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HEALTH CARE

Mental health service shifts

Island Health to provide service directly

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Mental health services on Salt Spring and the southern Gulf Islands will be directly administered by Island Health by this summer, ending two decades of contracted service delivery by Salt Spring Community Services.

Announcements were made by Island Health and Community Services on Tuesday,

with additional information provided by the the Salt Spring Island Chapter of the Rural and Remote Division of Family Practice. The recommendation to integrate the delivery of mental health and addictions services with Island Health was made following a comprehensive review by a committee made up of representatives from the local Division of Family Practice chapter, island psychiatrists

and the health authority.

"Local physicians and other health care providers have felt for some time that services for people living with mental health and addictions could be improved," said Dr. David Beaver, a general practitioner based on Salt Spring.

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NSSWD

District courts legal waters

Water moratorium draws lawsuit threats

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District faces the prospect of legal action on at least two fronts due to an ongoing moratorium on new water connections within its jurisdiction.

Marshall Heinekey, chair of the NSSWD, confirmed the threat of a lawsuit from Ernst & Young during the district's AGM on Tuesday, April 28.

Ernst & Young is a multinational financial services company and the court-appointed receiver tasked to sell assets formerly belonging to bankrupt Channel Ridge Properties Limited. The company had received a \$6.6-million offer for the 800-acre property from Viewpoint Enterprises only to have it withdrawn before the March 31 closing date. The failed deal has prompted Ernst & Young to consider legal options, Heinekey said.

"The receiver is now in discussions with our legal counsel about possible legal action against the district," he said at last week's AGM. "We believe we have a strong case in our favour. However, as it is now a legal matter, the board can make no further comment about this action."

Nobody from Ernst & Young's Vancouver office has responded to multiple Driftwood requests for interviews on the subject.

Brian Lovig, a Kelowna businessman listed as Viewpoint's sole director, said he withdrew the offer based on the NSSWD's inability to guarantee water for the project, which is zoned for a planned build-out of 577 units.

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Moratorium halts development

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"A few days before closing, [NSSWD] announced that no water would be available for development, which included Channel Ridge even though all services had been prepaid with cash and property," Lovig wrote in an email. "My cash is still posted for closing, and I'm trying to decide what to do next."

Lovig said he is contemplating court action against the NSSWD.

The NSSWD has a commitment to supply water to 120 of the proposed Channel Ridge units, Heinekey said. These units have infrastructure in place and have had their capital expenditure charges paid.

The water district initiated the moratorium on new water connections in 2014 after a second consecutive prolonged drought strained water supplies. The district wants to raise the level of a weir near the outflow of St. Mary Lake to shore up

supply for existing customers. Even if the weir is raised, however, conservation measures will be needed to meet the district's increasing demand for water.

The NSSWD's moratorium has also affected a 26-lot Norton Road subdivision, a Drake Road affordable housing project and several secondary suite applications.

Although the original planned build-out for the site is 577 units, plans for a downscaled version of

the project emerged last year. The new plan would see construction of 243 housing units in a combination of single-family homes and duplexes over the next 15 years.

The proposed \$6.6-million sale price was considerably lower than the property's original \$17.5-million list price and slightly below the land's \$9 million appraised value.

"Clearly the value of the property has changed dramatically," Lovig said.



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Island Health to invest \$255,000 annually

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"As a committee, we have spent considerable time looking at service models that will improve mental health and addictions supports for Salt Spring Island residents."

"Our committee worked from a set of shared values focusing on patient-centred care with the ultimate goal being to help those who suffer from mental illness and their families," added Salt Spring-based psychiatrist Dr. David Montalbetti. "This effort reflects everyone's commitment to a collaborative process that will help local residents have better access to the services they need."

As part of the reconfiguration, Island Health will invest an extra \$255,000 annually into mental health care. The health authority says this will increase the number of clinicians and provide pay parity for Salt Spring Island clini-

cians, as well as facilitating electronic records.

Four contracts relating to mental health services currently held by Community Services expire mid-July. Community Services will continue to provide services for youth. Island Health will assume direct delivery of services for adult addictions, case management, urgent short-term assessment and crisis response.

Community Services said it welcomes the fact that Island Health will be increasing much-needed funding for mental health supports, although executive director Rob Grant has worries about how the new model will relate to the social services the organization continues to supply related to homelessness, outreach and victim services.

"It is not yet certain how the services that are integrated with mental health care are going to be affected," Grant said. "We haven't been informed of any service enhancements in those areas. It will take some time to analyze

the impacts of segregating Island Health-funded services from other community-based services and to identify how to adapt organizationally in the most responsible way."

Janine Gowans, chapter coordinator for the Salt Spring Island Rural and Remote Division of Family Practice, acknowledged that is a challenge to overcome, but one she feels won't be insurmountable.

She explained that a more seamless transfer between service providers is one of the biggest advances expected under the new program. For example, in the current system, case assessment files created by Community Services staff are not recognized by Island Health if the patient moves off island.

"We're making it easier for patients to navigate the system at a time in their life that is not a good time for them," Gowans said.

Speaking on behalf of Salt Spring's general practitioners,

Beaver also named the inability to share records as one of the greatest frustrations to meeting mental health care needs on Salt Spring, along with the inability to create integrated care teams under the existing model.

"[The change] is going to be very powerful because it will allow electronic records to be used in emergency situations," he said. "And we should be able to monitor quality care, as is standard for all health authority contracts."

Island Health will be posting new job positions and seeking a new location to deliver mental health services on Salt Spring Island. A team leader position will be based on Salt Spring, but program management will be done from Victoria.

People who are currently providing clinician services for Community Services will be able to apply for the new positions, but will also compete with other applicants. The change affects six staff members working in three different positions.

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EDUCATION

B.C. teachers lose out in Court of Appeal

Class size and composition bargaining denied

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

British Columbia's public school teachers are still trying to process the news of a long-

awaited Court of Appeal decision regarding their ability to negotiate class size and composition, with findings in favour of the provincial government announced on Thursday.

"I just can't believe after 13 years of dealing with this, we still can't offer our students anything better in the fall," said Deborah Nostdal, president of the Gulf

Islands Teachers' Association.

A five-member panel voted 4-1 to overturn the B.C. Supreme Court decision by Justice Susan Griffin, who found the province had illegally stripped the B.C. Teachers' Federation's right to negotiate key working conditions in 2002.

"Along with last year's historic six-year agreement, today's

decision gives us a unique opportunity to work with teachers to improve outcomes for students," Education Minister Peter Fassbender said in news statement.

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ENVIRONMENT

Tree pruning pits selfishness against neighbourliness

People cutting trees on public rights of way raise residents' ire

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A growing number of residents are rising up against the rampant pruning, clipping and chopping of trees along roadways and other tracts of public land on the island.

"It's like the wild west," said Toby Fouks, who lives in Salt Spring's Channel Ridge neighbourhood.

Last month, Fouks discovered her uphill neighbour across the road had taken it upon himself to improve his view by topping several Douglas fir trees on Fouks' side of the street. The result, she said, is an ugly strip of mangled trees that's left Fouks with an unwelcome view of her neighbour's house.

"He's made a real mess of these trees," she said.

In an interview last week, Fouks said she believes the neighbour's unwillingness to speak with her, the Channel Ridge Owners Association or an appropriate provincial government ministry is an assault on neighbourliness.

"I tell you, it's offensive," Fouks added.

Murray Nurse, president of the Channel Ridge Owners Association, said such cases are rare but

not unheard of in the neighbourhood.

"We have no authority or rights, given or assumed, in that regard," he said. "I always ask neighbours to talk with neighbours."

A spokesperson from the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resources — which is responsible for enforcement of unauthorized tree cutting on rights of way and other sections of Crown land — said ministry staff are aware of several reports of unauthorized cutting of trees on Crown land on Salt Spring. That includes road rights of way, said public affairs officer Grieg Bethel.

He said anyone who wants to remove trees from rights of way must obtain a licence from the province. Anyone caught harvesting timber in such areas without a licence is liable to a stop-work order, a ticket for \$173

"If we can raise consciousness, change ideas and all play by kinder, more respectful social norms, I am all for that."

BILL WARRINER
Salt Spring resident



Cutting and limbing of a tree on the side of Beaver Point Road is an example of tree and brush cutting that's upset some island residents.

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and further fines up to \$1 million or imprisonment for up to three years.

While it's unrealistic to imagine anyone doing hard time for improving their view, many islanders say the time has come to address the creeping sense of entitlement that's led to incidents

like the one near Fouks' Channel Ridge home.

Just last week, Channel Ridge resident Bill Warriner learned of an equally offensive cutting along Beaver Point Road near Stowel Lake. The more he speaks to islanders about the issue, the more he's come to realize how

widespread the wanton cutting of trees has become.

In some parts of the island, he said, the problem extends beyond the roadside into larger sections of Crown land, where there have been numerous reports of tree cutting, trail damage and ATV use.

"It is not a small issue, I have discovered," he said.

Warriner has launched a call to action. He wants to see a change in public consciousness and a shift in prevailing attitudes about the tree-trimming predicament.

"This is not a personal or a private issue. I have been affected, but, for me it is not really about specific persons; the issue is really about the kind of entitled, disrespectful, anti community ideas and thinking that have given rise to this kind of selfish behaviour," he said in an email. "If we can raise consciousness, change ideas and all play by kinder, more respectful social norms, I am all for that."

Warriner suggests all islanders will be better off when the predilection for uninterrupted views makes way for neighbours who care for one another and take steps to live in a community based on sharing.

"We will all be happier for it," he said.

NEWS BRIEFS

More student honours

A second member of the Phoenix Elementary School community learned last week that she was a prize winner with the Vancouver Island Short Fiction Contest.

Isabela Martin won third

place in the junior category for writers ages 12 and under for her story *That Rooster*. Martin is a home learner who participates in the Learning Design Program at Phoenix.

The short fiction contest is an annual event co-sponsored by the Nanaimo Arts Council, the Vancouver Island University Department of Creative

Writing and Journalism and the Vancouver Island Regional Library, and is open to writers on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

This year's judge, poet and novelist Robert Hilles, is also a Salt Spring resident. The Governor General's Award-winner teaches at Vancouver Island University.

Donate books

People who have been holding onto books and waiting for Giant Book Sale donation time will soon be relieved of their burdens.

Collection bins should be back in Salt Spring's three financial institutions next week, and a special drop-

off day will also be held on Wednesday, May 13 in the Country Grocer parking lot from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

As always, people are asked not to contribute books that are in poor condition or mouldy, textbooks, Readers' Digest, National Geographic publications or magazines.

The Giant Book Sale, a fun-

draiser for Salt Spring Literacy, runs this year from Friday to Sunday, Nov. 20-22 at the Farmers' Institute.

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NSSWD

St. Mary weir listed as water district's top priority

NSSWD anticipates another dry summer

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

North Salt Spring Waterworks District board members have prioritized upgrades to a weir at St. Mary Lake, yet questions persist about whether the move will be enough to revoke a moratorium on new water connections.

Speaking at the NSSWD's AGM last week, chair Marshall Heinekey said raising the level of the weir near

the lake's outflow on Duck Creek by 30 centimetres will enable the district to meet current water commitments to ratepayers.

"Beyond that we don't know," Heinekey told the eight members of the public attending the April 28 meeting at the Community Gospel Chapel.

Further conservation measures are needed before the moratorium on new connections within the island's largest water district can be lifted, he added.

NSSWD board members imposed the moratorium in 2014 based on

supply concerns aggravated by dry conditions over the past two summers. Rainfall is reported to have been below average in four of the past seven years.

"The prolonged drought [in 2014] caused lake levels to fall well below average last summer," Heinekey said. "The rains came just in time and emphasized to us how critical it is to raise the weir. With the dry season having started early this year, we expect to face a similar supply challenge again this summer."

The NSSWD board has begun preliminary work on the weir

project but needs consent from approximately 80 lakeside property owners, whose properties may be affected by the move, before construction can start.

"There's a lot of work to be done," said NSSWD officer manager Anne Williams.

Ron Stepaniuk, the NSSWD's general manager, said raising the weir above 41 metres as a way to increase the lake's capacity is not an option.

"Forty-one [metres] is what the environment will sustainably do," he said at last week's meeting.

Heinekey said NSSWD board and staff will have a clearer picture about the extent of conservation measures when water supply studies on Maxwell and St. Mary lakes are complete. The reports are expected to be released before the end of May.

In other NSSWD AGM news, Jeff Thompson and Les Howell were elected to serve on the board for another three-year term by acclamation. A motion from the floor to raise trustee remuneration from \$75 to \$100 per month and the chair's monthly stipend from \$100 to \$150 was approved.

FERRIES

Foot passenger reservations piloted

Service available from Tsawwassen to Gulf Islands

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

BC Ferries has launched a pilot project that allows foot passengers travelling from Tsawwassen to Salt Spring and the southern Gulf Islands to book their tickets in advance.

"BC Ferries has heard from walk-on passengers of this route that they would like the option of making a reservation during particularly busy summer sailings," Corrine Storey, BC Ferries' vice president of customer services, said in a news statement. "Therefore, we have developed this pilot reservation offer to help provide assurance to those customers who

have a need to take a specific sailing."

"It's a trial run to see what happens," said Harold Swierenga, who chairs Salt Spring's ferry advisory committee. "They will evaluate it and see where it goes — but everything will change anyway with the new ferries."

BC Ferries is currently taking public input Gulf Islands route scheduling in preparation for an overhaul when two new ferries go into action starting in 2017.

Communications director Deborah Marshall said that foot passenger reservations could be rolled into the program if they prove successful.

