on Sunday.

Saturday will feature family activities, workshops, yoga and snacks in the studio and at the United Church Meadow. A workshop/community building project to create raised beds, paths and hugelkultur beds, plant a herb spiral and trees, install a rainwater catchment system and more runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Sunday, islanders can check out Play Temple in the yoga studio for improv theatre and expressive games from 1 to 3 p.m. The clothing swap follows from 3 to 5 p.m.

A list of materials needed for the wellness centre's permaculture garden and grounds update can be found on [ssiwellness.com](http://ssiwellness.com), as well as the full list of Plenty Project events for 2015.

Next up is a chance to learn about natural building and resource up-cycling with an "unintentional community" of 15 on Lee's Hill from May 29 to June 2. Also on the schedule are Cran Fest from July 31 to Aug. 3, Paradise Within Farm's week of workshops, discussions, nature, music and activities from Aug. 14 to 19, the Shields Nature Connected Family Gathering from Aug. 28 to 30, a Halloween Haunted House Party on Oct. 31 and a Harvest AbunDance Closing Celebration on Nov. 21.

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## GREEN HEROES

# Meet the Climate Change Lady of Salt Spring Island

Salt Spring resident Brigitte Hayes initiated the Green Heroes blog on the Gulf Islands Driftwood's website in February of 2014, writing about islanders who are making a difference in a variety of ways. She has now passed the baton to Nomi Lyonnas, who will be sharing stories about some of her own Green Heroes and tips for greener living.

BY NOMI LYONNAS  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

With her blue eyes sparkling, Dorothy, the "Climate Change Lady of Salt Spring," introduces me to her companion Luke Skywalker, a beautiful Bengal cat, and her garden "which is mostly there for the bees." She is exceedingly well informed and practical but not without a sense of playfulness.

In full, vibrant fettle, Dorothy is a tireless advocate for saving the planet's health. Dorothy has "done more to educate Salt Spring Islanders (and all Canadians) about climate change than anyone else on our island." That is how Jean Gelwicks (a Green Hero in her own right) introduced Dorothy when she was honoured as the winner of the Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award for Climate Action in 2010.

"How did you become an activist?" I ask her.

With her disarming sweetness she replies, "Oh that dates back to the '60s when the protesters (against the Vietnam War) in Chicago were being beaten and in some cases killed by the police for protesting a terrible war."

"I thought this was horribly wrong and suddenly — SNAP — it was just like a switch went off in my brain. I wanted to do something about it. It was the first time I thought of actually physically doing something about a problem, becoming involved. I think of it as becoming humanized . . . So I've been doing this all my life since 1968. And it's been a great life."

Originally from the east coast of the U.S., Dorothy's environmental awareness was sparked by visiting many U.S. national parks while she travelled by VW van with her family in tow to her new home in the Pacific Northwest. As a citizen lobbyist, she served on the board of the Washington Environmental Council and stayed for 11 years. Among other important acts of green legislation and social contributions, one of Dorothy's proudest achievements was to help get the Washington State Shorelines Management Act passed.

She came to Canada to "retire" in 1992 but was galvanized back into action in 2002 after reading Bob Hunter's powerful global warming



Dorothy Cutting

PHOTO BY NOMI LYONNAS

book "2030: Confronting Thermageddon in Our Lifetime."

With the Sierra Club Canada's sponsorship, Dorothy drove her new Honda Civic Hybrid from Mile Zero, Victoria to the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa — at the age of 71 — to personally deliver a copy of Hunter's book to each Member of Parliament.

Giving hundreds of interviews about climate change along the way, Dorothy made a name for herself north of the 49th Parallel. And she has since continued to educate as many people as she could. For almost a decade, she was a regular at the Gan-

ges Saturday Market, where she connected with thousands of people.

She's sent hundreds of letters and emails to politicians, and influenced many of us to do the same. Her website, West Coast Climate Equity, from which she's only recently retired, ran from 2008 to 2013 and took over 40 hours a week in research and writing time.

Dorothy also designed posters, bumper stickers and postcards to promote environmentalism. And most recently, she helped host the special film presentations — The Years of Living Dangerously at the Salt Spring library. The film series gave excellent up-to-date scientific information on climate change.

Dorothy is definitely one of my heroes. I ask, "Who is your hero?"

"I have two. James Hanson (a now retired-NASA scientist who reportedly resigned to become an activist). He inspired me to create the website and has been my mentor since 2006. My other hero is Jan Slakov. An outspoken local woman who, like Dr. Hanson is intelligent, tireless, courageous and caring. She deserves support. She's a lovely and wonderful woman.

I wonder, "What do you say to the deniers out there?"

"A lot of them are smart people but maybe they don't want to look too far into the future. If you ask

people to imagine their grandchildren's lives they just can't . . . We have to change the way we think about the future. It's not just a distant place — "the future" is happening now.

We should recognize there's a difference between skeptical or puzzled individuals and the corporate-sponsored denial industry, which doesn't want us to think for ourselves about the dangers of climate change. The facts are all there . . . you can find the truth on www.skepticalscience.com where there are peer reviewed answers to all the questions deniers ask."

"What gives you hope?" I ask finally.

"We are hard wired with an instinct for survival . . . And I think it's our duty to think of ourselves as saviours of our planet. It is my firm belief that if people have enough accurate information about a problem that we humans are smart enough to solve anything. That absolutely gives me hope."

Thanking her for her time, I suggest it's exhausting to think about doing all the things Dorothy does at any age. But at 84, Dorothy has a simple motto that keeps her going strong: "Do what you can and you can do more than you think you can."