Need for the service has been mainly felt on Friday evening and Saturday morning sailings during the summer. The pilot pro-

gram that started on Friday, May 1 and continues to Sept. 7 will guarantee boarding on a sailing to Salt Spring, Galiano, Saturna, Pender or Mayne islands at no extra cost for a portion of allocated spaces.

Reserving passengers must book at least two hours before their sailing and check in at least 40 minutes before the scheduled departure. There will still be walk-on passenger spots available for customers who wish to purchase a ticket at the terminal prior to sailing time.

Christian Nally, who runs the community website Active Galiano, was at the forefront of Gulf Islands-based protest when Translink changed bus connections with the Tsawwassen terminal in 2013. He is also a participant in a southern Gulf Islands initiative to

promote inter-island travel and communication.

In Nally's opinion, "Foot passenger reservations are a good thing for residents because they usually have their act together before the majority of visitors."

But, he added, "The fact that the system is necessary shows that the ferry system itself is a choke point on our economy."

"Each summer there are a handful of days . . . when foot passenger sailings are 'sold out,'" he said.

"For the main route, this isn't so huge a deal because there's usually a sailing an hour later. But for the Gulf Islands, the next sailing is most often 12-ish hours later, which really messes with your experience of a given weekend, so much so that you might tell your story and not bother planning to visit again."

Advertising Deadlines Change

Please note that the Gulf Islands Driftwood office will be closed on Monday, May 18 - Victoria Day and will reopen for usual business hours on Tuesday, May 19.

Deadlines for the Gulf Islands Driftwood Wednesday May 20 edition will be as follows:

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INCORPORATION STUDY

Committee selection process begins

Neutral and open-minded applicants wanted

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Involved, committed, interested and open minded is how Peter Grove summarizes the ideal applicants for a committee overseeing completion of the island's incorporation study.

Grove, fellow Local Trust Committee member George Grams and Salt Spring Capital Regional District director Wayne McIntyre have begun to accept applications from islanders keen to sit on the Salt Spring Incorporation Study Committee. Applications can be submitted until the middle of May.

"Applicants should represent a broad range of interests," Grove said. Committee members can expect to meet for several hours on a weekly basis while they select a consultant to undertake an incorporation study.

Commissioners will be responsible for creating a public engagement process to promote awareness about the study and its findings.

How and when that is accomplished, Grove said, is up to committee members rather than anyone at the CRD or Islands Trust.

"It will depend on the community," he said. "It's the community's committee."

The Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development has agreed to provide \$120,000 for the study. The project's deadline is March 31, 2016. The study and the committee's subsequent recommendation will be forwarded to the provincial government, which will decide if a referendum on incorporation is warranted.

"The purpose of the study is to provide the Salt Spring Island community with appropriate information to make an informed decision about whether or not to incorporate should the ministry order an incorporation referendum," according to the Salt Spring Incorporation Study

Committee's terms of reference.

The committee will comprise between 10 and 12 members. Grove, Grams and McIntyre will sit on the committee as non-voting members.

Grove emphasized the importance of finding commissioners who are neutral and balanced.

"We want people who are committed to the island, who have been involved in the community, and who are interested in island governance," he said. "Learning to keep an open mind is what's important."

Applicants can mail or submit a copy of their resume and a letter that explains what they hope to contribute to the committee to the PARC/CRD office at 145 Vesuvius Bay Rd., V8K1K3. Applications can also be emailed to any of the following: ggrams@islandstrust.bc.ca, pgrrove@islandstrust.bc.ca or directorsi@crd.bc.ca.

Committee meetings will be open to the public. More information about the incorporation study is available at ssgovernance.word-press.com.

TRANSPORTATION

Cycling infrastructure funding application deferred

Ganges bus fares also under discussion

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The North Ganges Transportation Plan could stand to benefit from new provincial money dedicated to improving cycling infrastructure, if concrete plans can be ready in time for the next funding cycle in 2016.

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is committing \$18 million over the next three years to expand and build cycling lanes, trails and paths as part of B.C. on the Move, the province's new 10-year transportation plan.

Island Pathways president Brenda Guiled made a delegation to the Salt Spring Transportation Commission on Monday afternoon with a proposal to help the commission apply for the funding. As she explained, the grant program was announced on March 27 and applications

for the first round are due May 15. Guiled suggested applying to create cycling lanes on each side of Lower Ganges Road between Upper Ganges and Rainbow roads, using the 2010 concept by J.E. Anderson and Associates.

Noting that Transportation Minister Todd Stone had stated during an interview that communities showing "the most support and the most spirit" for cycling plans would receive the funding, Guiled offered to run a community postcard campaign and help with the application itself.

Commissioners decided the window was far too short to submit an application, given that plans for the upcoming phase of the NGTP on Rainbow Road have yet to be finalized, while work on the "connector" portion on Lower Ganges Road hasn't begun.

"Personally, I would not be ready today to say I have studied this sufficiently to be able to vote," said commissioner Nigel Denyer, who pointed out the group normally takes action on delegations at the

meeting after presentations are made.

"I think in principle we're all in favour of getting as much money as we can as quickly as we can," said Capital Regional District director Wayne McIntyre, but he voiced concern about project readiness.

Acting commission chair Ross Simpson spoke strongly against submitting an application at this time, stating the credibility of the commission was at stake since cost estimates could end up being several hundred per cent out of line. As well, he stated the Anderson drawings for Lower Ganges Road were never finished and don't represent what the community actually wants.

Gregg Dow added that with such a short deadline, the ministry probably had ready-to-go projects chosen to fund for the first year.

Commissioners agreed with Karla Campbell, senior CRD manager for Salt Spring, who suggested waiting a year and applying for funds during the second round.

Wayfinding project complete

Another delegation from Partners Creating Pathways members Donald McLennan and Jean Gelwicks concerned the successful conclusion of a cycling wayfinding project, which is adding signage to island roads and maps to the ferry terminals with help from a CRD Active Transportation grant. McLennan said the project came a little under the \$8,571 available, with about 150 volunteers hours spent so far contributing an estimated value of \$4,310.

"CRD Active Transportation should be delighted. It's amazing what you can accomplish with volunteers," said Denyer.

"It's a wonderful project. It's a win-win for all road users," Simpson added.

Bus service questions

A third delegation from Salt Spring resident Jenny McClean was related to Salt Spring's transit service. McClean noted a

large bus overload that left around 15 passengers behind at Fulford terminal on a recent Saturday, and asked commissioners to put less focus on pathways and more on improving the transit system.

Commissioners noted that larger buses coming to the island will hopefully help with the problem.

The transit system also informed part of the discussion during the regular business meeting, as a recent transit review found the route serving Ganges village is underused and subsequently has a high cost per trip. Denyer also pointed to correspondence from the South Salt Spring Seniors, who have suggested implementing a "hop on, hop off" service that would allow fares to be good for a certain time period, rather than one trip.

The matter was deferred until the May 25 meeting, when a BC Transit representative will be in attendance.

Ganges parking change

In other news, commissioners discussed the issue of parking outside the former Shell station, where cars parked against the fence are forcing pedestrians into traffic on McPhillips Avenue.

Campbell reported meeting with MoTI staff on site last week, with the result that new lines will be painted and "no parking" signs installed. The ministry did not agree to install barriers or curbs since it does not recognize parking under its mandate. As well, Campbell, said, access to the site must be available for the property owners, emergency vehicles and site remediation testing.

Denyer asked Campbell to go back to the ministry and ask them to deal with McPhillips Avenue and Fulford-Ganges Road separately. She invited Denyer to attend the next meeting with her.

FOOD PRODUCTION

Abattoir society charts successes

Gains in productivity made last year

Recognition of continuing success and ideas for better results to come were outlined during the Salt Spring Abattoir Society's third annual general meeting, which was held at the Farmers' Institute on Monday evening.

According to a report from the board of directors after the meeting, chair David Astill described the year's activities and the progress made, as well as listing what is needed for long-term success.

Treasurer Jean Brouard quantified the huge gains made in productivity and profitability thanks to the coaching that meat inspectors have provided to staff, and training funded by Salt Spring's Community Economic Development Commission.

It was also noted that the abattoir needs to have year-round work to be sustainable.

"Lamb and poultry are seasonal, leaving the early months of the year rather quiet. This is when beef and pork can fill the gap, and preparations for these larger animals are now under way," the board stated.

Local lamb production has increased, with the abattoir capable of slaughtering 25 to 30 animals a day without any increase in staffing. Staff recently attended a lamb carcass quality workshop to learn grading, which will give important information to producers.

There is also now capacity for 300 chickens or 100 turkeys per day.

"Meat chickens of new varieties keep appearing, and with a new more flexible booking system and the streamlining of prices, much

more local meat should soon be available," the society explained.

Financial support and political advocacy have come from the Salt Spring Agricultural Alliance, while volunteers have taken care of the website, online booking, maintenance supervision and all fundraising.

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OPINION



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EDITORIAL

A lake's limit

There's nothing quite like a potential lawsuit to kill a conversation.

Having spent weeks trying to determine the status of Viewpoint Enterprises' offer to take over the 800-acre Channel Ridge development project, news that the North Salt Spring Waterworks District faces the threat of legal action finally delivered a piece of the puzzle. Silence rarely means nothing is happening. NSSWD chair Marshall Heinekey made the announcement near the end of a four-page state-of-the-district address to eight people gathered for the district's April 28 annual general meeting at the Community Gospel Chapel.

Given the past year's effort to address water quality, approval to borrow up to \$8.4 million from ratepayers for a controversial water treatment plant and perennial concerns about parcel tax and

water fee increases, it's amazing that staff and board members on stage outnumbered the audience. Perhaps even more astonishing is learning that the water district's problems won't subside anytime soon.

THE ISSUE:

NSSWD moratorium

WE SAY:

Lawsuits won't save water supply

It's undeniable that the NSSWD implemented

its moratorium on new connections out of a sense of responsibility to its ratepayers. As the district works to guarantee supply for existing customers and tries to anticipate future demand, the moratorium is a safe and responsible course of action.

With a waiting list of developers lining up for connections and confusion about who is entitled to how much water, however, the district's precautionary approach is headed towards precarious new territory.

The prospect of court action, regardless of how strong the district believes its case might be, will ultimately distract attention and detract resources from any number of pressing water district priorities. We can only hope the NSSWD doesn't cave to the legal threat and rescind its moratorium out of fear rather than science.

At the end of the day, the matter will never get resolved in a court of law. Instead, the way forward will come by research that can identify how much water St. Mary and Maxwell lakes can supply to island residents in a climate that's become increasingly uncertain and unpredictable.



VIEWPOINT by Frants Attorp

Recasting Canada as a warrior nation

As Canadian warplanes start dropping bombs in Syria, one has to wonder who — if anyone — has been advising the prime minister on matters of foreign policy.

At first glance the battle appears well defined: the forces of freedom and democracy on one side and the barbaric Islamic state on the other. Upon closer examination, however, it becomes clear that the situation in Syria is, well, anything but clear.

The number of players in the conflict is mind-boggling. President Assad's murderous regime is battling not just opposition coalition forces who want democratic reforms but also Islamic extremists such as ISIS who want to establish a global caliphate under Sharia law. As the Free Army of Syria struggles to topple Assad, it has to simultaneously take on the extremists who are attracting recruits from throughout the Middle East and beyond.

Air strikes against ISIS have been undertaken by the United States and several Arab nations. Also in the fray are Hezbollah fighters from neighbouring Lebanon who support Assad, and the Kurds in northern Syria who are struggling for independence. And not to be forgotten is the centuries-old rivalry between Sunni and Shia Muslims.

But that's not the half of it, for behind the scenes are many other players who provide arms, funding and political support to the various factions. Russia, Iran and Iraq are backing Assad while Britain, France, Turkey and others are supporting the opposition. The extremists, meanwhile, generate revenue by selling seized assets and receive funding clandestinely from royals and other elites in the oil-rich Gulf states.

In a bizarre twist, Israel, which is officially neutral in the con-

flict, is reported to have aided Al-Qaeda affiliates, the very "terrorists" western leaders say they want to defeat. Indeed, very little is as it seems in the war-torn region where shifting alliances, hidden agendas, subterfuge and propaganda are the order of the day.

The conflict in Syria is a civil war, but also a sectarian war and, because of the number of external parties involved, a proxy war. And it is into this quagmire that Stephen Harper has dragged Canada as an active combatant.

It is delusional to think our involvement in this convoluted brawl will bring positive results. Aside from being largely ineffective, the illegal bombing campaign unavoidably aligns Canada with President Assad, a ruthless dictator who has tortured and killed thousands, deployed chemical weapons, and been cited by the United Nations for crimes against humanity.

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Rather than promote peace and stability in the Middle East, Harper's policies are likely to do the opposite. They will also create many new enemies for Canada, thereby increasing the chances of terrorist attacks on Canadian soil. Is it any wonder the government is rushing to implement its Secret Police Act (Bill C-51)?

Stephen Harper, who as opposition leader wanted Canada to join George Bush's disastrous war in Iraq, has now succeeded in recasting Canada as a warrior nation. Once again we are reminded that the most dangerous people are those who see the world in terms of black and white, good versus evil.

Frants Attorp is a writer who lives on Salt Spring Island.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

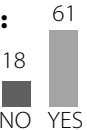
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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should Trust staff be relocated to the islands?



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ISLAND VOICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "It's like the wild west."

TOBY FOUKS, ON CUTTING OF TREES ON PUBLIC LAND

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: It's Youth Week! What makes growing up on Salt Spring so great?



JADEYN COVE
I just moved here but it's been easy to meet new people.



AIDEN JAMES
It's small enough to know everyone.



CAVAN RAWLINS
The Core Inn is great. It's got cheap food prices.



MAREK MUNROE
It's nice that it's a smaller community.



TINA BASARAB
A strong sense of community; everyone is together.

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**

Clean-up day Story to tell

Earth Day is every day for many of us — just ask the recycling depot.

May is named after Maia, one of the ancient Seven Sisters in Greek mythology, Maia means "grandmother," "mother," "nurse," "the great one" in Latin, aka Earth.

In this light, the Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee and Beddis and Cusheon Lake Area Residents Association would like to challenge everyone who loves this fair isle to get out sometime during the month of May and help clean a stretch of shoreline, forest or road. CLSC and BACARA will clean Cusheon Lake Road on Saturday, May 9 between 10 a.m. and noon. Tea and nummies will be shared at the public beach after we're done. Call 250-537-9299 for more details. **NOMI LYONNS, CUSHEON LAKE ROAD**

I read with interest the April 29 "Just asking" letter by Chris Dixon about re-naming Moutat Park. In fact, the injustice done to the Japanese was particularly bad on Salt Spring Island.

Mayne Island and Pender were much kinder to community members who were unjustly imprisoned.

The Japanese fought for Canada in the First World War and there were more Japanese students than Caucasian when my grandfather, Jim Stevens, went to school at Central in the 1920s.

However, what can we do now? I think it would be significant if the group who is pushing so hard for the parking used by the two businesses on Rainbow Road would respect that area and allow the current use to remain. The

Murakamis' story of how they have lived on Rainbow Road for decades and returned to Salt Spring Island after being sent to the Interior and losing all their land has not been properly told.

Currently there is a lot of feeling to understand the past wrongs of allowing buildings on burial sites, but wrongs are still being done.

JENNY MCCLEAN, ATKINS ROAD

Look to Bowen

I am not an expert, but I did have a conversation with a woman from Bowen Island last fall about the incorporation of that island.

She suggested that people from Salt Spring talk to Bowen Island residents, many of whom are dissatisfied with the way things have turned out

there, especially having to pay more for services than they did before or cutting back on services.

I don't remember all the other reasons, but she said that incorporation has not been a positive thing for Bowen Island.

CORRIE HOPE FURST, ROLAND ROAD

New manager fails the test

Applying reflective tape is indeed a Band-aid solution for the serious problem of lack of road lines on Salt Spring Island. ("No lines and sinkhole continue to plague island drivers," April 22 Driftwood).

It's slightly better than doing nothing in my opinion. May I ask Brad Boyden [the new Ministry of Transportation area manager] if he has

ever driven the roads on Salt Spring Island at night? Scary. Perhaps his ministry needs to revisit its bench marks for the frequency of line painting on Salt Spring Island. Obviously the present time frames are not accurate or, more likely, the real answer is to increase the budget for this very important work.

The existing lines are badly faded and have been for a while. To expect to wait another year would be irresponsible and dangerous, considering the driving conditions of the extremely winding roads.

DAVID L. MERKE, KANGRO ROAD

Family album

This is the largest and most amazing "family album" I've ever seen. I'm talking of course about Tamar Griggs' photo show "Faces

of Salt Spring: A Celebration of Community" that was on display at ArtSpring until Tuesday.

In contrast to many other photo shows, her subjects — hundreds of them — take precedence over the compositions. They express themselves freely, drawn by Tamar's warm, open and welcoming personality.

I find the results overwhelmingly engaging and heartwarming. Walking into that show was like walking into a big party where practically every islander that I've ever known and some that are sadly gone (plus some I've not met yet) are very well represented. What a great community.

Thanks, Tamar!
URI COGAN, SALT SPRING

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AGING with GRACE: We need to talk

BY HELEN HINCHLIFF



HELEN HINCHLIFF

"Call a code!" his daughter shouted when Donald started convulsing. Immediately, medical staff came running.

It was about one in the afternoon on July 15, 1999, and we were waiting for the ambulance that would bring my late husband Donald back to Lady Minto from Victoria General Hospital. He'd been sent there for a CT scan to determine whether the stroke he'd experienced at 7:30 that morning had been ischemic (usually caused by a clot cutting blood flow to the brain) or hemorrhagic (usually caused by a burst aneurysm flooding blood into the brain). Every minute counts when someone is having a stroke, but a correct diagnosis must be made. Ischemic and hemorrhagic strokes require diametrically opposed treatments.

Donald was wheeled down to Emergency while still convulsing. Suddenly, he couldn't breathe, almost certainly because he had aspirated saliva. Emergency personnel induced a coma, intubated and suctioned him, and transferred him to Intensive Care. He didn't wake up for days.

The ICU doctor showed me the CT scan revealing a large, black area on the left side where much of his brain had died due to blocked blood flow. He asked whether we might wish to pull the plug, but family members were coming from a remote and distant location and I wanted to wait.

Donald awoke nine days later, and the doctor delivered the news: "He has the worst possible outcome. The right side of his body is completely paralyzed. He will be able to understand everything, but he will be unable to say anything."

That prognosis was tough to accept, so we rejected it. Three weeks later at the Vic General neurology ward, the neurologist announced, "Your husband is not a candidate for further rehabilitation and you will be unable to care for him at home. We are discharging him tomorrow into long-term care."

Very quickly, I came to grips with reality and inquired whether Lady Minto might have a long-term care bed; otherwise, he would have been assigned to the first bed avail-

able anywhere in greater Victoria or Saanich.

A few weeks ago, I learned that some 25 businesses and organizations on Salt Spring Island have installed automated external defibrillators. Everyone's hoping to save lives and many will have heard about the young man in Vancouver who collapsed recently in a 10K race and was revived with compressions and an AED.

But has anyone considered what can happen to seniors undergoing similar treatment? I've been asking people what they know about the use of AEDs. Almost no one has understood that when a person suddenly collapses, brain and organ damage due to loss of blood circulation are likely unless chest compressions are immediately administered at the rate of 100 per minute and at a depth of two inches (five centimetres) per compression. This is done for two minutes before administering defibrillation ("Why Proper Chest Compressions are so Important," www.aedchallenge.com and "Update on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency

Cardiovascular Care Guidelines," www.medscape.com).

Dr. David Davis, a family practitioner at Christian Hospital in St. Louis who has had 35 years' experience as an emergency room physician, says CPR is "violent." If you do it hard enough to induce circulation, "you're going to break ribs and maybe the sternum" of frail seniors. He commented, "If older people and their families knew what was involved, the manipulation, the tubes, the drugs, and the low chances for a good outcome, they'd opt for comfort care instead." (Paula Span, "More on CPR for the Elderly," New Old Age blog, New York Times, Aug. 10, 2012)

Span also describes in her "How Successful is CPR in Older Patients?" piece how Oakland County, Mich. kept track of outcomes for some 2,600 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests over a 4.5-year period. She points to a study that found fewer than 10 per cent were resuscitated and the older the patient, the less chance there was of success: 8.1 per cent of patients in their 60s, 7.1 per cent in their 70s, and 3.3 per cent in

their 80s survived to the point of discharge from acute care.

Statistics weren't available about what happened next, but it's my guess that many seniors would find themselves discharged directly into long-term care, resulting either from brain damage caused by inadequate CPR or from more CPR than their frail bones could handle.

It's also my guess that those favouring purchases of AEDs aren't thinking about how their own life might be saved; instead, they're likely imagining they'll be saving somebody else's life.

If we are the people whose lives they hope to save, I suggest we start thinking and talking about whether we want to experience two minutes worth of deep and rapid compressions. Once we've made up our minds, we need to let others know our wishes before somebody else starts calling codes and our outcome turns out to be ending our days in a nursing home.

Give it a try

Would you like to try biking on Salt Spring but you hesitate, possibly worried about safety or whether your fitness level is adequate? As John Rowlandson pointed out in his letter in last week's Driftwood, Bike to Work Week (the last week in May) is the ideal time to give it a try.

He's offering a course, sponsored by the Victoria Bike to Work Society, on May 23. Learn best practices for cyclists, get your bike checked over and enjoy a group pedal with this cycling skills course, conveniently scheduled just before Bike to Work Week. Registration information is on the "Salt Spring and other Gulf Islands" page of the biketowork.ca website or contact the instructor at jrowlandson@telus.net.

Of course a key aspect of cycling safety is driver courtesy and consideration, so thank

you to all drivers and cyclists who use the roads with caution, courtesy and respect.

JAN SLAKOV,
SALT SPRING

Donate iPods

It is hard for many of us to imagine the frustration experienced by people with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

I have watched my beloved aunt, once fluent in seven languages, have a thought . . . start to tell me . . . and get so lost trying to find the words that she just had to let it go . . . never able to complete her thought, dissolving in tears, or anger, or just shrugging her shoulders in defeat. It's no wonder we see so many people in nursing homes slumped over in their chairs day after day so unable to put together any words that make sense that they have given up trying.

Miraculously there is one thing that seems to transcend this indescribable isolation. Music. For some reason, these diseases don't destroy the part of the brain where music is stored until the very late stages. Some people with mild dementia respond very well to music therapy and even just listening to music helps them. But those who seem to us to be "completely out of it" often can't separate external noises from music in a room. It all jumbles together for them, so it's sometimes hard to know what they are getting.

But put on iPod headphones and all external auditory stimuli are blocked out. It is just the music going straight into the brain. A person's favourite music is determined, programmed into the iPod, the headphones go on, and suddenly . . . they come alive!

The wonderful documentary Alive Inside tells it all. One woman, who looks like she is

only in her 50s, was able to articulate it perfectly as she stretched out her arms and danced to the Beach Boys: "It can't get away from me!"

Now to put the spotlight on Salt Spring Island. Let's provide this simple yet profound release to Salt Spring Islanders.

Step one: collect iPods. Please donate your previously used iPods to this project. They must be clean and in good working condition.

Dale Schweighardt at Moby's has generously allowed us to have a donation box there — on or near the stage — where you can drop off your gently used iPods.

Look for the box covered with pictures from Alive Inside and drop in your iPods.

RACHEL JACOBSON,
SALT SPRING

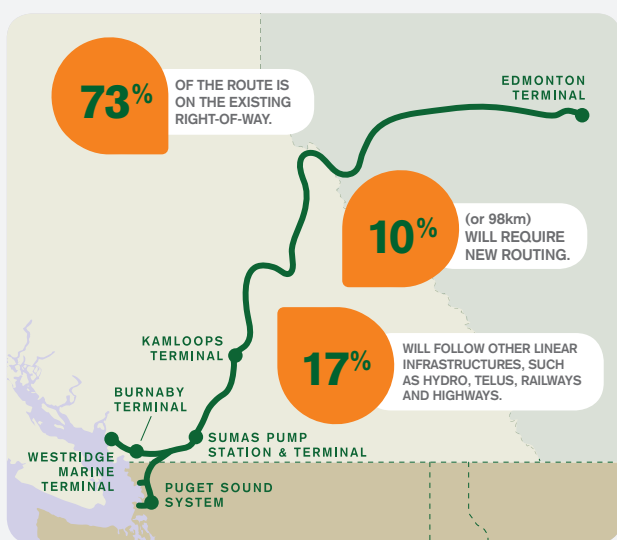
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MAJOR MUSCLE: August Milner and her mom Julia do their part in the log-sawing contest at Ruckle Heritage Farm Day on Sunday.

Congratulations to Tamar

The following letter was sent to Tamar Griggs and filed with the Driftwood for publication.

Your most wonderful contribution to our island community, Faces of Salt Spring, which was at ArtSpring from April 26 to May 5, was a huge success! So much so that I think tether wires may be needed, since you're flying so high, and it's no wonder, as you've accomplished an amazing feat!

Opening night had 300 happy people all trying to "find themselves," with many more avid lookers pouring in during the days that followed. Heartfelt appreciation is extended to you, your sponsors, hard-working assistants, and all others involved, for bringing it all together in such splendid way.

We look forward to an upcoming sequel, which will show your more recent digital photos, and hopefully, your photos, along with the biographies, will be preserved at the Salt Spring Archives for generations to come.

So, Salt Springers, if you see Tamar's magic lens pointed in

your direction, smile, because you may be in her next exhibit, showing even more faces of Salt Spring, and you can have the chance to go and "find yourself" again!

LOUISE NYE,
SALT SPRING

After 25 years, Jack's an islander

I've been told that as of today, May 6, I am a genuine Salt Spring Islander.

On May 6, 1990, my United Church minister friend Keith, driving a high van, and myself in the loaded pick-up truck arrived on Salt Spring, five days after leaving Ontario.

The wind was so incredible that I think it must have been one of the 10 windiest days in 25 years. We passed a pickupdays with its cab smashed in by a large tree.

When we arrived at my north-end property we found that the tenants' realtor Arvid Chalmers had found for me had not yet made a move to leave. The man left the move to his "harem," who then began to load a truck.

That May 6 was one memorable day.

JACK HALLAM,
SALT SPRING

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Earth Day gratitude expressed

BY NOMI LYONNS

Once again, with our community's help it was an honour to pull together Earth Day on Salt Spring Island this year — last minute though it was.

Much smaller than previously, and held mid-week, it was low key yet powerful. We lacked time, a budget and an official organizer, but we did what Dorothy Cutting would do . . . just what we could.

We're very grateful to all who pitched in, performed, shared skills, knowledge, art, love and connected to inspire each other to celebrate, honour and protect our collective home in active and creative ways — thank you!