## FESTIVALS

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Earth Day's 45th anniversary will be celebrated in style in Ganges on Wednesday, April 22, with a full day of activities taking place at Centennial Park capped off with a film screening at the library.

Bucking the trend of previous years, which had seen festivities scheduled on a Sunday, this year Salt Spring Island will join with other groups around the world by celebrating on the actual date.

The program of activities has been arranged so that everyone can be involved, whether by

enjoying an early morning yoga session, hitting the park in time for the feature performance after work, or taking in the full day of events straight through to 8 p.m.

Yoga classes with various teachers will be offered at the Centennial Park gazebo from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. An Earth Day opening ceremony takes place in the park at 3 p.m., to be followed by speakers, music and dance, and a unique interactive musical performance starting at 5:30 p.m. (See page 24 for details.)

After the performance, activities will move indoors to the library where the documentary film Blue Gold: World Water Wars will be screened at 6 p.m. The film is based on the book by Maude Barlow and Tony Clarke and is narrated by Malcolm McDowell.

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## LOCAL HISTORY

# Heritage project unearths Japanese roots

Fundraising begins for kiln restoration

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Restoration of an abandoned charcoal kiln in Mouat Park has sparked a campaign to commemorate contributions of the island's early Japanese settlers.

"It has been exciting to witness the very beginning of a project to reclaim some of our history," said Rumiko Kanesaka, a member of the Salt Spring Island Japanese Garden Society.

Earlier in 2015, Kanesaka ventured into the park with a group of islanders to assess the site's potential. It wasn't long before the team discovered a stone-lined oval depression, roughly 4.5-metres (15 feet) long and three metres (10 feet) wide.

"This is it. This is exactly what it is," Stephen Nemtin recalled saying when he first stepped inside.

Nemtin, an educator, musician and amateur archaeologist who lives on Galiano Island, spent more than 20 years restoring two similar kilns near his home. The bid to resurrect a piece of the region's forgotten past fuelled his natural curiosity and inspired a



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From left, Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission manager Dan Ovington measures an ancient charcoal kiln discovered in Mouat Park; kilns like this were used by many Japanese settlers throughout the Gulf Islands to produce charcoal during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

teaching opportunity for a new generation of islanders.

"Most people probably wouldn't recognize the remains of a charcoal pit, and it is likely there are others dotted around the islands and on the mainland," Nemtin said. "People have mistaken abandoned pits for [First Nations] pit houses, Scottish cairns and garbage pits."

In an interview last week, Nemtin confirmed the structure in Mouat Park is one of two known charcoal pit kilns built by early Japanese settlers, probably near the end of the 19th century.

Since two workers with little more than an ax and a shovel could build a decent-size kiln in less than a week, the structures were built throughout the Gulf Islands by settlers who sought to use traditional knowledge to augment seasonal wages from the logging and fishing industries.

The particular style of charcoal, known as binchotan, was refined over thousands of years in Japan's Wakayama Prefecture, where it was instrumental in the making of metal-work and pottery.

In more recent years, the same charcoal has gained celebrity status among chefs and food lovers around the world, Kanesaka said.

"It generates high heat, burns for a long time and produces only a little smoke," she said. "It's the choice charcoal for delicate grilling."

Salt Spring's Japanese charcoal producers found a strong demand from buyers at canneries and explosive factories across coastal British Columbia.

Charcoal makers would fill the pits with overlapping layers of wood, primarily alder, before covering the works with branches or leaves and a

final layer of firmly patted clay. After the fire was lit, an opening at one side of the structure was covered up and the logs inside were left to smolder in an oxygen-limited environment for up to five days.

"Controlling the air and circulation of the gases is tricky," Nemtin said. "Too much air can cause the wood to burn or to be totally consumed. If the temperature gets too high, certain kinds of charcoal can break or crumble, rendering it less useful as a fuel."

Nemtin said whoever was tasked to watch the kiln was asked to sit on a one-legged stool, which prevented them from nodding off and neglecting their duties.

Kilns produced between half a ton to a ton of charcoal per burning. Once cooled, the product was sewn up in leftover rice sacks and transported off island.

Kiln owner Isaburo Tasaka, who lived on Seaview Road near the present-day site of Embe Bakery, is reported to have regularly shipped up to 200 bags per voyage aboard the family fishing boat to Victoria, where charcoal was used as a fuel for soap making.

"It doesn't look like anything right now, just kind of like an indentation in the earth," said Rose Murakami, whose ancestors moved from Japan to Salt Spring in 1909. "Unless you know what it is you're looking for you'd never know it was there."

Murakami got involved in the restoration project to preserve the memory of the many Japanese-Canadians who lived on Salt Spring before the Second World War. About 77 people of Japanese descent lived on the island before 1942, when the federal government confiscated their possessions and relocated the "suspected

enemy aliens" to internment camps in the province's interior.

Murakami and her family were among the few Japanese-Canadians who returned to Salt Spring to rebuild their lives.

"I have been interested in trying to resurrect things and make the current population of Salt Spring aware that there were people of Japanese descent here before we were forcibly expelled," she said.

Thanks to a Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission decision to match donations for the project and Nemtin's offer to volunteer his experience with the restoration process, organizers of the kiln restoration reckon they need to raise roughly \$12,500.

Once the project is complete, Murakami envisions a commemorative plaque to tell residents and visitors about the historical significance of charcoal to British Columbia's economic development as well as information about the people and families who built the pits and fired the kilns.

"We are going to restore the pit as authentically as possible," she said. "I'm hoping that it will be a tourist attraction as well as an education source for students and all the people of Salt Spring."