Merci beaucoup: Chamber of Commerce and Janet Clouston, James Cowan and Ky Fox, SIMS teachers and staff (Lee Sigmund, Keiko Taylor, Tiffany Wightman), Country Grocer, Karen Hudson and the Salt Spring library, Tim and John at TJ Beans, Dave Vollrath, Celeste Mallett Jason, Jaya Genevieve Levesque, Kim Tebutt, Sheila Sayer, Jim Spence, Jan Slavok, Wesley Hardisty, Harry Warner, Ashton and Rama Cheromaya of Sweetwater Revolver and Gaia Soul Sisters Song Circle: Melanie, Bonnie Jeanne, Carolyn, Sivalla, Jo, Christin, Jane, Theana, Xiamara, Mara and Zora, Jayda Cullis, Nataya Smith-Valdivielso, Lexi Wesley-Plambeck.

Muchos gracias as well to Eric Gordon, Sam and Samba Du Soleil, Sam and Elizabeth FitzZaland, Sean Hogan and SPCA, Eric Beamish, Wayne McIntyre, Peter Grove, Debra Hartung (aka Gary Holman), Transition Salt Spring, Green Party of Canada, Green City Builders, Dennis Lucarelli, Jon Healy, Jim Standen, Andrew Haigh, Jo Logan, Salt Spring Wok Bar, Sivalla Lin Marcotte, Apple

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And, gratitude to artists, authors, filmmakers, organizers, orca story tellers, sound engineers and Corky freedom fighters Susan and Ron Gordon for their beautiful and emotionally stirring "Conversations with the Wrong Listeners." Many people say it was the best Earth Day ever, because they felt it! Others did have questions. So to address that and give an update, we wanted to share a few words from Susan and Ron:

"The idea was to recreate the feelings the whales, in particular Corky, experience as they are so crudely captured and snatched away from their family."

SUSAN & RON GORDON
Creators of Conversations with the Wrong Listeners

"The piece with the orca calls — 'Conversations' — was an experimental interactive performance in spatial sound, and meant to be slightly confusing to the listeners and participants.

Humans were drawn into the long-distance communication capabilities of the orcas — albeit with our much more limited abilities — and encouraged to figure out when to respond, and when to remain silent.

"The composer was quite pleased that people seemed confounded. The idea was to recreate the feelings the whales, in particular Corky, experience as they are so crudely captured and snatched away from their family.

"The chain of events occurring prior — Christine Caruso (Seattle kindergarten teacher) sharing the Corky Freedom Banner just before Earth Day, and composer Ron Gordon reconnecting with colleague and friend Dr. Paul Spong (a leading orca research scientist) was uplifting and synchronistic but the follow up will be remarkable. Together they will consult, via talented animal communicator Chiara Mirapodi, to ask Corky her wishes regarding a release back to her family here in B.C. If appropriate the group will resume the push to get Corky her freedom."

Exciting! So stay tuned for more on that story in the Driftwood. On that note, thank you and congratulations to award-winning journalists Gail, Elizabeth and Sean from this paper for your ongoing support and dissemination of information on all the extraordinary things we get to do and be here on this magical island.

Finally, huge gratitude to all who didn't get to the park but who honour the Earth, in large and small ways, in whatever way speaks to you. We're all in this together.

The writer is one of the organizers of Earth Day on Salt Spring.

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CHAIR YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
SONGJAM runs at Moby's Pub beginning at 7:30 p.m.
SSI ROTARY CLUB meets each Wednesday for a deliciously prepared lunch with community focused speakers and presentations at the Harbour House Hotel from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.
SWING DANCE at Salt Spring Elementary School gym, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. East-Coast, West-Coast, and Lindy Hop. Everyone welcome. For more info call Larry Nelson or Wendy Hartnett at 250-537-4118.
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (With beginners' classes from 6:30 to 8 p.m.) Info: David, 250-537-1871.
YOGA LEVEL 1 with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio, 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
YOGA WITH CATE at the Southend Grooveyard, 128 Holmes Rd. 5 to 6:15 p.m.
YOGA with Dorothy Price. At The Gatehouse at Stowell Lake Farm, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
ZEN MEDITATION at 210 Cedar Lane at 7 p.m. Call 250-653-2411 for details. Newcomers always welcome.

THURSDAY

BOOK CLUB meets on the second Thursday at Salt Spring Seniors in the lounge at 1:30 p.m.
BRIDGE runs at Salt Spring Seniors on the first and third Thursdays at 12:45 p.m.
LIBRARY BOOK CLUB open to all meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at the library, 1 to 3 p.m.
TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION — Group meditations for all who have learned TM. Last Thursday of each month 7:30 p.m. Call 778-353-3014 for address and more information. Free introductory lectures by appointment.

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AL-ANON for friends and families of alcoholics meets at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church rear annex, 12 noon.
BADMINTON for ages 12 and up at the GISS gym. Drop-ins welcome. Must have own racket and non-marking gym shoes. 8 to 10 p.m. Info: Gail Temmel, 250-653-4613.
BELLYFIT class with Trina Aspinall at Ganges Yoga Studio, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
BOOMERFIT now in Ganges! Coed fitness class for the 50+. Join Trisha, CPT, at Meaden Hall from 8 to 9 a.m. Info: 250-653-4656; trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com
CHAKRA TONING with Deborah Stevenson at Still Point Yoga Studio, 3:30 to 5 p.m.
DANCE CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd. Expressive dance class suitable for dancers of all levels. Practice the art of mindful dancing at the same time as letting it all go. 5 to 6:30 p.m. Info/register: anna@bonesforever.com
DANCE TEMPLE at Beaver Point Hall from 7 to 9 p.m.
EVERYBODY MOVE — a morning aerobics fitness class with Catherine Bennett at Ganges Yoga Studio, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT CLASS with Alice Friedman at The Gatehouse, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Info: Alice Friedman, 250-653-4332, alice@saltspring.com.
MEN'S YOGA with Ken Katz at Still Point, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
VINYASA YOGA at the Nest hot yoga, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. PLUS HOT Hatha from 10 to 11 a.m. and from 5 to 6 p.m. Info: thenshotyoga@gmail.com
NIA at Fulford Hall Annex, 10 to 11 a.m. Info: Arleen, 250-653-9235. Call Donna at 250-653-9985 for fee info.
SALTY WHEELS SQUARE DANCE CLUB meets at 734 Upper Ganges Road, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Info: Marilynne, 250-537-5356.
SENIORS LUNCH runs at Salt Spring Seniors at 12 noon.
STAY AND PLAY DROP-IN for parents and caregivers and their children aged 0-6. Family Place, 12:30 to 3 p.m.
SUNRISE KUNDALINI YOGA with Jasleen MackKeigan at Ganges Yoga Studio, 7 to 8 a.m.
TAOIST TAI CHI for beginners at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Info: David, 250-537-1871.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL at the SIMS Gym, 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. All levels of play welcome; free fun and exercise. Wear indoor shoes.
YAMUNA BODY ROLLING with Bonnie at Ganges Yoga Studio, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
YANG YIN YOGA at The Nest hot yoga, 7 to 8:15 p.m. Info: thenshotyoga@gmail.com
YIN YOGA with Robert Prince at Still Point Yoga Studio, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at SS Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

every FRIDAY

AFRO-FUSION dance with Deanna Ziraldo at Ganges Yoga Studio, 3:30 to 5 p.m.
BOOMERFIT at Beaver Point Hall: Coed fitness class for the 50+. Don't lose quality of life, stay fit to stay active. Enjoy a variety of functional exercises designed for this age group. Join Trisha, CPT, every Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. Info: 250-653-4656 trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com
BRIDGE GAMES run at Salt Spring Seniors at 12:30 p.m.
COFFEE TIME for seniors is at Salt Spring Seniors at 10 a.m.
EVERYBODY STRETCH — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music with Catherine Bennett. Ganges Yoga Studio, 11 a.m. to 12 noon.
FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 10 to 11 a.m. Info/register: anna@bonesforever.com.

every FRIDAY

GAMES NIGHTS. Join Bryan Dubien for board games, Magic the Gathering, and more. All ages welcome. SS Library Program Room, 6 to 9 p.m.
MAH JONGG players gather at Salt Spring Seniors at 12:15 p.m.
MEAT DRAW at the Legion, 5 p.m.
MIXED LEVELS YOGA with Celeste at Ganges Yoga Studio, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
NOON FLOW YOGA at Ganges Yoga Studio, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
STAY AND PLAY DROP-IN for parents and caregivers and their children aged 0-6. Family Place, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
STORYTIME - ideal for kids aged 3 to 6 and their families, 10:30 a.m. NOTE new day and time.
SUNSET FLOW YOGA at Ganges Yoga Studio, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

every SATURDAY

DAD 'N' ME PANCAKE BREAKFAST at Family Place. For dads and kids aged 0 to 6. 8:30 to 10 a.m.
MEAT DRAW at the Legion, 5 p.m.
MIXED LEVELS YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
PICKLEBALL games at Salt Spring Elementary School gym, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info: Hafiz, 250-653-9579; hafizbjmij@shaw.ca.
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Open Taichi. Info: David, 250-537-1871
TODDLERTIME at the library for children under four and their families, 10:30 a.m. NOTE new day and time.
VINYASA YOGA at The Nest hot yoga, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Info: thenshotyoga@gmail.com
ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS with Lee Sigmund at Ganges Yoga Studio, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

SUNDAY

REIKI/ENERGY SHARE GROUP is on the last Sunday of each month at Ganges Yoga Studio, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

every SUNDAY

BADMINTON for ages 12 and up at the GISS gym. Drop-ins welcome. Must have own racket and non-marking gym shoes. 7 to 9 p.m. Info: Gail Temmel, 250-653-4613.
KUNDALINI YOGA with Jaya Levesque at Ganges Yoga Studio, 9:30 to 11 a.m.
PICKLEBALL at Fulford Hall, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: Hafiz, 250-653-9579; hafizbjmij@shaw.ca.
PLAY TEMPLE with Mitchell Soulfather at Ganges Yoga Studio, 1 to 3 p.m.
POKER at the Legion, 1 p.m.
TAI CHI CLASSES — For ongoing students, beginners and visitors with Osman Phillips at Cedar Lane Studio, 12:45 p.m. Info: 250-537-5667
UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP meets most Sundays, September through June, 10:30 a.m. at SS Seniors Centre, 379 Lower Ganges Rd. See www.saltspringunitarians.com for weekly program.

MONDAY

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC on the last Monday of each month at SS Seniors, 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
SSI FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT trustees hold their business meetings on the third Monday of each month at the Ganges Fire Hall, 7 p.m. Public welcome.
SSI PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION meets on the third Monday of each month at the SS Library Program Room, 4 to 6 p.m. Public welcome.
SSI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the SS Library Program Room, 4 to 6 p.m. Public welcome.

every MONDAY

BEGINNERS/LEVEL 1 YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
CHAIR YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
CHESS GROUP meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

every MONDAY

DANCE TEMPLE with the Dance Temple Collective. Ganges Yoga Studio, 7 to 9 p.m.
DROP-IN YOGA CLINIC: Back Care and Arthritis Pain with Celeste Mallett Jason. Ganges Yoga Studio, 4 to 5 p.m.
DUPLICATE BRIDGE meets every Monday at 6:45 p.m. at Salt Spring Seniors Services. Info: George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastorela@shaw.ca.
EVERYBODY STRETCH — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music with Catherine Bennett. Ganges Yoga Studio, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT CLASS with Alice Friedman at The Gatehouse, 190 Reynolds Rd., 9 to 10 a.m. Info: Alice Friedman, 250-653-4332, alice@saltspring.com.
KUNDALINI YOGA FOR BEGINNERS and others at North End Fitness, 1 to 2:10 p.m.
LEVEL 1 YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio, 11 a.m. to 12 noon.
LIFE DRAWING every Monday at the Core Inn (third floor), 1 to 3 p.m. Info: Jose Campbell, 250-537-1121. Drop-ins welcome.
MOKSHA-INSPIRED FLOW HOT YOGA at The Nest hot yoga, 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and Level 1 from noon to 1 p.m. (silently led practice) and from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Info: thenshotyoga@gmail.com

MOVEMENT INTELLIGENCE CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd. A mindful exercise program to improve posture and increase strength and agility, through dynamic movement and weight-bearing activity, 1 to 2 p.m. Info/register: anna@bonesforever.com
QI ONG with Neith at Still Point Yoga Studio, 5 to 6:15 p.m.

READERS' THEATRE meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
TAI CHI CLASSES — Chen Style with Osman Phillips at Cedar Lane Studio, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: 250-537-5667
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Beginner and continuing class. Info: David, 250-537-1871.

TOASTMASTERS public speaking group meets Mondays at the Catholic Church, lower room, 135 Drake Rd. 7 p.m. sharp.
THE CLINIC by OPT: Options for Sexual Health is open every Monday at the Core Inn 2nd floor, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 250-537-8786.
VIPASSANA MEDITATION with Nicola Bishop at Still Point Yoga Studio, 7 to 8:15 p.m.

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga, 4:30 to 6 p.m.
YOGA FOR HIPS AND SHOULDERS with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
YOGA ON THE WALL with Celeste or Jayne Lloyd-Jones at Ganges Yoga Studio, 4 to 5 p.m.
ZUMBA GOLD with Lee Sigmund at Still Point Yoga Studio, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY

MEN'S SOUND TEMPLE with Ananda meets the second Tuesday of each month at Still Point Yoga Studio, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
PROBUS GROUP for retired professionals/business people meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Meaden Hall at 10 a.m., with special guest speakers each time. Info: probus.ssi@gmail.com

every TUESDAY

ART GROUP meets at Salt Spring Seniors at 1 p.m.
BELLYFIT class with Trina Aspinall at Ganges Yoga Studio, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
CHAIR YOGA WITH CATE at the Fulford Hall Seniors Room, 2 to 3:15 p.m.
CHESS GROUP plays games at Salt Spring Seniors, 6:30 p.m.
EVERYBODY MOVE — a morning aerobics fitness class with Catherine Bennett at Ganges Yoga Studio from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

IYENGAR YOGA with Jayne Lloyd-Jones at Still Point Yoga Studio, 4:30 to 6 p.m.
KUNDALINI MOVING MEDITATION from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and **ECKHART TOLLE PRACTISING PRESENCE** from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Info: Amrita, 250-537-2799.
LOST CHORDS seniors choir practices at Salt Spring Seniors, 10:30 a.m.
MOKSHA-INSPIRED FLOW HOT YOGA at the Nest hot yoga, 5:30 to 7 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info: thenshotyoga@gmail.com

NIA has moved to the SSI United Church, downstairs, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Come discover the movement, music and magic of Nya, the original fusion/fitness program that offers the joy of dance, the power of martial arts, the flexibility and mindfulness of yoga and more. Info: Arleen, 250-653-9235.
PICKLEBALL at Fulford Hall, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
RESTORATIVE LUNTIME YOGA with Nomi at Gaiama Yoga, 12:10 to 1 p.m.

SS RESCUE & RESCUE - Learn ground survival, search and rescue techniques at the SAR Hall, 7 to 9 p.m. Or phone Chuck Hamilton, 250-537-6601.
SMARTSOMATICS classes with Nelly Kosteljak at North End Fitness from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-2056 or http://smartsomatics.shawwebpace.ca/

STAY AND PLAY DROP-IN for parents and caregivers and their children aged 0-6. Family Place, 12:30 to 3 p.m.
SUNRISE FLOW YOGA with Thea Wood at Ganges Yoga Studio, 7 to 8 a.m.
TAI CHI CLASSES — Yang Style with Osman Phillips at Cedar Lane Studio, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: 250-537-5667

TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: David, 250-537-1871.
TECH TUTORING with John at the SS Library. Register for sessions between 2 and 5 p.m.
UBUNTU sacred chants with Barb Slater. Still Point Yoga Studio, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

VINYASA FLOW at the Nest hot yoga, 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Info: thenshotyoga@gmail.com
YIN STYLE & RESTORATIVE YOGA with Dorothy Price at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga, 5 to 6 p.m.
YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE — Yin Style and Restorative, SS Centre of Yoga, 5 to 6 p.m.



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Special Guest Speaker Elizabeth May is an environmentalist, writer, activist, lawyer, and leader of the Green Party of Canada. She is a graduate of Dalhousie Law School and was admitted to the Bar in both Nova Scotia and Ontario. She first became known in the Canadian media in the mid-1970s through her leadership as a volunteer in the grassroots movement against aerial insecticide spraying proposed for forests near her home on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. Elizabeth was named an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2005. In November, 2010, Newsweek magazine named her "one of the world's most influential women." She is a mother and grandmother. Elizabeth makes her home in Sidney, British Columbia

ELIZABETH MAY

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YES, GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN!
TRADE SHOW AT MAHON HALL



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CELEBRATION TIME: A scene from last year's Women in Business trade show held at Mahon Hall. Driftwood staff, from left, Gail Sjuberg, Jennifer Lannan and Elena Dunn serve up goodies for guests.

DON'T MISS THE FUN!

The 11th annual Women in Business event will be taking place this coming Friday, May 8th, 4pm to 7 pm at Mahon Hall.

Special guest speaker MP Elizabeth May will talk about "Her Path to Success."

This great annual event brings together business leaders from across the island in a fun and social setting to share information, ideas and business resources to help women achieve their goals!

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to come and meet some of Salt Spring's finest entrepreneurs.

We will have tasty appetizers provided by Lou Ellis of Coco Loco, and get ready to enjoy an assortment of both savory and sweet delectables. Too many delicious items to mention but...we can tell you there will be cheesecake!

Advance tickets for the trade show are only \$3, available at both the Driftwood or Chamber offices, or \$5 at the door. Come join the fun, bid on our amazing auction items. Please bring the kids!

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Tema Dawn looks forward to seeing your future!



Tema Dawn will be at the 11th annual Women in Business event again this year at Mahon Hall. Dawn's professional experience includes many years as reader at Windflower Moon store where she developed an international clientele. She has extensive

experience in facilitating Women's Retreats and also works as an Intuitive Healer.

Dawn will be accepting donations for the 10 to 15-minute sessions at Mahon Hall.

"Readings are truly a way to gain insight on life

issues", says Dawn. She adds, "they're also fun!"

She is available for readings on Saturdays in town at Gaiama Yoga Academy at 250-537-2257.

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"I have been working with the elderly for over 33 years and I saw a need in the community for foot nursing care," said the local business woman, who was born on Salt Spring and married a fellow Islander.

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Executive Director Janet Clouston, who has been in the position since March of 2011, has been enthusiastic to work with hundreds

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One-man show transports Middle Earth to ArtSpring

Tolkienesque extravaganza

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The people and places of Salt Spring may often make the island feel akin to the meadows of the Shire or the elven stronghold of Rivendell, but the transformation from Gulf Island to Tolkien kingdom will truly be complete when Charlie Ross brings his One Man Lord of the Rings performance to ArtSpring Monday.

Ross' latest performance in a run that has seen him travel to four continents over the



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Charlie Ross in One Man Lord of the Rings.

past decade coincides with an all-out LOTR festival ahead of the show. Organizers prom-

ise prizes for most-inspiring LOTR-themed costumes and a magic photo booth. Partici-

pants can sate their hunger with freshly baked Hobbit cupcakes and quench their thirst with a sip or three of Barliman's Best.

Ross wrote the script for One Man LOTR soon after he graduated from the University of Victoria's theatre program. His first performance followed the last of the LOTR trilogy of movies directed by Peter Jackson in 2003. The movies were global blockbusters, rekindling imaginations of longtime fans and inspiring a new appreciation for writer J.R.R. Tolkien's classic adventure tales.

"It's funny to think that you

can be part of introducing people to that world so many years past the initial craze," Ross said.

Whereas parts of the movies have incited great controversy among faithful followers for veering from Tolkien's original work, Ross promises the evening won't descend into a critical analysis of the films' highlights and shortcomings.

"I don't try to linger on the things I don't necessarily agree with," he said.

A passion for the material, mixed with a desire to create and write a script of his own making, has enabled Ross to capitalize on the public's

yearning for all things Middle Earth. The Victoria resident has spent a decade fine tuning the one-hour show to offer audiences a highly theatrical and comical take on Tolkien's adventures and the stories' incessant struggle between good and evil. Over the course of an hour, Ross covers no fewer than 55 characters, including Gandalf, Gollum, Samwise Gamgee and dark lord Sauron.

The LOTR extravaganza begins at ArtSpring at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 11. Ross' one-hour show starts at 7:30.

Tickets are available through ArtSpring.

LITERARY EVENT

William Deverell shares book on tour

This Friday night at Salt Spring library

Prolific and award-winning author William Deverell is doing a Gulf Islands library hop with a reading from his new Arthur Beauchamp novel called Sing a Worried Song.

He will be at the Salt Spring Public Library on Friday, May 8 at 7 p.m.

Deverell has already visited the Galiano and Mayne libraries, and is at Pender's library this evening (May 6).

Deverell has written 16 novels, a true crime book, short stories, radio plays and screenplays, and his books have been translated into 10 languages and sold over one million copies worldwide.

"While known for his often humorous and satiric writing style, Deverell's books also focus on many themes that



WILLIAM DEVERELL

are of crucial interest to our islands, such as social justice issues, protection of our unique and fragile ecosystems, Aboriginal rights, and regional and federal politics," notes a press release. "Deverell enriches

public readings by sharing some of the 'stories behind the stories' and engages both readers and groups by talking about books and the creative writing process."

Born in Regina, Sask., Deverell put himself through law school by working as a journalist and subsequently served as legal counsel for over a thousand criminal cases. He is a founding director and former president of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association and served

as the chair of the Writers' Union of Canada. Deverell lives and writes on Pender Island and in Quepos, Costa Rica.

The current Gulf Islands tour is funded by the Canada Council for the Arts.

"The Southern Gulf Island libraries share common objectives with regard to promoting local and Canadian authors, supporting literacy and a love of reading amongst all ages and supporting both established and new Canadian writers. We also want to confirm that now, more than ever, public libraries are about bringing together people and books, and writers and readers."

As well, Roy Henry Vickers and Lucky Budd are holding a book launch event for Storyteller and Cloudwalker at the Salt Spring library tonight (May 6) at 6 p.m.

PERFORMING ARTS

Creative clan takes crowd funding route

Imaginelle: Alchemy on stage in June

An arts group that produced sold-out shows and an island buzz in its first two years is appealing to the community to support an ambitious new project.

Back by popular demand, the Imaginelle Collective is now working on a creation called Imaginelle: Alchemy. The show will feature live, original music, original dance, circus arts, poetry and comedy. Led by core collective members Naomi Jason, Suzanne Gay, Ananda Sinclair, Deanna Ziraldo, Robbyn Scott,

Lesley Smith, Tyler Carpenter and Tali Wendt, it will involve over 75 artists and community members ranging in age from seven to 70. Imaginelle runs at ArtSpring for two nights, June 26 and 27, and one matinee on June 28.

"Imaginelle shows focus on transformation and inclusivity, and provide a platform for the community to shine," explains a press release. "This year's show explores water and fire and aims to present an engaging reflection of the powerful beauty of both the destructive and creative forces of these polarities, while uncovering the subtle and elusive alchemical balance sus-

taining our world. In this process, we are beckoned to look deeply at our relationships with ourselves, each other and our planet — to simply love this courageous humanity and to respond with humble reverence to all things."

To date the Imaginelle Collective has been operating on a shoe-string budget provided by the Salt Spring Arts Council, Graffiti Theatre and Dance Temple Productions that only partly covered pre-production costs. This year the group seeks funding to cover some of the \$40,000 it actually costs to produce a show of this scale.

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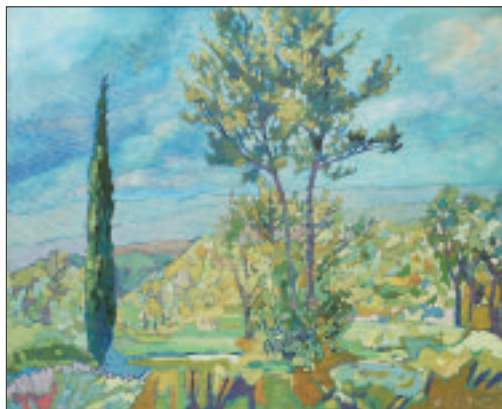
BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

There's plenty to enchant visitors at Duthie Gallery these days, as it ramps up for a splashy summer through a few new shoots this spring.

The success of the second annual Imprints show last month has inspired owners Celia Duthie and Nick Hunt to create a permanent exhibition in the gallery's small back room for the rest of the season. Local artist Richard York's woodblock prints can be found there alongside those by Vancouver master Richard Tetrault. Prints by Arnold Shrive, who is B.C.'s heir to the transcendentalists, can be found both on the wall and in a special folio edition by request. Mountain Journey is a beautiful collection on archival paper, with short poetic essays printed by letter-press interspersed with limited-edition artworks. These include and sometimes combine several printing techniques such as woodblock, lino and silkscreen methods.

The main gallery space this month features Heather Caldwell's exhibit of plein air paintings called Provence. Caldwell was born in Whitehorse, grew up in Alberta, graduated from Capilano University in North Vancouver and now makes her home in Victoria. She lived in the south of France for five years, and her series of oil-on-linen paintings pays testament to the region's light and romantic vistas.

Caldwell is aware that she is exploring clichéd subject matter, so her works intentionally reference the act of painting by keeping the linen support visible. Mossy green tones meld into areas of muted blue and mauve for her abstracted



From top, Brent Comber's Elemental Taiga, and Heather Caldwell's Jardin de Sabine, part of new artwork at Duthie Gallery this month.

lavender fields, with soft red daubs suggesting red poppies.

Hillsides and the long view across fields mean the green land takes up most of the frame, with the sky relegated to the top third or quarter of the scene in most cases. Caldwell's spring skies are full of action, though, with moisture-filled clouds providing as much grist for the paintbrush as leaf and tree.

Provençal Bouquet (I and II) are two versions of the same still life, a vibrant collection of herbs, berries and flowers in a vase, with the fruit-laden

branches taking up most of the frame. Taken singly, each of the two views is delightful. Viewed together, one sees how a difference in light makes all the difference in perception, with a bright lemony yellow-green background in one view and warm sunshine over aquamarine in the other.

Caldwell's series of charcoal on vellum drawings magically captures the importance of light with the simplest of strokes. The drawings of leafy olives sprigs have the elegant beauty of botanical studies, but are "conspicuously void of

candy box hues," as Caldwell notes in her artist's statement. The way light hits or misses the leaves is portrayed in the pattern of lighter and darker strokes, while the round, glossy fruit comes to life each time with one turn of the brush.

Several new additions to Duthie Gallery's sculpture garden speak of the summer to come, with the night gallery's opening scheduled in July. This spring's lovely weather should encourage daytime visitors as well, especially since the new pathway on Upper Ganges Road offers intriguing views into the space.