Anyone who contributes to the project through the Salt Spring Japanese Garden Society is eligible for a tax receipt. For more information, visit [www.saltspringjapanesegarden.com](http://www.saltspringjapanesegarden.com).

Murakami will speak about the charcoal kilns during the fifth-annual blossom picnic on Saturday, April 18. The presentation is expected to start at 1 p.m. at the Heiwa Garden Peace Park.

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

# Volunteer society launched

Ideal time for recognition

National Volunteer Week is well underway, with April 12 to 18 the time to offer recognition to all those volunteers who make good things happen in the community.

For Salt Spring, it also marks the launch of a new organization called the Volunteer and Community Resources Society. It will promote volunteerism and provide skill-development workshops and provide online access to criti-

cal resource materials for the public and not-for-profits, as well as helping to build the organizational capacities necessary for the delivery of critical community services.

The new organization is a registered charity and is the initiative of Salt Spring's Community Education Society and Volunteer Salt Spring, which have joined forces under the new banner.

"There are more than 200 not-for-profits on Salt Spring providing important community services," a press release explains. "Certainly they require financial contribu-

tions to do their work, but just as importantly, they need the energy and commitment of volunteers to deliver their programs."

The creation of the Volunteer and Community Resources Society was made possible through lead funding from the Salt Spring Island Foundation and the Victoria Foundation and with the assistance of Island Savings. It is also the product of forward-thinking islanders like Carol Biely, Bob Rush, Anne Williams, Judi Francis, Lynne Johnson, Stanley Shapiro and other community leaders.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Ganges post office rep Heather Adshead, left, and Nina Raginsky unveil a plaque commemorating Raginsky's photo made into a stamp at a special April 8 gathering. A video of the event is on the Driftwood's Facebook page.

FESTIVALS

## Salt Spring blooms in weekend events

Japanese culture and island flavours in store

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Visitors and locals alike will find plenty of reasons to get out and about Salt Spring this weekend, with special events on Saturday and Sunday putting Salt Spring Blooms in April into full flower.

Following up on Salt Spring Concert's Band Friday evening show Anime! Music from Japan at ArtSpring (see last week's story), Japanese culture continues to be showcased on Saturday, April 18 during the fifth annual Blossom Festival and Picnic. Events open at 11 a.m. at Heiwa Peace Park on Jackson Avenue and will feature traditional activities such as a tea ceremony and a calligraphy demo, in which visitors can learn what their name or a favourite word looks like in Japanese with beautiful brush work.

Martial arts demonstrations take place during the morning with help from Salt Spring Aikikai aikido club and Osman Phillips and the Seven Stars Tai Chi Club. Then later in the afternoon, Brenda Guiled and the Karate Kids show off their moves at 1:35 p.m.

Live performances feature traditional Japanese music plus some lively island favourites, with appearances by Ruwadzano Marimba Band and the Salt Spring Japanese Singers, and then a stirring finale with Iroko at 2 p.m.

The island's history will be invoked during a performance by Phil Vernon, whose song Ganbaru was inspired by Salt Spring's Murakami Family. Rose Murakami will herself introduce a project to restore Japanese charcoal pit kilns in Mouat Park.

Food stands and information tables will also be on site. Check out Salt Spring Literacy's stall to see how they can help out with a variety of language needs, and to enjoy some gluten-free treats.

Sunday's Taste of Salt Spring event puts the focus on locally produced food, wine and beer with special menus offered at local restaurants, plus tastings open at all three local vineyards and the island's brewery. The casual set-up is a great way for visitors to enjoy a beautiful spring day and for locals to be tourists in their own town.

Participating restaurants showcasing Salt Spring's finest ingredients are: Auntie Pesto's Café, which will be open for brunch and lunch; Harbour House Hotel, Restaurant and Organic Farm, offering lunch and dinner plus farm tours; Salt Spring Inn for lunch and dinner; Hastings House Hotel with a special bistro menu; and Moby's Pub for lunch and dinner menus and live music from 3 to 6 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to try the new spring releases in wine and beer tasting rooms around the island. Salt Spring Island Ales, Garry Oaks Winery and Salt Spring Vineyards will all be open from noon to 5 p.m., and Mistaken Identity Vineyards will be open from noon to 4.

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## PERSONAL GROWTH

# Coach bares personal stories on stage

'Anti-performance'  
hits Mahon Hall

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Transformation may be optional when it comes to an innovative new stage offering at Mahon Hall this weekend, but there's a good chance participants will at least come away with some useful new perspectives.

Life Coach in the Hot Seat — an Anti-Performance by Szos is the first public event of its nature to be held on Salt Spring, but creator Szos St. Germain has staged previous anti-performances in Toronto and Atlanta venues, as well as in private homes. Based on "unplanned content," what unites the experiences is St. Germain's willingness to share personal stories as a way of encouraging others to let go of self-pretense.

Leading up to the event on Saturday, April 18, St. Germain explained how he creates the show on the spot from what is within him at the time and from what he's sensing from the audience. This can be aided by anonymous contributions in the form of questions or comments.

"The philosophy behind the anti-performance is I feel passionately that there are people in the world that want to stop pretending," he said. "I see professionally (as a life coach), and I see in myself, how people withhold information and try to present a certain image as a way to be safe."

In St. Germain's own experience, for example, the need



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Life coach Szos St. Germain is at Mahon Hall on Saturday.

to show the world he's someone who has his life completely together can creep through and affect his actions if he's not careful.

That doesn't mean he advocates a straight-forward blurring out of everything all the time.