One of the latest additions is a metal dress sculpture by Bev Petow, who has combined her lifelong sewing practice with the design and machining techniques learned at her father's shop to create the perfect contradiction: airy and delicate-seeming sculptures of dresses created in welded, rusty metal.

International woodwork star Brent Comber has also made delivery of a new work, a massive double sculpture that will stun visitors who approach up a small rise. Two eight-by-eight-foot chunks of a giant Sitka spruce trunk form Elemental Taiga's imposing mass. With bulging but smoothed whorls and treatment in a black, tar-like stain, the pair speak of organic life swirling into existence in the depths of time. But standing upright as monuments, they also carry the gravity and mystery of the Easter Island moai or Olmec colossal heads. This is a piece that will invite much contemplation and discussion.

Duthie Gallery's hours for spring are Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment. The Provence exhibition runs to June 4.

FINE ART

Trio of artists at Gallery 8

Opening night on May 15

Gallery 8 in Grace Point Square opens the exhibition called Coast to Coast on Friday, May 15, teaming the paintings of Jade Boyd and Robert Potter with the sculpture of Janis Woodie.

"Robert Potter's oil paintings take us to the ragged and rugged shores of the Atlantic," says a press release from the gallery. "Terra Nova and Spring Ice are clear and cold enough that one can smell the sea, while Misty Port, with stacked lobster traps, provides a taste of the traditional. His depiction of the idyllic village in Trinity provides safe haven from the crashing surf."

Boyd has worked for the past year preparing for the show, creating big, bold and at the same time delicate acrylic paintings of the

shores of Galiano Island using her trademark layering technique to freeze-frame quintessential Gulf Islands vistas. The 80x28-inch painting Pothole in Paradise is just a bit of forest — until one looks closely. "Layer upon layer of carefully construed colour works to take us down a country road."

Woodie's metal sculptures repurpose everything from bicycle parts to steel wire.

"Woodie is able to use hard, cold material to construct pieces full of movement and warmth. Her signature element, anatomically perfect wire figurines, conveys the turbulence and tenderness of life's experiences."

An opening reception will be held on May 15 from 5 to 8 p.m., with the show running daily through June 8.

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FUNDRAISING

Fernwood school's Great Water Walk inspires action

Annual fundraiser marks 10th year

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Students, staff and parents from Fernwood Elementary School hauled cartons, jugs and plastic bottles filled with water more than a kilometre along North End Road Thursday as part of the school's annual Great Water Walk to support infrastructure projects in rural India.

"A water walk is where we walk from the school to St. Mary Lake to pick up water so we know what it feels like for kids who have to do this every single day," said Kai Stenstrom, a student at Fernwood elementary.

Once their containers are filled up, students walk single-file back to the school where their water is used to water the school's garden.

"We're going on the Great Water Walk to raise money to make a well so kids in India don't have to walk a really long way," added Kylie Lalonde-Fawcett, a student who hauled six litres of water from the lake to her schoolyard.

All classes from kindergarten to Grade 5, or about 125 children, participated in this year's walk. Kids raised

money by gathering pledges based on their commitment to carry a specific quantity of water between the lake and the school.

Since Fernwood school held its inaugural Great Water Walk in 2005, students have raised enough money to install wells in 20 villages in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh.

"That's about 2,500 people," said Robin Anderson, a retired Fernwood teacher who helps coordinate the event.

The work is undertaken by SOPAR, a Canadian non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of community development projects in rural India. Approximately 336 million people in India lack accessible drinking water sources, according to information on the group's website.

Thousands of students and school staff across Canada participate in water walks every year. The result has enabled SOPAR to provide water tanks, wells, water purification plants and toilets. Projects have benefited millions of rural residents.

Anderson said students have until May 7 to collect their pledges.

A video of the 2015 Fernwood school's Great Water Walk can be viewed at the Gulf Islands Driftwood's Facebook page.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Fernwood school students, staff and parents fill containers with St. Mary Lake water as part of the 10th Great Water Walk fundraiser.

PETS

Otto's loose canary caged by clever canine

Family dog facilitates bird rescue

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Henry Otto has achieved local fame for his way with birds over the past 20 years on Salt Spring, but it's a four-year-old resident of his Kangro Road property who recently proved avian savvy.

As someone who has closely studied canaries and sparrows — including a project to determine which bird is smarter — Otto has the drop

on almost anyone when it comes to bird behaviour. While he wasn't quick enough to close the door of his aviary last week, allowing one of the 20 canaries to escape, he did come up with a successful plan to lure it home.

"It was around the house much of the time and we wondered how to get the bird," Otto said. "We put a cage on a balcony with feed and hoped it would find it, and it did. It was once in a while feeding."

The question then became how to reach the balcony in time before the canary had a chance to escape. A few days ago, the bird was spotted in the cage once again and it was Otto's German

shepherd dog Sasha who saved the day.

"She went straight to the cage and I immediately thought all is lost," Otto said.

But instead of enjoying a tasty snack or scaring the bird away forever, Sasha put her nose into the door opening until her master could shoot the latch.

"It was really interesting how fast this dog was near the cage and put her nose in," Otto said.

"She really helped me put my canary in. It was really good luck and Sasha helped me get my canary."

Otto confirmed Sasha enjoyed a good treat for her endeavours.

PERSONAL GROWTH

True Expression Retreat returns to Salt Spring

Registration coming up for July event



PHOTO BY STASIA GARRAWAY

Poet, Zen teacher and writing instructor Peter Levitt

For the third summer in a row, island resident Peter Levitt will team up with yoga teachers, singers, dancers and visual artists for a peaceful and profound weeklong exploration of yoga, meditation and the arts at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga.

Levitt is an award-winning poet, author and translator, Zen teacher and writing workshop leader for more than 40 years.

The True Expression Retreat runs from July 19 to 26 with a registration deadline of May 16.

The retreat was the brainchild of Salt Spring singer Tara MacLean Grand, who approached Levitt in 2012 to ask if he would be willing to combine yoga, taught by top-notch professionals, with his decades of Zen meditation and teaching experience. She also hoped he

would bring in his other great love, which is helping others to learn how to express the deepest, often unspoken parts of their lives through his time-tested, inspiring writing exercises and other arts. Levitt replied, "I'd love to," and True Expression Retreat was born.

"The human heart and mind are boundless," Levitt said. "Each of us is capable of extraordinary expression, plus a feeling of peace and joy we may never quite have touched before. During this retreat, we will discover together — with no small amount of amazement and joy — just how to allow these natural human attributes to emerge in our lives."

In addition to experiencing Levitt's unique, inspiring and always fun writing exercises, and learning to meditate in a way that is perfect for absolute beginners and those experienced alike, participants will enjoy an array of sessions with experienced local artists in various disciplines and certified yoga teachers. Pilar Munoz will lead morning yoga, Naomi Jason will once again raise a ruckus with movement and dance and

Grand will bring her incredible voice to some of the morning yoga sessions. Past local guest leaders have included high-quality visual art teacher Lisa Lipsett of Creative By Nature. A new visual artist will join the faculty this year.

"The entire retreat is designed to help participants engage deeply with their truest selves in an environment that allows the spacious stillness of the meditative mind to bring authentic, joyous and creative expression to the fore," said Levitt. "Perhaps, this is one of the reasons people return each year. Plus," he smiled, "a little calm, creative dream time just for ourselves in such a serene environment has never hurt anyone."

Registration closes May 16, and participation is extremely limited. More details are at www.trueexpressionretreat.com.

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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Music & Munch.
Fiddler Wesley Hardisty is guest performer. All Saints Church. 12:10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

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

Salt Spring Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting.
Semi-annual public meeting with BC Ferries executives in attendance. Harbour House Hotel Orchard Room. 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Roy Henry Vickers & Lucky Budd Book Launch.
Introducing new work Storyteller and Cloudwalker. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 6 p.m.

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

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

The Real Deal On Essential Oils.
Learn more about the safety and efficacy of therapeutic grade essential oils. RSVP to essentialoilparlour@gmail.com. Salt Spring Island Wellness Centre. 8 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic with Ross and Dave.
Everyone welcome. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Unitarian Coffee Morning.
Meet with Amanda Turling for informal conversation on "The spiritual practice of the here and now," as follow-up to May 2 service. Meet at the Rock Salt Café at 11:45 a.m. and walk at 1 p.m.

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

Dance Temple.
Sacred dance ritual for those who want to explore their creativity in a safe space. Every Thursday at Beaver Point Community Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.

Buck-A-Burger Bar-B-Q.
Thrifty Foods sponsors wrap-up to youth week festivities with the third annual event. Core Inn. 4 to 6 p.m.

Youth Week at the Climbing Wall.
Youth will get free access to the Climbing Wall during regular opening hours, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Brent Shindell. Live music, plus free appies made by Dagwoods. The Local Pub. 5 to 8 p.m.

Friday Night Jazz Cafe. Classic jazz every Friday with Lloyd and Myles English and special guests. Fernwood Road Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

Brothers. Live rock band, with opening act Lover's Touch. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

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.

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.

Women in Business Trade Show. 11th annual event on Salt Spring Island, with island entrepreneurs sharing their products and services at a trade show at Mahon Hall. With special guest speaker MP Elizabeth May. Mahon Hall. 4 to 7 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.

William Deverell Book Launch. Award-winning Pender Island launches his new book Sing a Worried Song: An Arthur Beauchamp Novel. Salt Spring Library. 7 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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

Angry Hippies.
Live rock band. 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.

Toddler Time.
Stories, rhymes and more for kids three and under and their families. Salt Spring Library. 10:30 a.m.

Island Pathways Work Party.
Finishing touches on harbour pathway. Harbour's End Pathway Kiosk. 10 a.m. to noon.

Author Visit to West of the Moon.
Pender Island author Valentina Atton gives a reading from her Owl's Dream book at West of the Moon. 1 p.m.

Dispatches From a Northern Rainforest.
Join conservationist, photographer, and longtime Great Bear Rainforest resident Ian McAllister as he takes audiences on a deeply personal journey, from the headwaters of the region's unexplored river valleys down to the hidden depths of the offshore world. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Swing Shift Mother's Day Show.
Salt Spring's 17-member jazz band performs the best of big band and vocal jazz. Two sets beginning at 7:45 p.m. Minors accompanied by a parent are welcome in any part of the building until 9:30 for this event.

ACTIVITIES

Unitarian Fellowship.
Guest speaker Mike Bell considers "The Meaning of Earth Spirituality." Salt Spring Seniors Services Society. 10:30 a.m.

Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association Ride/Walk-a-thon.
Fundraising walk and ride starting from 1860 Fulford-Ganges Rd. 11 a.m. Info: Erika, ponsfoe@yahoo.com.

Why Photography.
Greg Klassen presents a free series of seminars on the art of photography. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 2 p.m.

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ACTIVITIES

Tech Tutoring With Conrad.
iPad, Tablet and eReader Tutoring with Conrad Koke. Salt Spring Island Public Library. Sessions every Monday at noon and 1 p.m.

One Man Lord of the Rings.
Hobbits, elves and dwarfs, and armies of men and Orcs converge on the ArtSpring stage in an epic performance. Come dressed as your favourite Lord of the Rings character and enjoy theme-inspired treats and ale before the show (from 6:30 p.m.) ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Tue. May 12

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Probus Meeting.
Guest speaker is island comedian and realtor Arvid Chalmers. Meaden Hall. 10 a.m. to noon.

Film Series: Grief Walker.
Second in a series of four films being shown on Tuesdays in May. NFB documentary filmed over a 12-year period presents a lyrical, poetic portrait of Stephen Jenkinson's work with dying people. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 7 p.m.

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ACTIVITIES

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

Giant Book Sale Drop-off Day.
First chance to donate books for SS Literacy's fundraising sale in November. Country Grocer Parking Lot. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Salt Spring Historical Society AGM & Program.
Annual general meeting, including election of officers, annual financial statement and other society business. Plus a program on Rev. Edward Francis Wilson, part II by Usha Rautenbach. Central Community Hall. 2 p.m.

Expressions of the Heart.
Book launch and concert with Shaeah Love & Theda Phoenix. Ram Spring Wellness Sanctuary. 7 p.m.

Wednesday Night Poker.
See last Wednesday's listing.

SongJam.
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CINEMA

• **Cinderella** — Cate Blanchett stars in Disney's new vision of Cinderella. Her stepmother and jealous stepsisters keep her enslaved and in rags, but her fairy godmother appears to make her dream of attending the royal ball come true. Cinderella enchants Prince Charming, but the spell wears off at midnight.

• **National Theatre Live's Treasure Island.** Robert Louis Stevenson's story of murder, money and mutiny is brought to life in a thrilling new stage adaptation. Jim opens the door to an old sailor with a sea-chest full of secrets. Inviting him in, her dangerous voyage begins. Thursday, May 28 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Advance tickets only at Salt Spring Books and the cinema.

EXHIBITIONS

• **Provence** — en plein air paintings by Heather Caldwell runs at Duthie Gallery until June 4. Gallery hours are Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment. • The End of Fishing, potter Gary Cherneff's first solo painting exhibition, is at KiZmit Galeria/Café through May. Open Thursdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.ish.

• **Ilse Leader** presents A Symphony of Colour, felted collages and wall hangings at Salt Spring Gallery through May 14.

• **Looking Up** is an exhibit of photography by Bill Underwood & artwork by Suzanne Prendergast showing in the ArtSpring lobby in the month of May.

- **Elehna de Sousa** shows photos in a series called Goa, India: Street Portraits and Vignettes at Fernwood Road Cafe until May 14. 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.
- **The Salt Spring Library Program Room** exhibit for May is Illuminate, an exhibition of work by illustrators Aidan Cassie and Allan Hancock.
- **Altered Book Art** is a unique exhibit by Andrea Spalding seen in the display case at the Salt Spring Library through May.
- **Doug Wahlsten** is showing photos of Fernwood Beach at Country Roasters Cafe during the month of May
- **Heidi Van Impe's** oil paintings are on display at Island Savings.
- **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.
- **Heidi Van Impe's** oil paintings are on display at Island Savings.

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AGRICULTURE

Farmers dig for inspiration in India

Workshop motivates sustainable harvest

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A mother and son farming team that recently got a taste of rural life in northern India has returned to Canada with a healthy store of inspiration and some valuable life lessons.

"The trip has definitely reinvigorated us," said Eland Bronstein. "It was reinvigorating to make us want to grow more food, to grow more soil and save more seed."

From their work at Duck Creek Farm in Vesuvius, Bronstein and his mother, Sue Earle, know a thing or two about organic, small-scale farming. They know all about the endless commitment, the narrow profit margins and ruthless competition in a highly industrialized food economy, but they also feel the pride associated with growing high-quality produce and prioritizing principles over profit.

For five days in February, the pair found themselves immersed in all things organic and sustainable during a workshop at Navdanya, a 45-acre farm and locus for sustainable farming practices approximately 200 kilometres north of New Delhi.

Vandana Shiva created the centre to promote organic growing among Indian farmers after a 1984 gas leak at a pesticide factory killed nearly 16,000 people in Bhopal. Navdanya has become a hub for Shiva's global movement to fight income disparity, defend farmers, promote crop diversity, fight genetically modified organisms and promote organic growing methods. Shiva, who attended university



From left, Eland Bronstein, Dr. Mira Shiva, Dr. Vandana Shiva and Sue Earle at Navdanya in India.

in southern Ontario, spends much time fighting the exceptionally high suicide rate among indebted Indian farmers.

With global reach and a tendency to tackle the biggest names in industrial agriculture, Shiva has attracted some controversy along the way. Opponents regularly question her credentials and absolute opposition to genetically modified crops. Critics awarded Shiva a Bullshit Award in 2002 due to her opposition to "modern agricultural technology," a position critics say impoverishes and jeopardizes the lives of rural people throughout the developing world. Shiva was reportedly honoured to have received the prize, cow dung being an important source of fuel and fertilizer in poor rural communities.

"The power of one woman just not shutting up about this

stuff and realizing how much one person can do over time is what was beautiful to see," Earle said.

Morning at Navdanya begins with a communal prayer, ceremonial offering and yoga. Students attend lectures on farming sustainability, food politics and ways to promote food resilience in their own communities. Courses are bookended with fresh, organic food and opportunities to work on the farm and participate in meal making or cleaning up.

Earle and Bronstein lived and learned with 30 workshop participants from around the world between the ages of 20 and 88. The students' interests included health, environment and agriculture.

Wherever farmers find themselves at work in the fields, bringing crisp radishes, rainbow chard and ruby red straw-

berries to market means backaches, uncertainty and early mornings. Earle said it's beneficial to look for inspiration and to recharge among like-minded folks in the offseason.

Earle, who started farming full-time at Duck Creek Farm with the late Johnny "Canuck" Wilcox in 2009, said the Navdanya experience has offered plenty of inspiration for the year ahead.

"I really appreciated seeing so many people showing up for a course like that. Ten years ago, nobody would have been here," Earle said. "It's good to see that it's catching on and that it's got some feet; it was very powerful."

Earle and Bronstein hope to share more details about their trip in coming months. For more information about the farm, upcoming events and work parties, visit www.duckcreek.ca.

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NATURE

Local butterflies caught in the spotlight

Two events with James Miskelly on May 15-16

An expert on Salt Spring Island butterflies is sharing everything he knows during a special presentation and nature walk next week.

Salt Spring Island Conservancy is pleased to host James Miskelly, research associate in entomology at the Royal BC Museum, on Friday, May 15 at 7 p.m. at Lions Hall and

then for a nature walk titled Let's Find Butterflies the following day at 10 a.m. at 265 Blackburn Rd.

According to a conservancy press release, surprisingly little historical information is available on the butterflies of Salt Spring.

But Miskelly has been observing the island's butterflies for more than 10 years and will provide an overview of their habitats, some of the more common species regularly seen here and the rarer species to watch out for.

Miskelly is a Saanich-based biologist with interests in insects, plants and restoration. He received his M.Sc. from the University of Victoria in 2004 after completing a project related to the habitat requirements of endangered butterflies. Miskelly's favourite pastimes are seeking out interesting and unusual plants and animals, and growing native plants.

He is also a member of the federal committee that advises government on the status of rare insects in Canada.

ISLAND HISTORY

Reverend's view of First Nations explored

Historical society also holds AGM next Wednesday at Central

On Wednesday, May 13 at Central Hall, Usha Rautenbach will give a presentation for the Salt Spring Historical Society based on her recent research into the life of Reverend E.F. Wilson.

The subject will be Wilson's dramatic midlife re-evaluation of past work with First Nations people, a profound insight gained long before he came to Salt Spring in 1894.


"Freed by anonymity, writing under the pseudonym 'Fair Play,' the Reverend Wilson expressed what he really felt and what he thought of others. It is startling, eye-opening really!" states a press release.

"Some 120 years later, with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearing from residential school survivors, it is riveting to hear a voice like his — especially considering the stance he'd held before, as founder of one of the first residential schools."

The society's short AGM will begin at 2 p.m., followed by Rautenbach's presentation.

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TIP OF THE WEEK:

Our world or, more specifically, modern civilization is taking a sharp turn. Many changes from new and pivotal advances in technology rising daily to new surveillance laws being introduced which present notions of protecting people yet which severally limit rights and freedoms, to changes made with very little public notice to national constitutions, to the legalization of marijuana in various states, to a global economic slowdown including mass layoffs produced by drastic changes in the price of oil, and the list goes on.... These are all synchronizing with powerful planetary alignments and sign positions. Uranus and Pluto in particular are both in Cardinal signs which indicate pioneering initiatives and new beginnings of all kinds. The fact that they have been forming a close and powerful square aspect over the past few years and will experience yet one more in January 2016 suggests that we are not through this powerful turn yet, not even close. The main challenge as ever is our capacity to adapt to these changes and the social realities that are undergoing the revolutionary changes that are synchronizing with them. This is where Astrology can help a lot. It provides an objective perspective woven with themes and timing that can prove very useful very navigating through these turbulent times and waters. On my website under Readings you can learn more about the many angles of perspective available.

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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20) Your ambitions have been running high and there is reason to say you are on a roll. Meanwhile other circumstances are emerging that require your time and attention as well. Sometimes we are challenged to set aside our own interests to assist others, above and beyond business as usual. This is likely to be one of those times and the scope and scale may be quite large.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21) A process of steadily forging ahead continues. In the bigger picture many deep, powerful and pervasive changes in your life are underway. Looking back, these began about 2.5 years ago and this process is not over yet. In the more immediate picture, diversifying your focus for the sake of security, financial, emotional and perhaps otherwise is a main focus.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21) A busy time tending to matters behind the scenes are keeping you busy. The tasks implied may require added measures of courage and emotional self-control. Fortunately, your focus stands to be clear and strong now supporting you to concentrate and tend to the details amidst diverse fronts. Working cooperatively with certain authorities is part of this plot.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22) Your sense of individuality is shining these days. It is revealing your beauty and you feel inspired to express your feelings. Yet, the simultaneous need to set aside certain personal feelings for the sake of being open to strategies you have not tried before is likely. This focus may well include learning new skills as well which requires a more objective perspective.

Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23) Getting seen, heard and generally recognized continues. This is an auspicious time for opening new lines of communication. To this end be sure to exercise full diplomacy for best results. Meanwhile, doing various sorts of inner work and clearing is also implied. This can be described as focusing to produce conscious and subconscious agreements.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22) Breaking habitual perception patterns is a key to your personal power now. This includes nurturing your sense of individuality. Focus to access hidden reserves of faith. Seeing a wider expanse of reality and perhaps a deeper one too is implied. Call it "thinking outside of your usual box". Doing so may require added measures of courage and concentration.

Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22) Clearing the old to make way for the new continues. In the process you may replace aspects of existing beliefs and perspectives. You may even produce alterations to your basic philosophy of life. These will influence your attitude towards important relationships. Meanwhile, you feel ambitious and are determined to add a few tools to leverage your employment opportunities.

Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21) Taking a deliberate approach to nurture budding relationships is in focus now. It remains important to exercise extra measures of temperance, not allowing an over enthusiastic attitude to lead you to come on too strong. Your perceptions should prove extra sharp these days affording some penetrating insights to use and share. Like handling a sharp knife, however, exercise extra care.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21) An important work focus has begun for you. The emphasis may be on your health or quality of lifestyle in general and not just your actual employment. To this end it may prove helpful to identify consumption habits that you like but which do not like you. In other words, do you have allergies, do you over indulge, do you drink enough water...? Quality in, quality out.

Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19) A creative, playful, sporting and perhaps even romantic cycle continues. Exchanges of rich emotion are likely, serving to embellish the mood. With your critical faculties running high, you may even be inspired to share profound and even poetic thoughts. Meanwhile returns for past efforts are rolling in revealing the quality of choices and efforts over the past few years.

Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19) A good deal of shifting and shaking close to home continues this week. Circumstances are pushing you to give more than usual. As your public outreach steadily expands you are challenged to meet the demand. There is added reason for you to feel optimistic causing any extra efforts required to feel easier. As well, you are in a creative and playful mood so are game for just about anything.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20) A busy time making plans and executing the initiatives to set them in motion continues. You may also feel ambitious to attend to a diverse array of activities. Fortunately, your energy levels are running pretty high. Pressures to adapt to changes in your public and professional life may be the source of stress and uncertainty. Balance paying extra attention to the details with trusting the flow.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

ENTHUSIASTIC AUTHORS: Salt Spring authors, from left, Kathy Page, Margriet Ruurs, Nathaniel Poole, Arthur Black, Phyllis Smallman, Gillian Campbell and Kim Thompson point to a birthday cake for Salt Spring Books, marking the business' 15th anniversary and celebrating the Canada-wide Authors for Indies Day at the same time. Black apparently couldn't wait for the cake to be cut before having a taste of the icing at Saturday's gathering, which featured activities designed to let authors express their love for independent bookstores.

ECOLOGY

BC Nature delegates welcomed

Huge conference unfolds on Salt Spring

BY NIEKE VISSER
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club is hosting the 2015 BC Nature Conference and AGM this week from May 7 to 10.

The club is a local group with a 41-year history of providing recreation, education, protection of nature, development and maintenance of trails, and supporting wildlife protection initiatives. Currently the club has 150 members.

The Trail and Nature Club has been a member of the Federation of BC Naturalists (BC Nature for short) for over 25 years. Presently BC Nature unites 52 federated naturalist clubs from all corners of the province providing a unified voice for the conservation, protection and education of all aspects of nature. Each year one of these clubs organizes BC Nature's annual general meeting.

In addition, the organizing club creates a conference around the AGM providing a meeting place for members from across the province to share experiences in a context of regionally based lectures and excursions to showcase the local environment. Both BC Nature and the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club are completely run by volunteers.

Preparations for this event started in January 2014 when the organizing committee of nine SSTNC members met for the first time: Deborah Miller, Andrea Rankin, Sheryl Taylor-Munro, Ashley Hilliard, Gary Adams, David Denning, Barry Spence, Peter McAllister and Nieke Visser. We lacked the support of a convention centre where BC Nature conferences are held traditionally, but that did not deter

us. Sixteen months later and after many, many hours of working together while dodging curveballs from time to time, we are proud to present this event.

To stage this conference we rented all of ArtSpring for three days, as well as the library's program room for board and executive meetings, workshops and committee meetings. BC Nature awards to individuals for outstanding community and nature-related service will be presented at a Saturday night banquet at Harbour House.

Sixteen months later and after many, many hours of working together while dodging curveballs from time to time, we are proud to present this event.

The conference's theme is Living by the Salish Sea, Protecting its Ecoregion. The May 7 pre-conference program offers attendees workshops in geology, nature photography and the Salt Spring Conservancy's award-winning Stewards in Training program for school children, excursions to Pender, Mayne or Galiano islands, and an evening performance by Salt Spring's Only Planet Cabaret.

On Friday morning, May 8, the conference offers presentations on marine, intertidal and coastal topics as well as talks on ornithology (birds), entomology (bugs), botany (blossoms) and local fauna (bucks and bambis). Afternoon field trips

on Friday and Saturday will introduce delegates to many beautiful and interesting corners of our island and to Salish Sea's marine wildlife. The highlights of the conference are keynote speakers Ian McAllister of Pacific Wild; Ramona de Graaf, executive director of the Sea Watch Society; Anne Murray, one of the driving forces of the now completed B.C. Breeding Bird Atlas Project; and last but not least our own David Denning, indefatigable cinematographer and spokesperson for the Salish intertidal zone.

Ian McAllister agreed to repeat his show on Saturday night for the community, especially inviting families with children. Government representatives on all three levels (Wayne McIntyre, Gary Holman and Elizabeth May) are also making their presence felt at the event.

On Saturday morning, BC Nature will hold its AGM and Sunday is dedicated to "farewell outings" around all three ferry routes. Visit our website: www.saltspringtnc.ca/BCNature.php for more information.