"But overall I'm seeing that people are doing more pretending than really serves them," he noted.

St. Germain has worked through issues like a severe depression that kept him housebound around 10 years ago. Performance is part of his ongoing healing transformation, and although not always

easy, it's something he feels the world is calling for right now.

"In the beginning there was maybe reluctant leadership to step onto the stage and lead by example," he said.

Guided by Gandhi's "be the change" principle, St. Germain came up with an idea of how he could "walk the talk" by sharing parts of his life story. For example, he might talk about how a chance to lose his virginity went all wrong. It's deeply personal, embarrassing and funny all at once. And while entertaining, the purpose of talking about the delicate situation is to reflect on how self-honesty would

have drastically improved the situation.

"Certainly, I want to bring humour into the experience because I feel that personal growth can be so heavy," St. Germain said, adding he still allows his vulnerability to be real and raw. Taken together, the experience seems to have a great impact, according to past audience feedback.

"All these fears and drama and discontent is a part of being a messy human being and there is something delightful about it when we can see things from a bigger perspective," he said.

"Some things are just hard, but there is a way to express it with grace or empathy that can carry us through."

Though not working from the premise that people should act differently or the world should change, an intended outcome is that audience members leave with a greater sense of permission to accept all parts of themselves, and to share with others what they have been withholding out of fear.

"I would love for this thing to become a world tour, to become a movement, if that's what the world is wanting," St. Germain said. "I'm imagining I'm meeting the times. That's what I feel in my heart, that there's a call for this, and my job is to step into opportunities to create and see what happens, let go of expectations of outcomes, and let the experience be my reward."

Tickets are available at the door, which opens at 7 p.m. The show starts at 7:30 pm. This event is not appropriate for kids — adult content will definitely be discussed.

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## PERSONAL SKILLS

# Experiential learning builds relationships

Less conflict, more  
connection possible

A workshop in communication and relationship skills being held later this month promises to be both fun and enlightening.

Vancouver-based certified Nonviolent Communication trainer Eric Bowers is sharing his workshop called Your Treasure Map for Great Relationships on April 24-26.

Bowers will explain how the emotional and relationship parts of the brain work. Through interactive exercises, games, stories and original songs, he teaches par-

ticipants how to strengthen their autonomy and deepen intimacy. Participation in any part of the workshop is completely voluntary.

"He had all sorts of fun games that got us up and moving while also learning particular skills around empathy and compassion," a previous participant enthused. "He was really patient with our questions and was wonderful at taking his time to ensure we all understood a particular concept."

Through experiential learning and lots of practice, workshop attendees will discover communication that resolves conflict effectively, strengthens bonds and builds

healthy emotional brains. Bowers also highlights the reasons relationships get into trouble and what to do about it.

His extensive training in attachment theory and interpersonal neurobiology are blended into the workshop.

The workshop promises calming tools that will help participants experience less conflict and fighting and more connection and fun, all of which leads to love that deepens instead of disintegrates.

For more information or to register, see www.roadtocompassion.com, email eric@roadtocompassion.com or call 604-442-8811.

## GARDENING

# Design in focus at garden club gathering

Jeff de Jong shares 25 years of experience  
next Wednesday

The next speaker at the Salt Spring Garden Club meeting is professional horticulturalist Jeff de Jong.

Visiting from Victoria, de Jong will present a talk titled Elements of Design. Focusing on garden design he will examine how past cultures have influenced modern-day design and how

the most beautiful historical gardens continue to shape the visions of inspired gardeners.

Salt Spring Garden Club meetings are held at Meaden Hall beginning at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month, except for July, August, December and January.

More information is available on the club's website at www.ssigc.moonfruit.com.

A visit by previously scheduled speaker Louise Boudin has been postponed until October.



PHOTO BY MEL DIVERS

**ENTREPRENEURS  
IN BLOOM:**

McKenna Jason, age 9, and her brother Christopher, 11, with daffodils they were selling at a stand they set up during spring break.



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**NATURAL HISTORY**

**The 'goose connection' delineated**

Brant goose connects Bering Sea to Sea of Cortez

BY BOB WEEDEN  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

What connects a village on the Bering Sea, a small town on a busy Vancouver Island highway, and a town on the Baja California coast? A hint, in case you are one of 7 billion people who don't know: it weighs 1.5 kilos, burns seaweed and caviar to fuel an internal combustion engine, and can fly 2,000 kilometres without stopping.

The wings of a dark little goose called the black brant connects those unlikely dots not once, but twice, each year.

Pacific Coast brant spend the winter in tidal shallows along the Sea of Cortez and Baja California's estuaries. Eelgrass beds fatten them for the late-winter trip north. Their first stop is Humboldt Bay in northern California, thick with beds of waving eelgrass. They often brush by the houses of Arcata, a village where they make lumber and sell things to tourists and college kids. Villagers speak Spanish and a local approximation of English.

The next stop is either the Fraser River delta or the Qualicum River estuary near Parksville. In Parksville people sell things to travellers and neighbours, bargaining in a language obviously derived from English. They celebrate a Black Brant Festival there every year, this month. In



adjacent tide flats, brant chow down on eelgrass and, whenever they can, gorge on herring caviar. That's the fuel that gets them across the Pacific in a non-stop 2,000-km flight to Izembek Lagoon at the southwestern tip of the Alaska Peninsula. Ho, hum: salad again. In mid May, brant lift off for the crossing of Bristol Bay. They follow the Bering Sea coast to any one of a string of nesting marshes along the Chukchi Sea coast to arctic Alaska and Yukon.