We expect a total attendance of about 230 full or part-time registrants. We recruited many volunteers to make up for the professionals provided by convention centres. The business community came on board as well and supported us generously. Many local accommodations were eager to contribute by reducing their rates for conference participants. Other businesses reduced their charges to us or donated items and services. To top it off, a generous "grant-in-aid" was received from the CRD.

We are very appreciative of their support and all others who contributed to make this event a success.

The writer is president of the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club.

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Joan Calderhead
May 7, 1920 - April 16, 2015

Joan Calderhead (nee Costello) died in Vancouver on April 16, 2015, aged 94. She was predeceased by her husband Gordon and daughter Veronica, and survived by 7 children, Peter (Pam), Elizabeth (John), Paul (Meiling), Vincent (Claire), Stephen (Joyce), Dan (Jocelyn), and Joan (Peter), and 15 grandchildren. She began life on May 7, 1920, in Vancouver and was raised during periods of prosperity, the Great Depression and war. The latter two shaped her values, resulting in a strong sense of compassion; "They're a person, dam it!" she'd remind her children if she overheard them make a demeaning comment. Joan obtained a social work degree at UBC and a master's from McGill. Joan embraced people from all walks of life, took an interest in their lives, and had the ability to make them feel welcome. She loved nature and other cultures.

After her marriage to Gordon in 1946, the young couple left BC for secure employment in Nobel, Ontario. From there, Joan and Gordon relocated to Québec in the winter of 1955 and found themselves in the midst of Duplessis' Québec. These two young, anglophone professionals experienced a kind of culture shock as they immersed themselves in pre-Quiet Revolution Québec, a place where schooling, lifestyle and even the Catholic Church itself bore little resemblance to Joan's home parish of St. Augustine's in Kitsilano. But thrive they did. Joan bore 5 more children, all of whom attended some level of French language education. When Joan and Gordon left Mont St. Hilaire in the fall of 1985 to return to BC, it was with extremely heavy hearts. Joan simply loved Québec.

Joan and Gordon retired to Salt Spring Island, BC, where they made many new friends, while maintaining warm ties with old ones from Québec. Joan and Gordon's children and grandchildren were frequent visitors who grew to share their love of the Island. In Ganges, Joan regularly volunteered as a driver and also did hospice work. She continued to rise early, often being one of the first through the door at Thrifty's to get provisions for the day.

Later in life, Joan returned to her roots in Vancouver, where, at the very end, she found herself as a neighbour of her older cousin, Carmelita O'Hagan.

Joan's enduring gift to this world is her children, who manage, in their own ways, to carry on the values of caring for those in need, enjoying nature, and throwing a good party. When her kids, regardless of their age, sought her advice on questions, both mundane and profound, they'd often receive a reply which, while learned at UBC, felt liberating coming from Joan: "Tuum est" ('It's up to you').

There will be a memorial celebration of Joan's life on Saturday, July 11, at 5 pm at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church on Salt Spring Island, BC.

Geraldine Alexander
May 7, 1927 - April 26, 2015

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Jerry Alexander. She was pre-deceased by her husband Gordon and their daughter Laurie. Jerry will be lovingly remembered by her Son, Bob (Shiela), and grandchildren Jennifer, Nicole, Leanne, Lori, her Daughter Cathy (Trevor) Olson, and grandchildren Alexander, and Mya. Family and love of life meant everything to Jerry. She will be forever missed and always remembered for her kind loving nature and beautiful smile.

Allan Richard Wilson "Willie"
October 11 1946 - March 28 2015

Sadly Willie passed away on March 28th, he is survived by his mom Lucy, Brothers Don, Harry and Al, sister Cathy, daughter Zoë and grandson Logan. Willie loved the outdoors, travelling, fishing and anything to do with the ocean. A huge thank you to the staff at Lady Minto Hospital, Dr. Butcher and the paramedics for all their care and support of Willie, also to his good friend Ron who has been a huge help both during and after his passing. Willie will be dearly missed, always loved and never forgotten.

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OVER THE TOP: Competitive track and field season gets underway for Salt Spring Island athletes with a May 2 meet in Port Alberni. From left is Natalie Dawson of the Cowichan Valley Athletic Club, and Rebia Bartrim, who trains with Peninsula Track at the side of the track, and Rawdia Bartrim clearing the hurdle for a third-place finish in the 200-metre event for 13-year-old girls.

GYMNASTICS

Gymnastics group competes again

Eight young Salt Spring Island athletes make competitive trek to Duncan

BY MARCIA JANSEN
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The Salt Spring Gymnastics Association returned to competition after four years when eight gymnasts competed in the Orca Invitational in Duncan at the end of April.

Zoe Sanchez Wickland, Tahleiha Mulligan, Sonja Reynolds, Nina de Roo, Kumi Nash, Finn Hughes and Thomas Shulze made a great appearance in their first ever gymnastics meet. The girls showed their routines on floor, vault, bars and beam, while the boys swapped the beam for the pommel horse.

Zoe Sanchez Wickland made an impression on floor with a levitating "L sit", Tahleiha Mulligan had a strong performance on bars, and Sonja Reynolds, who smiled through the entire competition, won the judges over with her dynamic floor routine, scoring gold.

Nina de Roo was the only gymnast from Salt Spring Gymnastics to get gold on floor and vault, and delivered an awesome bar routine as well.

Kumi Nash showed solid routines and Isabelle Graham also made a dream come true by competing strongly in all the events.



Eight members of the Salt Spring Gymnastics Club smile after their terrific outing at the Orca Invitational tournament in Duncan.

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their minority status but really rocked the glittery pants and jackets like true disco stars," said coach Kipp Nash after the meet.

"Overall I was very happy to see how well everybody did in their first competition."

Salt Spring Gymnastics made a restart in 2013 with a recreational program, and added a competitive program this season.

"Next year we want to expand our interstellar program and participate in at least two to three competitions," said Nash.

Salt Spring Gymnastics Association offers a gymnastics program for participants of all ages and levels. Classes take place from September through June in Fulford Hall on Wednesdays, Thursdays and public school non-instructional Fridays.

"Overall I was very happy to see how well everybody did in their first competition."

KIPP NASH
SS Gymnastics coach

Salt Spring Gymnastics was the only team who had boys in the competition. "Finn Hughes and Thomas Shulze did what any cool dudes would have done. They were not even phased by

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GYMNASTICS

Gymnast McIntyre reaches new level

Promising young athlete shines in Okotoks

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Fifteen-year-old Darby McIntyre returned to Salt Spring this weekend with a gym bag full of medals.

McIntyre was among a select group of athletes chosen to represent Team BC at the Western Canadian Gymnastics Championships in Okotoks, Alta. over the weekend.

She won gold in the floor event, silver on vault and finished fourth in the beam event after four days of competition that brought together the best young gymnasts in Western Canada.

"It's really fun," she said. "It's nice to meet all the other girls [from Team BC]. We all know each other from competitions but rarely get to talk."

McIntyre clinched third place overall and Team BC brought home a silver medal. She said it feels good to know she played a big part in Team BC's strong performance. Speaking on Monday, McIntyre said her

results stem from putting in hours of training week after week. She spends approximately 22 hours training on her own and with the Duncan Dynamics.

"I just want to keep working on routines and making them cleaner and adding a few more skills," she said of upcoming plans.

She next competes in the 2015 Delta Invitational Cash and Carry Cup, where athletes can earn cash prizes to help subsidize training and competition costs.

McIntyre heads to Kelowna in June to compete for the chance to represent Team BC at the Western Canada Summer Games.

RUNNING

Strange race nets impressive results

Vancouver 8K event

The Salt Spring Sneakers posted a pair of first-place results in an eight-kilometre race that coincided

with Vancouver's annual BMO marathon Sunday morning.

Susan Gordon crossed the finish line in 35:26 to place first among 71 racers in the F55-59 race group.

Gordon's time was 23rd among the race's 1,642 participants.

Lynn Thompson, racing in the M75-79 group, finished in 49:07 to place first among five runners in his class and 349th overall.

The strong results offered some consolation for what many runners described as a poorly run and confusing event. Thompson said the eight-kilometre course was actually 8.4 kilometres in length, course markings were in the wrong place and a promised post-race awards ceremony never occurred.

Vancouver-based Salt Spring Sneakers Ben and

Kerri Thompson crossed the finish line in 38:39 and 47:16 respectively.

"Ben is 12 years old. Yes, he beat grandpa by over 10 minutes," Thompson said of his fleet-footed family member.

Other Salt Spring runners who completed Sunday's 8K event include Anne Miller, 53:23; Meiling Lister, 53:24; Kathleen Hicks, 53:53; John Miller, 56:17; and Kiran Dhingra, 1:05:52.

In the half-marathon competition, Salt Spring's Karen Madro placed ninth in her F55-59 group with a time of 1:48:10. Lynn Steiner finished in under two hours with a time of 1:57:41.



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indoor pool **the FUN place to be this summer!** **Rainbow Road Summer 2015 Schedule**
Schedule in effect May 3 to Sept. 6, 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Early Bird 6:30 - 8:00		Early Bird 6:30 - 8:00		Early Bird 6:30 - 8:00		
Energizer 8:00 - 9:00		Energizer 8:00 - 9:00		Energizer 8:00 - 9:00		
Open Aquatics 9:30 - 10:30	Lap Swim 9:00 - 10:30	Open Aquatics 9:30 - 10:30	Lap Swim 9:00 - 10:30	Open Aquatics 9:30 - 10:30	CLOSED	
Lessons & Lap 10:30 - 12:30	Lessons & Lap 10:30 - 12:30	Lessons & Lap 10:30 - 12:30	Lessons & Lap 10:30 - 12:30	Lessons & Lap 10:30 - 12:30		
Open	Open	Open	Open	Open		
Nooner 1:00 - 2:00	Adult Youth 2:00 - 2:00	Nooner 1:00 - 2:00	Adult Youth 1:00 - 2:00	Nooner 1:00 - 2:00		
Everyone Welcome 2:00 - 6:00	Everyone Welcome 2:00 - 6:00	Everyone Welcome 2:00 - 6:00	Everyone Welcome 2:00 - 6:00	Everyone Welcome 2:00 - 6:00		Toonie Swim 1:30 - 5:30
Shared 4:00 - 6:00	Shared 4:00 - 6:00	Shared 4:00 - 6:00	Shared 4:00 - 6:00	Everyone Welcome 2:00 - 6:00		
Swim Team 6:00 - 8:00	Swim Team 6:00 - 8:00	Swim Team 6:00 - 8:00	Swim Team 6:00 - 8:00	Friday Night Madness 6:30 - 9:00		
Evening Lengths 8:00 - 9:00	Evening Lengths 8:00 - 9:00	Evening Lengths 8:00 - 9:00	Evening Lengths 8:00 - 9:00			

WATER FITNESS CLASSES

Energizer
This class will challenge you to work hard in shallow or deep water. A qualified instructor will guide you through a number of exercises which will help with your strength, flexibility and fitness.

Nooners
For those looking for more strength and stretching. These exercises are designed to get your blood flowing and your muscles moving.

Aqualite
If you have had hip or knee trouble or have had heart problems, then this is the class for you. This low intensity, cardio exercise class is perfect for those needing to focus on balance and core strength.

Friday Night Madness
This is a fun time for the younger folks in our community to come out and enjoy the pool. Periodically special events will be planned for this time slot.

KARATE

Medals earned by Salt Spring club

Victoria Cup Karate Tournament

The Salt Spring Karate Club had an impressive presence at the 5th Annual Victoria Cup Karate Tournament on April 25, with 13 members participating in the regional event.

Pat Byron, Chris Barclay and Leslie Barclay attended as officials, along with youth and adult participants who brought home many medals between them.

"It was a lot of fun to go over and take in the tournament experience," Chris Barclay said after the event. "It is always nice to get the opportunity to visit with the other clubs and share ideas and training experience."

Results were: Jasper Irwin, third in sparring, second in kata division; Jaci Simpson, second sparring, second kata; Zoe Barclay, first sparring, third kata; Darin Wick, second sparring, first kata; Colleen Irwin, third kata; Max Irwin, first sparring, third kata; Freddy Irwin, first kata; John Holmes, second kata; Sam Holmes, second kata; and Jane Holmes, first sparring, second kata.

Salt Spring Karate Club has been to all five of the Victoria cup tournaments, which is one of a few open-style tournaments held on Vancouver Island each year. This year's event was at the Pacific Institute for Sport Excellence at Camosun College and featured over 100 competitors from Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland.

The Salt Spring club operates out of the Salt Spring Elementary School gym and Byron's Rammed Earth Dojo two to three times each week. New members are always welcome to join. For more information, see www.sskarate.com.

GENERAL ADMISSION		Taxes included			
Single Admission rates apply to each entry per day. Fees include applicable taxes.	Single Visit	Passes			
		10 Time	20 Time	1 Month	Annual
Adult (19 yrs and older)	5.50	49.50	93.50	59.65	562.10
Youth/Student (13-18 yrs or valid Student Card)	4.20	37.50	70.90	45.90	479.70
Child (4-12 yrs)	3.15	28.50	53.20	34.45	359.76
Tot. (3 yrs and under)	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
Family (max 5 members)	12.70	112.60	212.70	137.60	804.85

LESSONS
Lessons 1/2 hour class \$57.00/ 10 lessons
Lessons 3/4 hour class \$70.00/ 10 lessons
1/2 hour privates lessons \$22.00
1/2 hour semi private lessons (2 people) \$33.00

WATERFIT
Pass \$7.45 drop in
1 month pass \$67.80 / 10x \$65.70

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