Those that stop at Hooper Bay encounter a small village where people speak Yupik and a distant relative of English. By the first of June the brant are forming nests, swirls of grass and goose down, in the wind-swept delta marshes. If the nests escape egg-hunting arctic foxes, gulls and kids, the goslings will hatch in early July. By late August or early September, brant shepherd broods on the leisurely journey south, stopping a month or more at Izembek Lagoon to let the youngsters build strength for the mostly-offshore trip to Baja.

Parksville's Brant Festival is a 20-year tradition. It's a great way to connect sun-hungry islanders with the sun-hungry life at their doorsteps — the gulls, grebes, loons, sandpipers, geese, widgeon, scoters and other birds abounding in the tidal flats around Rath Trevor Beach.

The shadow side of the fun is that people and pet dogs are harassing brant away from the shallows where they feed. Less feeding time and more up-and-down flights mean less fuel for the 500,000 or so wingbeats between Parksville and Izembek. Parksville has 4,000 more residents than 20 years ago, and festival ads bring hundreds of sightseers. Local counts show that spring brant flocks, which increased slowly until the late 1990s, have begun ebbing. The Pacific Coast population as a whole, in contrast, has plateaued at around 130,000 to 135,000. That's 50,000 fewer than the conservation target for healthy numbers.

Roseanna Carl, age 16, of Tooksook Bay (close to Hooper Bay) wrote

Yaqulekegtaaraat,  
Wonderful looking geese  
Tengaurliit pagaani,  
Flying high in the sky  
Yuarluteng kayangivigkamegnok,  
Looking for a safe place  
Anirturluki yakulget  
To lay their eggs  
Uitakeg civkarlaput,  
Please save the geese  
And let them be as free  
As we want to be.

**LOCAL HISTORY**

**Cemetery Walk goes to Burgoyne Valley**

Dave Phillips hosts St. Mary's cemetery event

Due to popular demand, Dave Phillips will lead another Cemetery Walk and Talk, this time at St. Mary's Church cemetery across from Fulford Hall.

In honour of Ron Brunette, who died April 28, 1996, and all loved ones who have gone, the long-time Salt Spring resident, historian and radio personality will

share stories about community members who are buried in the cemetery on Saturday, April 18 starting at 1:30 p.m.

Phillips points out that many pioneers are buried in St. Mary's, including members of the Akerman, Lee, Maxwell, Ruckle and Sparrow families. In 1889, farmer John Sparrow donated the land for the cemetery after his son, aged 19, was accidentally shot by pit lammers.

Guests are advised to bring an umbrella if it's raining, and to bring cut flowers if they wish to put some on the graves. There is no charge for this event.

## This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

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### TIP OF THE WEEK:

Despite the fact that Spring Equinox is measured as the Sun entering the Tropical Sign of Aries, which also marks the time of year when the hours of day and night are equal, the New Moon in Aries which also serves as an official launch moment for the season. This year that occurs on April 18 at 11:57 am PDT. These certainly are 'interesting times'. Complex, crazy, exciting, exacerbating, scary, and spirited... the list goes on. The many rare and powerful celestial events over the past year and especially the past six months are synchronizing with pivotal events, movements and momentums that are affecting every place and person in the world. A main consequence of this global, revolutionary process includes the reality that people are challenged to get extra creative, to think out of their usual box, to entertain new possibilities. This is where I can assist you especially well with Astrology. As a natural psychology, an intelligence woven into nature and thereby into you, it offers insights and guidance that reveals your authenticity linked to right vocation as well as presenting strategic, creative possibilities and particularly linked to the timing of your unique destiny. P.S. April 22 is Earth Day.

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**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)** A steadily emerging sense of curiosity is gaining your attention. You want to be practical and industrious on a variety of fronts. Since cloning yourself is not an option... yet, multi-tasking is your next best option. Backed by a spirit of adventure you may be wondering if you can go on a working holiday. Your ambitions are high so productivity is important to feel fulfilled.

**Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)** Your momentum has been steadily building. Even though you may still not be in your full spring stride, you have begun to branch out and diversify. Stimulating new talents, skills and/or new streams of income is on your mind. Your focus and resolve are becoming more fixed and steady. The time is right to activate your plans, especially when the sun enters your sign on the 20th.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)** This New Moon in Aries will serve to activate many new innovative ideas for you. Many of these will occur at subconscious levels and/or behind the scenes. Thus this is an ideal time to engage in a brainstorming process. Focus to generate new ideas and possibilities for a while. This includes reaching out to key people and new ideas. Gather ideas now to act upon later.

**Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)** Did someone say "Charge!?" You are in a passionate and determined mood. A growing determination to break through familiar lines should be evident. Whether the obstacles are within, without or both, you are determined to enter new territory somehow. To truly succeed, avoid projecting your fire at people. Rather, turn it upon yourself to ignite your drive and then without to break barriers.

**Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)** A visionary and expansive cycle is being activated in your world right now. This is a long term and big picture influence. However, the short term perspective includes acquiring and possibly providing instruction and training regarding specific skills, methods and technologies. Meanwhile, who you know is also destined to play a key role. Think big, act now.

**Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)** Just like the waxing and waning Moon or one season yielding to another the past subject to all the nostalgic reverie invariably fades. The point of passion and power is ever in the moment. So, what is next? This represents an important planning phase. Reach out to gather new ideas, information, knowledge and tools from others who are taking dynamic leads.

**Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)** Fresh activations in your relationship life are set to occur now and over the coming weeks. These are significantly linked to money and business but to social and cultural activities as well. The social part is for the sake of inspiration so set that as your intention. Your ambitions are on the rise so be willing to emulate and role model the skills and successes of others as necessary.

**Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)** This New Moon will activate you to make key improvements in your health and lifestyle in general. This could be linked to new employment as well. Reaching out to shake hands and meet new people is especially geared to business. Yet, you will likely be open to at least weaving in some social and cultural activity as well. Focus to contract in order to expand.

**Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)** A creative cycle will be activated for you with this Aries New Moon. Yet you should be prepared to bring a strong work ethic focus to it. This will include some measure of critical analysis. Involvement with others is also implied and the good news is that it should prove quite satisfying. Cultivating a creative vision with the big picture over the long term is the key to your success now.

**Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)** A summons of your natural leadership inclinations continues to pierce the air. The twist is that what are required are increased levels of empathy and fair negotiations, versus any sort of aggressive tactics which are likely to backfire. What is also required is creative thinking and a healthy measure of willingness to give to people and situations with as much empathy as you can muster.

**Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)** You will be introduced to new thoughts, ideas and perspectives over the coming weeks. In the short term these are linked to associations with new and interesting people who inspire you. Meanwhile, you are focused upon establishing a more solid foundation close to home. The irony here is that renovations or home improvements are implied. Invariably though, new opportunities are knocking.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)** One way or another you feel motivated to move the earth. This could be in your own yard or you could aim bigger. Desires to beautify are woven into this plot and the season is a good fit for it. Creative self-expression is implied. Yet you also feel inspired to fix, improve and heal. This could all simply amount to spring cleaning.



PHOTO BY FRAUKE PRYSTAWIK

**SPARK OF JOY:** Baby Arwyn Rose Jutzi meets her Spark doll friend with mom Sarah Jutzi, a gift from the Salt Spring Island Trefoil Guild. Arwyn Rose was born on Feb. 15 to her mom and father Jacob Cooper, and received the doll for being the Salt Spring Island baby girl born closest to Feb. 22, which is known as Thinking Day in the worlds of Guiding and Scouting. This date is the joint birthday of both Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, the founders of Guiding and Scouting. Salt Spring Island Trefoil Guild members send the new family their best wishes and hope that Arwyn may one day wear a Spark outfit for herself.

### EARTH DAY

## Orca voices inspire composition

Community members become part of A-Pod for Earth Day event

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Earth Day celebrants will have a beautiful but unusual homage to marine mammals to look forward to as the crowning activity to events planned for Centennial Park on Wednesday, April 22.

Conversations With the Wrong Listeners is a 20-minute piece that was composed by Ronald Gordon to accompany abstract water photography for a new book called The Iridescent Silence of Pacific Shores by Salt Spring's Susan Gordon (Ron Gordon's sister) and Doug Wahlsten.

The music is based on a compilation of A-Pod orcas recorded

at the Pacific Orca Lab on Hanson Island in 1984 and 1985, using submerged hydrophones stationed in the waters of Johnstone Strait. Gordon, who was a research assistant at the lab, mixed in natural and artificial sounds to create his original composition at Paranoyd Sound Studios in Port Moody.

Haunting and discordant, the composition expresses the plight of captured orcas using the voices of those in the wild. As Gordon explains, those that are confined in aquariums and performing in theme parks essentially become mute.

During the composition, "Orca whale calls are heard within a background of noise consisting of distorted sound effects from both natural and man-made sources."

"Sombre melodies are presented to represent the profound sadness I have for the ways humans just

tify cruelty to intelligent species as entertainment for children and to provide profit for corporations," Ron Gordon explains in an artist's statement.

"The piece symbolically reaches a pinnacle of confusion and frustration before making a gesture to move backwards in time to a period in history when such mistreatment would not have been allowed. The piece ends on an optimistic note, albeit with a confusing and unclear message — or perhaps we are just the wrong listeners."

Community members are invited to participate by standing in for A-Pod. They will be stationed in the park and on the water, participating in a call-and-response format with flutes, guitars, whistles, clarinets, drums, and other instruments while Gordon's composition is played. Participants should wear black and white.

### EDUCATION

## Waldorf school energy harnessed

Library meeting this Friday

The Salt Spring Friends of Waldorf Education Society is hosting a Waldorf School parent meeting on Friday, April 17 in the library's program

room from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

The meeting is for parents who are interested in creating a Waldorf grade school on Salt Spring Island, as well as those who have expressed a desire to help make it happen.

It will provide an oppor-

tunity for people to meet and begin a conversation about how great things are possible when a small, committed group of people come together.

The meeting agenda will include short and long-term goals for the Waldorf school, action steps to get there and

pooling of resources to forge the way ahead.

Light snacks and beverages will be served. People who bring young children are asked to bring toys, activities and snacks.

More information is available on the Waldorf on Salt Spring Facebook page.

### HEALTH & WELLNESS

## Guest teacher to give yoga workshop

Iyengar specialist comes to Ganges Yoga Studio

Senior Iyengar yoga teacher Ingelise Nherlan will be on Salt Spring on Saturday, April 25 to teach an all-levels workshop at Ganges Yoga Studio from 1 to 4 p.m.

According to press material for the event, Nherlan's workshops "are famous for their blend of careful asana work, thoughtful yoga philosophy and a generous dash of humour. A highly experienced teacher, Nherlan enables each student to work at his or her own pace as she skillfully adapts each pose to suit the

individual's needs."

Nherlan has been named one of Canada's most senior Iyengar yoga teachers, with her initial training with B.K.S. Iyengar in San Francisco in 1975 followed up by a lifetime dedicated to spreading his teachings. Her studies have deepened during sessions at Iyengar's famous institute in Pune, India. She has inspired students and teachers in Vancouver and around the world, combining her knowledge of the poses with her understanding of philosophy to bring awareness of the connection between mind, body, and spirit.

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**DEATHS**

**WRATE, Enid Mary (nee Ankill)**  
May 13, 1928 - April 3, 2015

Enid passed peacefully from this world on Friday, April 3, 2015. Born on May 13, 1928 in Pincher Creek, AB.

She is predeceased by her parents Jacob and Beatrice in addition to her brother Robert (Margaret) Ankill and husband, Jack Wrate.

She will be lovingly missed by her four children Cynthia (Reggie) Newkirk, Bevan (Debbie) Wrate, Liana Wolf Ear and David (Cindi) Wrate.

Enid was proud of her racially diverse family which included 7 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. During her lifetime, she had the opportunity to leave her footprints in many corners of North America, Mexico and the Baha'i World Centre in Haifa, Israel.

A celebration of her life was held on April 8, 2015 at the Brinkworthy Community Centre.

The family would like to express their love and gratitude to the doctors, nurses and caregivers at Heritage Place, Lady Minto Hospital and the Extended Care Unit.

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**DEATHS**

**Kathy Gunderson**  
24 Dec 1946 - 6 Apr 2015

Kathy Gunderson left us quietly on Monday 6 April 15 and is now in a place of peace. Kathy was well loved in the Salt Spring Island community. She was known for her gentleness and kind-hearted to all she encountered. She was always looking out for the well-being of others and had a special gift of giving, often thinking of others before herself. She was a joy to be around and mischievous as well. She loved to sing and dance and was a member at times of Viva Voce as well as Salt Spring Singers during her time on-island. She was also active with the Zen meditation sangha.

Kathy is survived by her two sons Cameron and Shane and also by her father Carl in Winnipeg, and her brothers Ron of Nanaimo, Bob of Osoyoos, Mitch of Winnipeg and Gary of Surrey.

She was loved by many and will be dearly missed. We know she is in a better place and we are honoured to have called her "friend".

There will be a celebration of Kathy's life on April 19th at 11:00 am at 266 Don Ore Road. All are welcome to celebrate and honour Kathy.

**SEE WEEKLY HOROSCOPE ON PAGE 24**

**FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DEATHS**

**Betty Ogilvie**  
3 March 1922 - 10 April 2015

Peacefully and with family beside her, Betty "slipped the surly bonds of earth... and touched the face of God". She loved her family, friends, poetry, seals and ocean, bluebells and most of all, Don. She leaves son, Martin (Camille) and daughter Bronwyn Lorimer (Graham), grandchildren Nicholas, Melissa, Katy and Jill, and nieces Janet and Ruth in England.

The family is deeply grateful for the thoughtfulness of friends and the exceptional care of Lady Minto staff, Dr. Barclay, Shannon Wardrop, Meals on Wheels, Music & Munch and Seniors.

Donations to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation in Betty's honour would be appreciated.

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**KAY JAVORSKI**  
February 25, 1924 - March 24, 2015

Predeceased by Jake, her husband of 53 years. Kay leaves her four daughters, Pat, Mary, Ellen and Leslie, their spouses, David, Bob, and Craig, plus seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Kay was a wonderful mother and a fine person with a great sense of fun and an even greater sense of integrity. She quietly supported the people she loved and shared what really mattered with her family and friends - good conversation, ideas, food and wine, books, flowers, travel, bridge.

The family would like to thank the Lynn Valley Care Centre and Gloria Scott for their thoughtful care.

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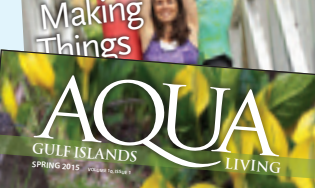
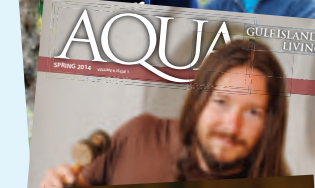


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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Ratepayers of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at the Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, BC.

As required by the Letters Patent of the District, the Annual General Meeting will be held for the following purposes:

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## GYMNASTICS

# Gymnast earns ticket to Okotoks meet

McIntyre qualifies for Team BC

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Darby McIntyre finished in top spot among a talented field of young athletes vying for a seat on Team BC's upcoming trip to

the Western Canadian Championships in Okotoks, Alta.

Competing in the P5 open category, McIntyre took first place in the vault and floor programs. She won a silver on bars and placed sixth on beam. The combined result left her first among 16 athletes registered for the provincial qualifying event in Abbotsford on March 28.

McIntyre's teammate, Micaylla Broadway, finished in second place. The Duncan Dynamics Gymnastics Club members are among five athletes competing for Team BC at the Western Canadian Championships from April 30 to May 3.

This trip marks McIntyre's third appearance at the event. Before the Abbotsford com-

petition, McIntyre attended the Omega Invitational in Coquitlam, where she won top spot on the podium.

"The start of her competitive season has established her as a top contender in the province with aspirations to move up to national level next season," said Darby's mom Kim McIntyre.

## TRAIL RUNNING

# Trail runners unleash 2015 season

Weagant sets record-setting pace

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

There's nothing like the pain of a trail run through Channel Ridge to recall the winter-season's stack of missed opportunities.

I should have woken up earlier for an early workout. I could have avoided that extra slice of chocolate cake. I would have run farther and faster, if only it weren't for my 13-month-old puppy's awkwardly gangly legs.

That's right, I blamed a dog — quite possibly reaching a new low in the inglorious history of sporting excuses.

Following on the success of last year's inaugural Channel Ridge trail run, organizers of the 2015 edition elected to spice things up by adding an extra kilometre to the original course.

Mingling around the start line ahead of Saturday morning's race, one of those organizers assured me the extension added some prime rolling terrain into the mix. Besides, he said, last year's race was really closer to nine kilometres in length anyway.

I had my doubts.

Last year's start gong was replaced with an iron triangle dinner bell. Dave Melanson



PHOTO BY GUS OLIVEIRA

Dave Melanson high-fives Delani Tannas at the end of the Channel Ridge trail run on Saturday.

drowned away any hope for an answer with a resounding clang and a call to action. We were off.

The front runners launched themselves out of sight as most of us in the pack were busy calibrating watches, adjusting our socks or contemplating the start-line prayer flags.

These thoroughbreds are clearly in a class all their own. Kyle Weagant, this year's top-runner, sped across the finish line in a blistering 41:40. Darren

Tannas (41:50), Aaron Bremner (43:18), Matthew Winkler (45:02) and Derek Bachman (48:59) rounded out the top five. Sheena Bull was the race's fastest woman, crossing the finish line in 56:03.

As the frontrunners dug deep in anticipation of the finish line, I was contemplating a finish of my own near the race's midway point, where an unrelenting and unforgiving hill slows all but the most bionic of partici-

pants to a crawl.

This was the place during last year's race when I could hear people crying out in agony; swearing to never embark on such folly again. Some had offered warnings that vital organs were on the verge of exploding.

Having slowed to a walk, I eventually imagined myself on a leisurely Saturday morning stroll through the woods. That's when I heard the echo of race coordinator Melanson, who launched the Salt Spring Trail Running Series as a way to show off the remarkable trail network that can be found right in our own backyard.

Then I caught a flash of blue quick-dry fabric out in the woods beyond. Time to get moving, but my legs weren't as keen.

The promised-for "rolling terrain" produced more grunts than I'd anticipated. If I crossed the finish line, I can thank gravity for quashing my self doubt and funnelling me towards the smiling faces around the finish-line prize table, where all appeared keen to relive the experience when the race series heads south to Ruckle Park on Saturday, May 30.

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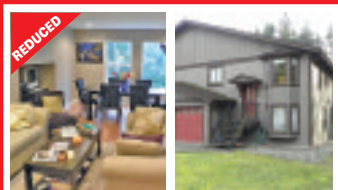
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BASEBALL

# Coaches' caravan slides in

Nearly 100 people join clinic

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
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The BC Baseball Caravan proved a big hit with aspiring young ball players gathered at Portlock Park Thursday afternoon.

T-ballers, bantams and players of all ages in between participated in a circuit of drills and training exercises led by all-star coaches with some big-league connections.

Parents and volunteer coaches were also in line for some tips on how to keep baseball engaging for a new generation of athletes faced with so many sporting options.

"They are also strong advocates of keeping baseball fun," said Sonja Collombin, a Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission member and baseball mom. "The kids all had a great time, and it was a big plug for supporting baseball on Salt Spring."

Coaches with the BC Baseball Caravan offer free clinics

in communities across the province every spring. Coaches from the Lower Mainland and as far away as the Chicago area stopped on Salt Spring as part of their two-week B.C. tour.

Event organizer Mike Kelly said he was encouraged by the strong turnout. He also voiced support for PARC's ongoing campaign to build new ball fields on the island. He suggested BC Baseball and Baseball Canada are on deck to offer further support for the initiative when it's required.

RUNNING

# Sneakers pack mighty punch

Club sits in fifth place for Vancouver Island series

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
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A small group of runners kept the Salt Spring Sneakers among the top-five teams on Vancouver Island with only one race to go in the 2015 Vancouver Island Running Series.

Each of the four runners who set off on the Merville 15-kilometre race Sunday morning finished within the top five of their respective categories, according to team spokesperson Lynn Thompson.

"Four runners, two medals, all in the top five; a small but mighty contingent," he said in a post-race email. "That adds 71 points to our

team total and keeps us in fifth place out of 77 teams in the series."

Eric Van Soeren completed the run in 1:12:30 to claim fifth place in the M60-64 group. Eric Ellis followed soon after at 1:14:05 to earn fourth spot in his M65-69 category. Marion Young finished third in the F55-59 group with a time of 1:17:04. Catherine Bennett's 1:22:58 earned her a top-place finish among 11 runners who competed in the F60-64 division.

With the season-series finale slated for Sunday morning in Sooke, the Sneakers are guaranteed a record-setting year. Projections made earlier this week predict the team will finish the year with close to 1,400 points, nearly double the Sneakers' previous record of 862. The Sneakers conclude their season at the Sooke 10K and awards gala on April 19.

# women in business

## TRADE SHOW EVENT

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The collage features several flyers for the 'women in business' trade show. One flyer for Friday, May 16th, at Mahon Hall, lists speakers like LI READ, President of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, and mentions 'DON'T MISS THE FUN!' and 'FUN FOOD'. Another flyer for Thursday, May 16th, at Mahon Hall, features Penny's Pantry and 'FUN FOOD' including mini quiche, ice cream, and dessert squares. A third flyer for Friday, May 16th, at Mahon Hall, highlights '10th Annual Women in Business' and 'DON'T MISS THE FUN!'. A fourth flyer for Friday, May 16th, at Mahon Hall, mentions 'Our eighth annual WOMEN IN BUSINESS supplement is a showcase for the unique women of Salt Spring Island'. The collage also includes numerous small photos of women, likely attendees or speakers at the event.